



**Rossett School**

Success for everyone

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Student/Parent/Carer

Welcome to our half termly review of life at Rossett Sixth Form.

Firstly, we would like to confirm some dates for your diary for the next half term:

- ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – First day of half term
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Year 12 Assessment Week
- ✓ 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Year 12 UCAS Exhibition, Leeds Beckett University
- ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Year 13 Prom
- ✓ 10<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Year 12 Work Experience Week
- ✓ 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Year 12 Flamingo Land Trip
- ✓ 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 – Last day of half term
- ✓ 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – A Level Results Day

### **Year 13 Graduation Ceremony**

On 11<sup>th</sup> May, Year 13 students graduated from Rossett Sixth Form. Graduation is a formal ceremony to celebrate the achievements of this fantastic cohort of students. The ceremony began with speeches from Headteacher Designate, Mr Milburn and Head of Sixth Form, Mr Keyworth. The formal Graduation ceremony followed, with all students receiving their Graduation certificates on stage. Awards were presented on behalf of each faculty, along with the Rossett Sixth Form Achievement Award which went to Dylan Heywood, and the Rossett Sixth Form Community Award, which went to Pinky Kornlup. Musical performances from our talented musicians preceded awards presented by our committee, and a keynote speech by Rossett Sixth Form Head Boy alumni, James Porter. In addition, the Harrogate and District Soroptimists, with whom Rossett Sixth Form have established a strong relationship with this academic year, also took to the stage to draw the winning raffle numbers, with £240 being raised on the evening, which is enough to purchase a full block of toilets for a village in a third world country, as part of the Toilet Twinning Project.



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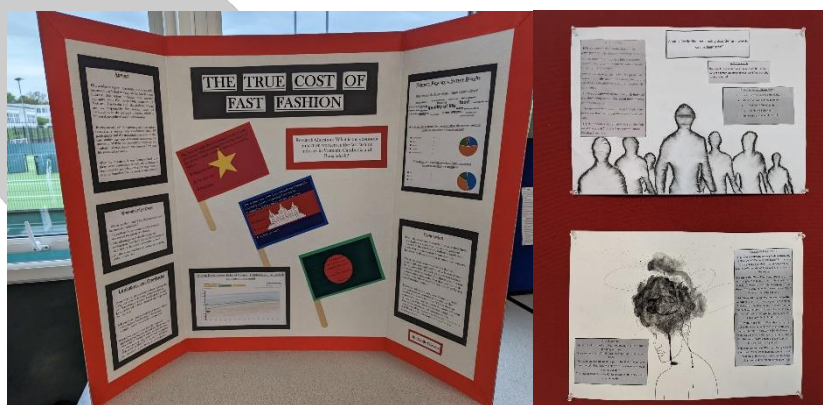
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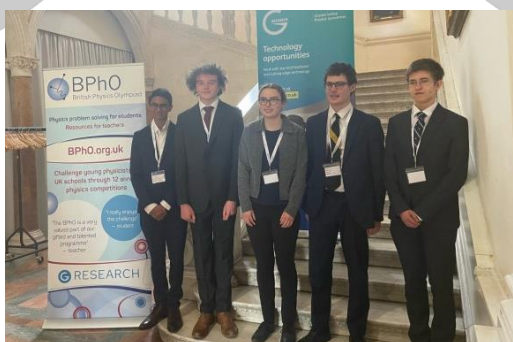
### Year 12 EPQ Poster Presentations

On 19<sup>th</sup> May, over 40 Year 12 students presented academic posters as part of their Extended Project Qualification. Students have completed a range of projects including how AI such as 'ChatGPT' affects copyright law, to whether working conditions in the modelling industry have improved over the last 20 years. A number of students also produced artefacts, from writing a novella to building a soapbox race car. Well done to all the students involved and good luck with your final project submissions.



### Physics Competition Winner

Year 12 student Patrick Fleming recently took part in the British Physics Olympiad Senior Challenge. The Olympiad aims to encourage the study of Physics and recognise excellence in young physicists through their annual Physics and Astronomy and Astrophysics competitions. The Senior Physics Challenge is a one hour thought provoking paper designed to test student's problem-solving abilities. Patrick was awarded a highly coveted 'Gold' in the competition and also achieved one of the highest scores in the country. Patrick was one of only five students from around 6000 who took part to be invited to attend the BPhO Annual Awards ceremony to receive his certificate, which took place at the Royal Society in London. Well done, Patrick we are very proud of your achievements. Patrick is pictured below, second on the left.



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### Acoustic Night

Our annual acoustic night was once again a great success. It also provided us with the chance to say goodbye and thank you to our outgoing Year 13 Music students Nia Bell, Casey-Leigh Pycock and Charlotte Wormald. These students have performed wonderfully during their time at Rossett School and their talents will be missed.



### Examinations

The exam season is now well underway for Rossett Sixth Form students. We have been very impressed with the student's attitude and determination to succeed. We wish all of our students the very best for the exams and we look forward to seeing you on A Level Results Day on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023, in the Sixth Form Centre.

