



THE ROSEWOOD GAZETTE

FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

So we finally come to the end of another year. I cannot believe it has gone so quickly. Why is it, the older you get, the quicker time goes? This has been a tricky year but ultimately successful. We started in September with Covid still raging and it was hard keeping the school open. We end the year with another rise in covid and I will be so happy when this is finally over.

However, we have achieved a lot this year. I think the school is the best it has ever been. We do not always get it right, but we always do our best to help pupils achieve their full potential. We always try to learn from our mistakes, and this makes us better people and makes school a better school.

The Year 11s finished their exams and to be fair to them, they worked very hard, and I have high hopes for results day. This was the first year for quite a while when pupils had to actually sit an exam. It is always stressful for them, but they all turned up and they all did their best. Which is all I can ask of them. Our Year 6 pupils will be moving into the bigger part of the school in September, and I am sure they will work hard and will also enjoy their learning.

We always aim to give our pupils the best academic education possible, but we never forget that their difficulties sometimes make this very hard for them. Rosewood is an SEMH school, and we ensure that their social and emotional health is also looked after. We work with outside partners to help pupils to overcome their issues and develop into fine young men. We rarely fail at this and with your help at home, we know we can go even further. The staff have worked hard, and Rosewood is still a happy place to work, even when some days are a lot tougher than others.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye this year to Mr Wilkes, Mr Guider and Mrs Parkes. They have been at Rosewood a long time and now they are looking at pastures new. I wish them all the luck in the world. We would also like welcome Miss Robins to Rosewood.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support of your children and your support of the school. We couldn't do it without you. Have a great summer and we start all over again in September.

Mr D. Kirk

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KS2

This term KS2 have been looking at Normans and castles in their topic lessons. They have learnt about the events of 1066 and the Battle of Hastings, where King Harold was killed by an arrow which was shot through his eye!

The pupils have looked at different types of castles and had a go at building some model castles which you can see below.

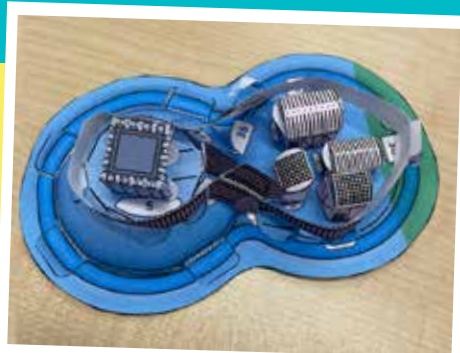
In Science, the pupils have been completing investigations into a variety of experiments including if different materials produce different amounts of friction.

The pupils have all worked really hard this year and for the pupils moving from KS2 into KS3 we wish them well and are sure they will do well.

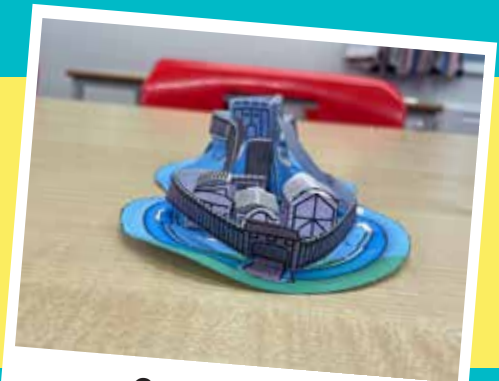
Have a lovely summer holiday!



KS2 Model Castles!



Fantastic Work!



Great Details!



Baggeridge **CHALLENGE** *Academy*

Key Stage 3 pupils had the chance to take part in a teambuilding exercise at Baggeridge Challenge Academy. Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed pushing themselves to their limits, helping each other out and watching staff put their brave faces on (while trembling). All of our adventurers travelled through the high and low ropes courses, most of them even completed the leap of faith at the end.

It certainly got the adrenaline pumping! Challenge Academy is led by experienced teachers, facilitators and ex-military instructors.

Well done lads!



