



The Roselander

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025



Headteacher Update

Mr. Richard Clarke



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Roselander Newsletter. The start of a new academic year always feels like a fresh chapter, filled with opportunities for growth and achievement. I am so proud of the positive way our students have settled back into school life, ready to learn and eager to contribute.

This year, we are especially focused on helping every student feel a true sense of belonging and community, while also encouraging excellent attendance. Both are key ingredients for success and happiness at school. I'm pleased to say that attendance so far is much stronger than at this time last year, which is a very encouraging start.

We are also continuing to strengthen the predictable routines that help our students flourish. From tutor reading in the morning, right through to lessons across the day, children know what is expected of them and can focus on learning and personal growth. Clear routines create calm, purposeful classrooms and give every child the chance to shine.

Thank you for your continued support in making The Roseland Academy a place where all our students can feel proud, connected and ready to achieve.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

by Mrs Sinead McGreal



At The Roseland Academy, we firmly believe that regular school attendance is crucial for every student to reach their full educational potential. We aim for 100% attendance across the school, as it is essential for students to achieve their highest possible attainment.

While we understand that occasional illness may prevent attendance, our minimum expectation is that all students attend school at least 96% of the time. This ensures they can fully participate in learning and avoid disruption to their progress and that of others.

Parents and Carers have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly. Missing school not only harms academic performance but also disrupts school routines and impacts the learning environment for everyone. At The Roseland Academy, we are committed to improving overall attendance and reducing Persistent Absence (below 90%).

How does attendance affect outcomes for students?

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results.

What are the risks of missing a day of school?

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. For example, a child in Year 10 who is absent for three days over a half term could miss 15 lessons in total.

The higher a student's attendance, the more they are likely to learn and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.

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every student, every day





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What You Can Do:

- Call the school before 9:15 am each day that your child is absent.
- Inform the school in advance of any medical appointments and provide appointment cards or letters.
- If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend, send them in – children often improve once they arrive at school.
- Have a backup plan for transport issues, such as asking a family member, neighbour or friend for help.
- If you're facing difficulties with attendance, speak to us early so we can offer support.

By working together, we can help ensure that your child makes the most of their time at school and achieves their very best.

What We Will Do:

- Monitor your child's attendance daily.
- Contact you by phone if we have concerns about your child's attendance.
- Invite you for attendance meetings if necessary.
- Make a home welfare visit if we cannot establish a reason for ongoing absence.

Attendance Ladder



LEARNING LEADERS UPDATE

OUR YEAR SO FAR...

Years 7 and 8

by Miss Rebecca Hare



It has been a successful start to this academic year. Our new Year 7 students have settled in beautifully and we have been really impressed with their ambition and kindness. Our Year 8 students have continued to be the best versions of themselves and we are proud of their resilience and how they have embraced the changes that a new academic year brings.

It was great to see lots of parents and carers of our Year 7s at our Year 7 Family Learning event, where we discussed key aspects of the school day, online platforms and wellbeing support for our students.

Alongside our tutor reading programme, students have had their first assemblies this year, covering ambition and celebrating Black History Month. Coming soon, we will be celebrating 'Hello Yellow' to raise awareness of mental health, having a Remembrance Day assembly from Mr Williams and the launch of Student Leaders for the next academic year.

Every week we continue to celebrate those students that have achieved the top B+ in the year group. We are continuing to raise the ambition of our Year 7 and 8 students and we are looking forward to celebrating the students that achieve the top number of B+ for ambition with the first rewards trip this year!



**KINDNESS
RESPONSIBILITY
AMBITION**

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Years 9 and 10

by Mr Richard Avery

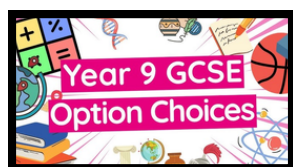


Year 9 have made a brilliant start and it is pleasing to see them start thinking seriously about their futures! Students should begin preparing to select their option subjects for Key Stage 4. To make the best choice, I highly recommend that every student speaks directly with their current subject teachers about the demands and content of the subject at KS4. This is a vital step in mapping out their next two years of study.

Year 9 students have begun their Duke of Edinburgh journey this term. Students participating will be looking into ideas for their volunteering, physical and skills sections. I look forward to speaking with individual students about their accomplishments as they progress.



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I have been extremely proud of the excellent start our Year 10 students have made to their first term in Key Stage 4. They have applied themselves fully and diligently in their studies, tackling the demands of their new courses with enthusiasm.

Work Experience and Beyond

Our Year 10 students are already looking ahead to securing a Work Experience placement. This is an invaluable opportunity to gain insight into the professional world, and we are working hard to support a truly positive and rewarding experience for them all. The deadline to secure placements is February half term.

