



A Fantastic Term at The Rosewood School

As we head towards the Christmas break, this is a perfect time to reflect on all the great things that have been happening at The Rosewood School this term. Our pupils have made great progress, grown in confidence through new challenges, and enjoyed a wide range of activities. We've shared lots of memorable learning moments, from creative classroom work to outdoor visits and inspiring sessions with special guests.

Careers Learning in Focus

Careers learning has been a big focus. In PSHE lessons, pupils have been exploring Labour Market Information (LMI), helping them to better understand the world of work and the many opportunities available to them. This has included looking at salary expectations, job availability in different areas and careers that are currently in demand. These sessions have really encouraged pupils to start thinking about their future plans. If you'd like to explore this further at home, please take a look at the careers pages on our school website.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Pupils have enjoyed a wide range of learning experiences beyond the classroom this term. They took part in workplace visits, including trips to the Amazon Warehouse and Kwik-Fit, giving them a behind-the-scenes look at different working environments and a variety of job roles and career pathways.

Staplehurst School has also had a busy and exciting term. Pupils raised money for Children in Need and Macmillan, showing great kindness and teamwork, and proudly celebrated diversity during a vibrant multicultural day. The term was further enriched by inspiring visits from the Gulbenkian Theatre and the British Red Cross, giving pupils valuable real-world learning experiences.



As We Head Into the Christmas Break

From September to December, our school community has continued to grow, and it's been lovely to see pupils settling in so well, building confidence and making new friends. As the year comes to a close, we'd like to say a big thank you to all our families for your continued support. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2026.

THANK YOU!



We would like to extend a huge thank you, on behalf of our pupils, to **Project Star Kids – Saturation Trust**. Once again this year, they have generously provided gifts tailored to each pupil's interests, and we cannot thank them enough for their kindness and generosity.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

End of Term

17th December

Back to School

5th January

Yr 11 mock exams

19th Jan - 2nd Feb

Inset Day

13th February

February half term

16th - 20th February

National Careers Week

2nd - 6th March

Canterbury & remote Yr 11 parents evening

18th March

Leybourne Yr 11 parents evening

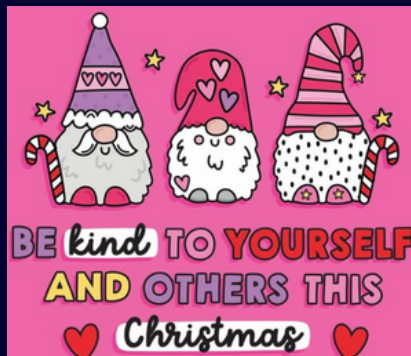
19th March

Year 10 Work Experience

23rd - 27th March

End of Term

2nd April





Work Experience & Community Links

Some of our students have been taking part in work experience placements at Maya's Community Support Centre – Always putting people first. During the festive period, they helped support the centre's Christmas activities, including collecting food donations at Lidl for Christmas parcels. Our students have represented the school brilliantly and really enjoyed being part of such a worthwhile community project.

Preparing for the Future: Mock Interviews

Year 11 pupils at Canterbury recently took part in mock interviews with the Department for Work & Pensions, helping them prepare for college, apprenticeships and job interviews. Pupils did extremely well, and the feedback from interviewers was very positive. Mock interviews for Year 11 pupils at Leybourne will be taking place in January.

Beyond the Classroom: Enterprise & Business Skills

We've refreshed our Beyond the Classroom programme to give pupils hands-on entrepreneurial experience. Over six weeks, they hear from external professionals, develop a business idea with limited resources, build their products and portfolios, and finish by presenting their business pitch to staff, pupils and a judging panel. If you know any business owners who might like to get involved, please let us know!

A Great Start for PE

The PE department has had a great start to the year. Pupils have taken part in a range of fun and challenging activities, including ice skating, bench ball, netball and padel tennis. Year 11 pupils have enjoyed the challenge of bouldering, while pupils in KS3 and Year 10 have had the chance to try rifle shooting and archery. It's been great to see pupils trying new activities, supporting one another and enjoying being active.

Christmas Community Project

During PSHE, KS3 and Year 10 pupils have been working on a Christmas Community Project. As Christmas can be a lonely time of year for many, pupils are creating handmade Christmas cards and small gifts to deliver around Leybourne Chase. This project aims to spread kindness, connection, and festive cheer within our local community.



STAFFING UPDATE

A very warm welcome to **Mrs Austin**, who will be joining us as a science teacher.

Goodbye and good luck to the wonderful member of staff we are sadly saying farewell to this term, **Mrs Statham**. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Stay Connected

For updates, news and useful resources, please visit our school website and follow us on social media to see what our pupils have been getting up to.



Do you need support? You'll find links for resources available to you on our *Health and Emotional Wellbeing* page on our website, such as:



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