ENGLISH

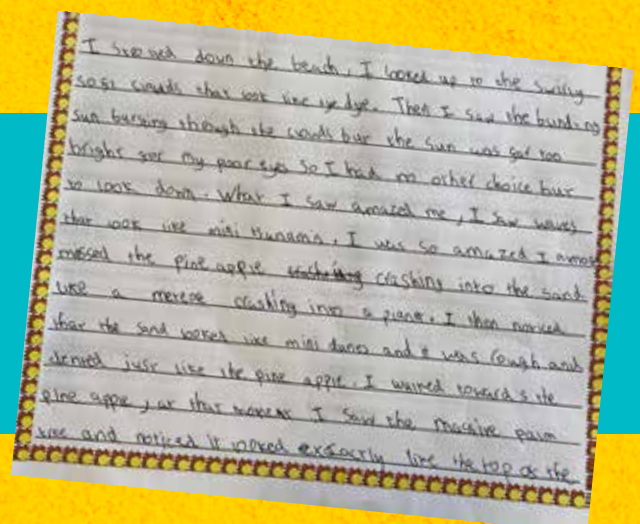
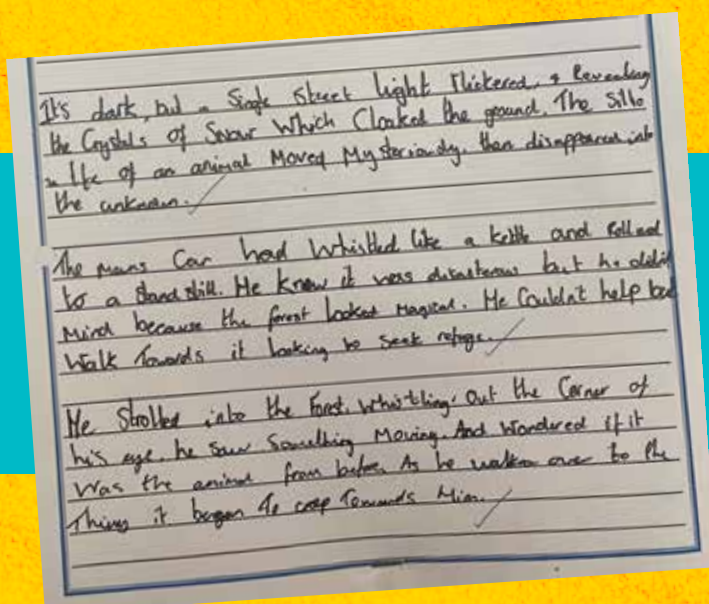
It has been a successful term in English and we have had a very positive end to the school year. We have been very proud of the determination and effort that our Year 11 pupils have shown in their GCSE English Language and Literature exams. We wish them all the best for the future and hope that all their hard work pays off.

We are excited to see how Year 10 handle the challenge of GCSEs as they have shown a lot of natural ability and enthusiasm towards the exam texts. In order to develop their understanding further, we are planning a theatre trip in the Autumn term to see a live performance of both Dicken's A Christmas Carol and Shakespeare's Macbeth.

KS3 have impressed us so much this year with their creative writing skills and their eagerness to write engaging stories of different genres. The English Department have decided to enter willing students into national creative writing competitions in the next academic year.

As a reward for pupils who have made excellent progress in their reading, the English Department are hoping to organise a trip next week to a local bookstore.

All of our students have made excellent progress this year. We are extremely proud of how hard they try and how much effort they put into each lesson. We look forward to seeing them take the next step and continue to progress when they return after summer.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 7 have been studying Buddhism this term. They have made good progress in the lessons and have shown great enthusiasm in their learning. They have looked at the Buddhist place of worship, key artifacts and have even tried meditation. I am very proud of how hard they have worked this year and hope they are proud of themselves too.

Year 8 have been studying Hinduism this term. They seem to really enjoy this topic and have continually asked questions in the lessons to further their knowledge. They have looked at Hindu festivals, worship, artifacts and key stories. They have worked really well and shown a lot of progress. During the last RE lesson, Year 8 will be looking at Hindu art and will attempt their own mandalas with sand.

Year 9 have been studying Inspirational People this term. Pupils have explore their own inspirational people and then studied other people that might be considered inspirational. Year 9 have worked very hard this term and have explored similarities and differences between each person and can identify inspirational qualities. It has been great to see how much their confidence and skills have grown in the class discussion.

