



Rossett School

Success for everyone

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



Part of
Red Kite Learning Trust



RED KITE LEARNING TRUST

Our Trust Mission

Nurturing ambition, delivering excellence and enriching children's lives.



Our Trust Values



Collaboration

We pull together to deliver the best outcomes for every child in every school, working with professional generosity and openness for the common good. We share joy in our achievements - personal and collective.



Integrity

We put ethical leadership and excellent governance at the heart of our Trust, serving our schools and communities with fairness, honesty and transparency and a hunger for social justice.



Respect

We champion equity, equality and diversity. We treat our children, families, staff and partners with respect and kindness - modelling our values and wanting the very best for each other.

Our Trust Goals



We champion learning

Learning together creatively with a rich and broad curriculum, where great teaching and confident reading are fundamental to enriching children's lives.



We promote wellbeing

Ensuring the wellbeing of every child and member of staff in our Trust.



We invest in our people

Supporting every member of staff throughout their career to be the best that they can be.



We innovate with technology

Enabling all learners to harness technology, ensuring all have access at home, and innovating with technology for learning.



We are our Trust

Growing together collaboratively we will strengthen our Trust for the benefit of our children, our staff, our communities and our environment.

Rossett School is part of Red Kite Learning Trust, a multi academy trust made up of 14 schools in North and West Yorkshire, serving over 9,750 children and young people, and their families.

Our shared Trust mission of nurturing ambition, delivering excellence and enriching children's lives is at the heart of all we do. As part of Red Kite Learning Trust, Rossett School benefits from shared knowledge across schools and a central team of experts for School Improvement, Finance, HR, IT, Communications and Estates.

Within the framework of this supportive structure, Rossett School works collaboratively with all the schools in our Trust to continually deliver the best outcomes for every child in its care.

Whilst our Trustees are ultimately responsible for all the schools in our Trust, each one, including Rossett School, is managed locally by the Headteachers/Principals and their Local Governing Body, retaining their own identity.

When your child joins Rossett School you can be reassured that the future strength and success of our school is further assured by being part of a strong, effective and successful Trust.





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WELCOME

Welcome to Rossett School. We hope that you find this prospectus both engaging and informative and that it inspires you to make our Sixth Form your choice for post-16 education.

We are proud of how we deliver 'Success for Everyone' and that year on year our students leave with excellent results and go on to gain places at their university of choice, advanced apprenticeships or take up exciting opportunities in the world of work.

The starting point is our shared values. These ensure everyone is welcomed, accepted, and valued in our school community. Our values enable positive, respectful, relationships to be formed. They also motivate everyone to be ambitious, productive, and driven to be the best version of themselves.

Our post-16 offer is aspirational, built on strong principles and equips learners for the 21st century. It is delivered by expert teaching staff who have a real passion for their subjects and this, informed with their involvement in classroom-based teaching research, makes our Sixth Form an exciting place to learn.

Students have access to excellent facilities here at Rossett. The Sixth Form centre is purpose built and comes complete with IT facilities, dedicated classrooms, and modern study areas. The café provision caters solely for the Sixth Form and allows them the privilege of access to refreshments to complement their personalised learning timetables.

The 'Rossett Experience' provides many enrichment opportunities for all students to develop interest, character, and talent, whilst preparing them for life beyond school. Students have many enrichment and extracurricular opportunities which includes charity work, debates, campaigning, sport, music and developing their leadership skills.

All of this is done within a safe, calm, supportive environment. Our proactive, yet responsive pastoral care, enables all students to get the right support at the right time.



We have recently become part of Red Kite Learning Trust, enabling us to draw on all the support and expertise this offers. This partnership provides further opportunities for growth and development, securing a stronger future for our school and for your child.

We know that with all that is on offer you will enjoy life at Rossett School Sixth Form and we very much look forward to welcoming you in 2024.

