



6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Happy New Year!

Unlike the dreary start to a typical calendar year, the start to our new academic year has been sunshine, smiles and smart Rossett students. It has been so lovely to see all our young people this week as they return to the routines of school life.

Attendance has been very positive so far, and we want this to continue into next week. To support good attendance, we have adopted the <u>RKLT Attendance policy</u> this year. As you would expect this document reiterates the importance of regular attendance and punctuality for both success and enjoyment at school. It also contains important details about reporting absence and the support available, if needed. We know that post-Covid all schools, across the country, have seen absence rates increase. Secondary Headteachers in Harrogate met recently to discuss this issue and as a result we have written a joint letter asking for your help, please click <u>here</u> to view this letter.

Students have looked really smart this week and it has been nice to see such pride in belonging to the Rossett School community. If there are any elements of our dress code that you are still unsure of, please visit the website <u>here</u>. As the year goes on and you need to replace items of uniform, please remember there is a good stock of quality second hand uniform available from the PTA. The PTA can be contacted at <u>rspta@rs.rklt.co.uk</u>.

You may have noticed that your son/daughter has brought home a new piece of essential equipment – the Student Planner. This has key information in it, such as their timetable, and will be used to record home learning. Please take some time to look at it with your child and asking them, when they pack their bag, 'Have you got your planner?' would be really helpful. We would also ask that all parents and carers sign our 'Home-School-Student Agreement' on p14.

As I mentioned in my letter last term, we are now using Class Charts to recognise and reward students and have introduced an additional positive point this year. At the start of each lesson, if a student is showing they are ready, by being on time, correctly equipped and dressed, they will receive an automatic positive point. This week alone our students have collected 10,000 positive points. We look forward to seeing how many they get next week. Students have been given log in details allowing them to see the points they have been awarded by staff, so they can show you this weekend how they have done. You will soon be sent details on how to view your own child's profile. As part of this change, we have updated our <u>Respectful Relationships and Behaviour</u> Policy. This is a key policy that we would ask all parents and carers to be familiar with and fully support.

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During our welcome back assemblies we have been able to celebrate the successes of students who collected their exam results in the summer. You can read more about this <u>here</u>.

As well as getting back into routines and habits, the week has been about reconnecting. Although we have been away from school for the last 6 weeks, we have been able to keep the connection going by taking the Rossett 'R' on our travels. It has been to Japan, Singapore, Disneyland, Taylor Swift concerts and has also been following the fortunes of York City FC! Please have a look on <u>Facebook</u> to see some of the brilliant images our staff and student have taken. Please also continue to check the website for our <u>latest news</u>.

Although we are only at the beginning of our new year, we look forward to this positive start continuing, with many more stories of success to share along the way.

Yours sincerely,

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