Planning for Amazing Futures:

The focus for Year 10 this year will be on building towards life beyond The Roseland Academy. We will soon begin key activities such as College Taster Days and focused careers planning. These opportunities are designed to help students clarify their goals and make informed choices for their amazing futures after Year 11.

LEARNING LEADERS UPDATE

OUR YEAR SO FAR...

Year 11

by Mrs Emma Atkins-Gammons



The Autumn term has launched with incredible momentum for our Year 11 students! The start of the year is marked by the crucial BTEC assessments (yes, the real thing!) and the Pre-Public Exams (PPEs), which serve as invaluable practice for the main exam season ahead. We are especially proud of how brilliantly the students have already embraced these challenges! These assessments help them hone vital skills like revision techniques, time management and independent work and we can see that their dedicated approach is already paying off.



A massive thank you and well done to our new cohort of Year 11 Prefects! They have seamlessly stepped into their new roles, making a fantastic impression. From assisting at major school events to capably executing their weekly duties, their commitment is already proving invaluable to the school community.

We are thrilled with the response to our early Year 11 PPE preparation sessions, which have been excellently attended. Starting early is a key part of our strategy to ensure every student feels fully equipped for their exams. The goal is two-fold: to maximise their potential for success and to significantly reduce exam anxiety by demystifying the process.

What Happens Next?

Once the PPEs are complete, we will launch our proven Targeted Support programme. This involves analysing the exam results and then inviting students to sessions that specifically cover areas of difficulty, misconceptions and to fill any gaps in knowledge. This focused intervention has historically been very effective in preparing students for their final assessments. We appreciate your efforts in supporting and encouraging your child's participation in both the preparation and the follow-up support.





SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

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At The Roseland Academy, we are deeply committed to cultivating a culture where every student is physically active, engaged and confident in sport and movement. For us, physical activity is an essential part of a healthy, well-rounded education that supports both physical and mental wellbeing.

Through our extra-curricular opportunities, we aim to nurture the core values of teamwork, resilience, leadership, health and enjoyment. By promoting these qualities, we help our students develop the confidence to remain active beyond the school gates, building lifelong habits that support a balanced and fulfilling lifestyle.

This term, we have been delighted to see a fantastic response to our clubs and teams. From netball and football to cross country and beyond, students have thrown themselves into new challenges with energy and determination. Looking ahead, we are excited for the competitions, fixtures, and festivals that will allow our students to showcase their talents, test themselves against other schools, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Above all, we celebrate the pride and joy of representing **#TeamRoseland** – work hard, play hard!





Extra-curricular clubs

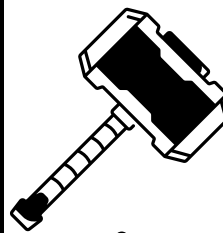
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Extra-Curricular Clubs - Autumn 2025



Morning Break & Lunchtime Clubs

Day	Time	Club	Year Group	Description	Lead staff	Room	Start Date
Mondays and Tuesdays	Morning break	Farm Club	All years	Gardening and maintenance around the farm - weather dependant - all welcome!	Ms Bone & Ms Bembridge	Farm	Tuesday 9.9.25
Tuesday	Morning break	Drawing Club	All Years	Drawing club for all abilities - do you enjoy drawing? Come along to explore your love of drawing and be inspired!	Ms Warburton	Room 28	9.9.25
Tuesday & Friday	Morning Break	Dance Club	All Years	All ages and abilities are welcome to join us for dance club!	Mrs Case	Sports Hall	9.9.25
Wednesday	Morning break	Jazz Band	All Years	Musicians welcome from all year groups!	Mr Fox	Room 23	10.9.25
Wednesday B* weeks only	Lunchtime	Vibe Coding Club	All Years	Coding club - if you have an idea for an app then come along and build it! Just drop in or see Mr Jones for more information.	Mr Jones	Room 25	11.9.25
Thursday	Morning Break	Ukulele Club	Year 7	Musical fun with ukuleles! Instruments provided, all abilities and complete beginners welcome!	Mr Fox	Room 23	11.9.25
Friday	Lunchtime	Law Club	Years 9, 10 & 11	Learning about English laws and legal jobs - all welcome!	Mrs Toms	Room 15	12.9.25
Friday	Morning break	Samba Band	All years	Samba drumming & percussion club - instruments provided, all abilities and beginners welcome... See Mr Fox or Miss Polley to join, or just drop in on a Friday lunchtime!	Mr Mitchell	Room 23	Start date to be confirmed shortly



