



RYE COLLEGE

End of Term 1 Newsletter



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PRIDE AND POSITIVITY

by Mr Downes, Headteacher

It has been an eventful and packed term. I have been delighted by the way all of our students have returned to school, wearing their uniform with pride and committing to their learning. Looking forward, we are building towards the Y11s' first pre-public examinations in November. This is a hugely important opportunity for students to practice examination revision techniques, and identify gaps in their knowledge and understanding.

Over the last few weeks, we have been pleased to open the school to prospective families. The Open Evening, Wednesday, 28th September, and several Open Mornings, where families have had a chance to tour the school during a normal working day, have brought in high numbers of interested families from across the local and surrounding areas. I have been incredibly proud of the universally positive feedback we have received from our visitors about our students, and their positive and kind attitudes. I am looking forward to an in-take for next year's Y7 (2023) that will exceed this year's record numbers of over 130.

These are exciting times here at Rye College as we continue to create bright futures for all and build on the transformative work of the last few years.

Wishing all our families and students a fantastic half term break.



AN ACTION PACKED RETURN TO SCHOOL

Term 1 is always a busy one. Here are just a few of the highlights:

FRENCH FRIENDS

The French department was delighted to welcome Year 10 students and their teachers from the French school Collège Simone Veil de Wassigny. We have been exchanging student emails since 2020 so it was really special to finally meet in person! We enjoyed a picture treasure hunt around Rye and a range of sports activities, along with a fantastic trip to Bedgebury, where we played a giant board game, completed a tree top challenge and cycled in the woods. All students had a fantastic time and got to practice their language skills. Our Rye College students were very touched as their penfriends gave them a gift from their home town. Merci pour votre visite!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We were delighted to appoint our Student Leadership team who after a successful interview process, have made a positive start with their important roles within our school. The team have made a great impression on prospective families, acting as tour guides for Open Evening and Open Mornings and helped us run the Year 7 disco. We are really looking forward to seeing you achieve your aspirations during the year ahead.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

We are really proud of the enrichment opportunities we can offer students via our extra-curricular clubs. We hope there is something for everyone in our timetable and encourage students to get involved. This term has seen a new club added to the creative mix - Crochet Club!



We are also delighted to be able to offer a comprehensive revision club timetable to help our Year 11 students prepare for what's ahead. These sessions are a great way to fill knowledge gaps, hone exam skills and get advice and support. Thumbs up from Maths revision club!



Year 11 Exam Ready Revision Timetable

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Science Room 25	French Room 102	Maths Room 17 Art Room 36 & 37		History Room 9
2	Science Room 25	English Room 103	Maths Room 17	Engineering Room 32	Geography Room 4

CAREERS FOCUS

Shining the spotlight on our CEIAG programme (Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance), run by Mrs Starkey, our Key Stage 4 Director of Learning.

BEING EMPLOYABLE

Careers is a focus at Rye College as soon as our students join us in Year 7. It is delivered through Life Education lessons, our Tutor and Assembly programme, bespoke events and across the curriculum. We work with two Careers companies, My Future Starts Here and CXK Careers to support our programme, and we also have close links with all of our local post-16 providers, ASK Apprenticeships and the University of Brighton. We are part of the East Sussex Careers Hub, who provide support, training and resources. We are also lucky to be able to work with some wonderful local employers in Hastings and Rye, who support us with various events.

Our careers programme is planned and delivered around the Gatsby benchmarks:



BEING PROUD

We are proud that we fully meet all of these benchmarks and we achieved the Investors in Careers, Quality in Careers Standard full award in June 2021.



A BUSY TERM 1

We have had a busy start to careers already this year:

- All year groups have been focusing on transition, reflection and target setting
- All year groups focus on labour market information through the 'Job of the week' video on our student bulletin
- Year 11 have started working on their college applications, received presentations from several local colleges, attended an interview and assessment centre workshop with ASK apprenticeships, and had mock interviews with a local employer
- Year 10 have been finding work experience placements for their block week in June 2023
- Year 9 have attended a 'day in the life' workshop with MFSH where they got to meet with local employers and think about their personal aspirations

LOOKING AHEAD

Next term we have a workshop for Year 7 with My Future Starts Here, a Success at 16 evening for Year 11 and hopefully some other trips and activities across the curriculum.

If you have any questions about careers or would like to support our programme in any way, please contact Mrs Starkey, our Careers lead via the school office. Please also visit the Careers section of our website for useful information.



A HAPPY AND SETTLED YEAR 7

We are so happy with how our new students have settled into life with us at Rye College. The change from primary to secondary school is a big one; with classrooms to find, timetables to follow, canteens to navigate and older students to make you feel quite small again! We are very fortunate here at Rye College, to be a close-knit community school where every student is known to us and to have a caring student population who positively embrace, welcome and encourage new students. We work very hard to ensure that we support our youngest learners as they find their secondary school feet and have really enjoyed seeing you settle in this term. Our transition programme reached its finale this week with two traditional events firmly back in the calendar - the Year 7 Service of Dedication at St Mary's Church and the Year 7 Transition 'Welcome' Disco. Both enjoyed greatly by all. Well done Year 7 on a really successful first term.



TERM 2 KEY INFORMATION

Key information and reminders for next term

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2 return to school - Monday 31st October

Year 11 Success at 16 Event - Wednesday 2nd November

Year 10 Progress Evening - Tuesday 15th November

Year 9 Progress Evening - Tuesday 29th November

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 7th December

End of Term 2 - Friday 16th December



UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT EXPECTATIONS

Students must return wearing the correct Rye College uniform. Term 2 has a particular focus on skirts which must be tailored and of an appropriate length. Please note that, if a student comes to school in incorrect uniform and refuses to accept alternative items provided, you will be contacted and the student will be placed in solo study for the day, unless you are able to bring the correct uniform item to school for your child to wear.

All students must bring daily to school a pencil case with pencil, pens, a highlighter, eraser, ruler, a scientific calculator and a reading book.

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