Mr T Milburn
Headteacher



Mr T Milburn
Headteacher



Mr R Keyworth
Head of Sixth Form



SUCCESS FOR EVERYONE



The 5Rs are our shared values. They belong to everyone within the Rossett School community. They enable us to uphold the highest of standards in all that we do, for ourselves and each other.

WE ARE RESPECTFUL

- We listen, speak and act with kindness to everyone
- We take care of our people, place and space

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE

- We are smart, sensible and trustworthy
- We make the right choices, at the right time, for ourselves and for others

WE ARE READY

- We are prepared, reliable and always committed
- We make the most of every opportunity that we are given

WE ARE RESILIENT

- We keep going, even when it is hard, because that is when we learn the most
- We solve problems, move forward, and remain positive

WE ARE REFLECTIVE

- We seek, listen to, and act on, feedback
- We aim to be better, every day



SIXTH FORM TEAM

Mr R Keyworth: Head of Sixth Form

In leading the Sixth Form, our aim is to ensure that students graduate from Rossett School not only with their A Level and BTEC qualifications, but also as well rounded, well-informed, and resilient young adults. Our broad subject offer ensures that we can accommodate students' interests and passions, including the Sciences, the Arts, Humanities, Computer Science, Sport and many more. Our small class sizes, experienced form tutor team and dedicated Sixth Form pastoral staff, mean that students are supported in every aspect of life at Rossett Sixth Form. Our high quality form and assembly programmes features opportunities such as the HSBC Financial Education programme; the VESPA programme; the chance to obtain First Aid qualifications, to hear guest speakers and to attend progression trips. Our Personal Development Programme is exciting and extensive, covering: careers, citizenship, health and wellbeing, REP and ensuring that all students are ready for life Post-18. We also run focus weeks including UK Parliament Week, Anti Bullying Week, International Mental Health Week and Restart a Heart Day. In addition, students complete a Graduation Programme in form time, that develops wider skills such as CV writing, interview practice, the value of part time and voluntary work and student finance.

Having gained significant academic and pastoral leadership experience, teaching within secondary schools over the last 16 years, I work within the Business Studies and Economics department. I have over a decade of management experience as Director of Subject, Director of Faculty and Head of Sixth Form, alongside completion of an MA in Education. At Rossett Sixth Form we pride ourselves on the personalised guidance we offer our students, both academically and pastorally. Each student is known, supported and receives a personalised learning experience. In relation to progression, we strive for 'Success for Everyone', with recent destinations including apprenticeships, scholarships in the USA and university progression, including Russell group universities and Oxbridge. Together, we are Proud to be Rossett Sixth Form.



Mr R Durbin: Assistant Head of Sixth Form

I am proud to be working with the Sixth Form Team and I am committed to helping students in any way I can through their KS5 journey. I lead on progression at Rossett Sixth Form, including work experience, university visits and a programme of guest speakers in Year 12. In Year 13, I support students with university applications via UCAS and implement a programme of support for students progressing onto apprenticeship, employment and further education pathways. Students receive a high level of support both from their subject teachers and the pastoral team at Rossett which enables them to progress to their chosen pathway either to university, college, apprenticeships or employment.

In addition to my role as Assistant Head of Sixth Form, I have worked for many years as a Sixth Form tutor which has given me a firm understanding of the rhythm of Sixth Form life. I can use this experience to support students by providing personalised support with their future progression plans including UCAS applications and apprenticeships. I also work as the Director of Subject for Music here at Rossett School.

Miss P Higgins: Sixth Form Student Support Officer

Having spent 15 years in a challenging, customer facing role that required me to travel all over the world, I gained experience of working with a wide range of individuals from a variety of different backgrounds and cultures. In my previous role as Examinations Officer at Rossett, I gained an excellent understanding of the Rossett systems and wholeheartedly believe in its ethos of 'Success for Everyone'. A good sense of humour, a smile and endless amounts of patience enables me to provide personalised support for all. In my role as a Student Support Officer here at Rossett School, I ensure that all students are supported as individuals, offering bespoke, differentiated pastoral support.





