



23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to share some updates and important information with you.

Firstly, I am pleased to announce the re-opening of our sensory garden. This project has been a collaborative effort between staff and students, who have worked tirelessly to revamp the area. It is once again a wonderful space for learning and reflection.



This week we have had our Year 11 Leaver's assembly. The students have made a fantastic start to their exams. During the assembly today staff had a chance to thank them and wish them well for their remaining exams.

Thank you to those who joined the post Ofsted parent forum on Thursday. We understand that not everyone can make these meetings, so I want to share a short summary.

- Ofsted feedback I shared some of the comments that led to the "Good" judgements, as well as the everyday routines and actions that have contributed to this, such as the 'Rossett Routines' and our 'Teaching Excellence' model.
- Attendance This remains a key focus for us. There have been improvements this year, but
 attendance is still a below pre- pandemic levels. While we understand that there are often
 real and genuine reasons behind absences, we also know how important attendance is for
 achieving academic outcomes and making the most of the wider opportunities that school

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life presents. Therefore, we want to see this year's improvements continue as we enter the final half term, and that strong attendance routines are established for start of 2025/26.

- The Sponsored Walk- This takes place on Friday, 27th June. We are excited for our school community to be out, walking through Harrogate to raise money for our two chosen charities, Horticap and New Beginnings. We hope to raise lots of money and beat our previous amount of £12,000 in 2022. To donate, please visit our Go fund me page or the SCOPAY app.
- Rewards Trip A separate letter will be sent to parents and carers shortly, and we are looking forward to a day celebrating our students' hard work and effort this year. This will be on the 15th July (Years' 7 and 8) and 16th July (Years' 9 and 10)
- School Production Grease: The Musical is on 1st and 2nd July. If rehearsals are anything to go by, we are in for another treat. Tickets for the production can be bought via SCOPAY from the 3rd June. We hope that by the time our students take the stage, we have been able to replace some very old lighting rigs. To secure this work, we are seeking donations from our community. If you feel you can contribute or know anyone who can, please contact the school office on office@rs.rklt.co.uk.
- Uniform Thank you for your support of our new summer uniform policy, which we hope has
 made students feel more comfortable during this warm weather. In the new academic year,
 we will return to shirt and tie but will give all students the choice of a Blazer or Jumper. This
 is our first phase of reviewing the uniform policy to ensure it remains as affordable as
 possible while still preserving the sense of pride and principle of equity. We will look to
 involve parents and students in more consultation during the next academic year.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to any parent who has engaged positively with our social media posts, especially around the Ofsted report. We know that many people near and far engage with platforms such as Facebook and it can be a great way of sharing positive news from our School. It has been nice to see the support we have received from our community, and we all look forward to this continuing.

I wish everyone a wonderful half term holiday.

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