

Sixth Form Newsletter

As we are now entering the second cycle of our two-week timetable, students are beginning to settle into their new routines and lessons and learning has commenced, the Sixth Form Team felt it appropriate to communicate some key messages to parents/carers and introduce the new staffing structure.

We have been delighted with the way in which students have risen to the challenge of returning to school and the resilience and responsibility in adapting to the changes they are experiencing in their learning environments.

Sixth Form Team

Dr C Reed – Director of Sixth Form
Mr R Keyworth – Assistant Director of Sixth Form
Miss P Higgins – Student Support Officer
Ms V Chaplin – Attendance Officer
Mrs J Guinness – Post-16 Progression Support

Covid 19 Regulations

A reminder that students should engage with regular handwashing throughout the school day, report any Covid-19 related symptoms immediately to a member of staff and ensure that face masks are worn on school or public transport.

Students are to remain within the Sixth Form bubble and not enter areas designated for younger years.

Uniform

Thank you very much to all parents in supporting Rossett Sixth Form with its dress code policy. As a reminder we ask that students wear 'interview style dress'. Featured are our Head Boy and Head Girl, wearing suggested uniform.

Students who are studying BTEC Sport, A Level PE and UFCA are permitted to wear sportswear on the days in which they are engaging in practical lessons.

Home Study

Year 13 students have been granted permission to engage in Home Study, to support their independent learning, when they do not have timetabled lessons. Home Study Agreement forms can be collected from Ms Chaplin in the Sealby Block.

Students are reminded that upon exiting the school site, they are not permitted to return within the same day. This is to minimise social interactions in line with our whole school COVID-19 policy.

Year 12 students do not currently have permission to leave the school site during the school day. This will be reviewed at October Half Term.

Signing In and Out

All students have been issued with a lanyard. This must be worn throughout the school day as a form of identification. Students are reminded that they must sign in and out with their lanyard as they arrive or exit the site.

Year 13 should sign in at the Sports Centre and Year 12 in the Sixth Form Centre.



Attendance

A reminder that students are expected to attend all timetabled lessons, including twilight sessions. Where a student is absent, please ensure that Ms Chaplin (Attendance Officer) is contacted, as per the information below:

Parents/Students must phone school (01423 564444) on the first day of absence on the absence line or send a message to Ms. Chaplin. If possible, let Ms. Chaplin know how long you think you will be absent for.
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If students are absent for subsequent days you MUST need to ring each morning and leave a message for Ms. Chaplin.

A Medical Certificate must be provided for absences of 5 or more consecutive days , or if absences are frequent, for example, 5 broken weeks.
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Teams and Class Charts

Staff and students will continue to use Microsoft Teams to provide resources and set assignments for students. Where a student is absent, lesson resources should be available for each subject.

Class Charts has been introduced to students this academic year, as a homework diary and will also form the basis of our whole school rewards and behaviour monitoring systems. Both students and parents are able to log on to Class Charts to see what homework tasks have been set. Should parents require any support in logging into class charts, please contact ITHelp@rossettschool.co.uk

Post-16 Progression

Mrs Guinness is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Sealby Block to support Year 13 students with UCAS applications, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

Additionally, remote careers guidance is available with our careers advisor, Mrs Morgan.

As a reminder, UCAS deadlines are 15 October 2020 for Dentistry, Veterinary, Medical and Oxbridge applications, and 15 December 2020 for all other applications.

Senior Five and Prefect Team

Oliver Houseman and Sophie Jones, Head Girl and Boy, along with their deputies have been proposing a variety of activities for students to engage with over the forthcoming term.

Further announcements to follow.

Support for Mental Health

The Sixth Form Team and form tutors continue to provide a high level of support for our students, enhanced by additional training they have received. The following links may be helpful in signposting your child to further support should they need it.

The Go-To – www.thegoto.org.uk – is a portal or 'single point of information' for the wide range of mental health support services available to help children and young people in the county address their social and emotional health needs.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

<https://www.minded.org.uk/>