### Work Experience

Year 12 have now finalised their work experience placements which they will undertake w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We hope that all students find this process interesting, informing and inspiring for their future careers. Please contact Mr Durbin (Assistant Head of Sixth Form) at [DN@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:DN@rossettschool.co.uk) for further information or support. If any students have work experience arranged through family or friends, please also contact Mr Durbin to ensure that all the necessary paperwork and checks are in place.

### Personal Development update

This half term has been a busy one in relation to Personal Development at Rossett Sixth Form. Year 12 students have been focussing on being 'ready for life post 18', which has seen sessions on degree apprenticeships, employment, gap years, writing covering letters and CVs and setting up UCAS accounts. Next half term will see Year 12 students focussing on 'Careers and University', with students writing their UCAS personal statements and researching universities and courses. Year 13 students finished their two-year Personal Development programme by looking at a 'wider life post 18', with a focus on choosing university accommodation, living away from home, student finance and festival safety.

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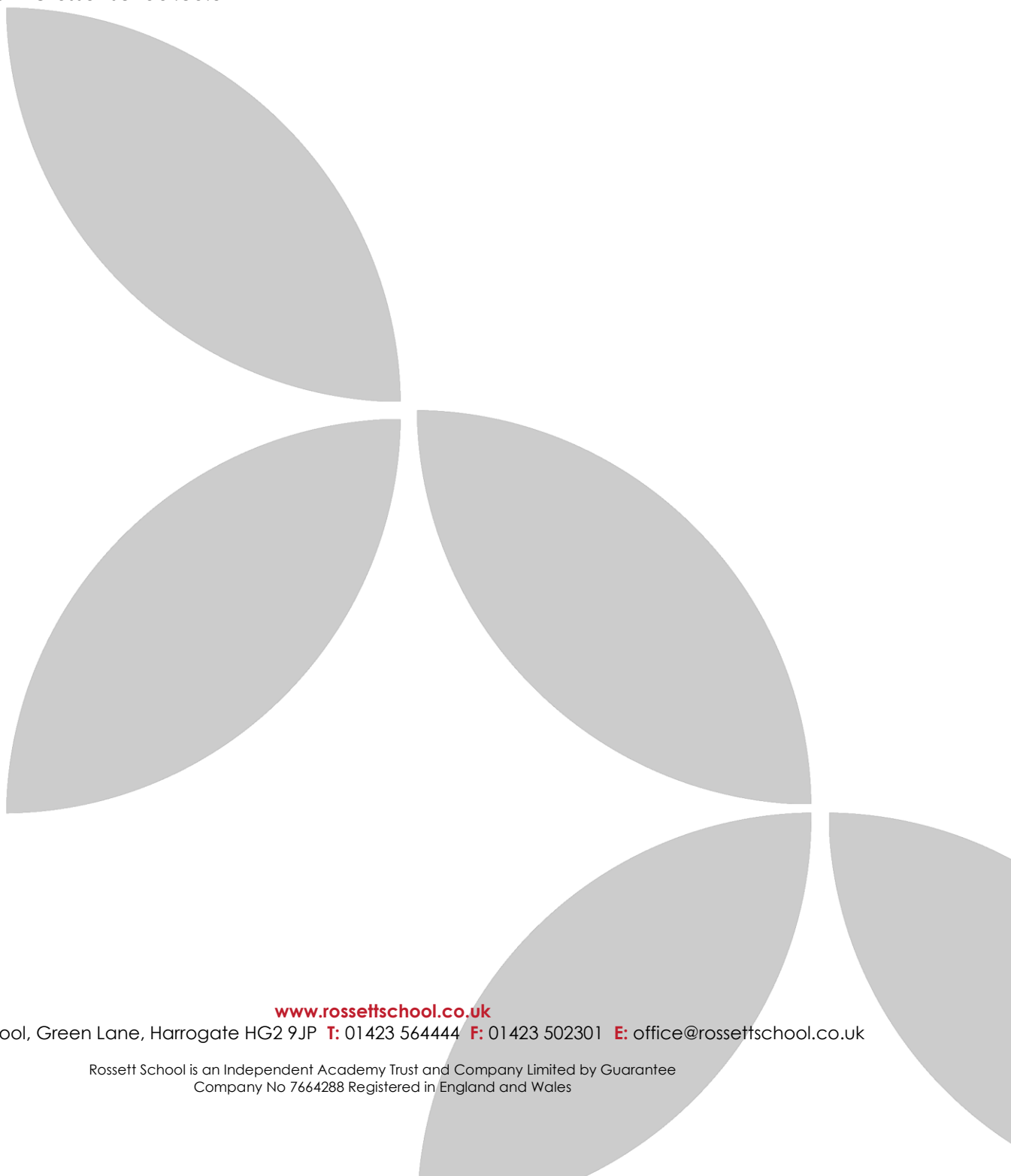
**New Sixth Form Student Leadership Team** – Voting is now underway for the new Sixth Form Leadership Team. Candidates have produced short films explaining why they should be elected as Head Boy or Head Girl. Voting for Year 12 students and staff closes on 9<sup>th</sup> June and the winners will be announced soon after.

I wish everyone a restful half term.

Yours sincerely



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