

# AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2024



# **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### Student Council

The Student Council has demonstrated exceptional dedication and teamwork throughout the Autumn Term. Their commitment to making a positive impact on the school has been evident in the numerous initiatives they have successfully organised, from school events to charity drives.

They've shown remarkable leadership, communication, and organisational skills, ensuring that each project ran smoothly and with great enthusiasm. Their ability to listen to student concerns and act on them, while also promoting school spirit and inclusivity, has created a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere within the school community. The hard work and passion the Student Council has put into this term are truly commendable.







#### **Events Calendar**

The RHS calendar has been packed with meaningful and successful events this term, showcasing the school community's spirit and generosity. Cancer Awareness Day was a standout, with students and staff coming together to raise both awareness and funds for vital cancer research and support. We raised over £100....



The Delivering Joy initiative was another highlight, with students being given a budget of £10 each to buy and donate gifts to bring happiness to those in need within the local community during the festive season.



St. Andrew's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, with students participating in cultural activities, sharing traditions and learning about Scottish heritage.







Finally, Christmas Jumper Day was a fun and festive success, with everyone joining in to wear their brightest and most creative jumpers to celeberate this special time of year.

The success of the events have been a testament to the hard work and dedication of the RHS community in making this term both memorable and impactful.

#### KS3 Football Team

The KS3 RHS School Football Team participated in two tournaments specifically put together for SEND schools. It was a fantastic success this term, showcasing the incredible talent and sportsmanship of our cohort.

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Students from Year 7, 8, and 9 came together with enthusiasm and determination, creating an exciting and competitive atmosphere throughout the event. The tournament not only highlighted the skill and teamwork of the players but also fostered a sense of school spirit and camaraderie. Whether on the pitch or cheering from the sidelines, every student gave their best, making it a memorable event for all involved. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and sportsmanship!



## **Learning 4 Life Award**

RHS has embarked on an exciting journey to achieve the prestigious Lancashire Learning 4 Life Award, which focuses on promoting holistic personal development. The award was created to help schools celebrate all the great things they do for their pupils/students beyond just the academic. Schools often do much more than what's required, and it's important to share this with everyone. The award helps schools show the amazing work they do to prepare pupils/students for life. It was developed by a team of teachers, school advisors, family support workers, IT services, and members of the Lancashire Professional Development Service (LPDS).

The Award looks at six core themes which cover all elements of personal development. These are then further split into sub-sections for you to share your evidence for. The main themes are:

- Living Safely
- Our lives beyond school
- · An equal and diverse society
- Our wellbeing
- · Our relationships
- Being a responsible citizen



If you have any questions regarding the award, please contact Mr Birkenhead who will glady discuss it further.

# **Thank You Postcard Competition**

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Macauley and Leeza for their outstanding designs in the Thank You Postcard Competition. Your creativity and talent have truly shone through, and we are excited to announce that your postcards will be in circulation from the Spring Term onwards.



**Macauley** 



Leeza

## General Update for KS3, KS4 & KS5

We are incredibly proud of how our students have engaged within enrichment sessions this term. Students have had exciting opportunities to access sessions at play football, various sports centres, chill factor, national trust parks and to attend shows at the theatre. Their enthusiasm and curiosity have been truly inspiring. These experiences have not only broadened their horizons but have also fostered a deeper connection to the world around them.

Additionally, our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students have demonstrated remarkable dedication in their work experience placements with MPLOY, gaining valuable skills and real-world insights. Their hard work and professionalism have been a testament to their commitment to personal growth and puts them in good stead for the future.

We are also thrilled with the fantastic engagement and smooth transitions for students attending their new vocational placements. Their passion and drive to explore new opportunities are a true reflection of the growth and progress they have made. We look forward to continuing to support and celebrate our students as they thrive in their personal development journey!

# **Talk Money**

We are proud to share the incredible success of our Talk Money initiative, where students spent the week engaging with the annual campaign designed to encourage conversations about money across the UK. This initiative provided our students with valuable insights into financial literacy, helping them understand the importance of managing money and making informed financial decisions.

Throughout the week, students took part in a variety of activities, discussions, and workshops, all aimed at breaking down the barriers surrounding money talk. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and commitment to learning were truly inspiring, and we are confident that this experience will have a lasting impact on their understanding of financial well-being. We look forward to seeing how these newfound skills and knowledge will empower our students to make confident and informed financial choices in the future!







#### **Well Done**

The Autumn Term has been a wonderful success across all year groups, with students settling in well and embracing the challenges of the new academic year.

We warmly welcomed our new year 7, 10 and 11 students, who have adapted quickly to their new environments, forging new friendships and getting involved in school life. Year 7 and 8 students have transitioned smoothly into their new classes and subjects, showing great enthusiasm and a strong commitment to their learning.

Year 9, along with our KS4 and KS5 students, did an outstanding job in sitting their mock exams, approaching them with focus, determination, and maturity. The hard work, dedication, and positive attitudes displayed by all year groups have made this term a fantastic start to the school year, and we look forward to continuing this momentum into the next term.

We hope all students have a well deserved Christmas break.