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Dear families,

**RE: Rye College Press Club with Rye News Journalist Training Programme**

We are delighted to share news of an exciting new community initiative we are launching in collaboration with Rye News, the 'go to' local community paper for Rye and surrounding villages. Each week around 5000 people read Rye News stories and features, with over a million page views each year and is increasingly a multimedia operation, with active social media and an award nominated podcast – Ryecast.

Rye News is offering a journalistic training programme and publishing platform for Rye College students. The Press Club will provide opportunities for students to develop their journalistic skills, writing articles for Rye News: giving our young people a voice within and across their community. Students will learn the craft of choosing newsworthy stories, researching content, writing articles, photographic skills and publishing in a local newspaper alongside experienced and dedicated professionals.

This is a fantastic enrichment opportunity for our students to work alongside professional journalists and be part of a working group who represent the voice of young people in our community.

The Rye College Press Club launches on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, and will run every Tuesday afternoon between 15.20 - 16.20 in the Library**. All interested students are invited to attend this launch session.

To get the most of it, we would expect students to commit to attending the Press Club on a weekly basis. In return, you will be part of a team making a contribution to your community, gaining experience in the world of journalism and broadening your life-skills.

Please contact [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk) if there are any questions.

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher