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### **Newly Appointed Headteacher Shares Vision for Rossett School**

On 25 May, Mr Tim Milburn, the newly appointed Headteacher for Rossett School, and members of the Senior Leadership Team, welcomed parents to a meeting to hear about their vision for the future of the school.

Mr Milburn spoke fondly about his time spent as a pupil at Rossett School and of how impressed he has been by the students and staff he has met during his secondment at the school, working with the Senior Leadership Team as part of the proactive response to the recent Ofsted report. He said, "During my short time working here, I have been made to feel very welcome by the whole school community and have enjoyed meeting talented colleagues and all the wonderful young people in our care. Meeting so many individuals who embody the very best qualities of Rossett School fills me with great pride. The dedication and care shown by all the staff here is truly inspiring. Be it in the classroom or providing extracurricular activities and support sessions, their commitment to achieving success for everyone is abundantly clear and it is a joy to see our pupils embracing these opportunities."

Mr Milburn acknowledged that Rossett School has been through some difficult times of late, saying, "It is important that we acknowledge these challenges and work together to build a bright and successful future for our school. Our children deserve to experience exceptional teaching, to benefit from outstanding opportunities and to thrive in a happy and safe environment."

Mr Milburn spoke to parents about the importance of working together to overcome some of the areas Ofsted identified as needing improvement, such as attendance and behaviour, stating, "A successful partnership between school and home is fundamental for the development of our young people and I hope to nurture these relationships moving forward." The school hopes to liaise more closely with families and will be hosting coffee mornings, 'meet and greet' events and 'drop-in' sessions over the coming weeks.

Mr Milburn also focused on the positive activities and events the school had to look forward to, including plans to mark the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary where past and present pupils and their families will be invited to join in the celebrations.

Much of the talk was about securing a strong future for Rossett School, with plans to become part of Red Kite Learning Trust in September, becoming the 14<sup>th</sup> school to join the multi-academy trust. Mr Milburn said, "This move will enable us to draw on all the support and expertise being part of Red Kite Learning Trust offers. As part of the Red Kite Alliance over the past 14 years, Rossett School has worked closely with other schools in the Trust and this next step in our partnership will provide further opportunities for growth and development."

He also talked through the rationale behind the partnership of its post-16 provision with the Sixth Form at Harrogate Grammar school, explaining the financial need for this move, resulting from declining admissions and funding, and that a merger would ensure continued provision for students, with expert teaching collaboration and a broader offer of subjects within an 'Exceptional' school.

Prior to his appointment at Rossett School, Mr Milburn has worked in four large secondary schools, with twelve years at a Senior Leadership level. Most recently he was Deputy Headteacher at Harrogate

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Grammar School with responsibilities for Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Safeguarding. He is also the Safeguarding Lead for Red Kite Learning Trust, has a Masters in Leadership of School's Mental Health and Wellbeing and is a qualified Mental Health First Aider. Drawing on his experience, knowledge and skills, Mr Milburn is confident he can successfully navigate Rossett School through this next chapter and assured parents that, by working together, Rossett School will be a thriving provision for this community, focusing on its vision of success for everyone.



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