OPPORTUNITIES

Sixth Form Ambassadors

All students have the opportunity to become a Sixth Form Ambassador. Ambassadors are a selected group of students who support staff and peers and represent Rossett Sixth Form at whole school events and parent/carers' evenings throughout the year. This is an opportunity for them to become involved in the wider running of Rossett Sixth Form and to support their career applications Post-18.

Listeners

The Listeners' programme is a peer mentoring scheme designed to allow Rossett Sixth Form students to contribute to the wider school community by especially supporting the transition of students between Years 6 to 7 and Years 7 to 8. This is an intense role, and as such, full training is provided over a period of sessions at the end of Year 12, which must be fully attended to qualify. Certificates are awarded with Listener badges and these peer mentors help students overcome challenge and celebrate success. Listeners work with Year 7 form groups during two periods per week in the Autumn and Spring terms of Year 13.

Extra-curricular

At the end of the Summer term in Year 12, students have the opportunity to complete a period of work experience with external employers. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their employability skills, to experience an industry first-hand and to support their applications for Post-18 study, apprenticeships or employment. Students have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities whilst at Rossett Sixth Form. These include musical opportunities, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, sporting opportunities, working with students in other year groups in the school, supporting different departments around the school, being involved in the Youth Parliament, charity fundraising, the Debating club, English club, LGBTQ+ group and our Aim Higher group.

Charity Fundraising

At Rossett Sixth Form, we are proud of our charity fundraising events. At the beginning of the academic year, Rossett Sixth Form students take part in the £10 Challenge. Each form group is given £10 with the challenge of turning this into as much money as possible within the time available. These funds go to a local and national charity chosen each year by our Senior Prefects. Funds are also raised for Children in Need and Comic Relief and there is an annual collection for the Harrogate Food Bank. Rossett Sixth Form have strong links with the Harrogate and District branch of Soroptimist International. Working in partnership, students have the opportunity to take part in the 'Sharing our Skills' project.

Leadership

There are many opportunities for Rossett Sixth Form students to develop leadership skills and contribute to the school and local community. These positions of responsibility are continually developed by our current Student Leadership Team and the Head of Sixth Form to increase the range of opportunities available to both Year 12 and Year 13 students. A rigorous democratic selection process takes place in the spring term of Year 12 to elect our new Student Leadership Team. Students are required to attend an interview and give a speech to their year group and staff. The Student Leadership Team is made up of our Senior Prefects, Committee, Sixth Form Ambassadors and Listeners.

Sixth Form Student Leadership Team

Our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team for 2023/2024 are: Tristan Holdsworth (Head Boy), Eva Bailey (Head Girl), Patrick Fleming (Deputy Head Boy) and Leila Buono (Deputy Head Girl). Our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team lead the whole school student leadership team, manage community events and charity fundraising, are regular speakers at school events and lead Sixth Form student voice to ensure that the voices and views of all of our students are heard and represented. The Sixth Form Student Leadership Team also support the organisation and planning of the Year 13 'Prom' and Graduation events.

Committee

Supporting the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team is a wider committee. Each committee member is responsible for a different area, from sports to charity, and from welfare to the environment. The Committee play a vital role in the running of Rossett Sixth Form, providing a voice for a range of important school, local, national and international causes.



SUPPORT



Pastoral Support

Rossett Sixth Form is confident that all students will achieve their potential, become confident individuals living fulfilling lives and make a successful transition into employment, further or higher education or training. We recognise that along the way students will require expert additional support. At Rossett Sixth Form we are proud of the support we offer to all our students.