After School Clubs

Day	Time	Club	Year Group	Description	Lead staff	Room	Start Date
Tuesday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Rugby Club	All Years	All welcome! PE Kit required.	Mr Hooper	Sports Hall/Fields	9.9.25
Tuesday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Netball Club	All Years	All welcome! PE Kit required.	Mrs Case	Courts	9.9.25
Tuesday	After school 3.05 - 5.00pm	Art Open studio	Years 10 & 11	Art open studio	Miss Palmer	R28	9.9.25
Wednesday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Football Club	All Years	All welcome! PE Kit required.	Mr Davidson	Sports Hall/Fields	10.9.25
Wednesday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Girls Football Club	All Years	All girls welcome! PE Kit required.	Mrs Dove	Sports Hall/Fields	10.9.25
Wednesday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Years 9, 10 & 11	Years 10 & 11	Photography Club - all welcome!	Ms Capron	Room 24	10.9.25
Wednesday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Warhammer Club	All Years	Warhammer Club - paint & play!	Ms Capron	Room 24	10.9.25
Wednesday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Greenpower	All years	Electric racing car - for interschool challenge (limited numbers)	Mr Seyler	Room 27	10.9.25
Thursday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Trampoline Club	All Years	All welcome! PE Kit required.	Mr Hooper	Sports Hall	11.9.25
Thursday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Fitness Club	All Years	Fitness training open to all year groups - see Mr Avery for more details.	Mr Avery	Sports Hall	11.9.25
Friday	After school 3.05 - 4.15pm	Climbing Club	Selected students only	Climbing Club - limited places and pre-booking essential! If interested please collect a letter from Mrs Case, Sports Hall.	Mrs Case	Tide Climbing Centre	To be confirmed
Friday	After school 3.05 - 4.30pm	Starting soon... Roseland Band!	Years 7, 8 & 9	Do you play a musical instrument? Experience the joy of playing music together! For young musicians who play woodwind, strings, brass or keys. All abilities welcome - See Mr Fox or Miss Polley for more information, or to sign up!	Mr Douglas & Music Dept Staff	Room 23	To be confirmed

A huge **WELL DONE** to all participants for their ambition, determination and team spirit.



Good luck to Year 11 in their PPE exams

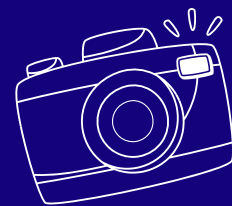


Pre-Public Exams play a vital role in preparing our students for the pressures of final assessments. They provide a realistic experience of exam conditions, helping young people manage nerves, practise time management and build resilience in a safe, supportive setting.

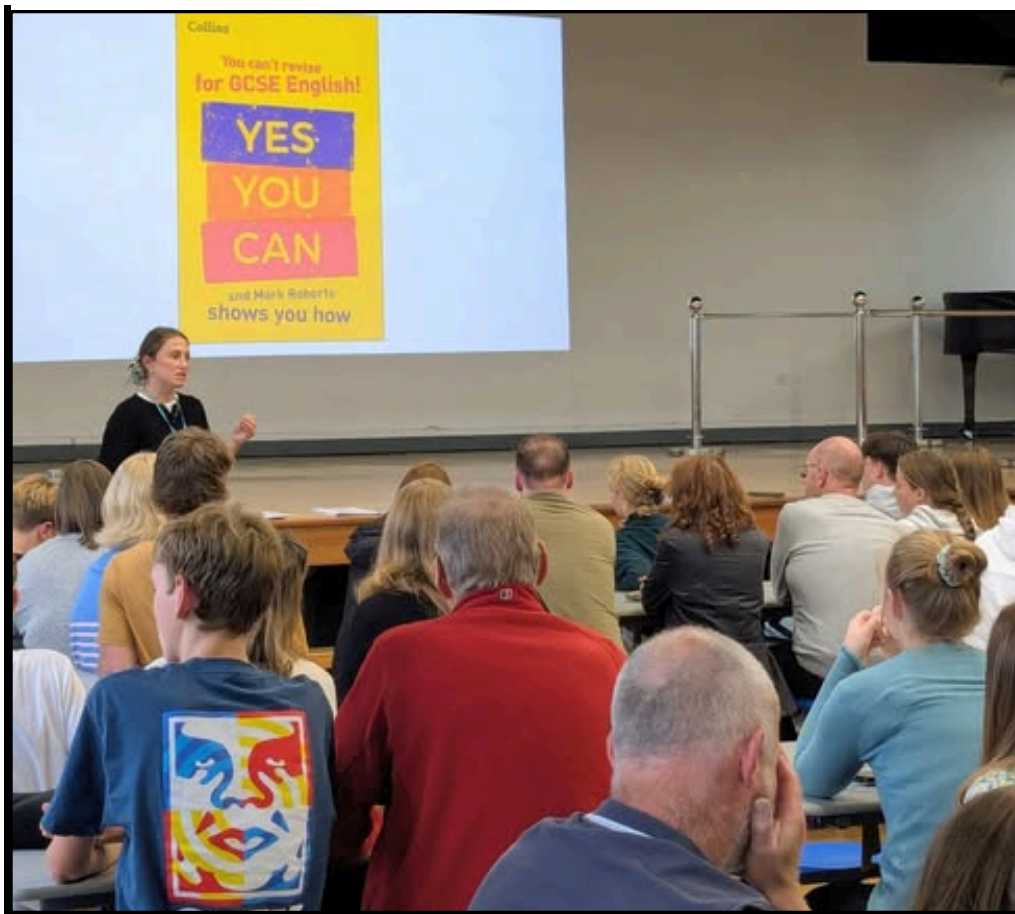
By rehearsing the routines of entering an exam hall, working under timed conditions and coping with stress, students reduce anxiety when the real exams arrive. These experiences not only boost academic confidence but also strengthen mental health and show students that pressure can be managed and overcome with preparation, support and practice, leading to lots of happy faces on Results Day!



