



# RYE COLLEGE

## *End of Term 5 Newsletter*



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## **TIME TO SHINE.**

*by Mr Downes, Headteacher*

This newsletter marks the end of another busy term for the Rye College school community.

The Y11s have been fully occupied with their public examinations and staff involved have commented on how engaged they have been. Their actions bring them credit. We are continuing our revision sessions during the half term and full details can be found on our website.

A number of exciting curriculum events have taken place on site and in the local community, in particular, you can read more about our visiting artist session below.

And finally, we were delighted to hear that our sister school, Rye Community Primary School, has also received a Good judgement, following their recent inspection. With so many of our students joining from Rye Primary, we appreciate the importance of the work they do in preparing students for the challenges of Secondary school.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to Term 6 on Monday, 5th June.

Wishing you all a restful break.



# SPOTLIGHT ON CAREERS

Term 5 has been a short but extremely packed one for careers development.



**WE ARE  
EMPLOYABLE**

Term 5 has seen two more fun and inspirational careers events for KS3, whilst Year 11 have prepared for their exams and Year 10 are awaiting confirmation of their work experience placements. Year 8 Employability workshop: At the end of April 'My Future Starts Here' organised this event. The focus was on developing key employability skills in line with our values and for future careers. Students listened to inspirational talks from 6 professionals including an architect, an accountant, a BBC World Service broadcaster, a Head of strategic planning, a mindset coach and former sports business owner and a PR/Marketing/Advertising person. The students then had to work in groups to plan an event. We had some fantastic events including the launch of a new football kit, a romantic wedding proposal, a dream holiday and a school prom. The students then had the opportunity to ask the professionals questions and find out more about their skills and achievements. All students behaved well and were fully engaged in all the activities. They are all definitely EMPLOYABLE!



The Year 9 Freshers Fortune University Game: The University of Brighton visited Rye College with their Outreach team to speak to Year 9 students about University. This included a discussion on student finance and university life in general. Our students were able to ask Ambassadors about their degree courses, qualifications, part time jobs and hopes for the future. The students played a boardgame called 'Freshers Fortune' where they played a game linked to a particular lifestyle - budget to designer, to see how much money they spent over the course of the year, and how much debt they got themselves into. The students were fully engaged and really enjoyed this activity. It also helped to raise aspirations and encourage our students to consider university in the future.



Year 10: Next term careers is a focus for Year 10 who will be completing a week of work experience, attending college taster days and participating in a progression morning with 'My Future Starts Here.' The progression morning will include a careers fair with employers and colleges, and an employability personal skills workshop. Please can we take this opportunity to remind year 10 students to return their work experience medical forms and apply for the college taster days, including completing the Microsoft consent form. For quick access, here are the links to apply for a place at each as well as the link to the form.

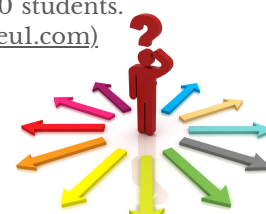
<https://tasters.escevents.co.uk/> for Hastings

[Bexhill College Year 10 Taster Days](#) for Bexhill

<https://forms.office.com/e/8U5ZYwSAwg> for the consent form

We have also received information from Plumpton College regarding their taster days for Year 9 and 10 students. Please follow this link to apply and find out more information [Taster Days at Plumpton College \(hs-sites-eul.com\)](https://hs-sites-eul.com)

If you have any questions about anything careers related, please contact Mrs Starkey via the school office.



If you are able to contribute to our careers programme in any way, please contact our careers lead, Mrs Starkey via [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk).



# VISITING ARTIST WORKSHOP

*Sharing details of a dynamic art workshop that some of our Year 10 students participated in recently.*

Year 10 Art and Photography students took part in a workshop on 19th May with well-known Hastings based artist Peter Quinnell.

Students are creating pieces for their 'Mini Worlds' project and have been looking at a variety of topics and artists for inspiration, including 'Assemblage Art'.

Students had the fantastic opportunity to hear from the artist himself about his inspiration. We also learnt about his route to becoming a professional artist, and some of the career opportunities there are in the Art industry today.

The pictures show students creating their boxes and applying image, text and objects to create new meaning. They will complete their pieces in lessons and take a well lit photo of their piece to complete the project.

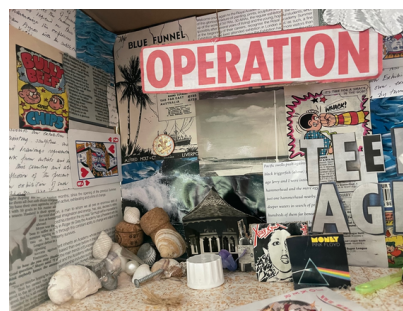
Peter said:

Thank you for having me to work with your students, it was a really good session.

Ms Charlton and Miss Harman were both excellent, giving space and encouragement for the students to experiment creatively and to learn from trial and error in a safe and controlled setting.

'The students responded well, independently thinking, designing, making and problem solving, producing some great artwork.

Ms Charlton-Matthews is to be commended for organising this.



## SITE SMART

*Our site team are always working enthusiastically and systematically to make sure that the school environment offers a secure, compliant and attractive environment for students, staff and visitors alike.*

*As always, the half term provides the opportunity to carry out maintenance and new works in a safe and efficient manner. This break, further works are planned to renew the tired stair coverings dating back many decades into the schools history.*

*We are rather excited to showcase our latest, rather smart and robust, fire extinguisher provision within the school, helping keep us safe and reducing costs associated with unwanted attention.*



Distinctive and secure, our new fire extinguisher cases provide a great solution to keep our fire extinguishers always at the ready.

## 5 MINUTES WITH.....

*Getting to know our Rye College team. This term;  
Miss Szczesnowska  
Head of Science*

**Tell us about your role at Rye College?**

I am the Head of Science here at Rye College. I teach all year groups and all of the science disciplines; Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

**What's the best part of your job?**

The best part of my job is watching students become more confident in science. I love seeing their confidence in themselves grow and watching them develop into amazing individuals.



**What are some of the career paths our students can follow if they want a science-based profession?**

The possibilities are just about endless. The medical professions (and there are lots of those). Lawyers, e.g ecological or medical specialist lawyers, architects, botanists, pathologists, archaeologists, plus many types of industry.

**What inspired you to become a scientist?**

I always loved science lessons at school (History was a close second). The teachers that taught me these subjects were very inspirational. Science relates so much to the world around us and I found myself naturally drawn to, and interested in, many of the topics covered.

**What is your secret TV addiction?**

I love watching pathological thriller type programmes and films that keep you guessing. Stories where you can't work out the plot until the very end.

**What do you do in your spare time?**

I'm an avid walker and runner, I particularly love hiking up mountains. I'm taking part in a coastline walking marathon in June to raise money for a Cancer charity. I've also got plans in place to walk Hadrian's wall and climb the Three Peaks in August.

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## ENRICHMENT WEEK.....

*This is a reminder to all families to ensure that they have made sure that payments have been made for the enrichment trips offered to their child.*

Your child will have been offered at least one of the following trips:

- Go Ape at Bedgebury Pinetum
- Water Activities at Rye Water Sports Centre
- A day at Port Lympne with a special interactive session

Please take a moment to make sure that you have paid for these sessions. We will share photos of our full enrichment week in our next newsletter

