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Dear Parents & Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and next week all our staff and students will Step Into Christmas and enjoy a well-earned rest with friends and family. As we reach the end of a busy term it is a great opportunity to look back (maybe not as far back as Last Christmas) and share some highlights from the last 15 weeks.

A very 'Positive' term

Since we returned in September, we have had nearly 270, 000 positive points awarded to students in recognition of their conduct, in and around school. There have been 6, 000 Exceptional Learner tokens given out with 70 students being awarded the weekly Headteacher award. We are exceptionally proud of the ways students have demonstrated the 5 R's each and every day this term, and we look forward to even more rewards being given in the new year.

Rossett on tour

In this first term we have been on lots of visits and trips. Not only have our students had wonderful experiences, but they have also acted as great ambassadors for our school. September saw some of our students enjoy a 'fantastique' trip to Northern France and staff were so proud of their exemplary behaviour, positivity and how much they embraced the Rossett 5 R's.

Students from KS3 and KS4 made the trip to London for a two-day performing arts experience, which included a guided tour of the National Theatre and a workshop at Pineapple Studios with a West End performer. In the last few weeks, Year 8 students have been to see the Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, and Year 10 and 11 drama students have been to Leeds Grand Theatre to see Blood Brothers.

Although it wasn't A Fairytale in New York, our American Exchange was further strengthened this term with another successful visit to Falmouth Middle School.

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Personal Development

The Elite Skills Day took our Year 10 students out of their comfort zone and helped develop skills that will serve them well, now and in the future. The army gave us some fantastic feedback, praising our students for their engagement, politeness, and positive attitude.

The recent Careers Fair gave all our students the chance to meet over 40 employers, colleges and universities and be inspired about the world of work. Many of our visitors commented on how polite, inquisitive and engaged students were, and they were thoroughly rewarded with lots of freebies!

It was great to see our Year 9 team win the Yorkshire LEAP competition this month. The four girls were given their prize at the Yorkshire Business Awards for demonstrating skills in sales and marketing, problem solving, finance and production. This was an amazing achievement.

We are also proud of the 200 Rossett students who took part in the Yorkshire Ambulance Service's Restart a Heart campaign, and it is great to know that many of our young people have these important first aid skills.

Celebrating success

At the end of November, we celebrated the Class of 2024 at our presentation evening. The evening was thoroughly enjoyable and a great reminder of all the hard work, effort and commitment of our students during Year 11. We also had a talk from Richard Sheriff, CEO of the Red Kite Learning Trust, about his recent ascent up Kilimanjaro and how making the first step on a journey is as important as the destination.

Countdown to Christmas

Last week's 'Winter Warmer' got us Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree as we were entertained by the fabulous musical talent from our school. In the final week we been treated to a wonderful Christmas Dinner, prepared by our amazing colleagues in the Catering Team and served by some teaching staff, a few of whom were wearing some rather interesting Christmassy items! The final assembly of the term has allowed us to recognise and celebrate the many great achievements from our students and wish everyone well before the break.

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Looking forward

Whilst It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year, the start of a new year provides time for us to look forward. I am sure there will be times over the next fortnight when we think, I Wish It Could be Christmas Everyday, but as we move into 2025 we can be excited for all the things to come. We know that next year there we will be even more opportunities for all students to develop their interests, skills and character, more trips and visits and many moments along the way to celebrate.

Happy New Year

To make the most of all that the new year will have to offer I have asked our students to do one thing when they return – make every day, your best day. To support them with this we would ask that you reiterate some key messages with your child before they return on

Monday 6th January 2025:

- **Attendance and Punctuality** – A significant factor in your child's success is their attendance at school. We expect, where possible, that every student is here, on time, every day. Missing school means missing out. Further information about our attendance policy can be found [here](#).
- **Dress Code** – Overall the standard of dress has been very good this year. However, it is important that when we return in January **all** students continue to follow the Rossett School dress code and wear their uniform correctly and with pride. If you or your child is unsure about any aspects of this, please familiarise yourself with our expectations [here](#).
- **Homework** - Mr Saunders has written separately to parents and carers of Years 7,8 and 9 students about our new homework model at KS3. Please take time to read it over the holiday so you know what to expect when your child returns after the break.

Safeguarding Over Christmas

If you have any significant immediate concerns about the safety of a child, please contact the police on 999.

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If you believe the situation is urgent but does not require the police, please call Children's Social Care on 0300 131 2 131 to make telephone contact. When prompted, say "children's social care". One of the advisors will support you.

If your concern is not urgent, please use the email address social.care@northyorks.gov.uk to liaise with the Customer Service Centre and you will receive a response within 24 hours.

Please also email office@rs.rklt.co.uk to update the school so any concerns can be reviewed by our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a Wonderful Christmastime.

Merry Xmas Everybody!

T Milburn

Headteacher

P.S You may have noticed that I have dropped in a few Christmas songs into this letter that will be on my playlist as I am Driving Home for Christmas. If your child can tell me all the songs mentioned, and who sang them, there will be a Headteacher award waiting for them in January!

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