



**Rossett School**  
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21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Dear Student/Parent/Carer

Welcome to our final half termly review of the year, celebrating life at Rossett Sixth Form.



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From left to right: Sixth Form Student Leadership Team, Royal Society of Biology Quiz, Pride bake sale, Soroptimist International toilet twinning, Runswick Bay fieldwork trip, Year 13 Prom, Ask Apprenticeships guest speaker, Soroptimist International, Oxford University trip, Year 13 Prom.

#### Dates for next term:

- Monday 4 September: Staff training day – no students in school
- Tuesday 5 September: Staff training day – no students in school
- Wednesday 6 September: All students in school

#### Student Leadership Team

Rossett staff and Sixth Form students have elected a new Sixth Form Leadership Team after a very close-run race. Sixth Form students canvassed votes across Year 12, took part in hustings and produced a campaign video with their election pledges. The Student Leadership Team have also put in place a committee, with committee members covering areas such as the Art, Extra Curricular, Treasurer and Environment. We look forward to seeing these students develop their leadership skills during Year 13 and work to lead the wider school council. The following students were elected:

**Head Girl:** Eva Bailey

**Head Boy:** Tristan Holdsworth

**Deputy Head Girl:** Leila Buono

**Deputy Head Boy:** Patrick Fleming

#### Curriculum News:

##### Biology Quiz

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Mr Lee took four Year 12 A Level Biology students to the Royal Society of Biology Quiz at Myerscough College, Preston. Evan Kirk-Smith, Alex Twigg, Jo Eyles and Charlie Benson-Lee all did Rossett Sixth Form proud. During this long and challenging day, students were given ten difficult Biology Problems to solve. The competition was stiff to say the least, as we were competing against some of the top private schools in the country. But our fantastic Rossett Team did brilliantly well, scoring 712 points - the winners, Stonyhurst College, scored 770 points – so we were near the top! But our students brought so much more to the proceedings than the other teams, they competed with personality, enthusiasm and wonder at the biological world. A tremendous performance.

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### **Runswick Bay**

Year 12 A Level Biology students recently travelled to Runswick Bay, North Yorkshire to complete their fieldwork. Students undertook ecology investigations including: Do dogwhelks increase with acorn barnacles? Do limpets prefer shale or shoreline? Does exposed bladder wrack have less bladders? Students even had time for a stone skipping competition and ice cream to finish off a fantastic visit.

### **End of Year 12 Assessments**

Between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July, Year 12 students completed end of year 12 assessments for their A Level subjects. The grades awarded for these will go towards the student's UCAS predicted grades when applying for university courses in September. These assessments, along with the UCAS Exhibition and apprenticeship guest speaker visit mentioned above, support students in their Post 18 progression plans. Students are currently writing their personal statements and subject staff have been busy writing references for each Year 12 student. In September, Mr Durbin will be guiding students through the UCAS application process through a series of assemblies and Personal Development lessons.

### **Progression News:**

#### **AMA Oxford trip**

Our Year 12 Academically More Able group of students recently visited the University of Oxford. Students spent the night in student halls at Brasenose College, which dates back to 1509. Students learnt about student life and studying at a world class university. Students attended taster lectures, social events and seminars, talking to staff and current students about their experiences. An informative and inspirational event.

#### **Work Experience**

Last week Year 12 students undertook a week of work experience with employers from across the West and North Yorkshire and beyond. Students undertook placements in schools, hospitals, dentists, financial firms and marketing agencies to name but a few. Students returned to Sixth Form this week full of stories and reflections. Students not completing work experience placements supported staff and students for the Year 6 transition days and got involved with our 'Community Day' on Friday, including doing some fantastic work clearing garden spaces around school. Students also completed a 15-minute mock interview with two guest visitors from VQ Solutions. Well done to everyone.

#### **UCAS Exhibition**

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, 70 Year 12 students attended the UCAS Discovery Event at Leeds Beckett University. Students attended an exhibitor fair, which included 121 universities, alongside employers, apprenticeship providers and the armed forces. Students also visited a number of seminars on specific areas, from 'How to make your application stand out' to 'Understanding student finance', to specific subjects, including Law, History, Physiotherapy, Engineering and Sport Management. Please look out for an email from Mr Durbin, Assistant Head of Sixth Form who leads on progression, sent to all parents/carers about the UCAS application process and support that can be provided at home.

#### **Apprenticeship Guest Speaker**

On 16<sup>th</sup> June, Year 12 students had an assembly and Period 1 with a guest speaker from Ask Apprenticeships. Students learnt about what apprenticeship are, what they involve, how they differ from degree apprenticeships, the expectations of employers and also got an insight into a range of different apprenticeship sectors.

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## Enrichment News:

### Pride Month

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the Rossett LGBTQ+ group held a bake sale in recognition of Pride month and to raise money for Stonewall and The Kaleidoscope Trust. This followed a week of assemblies led by Year 12 students Sophie Langley, Charlie Benson, Evan Kirk and Jo Eyles. Well done to all involved.

### Inter Form Sport

The new Student Leadership Team have been putting their event organising and teamwork skills in practice this half term, by organising inter form rounders and football competitions during form times. The eventual winners for the rounders competition were Mr West's form, congratulations!

### Harrogate and District Soroptimists Toilet Twinning Project

At the Sixth Form Graduation ceremony on 11<sup>th</sup> May, the 'Sharing our Skills project' students, supported by Harrogate & District Soroptimists, worked to raise £240 to enable Rossett Sixth Form to twin their toilets with a School Toilet Block in a village in Malawi. Harrogate & District Soroptimists are partnering with Rossett Sixth Form with their Sharing our Skills project, by offering students the opportunity to gain experience and transferable skills to take forward into their future, spread the word about important global issues and get involved in community projects. The Toilet Twinning project is an international project, aimed at reducing poverty and improving health 'one toilet at a time'. Funds raised like this make a real difference to help those in desperate poverty.

### Flamingo Land

On 18<sup>th</sup> July, Year 12 students visited Flamingo Land for their end of year rewards trip. It was great to see students enjoying themselves and celebrating the end of another fantastic year at Rossett Sixth Form.

### Listeners

On 19<sup>th</sup> July, 20 Year 12 students completed the Listeners Training Programme. This training prepares students to work as Listeners with the new Year 7 cohort from September. Students learnt about active listening, questioning, spotting signs of bullying, confidentiality and child protection. Students enjoyed the practical elements of the training, trying out their newly learnt skills on each other for a wide range of scenarios. Well done to all involved and good luck for your new roles in September.

### Year 13 Prom

On 5<sup>th</sup> July we said goodbye to the Rossett Sixth Form class of 2023 Year 13 students, with their Prom at the Cedar Court Hotel in Harrogate. Students arrived in everything from a fire engine, classic cars to a motorbike with thirty outriders. Students enjoyed a two course meal, a DJ and a photo booth to capture memories of the evening. We wish each and every Year 13 student all the best for their futures. We know that you will all be successful.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely



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