Year 10 have been studying Religion, Family and Relationships this term. They have shown a lot of maturity this term as we have covered sensitive topics. They have worked very well and shown excellent speaking and listening skills. During activities week, Year 10 will visit the RAF Cosford museum as part of their RE curriculum. They have looked at different reasons for war, different types of battles and how people respond to wars and this trip will conclude their studies.

This year we have also worked closely with the local church and Reverend Dobie has made weekly visits and supported lessons and pupils through their studies.

CLASS OF 2022!



Of course this year's Year 11s just had to break the rules one last time. Let's turn up to Rosewood Boys School dressed as...Girls!

The lads have worked really hard throughout this past year, prepping, revising and then giving it their all when their exams came around. Despite the disruption over the last 2 years due to COVID, they've tried their best and we're sure they'll get the results they deserve.

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS!



BEE NEWS!

What's the buzz..?

Why was the bee told off and made to stand in a corner?

Because it was mis-bee-hiving itself...

Rosewood is now home to two new beehives! Our bees are being well looked after by Mrs Guider and pupils. They are keeping close watch for queen bees, making sure the hive is intact and checking the amount of honey that's being produced.

They have settled in well and the boys are enjoying the excitement.

Fun Fact

A honey bee colony has about 50,000 bees. More than 99% of them are female (worker bees), at most only a few hundred male bees (drones) and just one mother (queen bee).

Girl Power!

Let's save the bees!



ART

Year 7s have been working hard in Art this term - completing artist research, following artistic movements and using different media to experiment.

The artistic movement they've been following is German Expressionism.

While completing research the boys found out that this artistic movement heavily influenced the work of Tim Burton.

They've enjoyed creating their own Tim Burton gothic style selfies, and turning our school into a 1920's horror set!



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Dearest Readers,

My family and I are most delighted to hear of the sterling efforts of my subjects in Coseley, the heart of the Black Country. Pupils and teachers at Rosewood School chose to celebrate my seventy years on the throne with a marvellous tea party. I am told by Dudley's Lord Lieutenant that Year 11 pupils, with the help of their ladies in waiting (Miss Crowther, Miss Rudge and Miss Whittaker), produced a most exquisite cream tea.

Scones as light as feathers were daubed with jam and cream. Fairy cakes were iced to perfection. Chocolate brownies were a chocoholic's delight. The feast was a festival of red, white and blue. And all was served with pots of the finest English tea.

I was most pleased to hear about the pupils' performance in the Jubilee quiz. I would like to offer my special congratulations to the young gentlemen in Year 10, under the supervision of Mrs Cooper, who were crowned champions.

I have been reliably informed that the celebrations were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Indeed, Mr Kirk received communications from my dear son, Prince Charles.

I remain your queen, but your most humble servant.