Within the Sixth Form there is an excellent structure in place to ensure that every student has immediate access to pastoral support. Whether it is an informal discussion about an issue of concern, or a referral to external agencies, students can be assured of our continued support. Whatever the issue, we encourage all students to talk to a member of the Sixth Form team. We have a specialist Sixth Form Student Support Officer, Miss Higgins, working with students throughout Year 12 and Year 13. We have strong links with external agencies such as Wellbeing in Mind, CAMHS and JustB.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Rossett Sixth Form has a whole school approach to special educational needs and disability. It is a priority that all students, irrespective of need, can access the full national curriculum. All students are the shared responsibility of all staff.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Wellbeing in Mind Team is based at Rossett School and is an NHS service that has been introduced as part of the national plans to expand mental health services for children, young people and their families within the educational setting. The Wellbeing in Mind Team aims to positively impact the mental health and wellbeing of young people in our area. Mental health and wellbeing is a core focus of our weekly Form Programme, with 'Feelgood Fridays' designed specifically around student's mental health and wellbeing. Mental health and wellbeing sessions are also covered in depth as part of our Assembly Programme and Personal Development Programme.



SAFEGUARDING AND EDI



Safeguarding

Rossett School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of our students. Each student's welfare is of paramount importance. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all professionals will make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they will consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.

Rossett School follows NYSCP multi-agency procedures and Practice Guidance. This has been agreed as a framework for multi-agency working in child protection across North Yorkshire. It reflects the relevant national legislation, current guidance and local context in North Yorkshire. All staff are trained on the most recent Keeping Children Safe in Education, there are also 4 level 3 trained DSLs in school.



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Rossett School provides education for all, acknowledging that the society in which we live is enriched by diversity. We strive to recognise and celebrate the diversity within our school community. Everyone is equally valued through our cohesive, inclusive, respectful ethos.

To recognise our work in this area we are working towards the RKL T Respect Equality and Diversity Award.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESSION

Personal Development

Students attend timetabled weekly Personal Development lessons as an integral part of their timetable. A variety of essential topics are covered including Next Steps, UCAS, apprenticeships and careers as well as vital study skills, review meetings, mentoring, enrichment and extra curricular opportunities. Personal Development also covers areas as diverse as driver safety, personal health and wellbeing, alcohol and drug awareness and sexual health and relationships. Personal Development is at the heart of our Rossett Sixth Form educational 'intent'. We are focussed on developing students' life skills, as well as their academic achievement, during their time with us. We also have the privilege to welcome guest speakers into Rossett Sixth Form to speak to our students. This includes individuals from university and apprenticeship providers who will discuss different Post-18 progression routes; individuals from a range of careers including banking, finance, law, medicine and sport and organisations such as North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and North Yorkshire Police. Our Personal Development Programme is fully in line with our whole school offer reflecting government guidelines.

Progression

Our Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Mr Durbin, leads on progression at Rossett Sixth Form. A thorough progression programme is in place from the beginning of Year 12 onwards. Support is available through assemblies, form time focus, Personal Development sessions and a series of visits and guest speakers. We have speakers in from Northumberland University, local and national apprenticeship providers, VQ Solutions and local employers from Law, Accountancy, Sport and Business. Rossett Sixth Form work closely with the Rossett School Careers Advisor, Mrs Wainwright. Year 12 students attend the annual UCAS Exhibition at Leeds Beckett University, the National Apprenticeship Fair in Leeds, University open days and an annual higher education and progression evening with Mr Durbin.

Aim Higher

At Rossett Sixth Form we aim to challenge all of our students. For students who are taking four A Levels, looking to apply for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary or Law, or looking to attend Oxford or Cambridge Universities, we have a specialist Sixth Form Academically More Able (AMA) Coordinator, Mrs Bulmer, to support these students. Students have access to a specialist Microsoft Team with up-to-date progression information.



They will work with Mrs Bulmer each half term in small groups and will be encouraged to join the Debating Society (and attending local and national competitions) and also to work alongside students from other schools in the local area to prepare for Oxford and Cambridge interviews.

Form Programme

At Rossett Sixth Form we have a student-focussed Form Programme each morning. **Monday:** Sixth Form Assembly Programme. **Tuesday:** Notices, attendance monitoring, interventions and world news. **Wednesday:** Careers and progression. Focus. **Thursday:** Personal Development link day, where students focus on an area covered in the week's Personal Development session. **Friday:** 'Feelgood Fridays', where students undertake a programme of health and wellbeing activities.

