



Rossett School

Success for everyone

22 April 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Falmouth USA Student Exchange

Your child recently attended a presentation for the 2016/17 Rossett/Falmouth student exchange and has expressed an interest in participating. Year 9 (current Year 8) students will visit Falmouth, Maine, USA from 13-15/10/2016 to 28-29/10/2016 (exact dates still to be finalised) and, in return, will host Falmouth students in the Spring of 2017 (dates to be confirmed).

The exchange has a long tradition at Rossett and this will be the 29th year it has taken place. It provides a wonderful opportunity for Rossett students to experience the many and varied aspects of American culture. Falmouth is on the outskirts of the City of Portland and is a particularly safe environment for students with many facilities in and around the locality.

The parents of Falmouth students and Falmouth school staff are renowned for the efforts they make to ensure the activities the students experience are diverse and exciting. The trip offers students the opportunity to discover the history of America, take part in typical American activities, visit the retail delights of Freeport and visit and tour Boston and Plymouth. Maine in the 'Fall' provides spectacular scenery and the exchange enables students to form friendships which, for previous participants, have continued long after the visits.

Planning the exchange in advance provides the opportunity for us to get to know the Rossett students who are participating prior to departure and also allows parents to spread the cost of the trip over several months.

The total cost of the trip is £1100 which will include flights, accommodation and internal travel and trips; a small amount of spending money will be required, details of which will be confirmed nearer the time. In order to secure a place for your child we request a **non-refundable deposit of £150**. Cheques should be made payable to 'Rossett Green Charity'. As this trip is often oversubscribed, students will be selected on their exemplary school attitude, behaviour and attendance, therefore cheques/monies will only be paid in once the selection process is finalised. Please note that once a student has been offered a place on the trip all monies are non-refundable should he/she decide to withdraw for a non-medical reason. By signing the consent slip and paying the deposit parents are agreeing to pay the full amount for the trip as the school will have committed to the booking.

If you would like your child to take part in the exchange please complete and return the attached slip to the Finance Office by Friday 29 April 2016. Please be aware that it is a condition of your child taking part in the exchange that you host a Falmouth student in Spring 2017.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely

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Falmouth USA Student Exchange

Name of Student _____ Form _____

I would like my child to take part in the Falmouth/Rossett exchange in October 2016 and enclose a (non-refundable) deposit of £150. I understand that this will be cashed only if my son/daughter is allocated a place on the trip. I agree to host a Falmouth student in Spring 2017.

Parent/Carer name _____ Signature _____

Please make cheques payable to Rossett Green Charity and return to the Finance Office by Friday 29 April 2016