HRH Elizabeth R



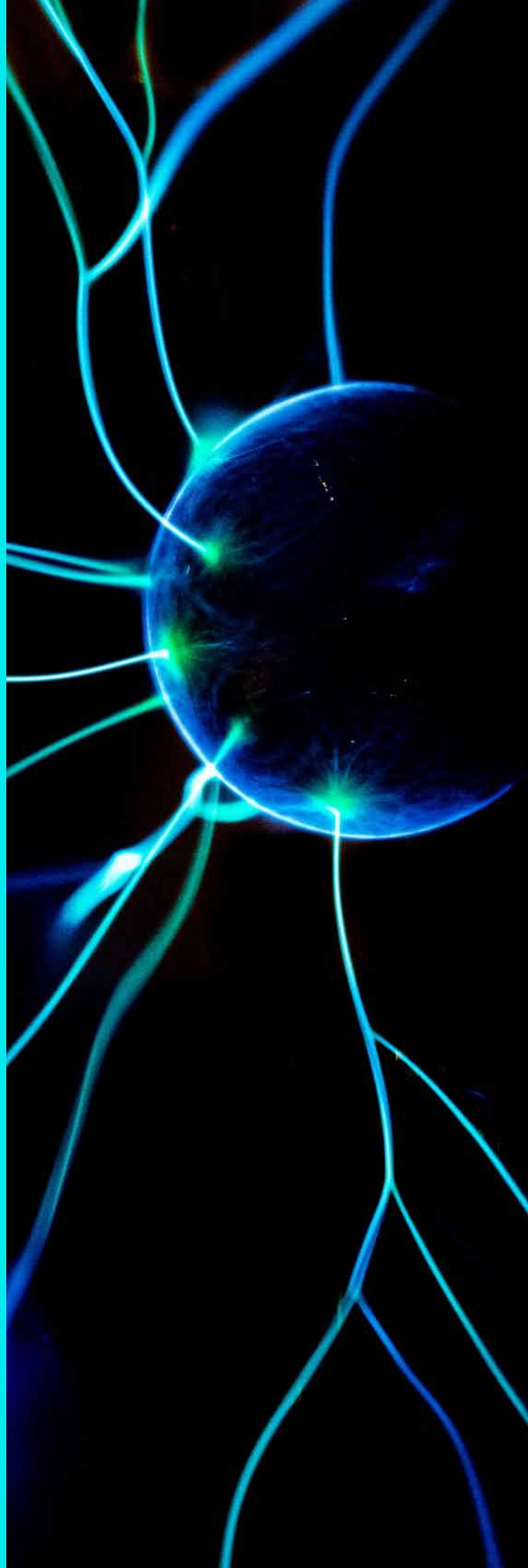
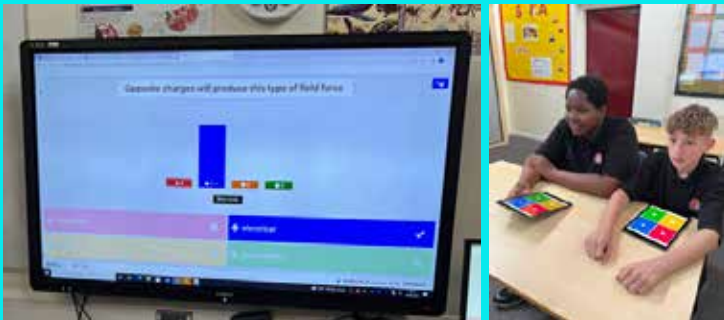
SCIENCE

During this term we have tried making Science more fun and engaging for our pupils. We therefore introduced Kahoot! into our Science lessons, which is an interactive and fun way of learning. This interactive method of learning has helped all our pupils enjoy Science that bit more and has helped them learn through play. The feedback received from this has been a positive step forward.

In addition to this we have introduced practicals back into our Science lessons. One experiment we did was on endothermic and exothermic reactions, which the pupils enjoyed. Practicals are an important aspect of Science and will be one of our focuses to ensure that pupils get to do more of these.

Pupils need to understand the importance of Science and how it contributes to our society. We have therefore planned trips for our pupils to visit different places where they can see how Science is applied to the real world. By creating a passion for Science in our pupils, we may motivate our pupils to pursue careers in those fields.

We look forward to seeing all our pupils after the summer holidays for more exciting lessons.



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

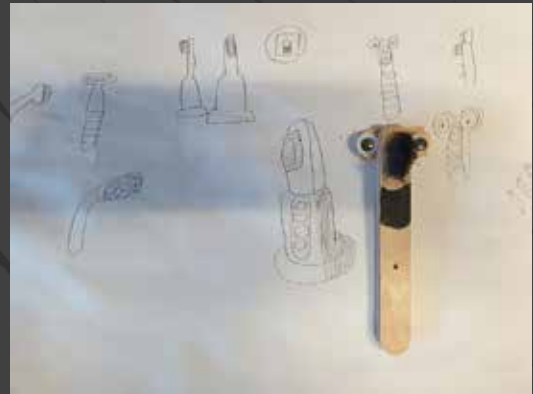
This term the KS2 boys have been in the workshop more regular and have been designing and making games that their peers would enjoy. The boys have considered user and shareholder needs and began to make prototypes of their game, with some interesting ideas.

Year 7 have been practising and testing their abilities in joining materials. The boys have been working on designing and making puppets that can be sold and must fit into a flat pack sized packaging. The boys have followed a model that I made and moved onto to designing their own style.

Year 8 have moved on from the acrylic lamp project and started to hone their drawing skills by exploring point perspective drawing. They have also been tinkering away practising their 2D design skills to modify their previous lamp designs and some making an iron man ark reactor. Year 9 have been getting to grips with their wood lamination project and have really turned on the style with most models being replicas of their card prototypes showing their transfer of skills, which will be super handy for any of the boys opting for DT as a GCSE. The classroom has also turned into a 3D printing zone while boys who have ordered one with their prize money earned.