Work Experience

At the end of the summer term in Year 12, students have the opportunity to complete a period of work experience with external employers. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their employability skills, to experience an industry first-hand and to support their applications for Post-18 study, apprenticeships or employment.



COURSES



Our curriculum

Our broad and balanced curriculum offers over 30 A Level and Level 3 BTEC qualifications for students to choose from. Students choose either three A Levels and/or BTEC subjects, alongside Core Maths or an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) or four A Levels and/or BTEC subjects. This is dependent upon GCSE grades. Students have the benefit of subjects being taught by Heads of Subject and experienced teaching staff. Lessons are taught both within our dedicated Sixth Form Centre, including a Sixth Form Computer Suite, or in the specialist classrooms across the school site. Our substantial vocational BTEC offer ensures that students have the option of an entirely vocational timetable at Rossett Sixth Form, ensuring a progression pathway for students who want to focus solely on areas such as Business, Science or Sport.

Entry Requirements

The entry requirements for Rossett Sixth Form are:

- ▶ Five grade 4s or above at GCSE / Level 2 BTEC
- ▶ Including grade 4 or above in GCSE English or GCSE Maths*

Each subject also has subject specific entry requirements.

*If a student achieves below a grade 4 in either GCSE English or GCSE Maths, students will resit this qualification during Year 12

Course List and Entry Requirements

Course	Entry Requirements
Applied Science BTEC Extended Certificate	GCSE grade 4/4 in two sciences
Art and Design (Fine Art)	GCSE grade 4 in Art desirable
Art, Craft and Design (with Photography and Digital Art)	GCSE Art and Design is desirable, but not essential
Biology	Biology GCSE grade 6, or 6/6 in Combined Science. GCSE Maths grade 6 and GCSE English grade 6 is also required
Business Studies BTEC Extended Certificate	GCSE Maths grade 4
Business Studies	GCSE Maths and English grade 5
Chemistry	Chemistry GCSE grade 6, or 6/6 in Combined Science. Maths GCSE grade 6 is also required
Computer Science	GCSE Computer Science grade 5 or evidence of a knowledge of computer programming language. GCSE Maths grade 5 is also required
Economics	GCSE Maths grade 5. GCSE English grade 5 desirable
English Language	GCSE English Language and Literature grade 5
English Literature	GCSE English Literature and Language grade 5

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More Courses

Sixth Form at Rossett School



Course	Entry Requirements
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	GCSE English grade 4
Food Science and Nutrition	GCSE Food Technology grade 4, or a Merit at BTEC Level 2
French	GCSE French grade 6
Geography	GCSE Geography grade 5
Health and Social Care BTEC Extended Certificate	GCSE English grade 4
History	GCSE English and History grade 5
Mathematics	GCSE Maths grade 7
Further Mathematics	GCSE Maths grade 7 and Physics grade 6
Maths (Core)	GCSE Maths grade 4
Media Studies	GCSE English grade 4
Music	Students must be able to play at least one instrument to grade 5 or higher and will be expected to become fully involved in the wide range of extracurricular music activities within the department
Performance Studies (Drama, Theatre, Acting, Dance)	A keen interest in performing is essential. GCSE English and Drama grade 4 are desirable
Philosophy and Ethics	GCSE English grade 5. GCSE Philosophy and Ethics grade 5 is desirable
Physical Education	GCSE Physical Education grade 5, or a Distinction at BTEC Level 2. GCSE Biology or another science grade 5 is desirable. Must be playing sport for a club/association in order to access practical requirements
Physics	Physics GCSE grade 6, or 6/6 in Combined Science. Maths GCSE grade 6 is also required
Product Design	GCSE Design Technology grade 4. GCSE Maths grade 5 desirable.
Psychology	GCSE Maths and English grade 5
Sociology	GCSE English grade 4
Spanish	GCSE Spanish grade 6
Sports Studies BTEC Extended Certificate (Equivalent to 1 A Level)	GCSE English grade 4
Sports Studies BTEC Diploma (Equivalent to 2 A Levels)	GCSE English grade 4