A Busy Start To 2025/26



Our Year 11 Family Learning event focusing on how we can work together to support our students to achieve their very best.



Our new (not so new anymore!) Year 7s arrived in style!



Extra-curricular clubs have got off to a flying start.



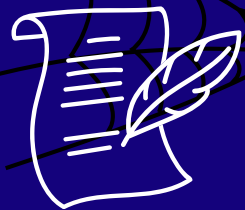
Much-needed extra dining space in the Covered Courts and Pod areas.



Chicken and chips day has never been the same since the addition of the new seating area.



The animals are being well looked after.



Matt Windle

'Poet with a Punch!'



We were delighted to welcome Matt Windle - Poet with a Punch - to The Roseland Academy this September.



Matt is not only a professional boxer and former Commonwealth light-flyweight champion, but also a three-time Birmingham Poet Laureate.

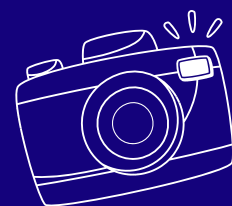
Matt delivered a series of high-energy workshops to Year 9 that combined the creativity of poetry with the discipline and determination of boxing. His poems explore themes of resilience, ambition and identity - mixing sharp rhythm and rhyme with powerful imagery. Students heard lines where Matt compared the discipline of the ring to the courage it takes to stand up and speak, and verses that turned the beat of a skipping rope into the rhythm of self-belief.

Students created their own verses on nature and ambition, experimenting with rhyme, repetition and performance. One group wrote about the "fight inside" when facing challenges at school, while another compared stepping onto the pitch to stepping into the ring.

The atmosphere around school was electric, with students brimming with new ideas and inspiration. As one student put it "He showed us that poetry can hit just as hard as a punch.". We're excited to see how students continue to channel this creativity in the weeks ahead.



A SNAPSHOT OF OUR YEAR SO FAR!



Miss Filkins launched Black History Month with assemblies in late September



Students loved taking part in The North Cornwall Fook festival!



Standing room only at the Year 10 Futures and Expectations event.



Team work makes the dream work during our prefect army training day.



A new venture, inviting families to see our wonderful school in action!



CALENDAR DATES



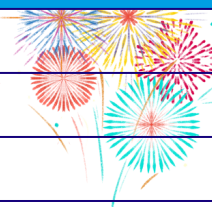
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Mon 6 October - Fri 10 October	Year 11 Pre Public Exams (PPEs)
Fri 10 October	Wear it Yellow - mental health fundraising day £1 contribution
Tues 21 October	Years 7, 8 and 9 Family Learning
Fri 24 October	INSET day 2: students not in school

November 2025

Fri 3 November	Year 11 PPE results sent home
Tue 4 November	Year 11 PPE parents evening
Thu 6 November	Pearl of Africa choir
Mon 10 November	Odd Socks Day & Anti-Bullying Week
Thu 20 November	Year 8 Parents Evening
Tue 25 November	GCSE certificate evening for last year's Year 11 leavers



December 2025

Fri 12 December	Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 assessment sheets sent home
Wed 17 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day; Whole School Christmas Dinner
Fri 19 December	Last Day of Autumn Term: 3.05pm finish



THE FULL LIST KEY DATES (INCLUDING THE 2025-26 TERM DATES) CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE PARENT HUB MENU.

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