Year 10 have just started to consider their ideas for the NEA iterative challenge where the new briefs gets released every June. The boys have a choice between - pet wellbeing, personal protection when travelling and improving shared scooter systems. As always the boys were keen to get going and I'm sure they will succeed. Before the NEA started the boys explored ergonomics and anthropometrics.

Year 11 finished their NEA coursework last term after a tough year and also sat their DT GCSE with most feeling that they had done well. It will be sad to see them finally leave as they were a good bunch and turned out some fab designs.



MATHS

Year 7's in maths have been completing the final unit in their scheme of work. Following this they will complete an assessment that was done as their baseline at the start of the year to see how they have progressed.

After this activities to work on gaps in common areas will be completed. They have all had an excellent year in maths. Hope they have a great summer and feel fresh and ready to come back in September. Well done Year 7. Keep it up!

PE

GCSE PE students in Year 10 have recently started a rock climbing course to complete as part of their practical for their GCSE grade.

Students have shown excellent behaviour when there and showed to really enjoy the activity. Confidence is growing week by week and they're all progressing in their ability.

They have had an excellent year in GCSE PE, their attitude towards both theory and practical has been fantastic. They have been a pleasure to teach. We're looking forward to continuing this in year 11.

Have a great summer, keep it up next year!

ATTENDANCE

Rosewood Attendance Red, Amber, Green Rating System is based on government guidelines and aims to encourage pupils to improve and maintain excellent attendance.

It shows where the pupil's attendance currently sits and targets their next steps.

Pupils are awarded with credits for good attendance and climbing up the rag rating system. We aim with support from both ourselves and parents/carers for all of our pupils to be...

GREEN.

Attendance Incentive

The last 2 weeks of every half term, we run an Attendance Incentive. If your child attends every day for those 2 weeks, they will be in with a chance of winning a £50 Asda voucher.

Attendance = 96% and above

Attendance = 85% - 95%

Attendance = Below 85%

LOVE

RESPECT

FREEDOM

TOLERANCE

EQUALITY

PRIDE



I am sure you all know Kym in the office. She is a great member of staff and I know she helps our parents all the time. Kym is a keen sportswoman and she loves her running. A couple of weeks ago Kym was given a fantastic opportunity.

The West Midlands Lupus Group offered Kym the chance to run in the London Marathon. This is a very prestigious event and it is a great honour to be able to be involved. As a school we are really proud of her and we want to support her as much as we can.

Here are a few words from Kym as to why she runs and who she is raising money for. We do not usually ask parents and carers to sponsor staff, but this is such a great thing, we thought you wouldn't mind.

"5 years ago I took up running. In the beginning it was a great way to meet new people and keep fit at the same time. To the current day, I have run many half marathons and have always found it good for both my physical and mental health."

A couple of months ago I was offered an extremely rare place in this year's TCS London Marathon on 2nd October 2022 by West Midlands Lupus Group. I excitedly accepted and agreed that all money raised would go to them. So far in my training I have completed a half marathon so only another half to go! Wish me luck."



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Rosewood School uniform
is as follows:

Black School Trousers
Black Shoes or Black Trainers
Rosewood School Jumper
Rosewood School Poloshirt



REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR UNIFORM.

TERM DATES

Rosewood School Term Dates 22-23

**Inset Days – Monday 5th September 2022 & Tuesday 6th September 2022.
Return on Wednesday 7th September 2022.
Other inset days to be confirmed.**

Autumn 2022

Monday 5th September 2022 – Friday 16th December 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October 2022 to Friday 28th October 2022

Spring 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023

Half Term: Monday 20th February 2023- Friday 24th February 2023

Summer 2023

Monday 17th April 2023 to Tuesday 25th July 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023

SPOTLESS AGAIN

Congratulations again to the Rosewood cleaning team, for achieving runners up in the cleaning team of the year competition 2022, awarded by Dudley council.

This achievement, along with achieving a 100% inspection over the last 8 years shows a great level of consistency ensuring Rosewood School is a clean environment for both pupils and staff.

Well done and keep up the good work!





HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!