

Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of the staff, SLT and Governors, a warm welcome to those of you who are new to the school, and a welcome back to all of our Rossett students and parents who returned from a well-earned holiday break last week.

We have begun the year with a celebration of our summer examination results – please click on the links to read our press releases for [post-16](#) and [Key Stage 4](#). The successes of both individual students and subject areas are a clear indication of the hard work of our students and the dedication of the staff who prepared them for this season of examinations.

Whilst we were disappointed with the overall judgement from our Ofsted inspection last term, I write to reassure you that the Senior Leadership Team have moved rapidly to address the key issues from the report.

As one of the founder schools in the Red Kite Teaching Alliance, Rossett has worked closely with other large secondary schools in Harrogate, Leeds and North Yorkshire over the past decade. We will be able to draw on the significant expertise of these schools in the next year as part of our planned peer support programme to benchmark our progress against our Ofsted action plan.

We have also been fortunate to second a senior and experienced Deputy Headteacher from Ilkley Grammar School – Ms Bishop – to add capacity to the leadership team here at Rossett. Ilkley Grammar School was judged to be Outstanding in March 2017. Ms Bishop will be working specifically with our Teaching and Learning team this year.

A permanent addition to the staff at Rossett School this September is Ms McSherry who has come to us from London where, as Assistant Headteacher, she had leadership experience in quality assuring teaching and learning across the curriculum. Ms McSherry will also be working with Mr Stone, Deputy Headteacher, and the wider curriculum team.

I would like to invite parents to a meeting on the evening of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September to hear the school and Governors' response to our report, and to share our plans for the future. This meeting will be held in the main school hall between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. Details will follow of how you can register to attend, to allow us to plan for numbers and refreshments.

Our Academy is committed to providing the best possible education for our pupils and I am confident that with the continued support of the Governors, teachers, wider staff and yourselves, that we are well-positioned to build upon our strengths and to continue to drive improvement here at Rossett.

Yours sincerely

H Woodcock  
Headteacher