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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Rossett, we know that strong attendance is one of the most important factors in ensuring academic success, safeguarding, and student wellbeing. To further promote a positive culture around attendance, we are pleased to introduce an exciting new initiative: Chef for a Day – Attendance Award.

Our fantastic catering team is led by Head Chef, Steve, a highly accomplished professional with a background as an executive chef in high-end hospitality. Now a valued member of the Rossett team for over 10 years, Steve was previously named Newcomer of the Year at the EDUcatering Excellence Awards, recognising excellence in school meals provision.

What is the Chef for a Day – Attendance Award?

- Collaborate with our school chef to design a special dish
- Take part in preparing the dish
- Have it featured on the menu as a 'Chef's Special'
- Receive recognition in assembly and school communications

Where more than one student achieves equal attendance, a random selection process will be used.

Who is included?

This academic year, the initiative will run for Years 9–11. Next academic year, it will run for Years 7–9.

Why are we introducing this?

- Reinforce the importance of excellent attendance
- Celebrate reliability and commitment
- Provide an inclusive, experiential reward rather than a material prize
- Promote student confidence and engagement

What happens next?

At the end of each term, our Attendance Team will confirm the qualifying students. The Catering Team will then arrange one Chef Experience session per year group per term. The featured dish will be promoted through assemblies and school communications.

We will pilot this initiative and review its impact on attendance trends and student feedback before considering longer-term implementation.

We look forward to celebrating the dedication and commitment of our students through this exciting opportunity. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring excellent attendance.

Yours sincerely,

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