

As we approach the festive season, we want to take a moment to reflect on the great things that have been happening here at The Rosewood School. Our pupils have been making fantastic progress, embracing new challenges, and engaging in exciting projects. We've had some incredible learning moments, whether it's through creative classroom activities, outdoor trips, or special guest visits that have inspired everyone.

Our school community grows rapidly from September to December and during this time we have all enjoyed watching the pupils settle and make new friends. Now as the year comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our families for their continued support. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy and lots of laughter. We look forward to seeing you all in 2025!

## Careers

Year 11 students attended mock interviews with local employers, the Department of Work and Pensions, The Education People and local Rotary Club Presidents. Our interviewers were genuinely impressed by how prepared our students were. Having worked with many other schools, they mentioned it was refreshing to see students who had clearly thought seriously about their future plans and taken real action on their next steps. Some of the responses from students were:

"I learnt a lot and the feedback made me feel good about myself."

"I was really nervous but afterwards felt so proud that I'd done it."

"The interviewer was nice and made me feel at ease straightaway. It has made me feel I can now cope with a real interview"

It's fantastic to hear that the time and effort we put into supporting our students with their post-16 decisions is making a difference. Thank you to our students for being so proactive and to our staff for creating opportunities that set our students up for success.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Start of term: 06/01

Year 11 mocks: wc 20/01

Apprentice Week: wc 10/02

### Half term

**17th - 21st February**

Careers week: wc 03/03

Parents evening 26/02 & 05/03



The Rosewood School is in the process of becoming accredited as a **Centre of Excellence in Personal Enterprise** through Young Enterprise. This initiative will enable us to better support our students in developing their financial knowledge and capabilities. The Centre of Excellence's vision is to empower young people to discover, develop, and celebrate their skills and potential.





### Student Work Experience

Students have been busy at **Bulunga Coffee Shop**, creating festive specials like the Ebenezer, Jack Frost, and After Eight Mint Special. They've also been serving customers - both human and furry, with even a few horses stopping by for a treat!

It's been a joy to see their skills grow and help make the season even brighter for our customers. We can't wait to see what they'll do next!

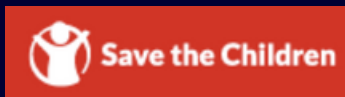


### Beyond the Classroom: Hands-On Learning

This term, students chose from a variety of activities in the Beyond the Classroom programme, each led by local employers. Options included wax melts, Food for Life, Communitigrow, Festival and Event Makeup, and custom gift crafts. Students learned from business owners about how they started their businesses, the challenges they faced, and the rewards of success. Next term, students will pick a new session, continuing their hands-on learning and exploring more exciting opportunities!

### Fundraising

Pupils, parents and staff have contributed to raising over £300 for some fabulous charities this term. Thank you everyone for your support.



We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** on behalf of all of our pupils to **Star Kids**, Jubilee Church in Maidstone. They have gifted presents catered to each pupils interests! We can't thank them enough for their kindness and generosity.

Meet our new additions! Oreo, Gingerbread, Penguin and Dodger. Hatched from incubated eggs as part of a science project at our Staplehurst school.

The chicks will stay with us until the end of term, providing endless learning opportunities and a lot of joy, before joining Carol's brood of rescued factory hens.



A Heartfelt Thank You from The Rosewood School!  
We are beyond grateful for the incredible generosity and support from our Rosewood community! Thanks to your contributions, we have raised enough to provide **107 meals** for those in need through the Family Food Bank initiative.



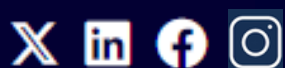
Do you need support? You'll find links for resources available to you on our *Health and Emotional Wellbeing* page on our website, such as:



### STAFFING UPDATE

A very warm welcome to ... Mrs Phillips who joins us as Leybourne inclusion manager.

Goodbye and Good Luck to the wonderful staff that we are sadly saying goodbye to this term, Mrs Hayward and Mrs Selwood



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