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September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Falmouth USA Student Exchange – 2026/2027

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the Rossett/ Falmouth student exchange 2026/2027. Year 9 (current Year 8) students will visit Falmouth, Maine, USA in October 2026 and, in return, will host Falmouth students in April 2027 (all dates are subject to final confirmation). Rossett students will be paired with students at the Falmouth Middle School who will, at the time of the trip, be in the 8th grade (Year 9).

The exchange has a long tradition at Rossett, running for over 35 years. 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 within the state of Maine, and visit and tour Boston. 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.

The total cost of the trip is expected to be **£1750 payable in monthly installments** (please note that this amount is subject to confirmation and is dependent on the number of pupils who attend) which will include flights, accommodation, internal travel and trips; this will be payable in monthly instalments between now and September 2024. 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 will request a **non-refundable deposit of £200, to be paid once your child's place on the trip has been confirmed**. As this trip is often oversubscribed, students will be selected on their exemplary school attitude, behaviour and attendance. 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 your child is in receipt of free school meals or would like to discuss any financial support you may require, please contact Mr Elcock at ElcockT@rs.rkt.co.uk.

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If you would like your child to take part in the American Exchange please complete and **return the attached slip to the General Office by Friday 7th November** along with a **pen portrait (template attached)** to be used when pairing up your child with a Falmouth student if they are accepted to be part of the exchange. **Please could you also fill in this [online form](#) (QR code opposite) regarding hosting arrangements for the return leg.** Please be aware that it is a condition of your child taking part in the exchange that you host a Falmouth student in April 2027. Equally, in line with NYCC advice relating to the organisation of exchange trips, in order to comply with safeguarding expectations, anyone over the age of 16 at home when the Falmouth students stay will be required to undertake and submit evidence for a DBS check (costs to be covered by the school).



Please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Elcock

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Name of Student _____ Form _____

Signature (Parent/Carer) _____ Date _____

I would like my child to take part in the Falmouth/Rossett exchange in October 2026. I agree to pay a non-refundable deposit of £200 once my child has been allocated a place on the exchange. I agree to host an 8th Grade (Year 9) Falmouth student in April 2027 and understand that all family members over the age of 16 in the household will need to complete a DBS security check prior to the return exchange.

Please return this slip and the completed pen portrait sheet to either Mr Elcock or the General Office by Friday 7th November 2025.

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