APPLICATION PROCESS



Application Process

OCTOBER

Launch Assembly

OCTOBER

Sixth Form Information Evening

OCTOBER

Year 11 student interviews (Rossett Sixth Form Application Forms will be completed during these student interviews)

NOVEMBER

Offer letters sent out

NOVEMBER TO APRIL

Additional subject taster sessions delivered

NOVEMBER

External Applications open
(Apply via online application form)

APRIL

External Applications close

AUGUST

GCSE Results day, students confirm their place at Rossett Sixth Form

SEPTEMBER

Start of Year 12 at Rossett Sixth Form

Financial Assistance - 16-19 Bursary

Prior to the start of the academic year, Sixth Form students will have the opportunity to apply for financial support from the Sixth Form Bursary Fund. The application is means-tested, based on household income and payments are agreed depending on the number of applications to the fund each year. Students receive payments at the start of each term, dependent on academic progress and attendance, in-line with Department of Education guidelines. Details of the bursary and an application form can be found on the Sixth Form pages of the school website.





CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Graduation

Throughout the academic year, students work on a series of 'life skills sessions' in form periods to prepare them for life after Post-18 studies. These sessions are varied and cover areas such as applying for employment, CV writing, networking, opening bank accounts, interest payments, cost of living, insurance and budgeting. This culminates in a formal Graduation ceremony which allows students, parents and staff members to celebrate each individual's time with us at Rossett Sixth Form. Awards are given out for each faculty area, alongside the coveted Sixth Form Achievement Award and Sixth Form Community Award. Students will have their names engraved on the shields for posterity.

Prom

At the end of Year 13, following the completion of the A Level examination period, students attend their Year 13 Prom. This is a fantastic event to celebrate two years of dedicated study and enjoyment at Rossett Sixth Form and to look forward to each student's next steps. The Prom is planned and organised by our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team and Prom committee.

Summary of Destinations

2023 cohort leavers destinations:

50% University progression, to universities including:

University of Manchester, University of York, Northumbria University, University of Leeds, Newcastle University and University of Chester.

Courses studies include: Architecture, Biochemistry, Business Management, Computer Science, Criminology, Economics, Law, Medicine, Musical Theatre, Politics and Psychology.

10% Apprenticeship progression, in areas including:

Graphic Design, Law, Policing and Marketing.

20% Employment, in areas including:

Care, Education, Electrician, Management training and Sports coaching.

12% Gap Years

8% Other progression routes, including:

RAF and Navy progression.



RED KITE EDUCATION



Supporting The Wider Education Community

Rossett School is committed to train and develop school colleagues at every stage of their careers, from initial teacher training through to a full range of school leadership programmes. Our students benefit from this wider work as it impacts directly on the quality of teaching they receive.

Red Kite Education

Red Kite Education is a team of experienced and talented colleagues who lead and support Red Kite Alliance, Red Kite Teacher Training and Red Kite Teaching School Hub, serving a community of schools who work across all these strands. Rossett School is an active member of this community.

Red Kite Alliance is a partnership of over 50 schools working collaboratively to be 'stronger together'. Rossett School has representation in 19 subject networks that meet 3 times

a year, as well as Headteacher briefings and Secondary Leaders meetings. In total there have been 58 in-person events and 64 online events with the Alliance in the past academic year.

Red Kite Teacher Training is one of the largest school centred initial teacher training providers in the country and Red Kite Teaching School Hub is one of 87 Teaching School Hubs nationally supporting teacher development.

Rossett School's 2022-23 Engagement



Early Career Teachers following the Early Career Framework



Trainee Teachers hosted



Mentors Trained to support trainee teachers and Early Career Teachers



Colleagues studying for a National Professional Qualification (NPQ)



Facilitator supporting the delivery of training



Curriculum Learning Community Lead for Red Kite Alliance

These opportunities provide great professional development throughout the school, helps with staff retention and supports teacher and staff development across our local education community.





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