



THE Roselander

PARENT UPDATE & NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 05



Update from Mr Richard Clarke HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this final Roselander of 2023 finds you well and looking forward to a well earned festive break with family and friends. This term has been busy and action packed right until the final day. Last week we had the fantastic Roseland Christmas concert and the Christmas dinner and lunch time sing-along were a great way to round off the Autumn term. Huge thanks to the Canteen staff and, in particular, to Christine for her 40th year of service to the Roseland community.

Thank you to our staff and everyone who has supported the great participation in extracurricular events this term. The huge range of activities on offer through the year, from the small weekly clubs such as Computer Coding and Warhammer, to the residential and international trips means there really is something for everyone who wants to get involved. In January we will be updating on the plans for the 2024 Activities Week. Thank you to parents and carers of Year 10 for the support this term in organising and securing Work Experience placements for next summer.

Well done to the whole Roseland community for the continued focus and drive to ensure all students attend school every day. Despite some challenges with seasonal illnesses, The Roseland Academy remains

in the top of county performance tables for school attendance and this is against a backdrop of the South West as a whole being slightly below the national average. There is always more to do and we have yet to return the exceptional levels of attendance we had before the pandemic. As I have said before, sending a child to school regularly has the single biggest influence on their academic success and future life chances. The data from our Year 11 leavers again proves this with the students who attended school 90%+ achieving well over a grade higher in all their best 8 qualifications.

Reading remains an absolute priority for all of us with many hundreds of hours of additional reading and support strategies fitted into this term's curriculum compared to past years. Last week Years 7-10 were again tested for progress on their reading ages and the data shows continual improvement across the school. My end of term message to the students for the Christmas break is to relax and get off their screens and spend some time reading, the benefits are huge!

We look forward to seeing all of our students and families back in the new year. From everyone at Team Roseland, have a fantastic break and a happy new year.

With best wishes,
Richard Clarke

MERRY CHRISTMAS TEAM ROSELAND!

Thank you to all of our staff, parents/carers and students for a wonderful and very busy term full of exciting events and activities. Your tremendous hard work is very much appreciated and we wish you all a restful holiday, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing all students back at school on Thursday 4 January 2024!



SNOW SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Between 9-16 December 2023, The Roseland staff and students embarked on a thrilling journey to Pila, Italy, immersing themselves in the excitement of skiing and snowboarding. The conditions were superb, with the mountains basking in delightful sunshine. Each group experienced a fantastic trip, achieving notable progress in their skiing and snowboarding skills. The group also added a festive touch to their adventure by exploring the renowned Aosta Christmas markets.

Beneath the blue skies and amidst favourable snow conditions, the Alps provided an exceptional backdrop for their snow sporting activities. As the journey came to a close, students bid farewell to the Alps and expressed their gratitude for the fantastic guidance provided by their dedicated instructors.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND DINNER

On the delightful Friday 15 December, our lunch break was transformed into a festive extravaganza. The atmosphere was lively, featuring staff karaoke, a heartwarming Christmas song sing-along, and a delicious Christmas Dinner prepared and served by our wonderful Dining Hall Team. A special note of gratitude goes out to everyone who generously donated in support of the Save the Children charity, making our celebration even more meaningful.



CHRISTMAS MEMORY WORKSHOP

Mrs Dixon, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Blackwell, and a group of students engaged in a heartfelt bereavement Christmas memory workshop. They came together to share stories and memories of their dearly missed loved ones, channeling their emotions into crafting beautiful decorations designed to place on their Christmas trees.



Our students demonstrated their language prowess in the Languagenut UK-wide competition held between 6 November to 3 December 2023. Let's give a round of applause to our exceptional top ten students: Chloe, Eliza, Lexxie, Jake, Millie, Franchesca, Michael, Amishka, Katia and Olly!

The top three students earned Amazon vouchers, while the remaining seven enjoyed delightful Christmas chocolate celebrations.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday 14 December we held our annual Roseland Christmas Celebration, raising over £700 for Cornwall Air Ambulance from the ticket sales, raffle and refreshments! This sell out evening event involved over a hundred students of all ages and abilities, and featured a variety of festive performances by all our school ensembles and choirs. The evening began with the uplifting rhythms of our Roseland Samba Band and continued with 'Christmas Jigsaw' by the Roseland Band; 'Feliz Navidad' by the Ukulele Band; 'Last Christmas' and 'Cantina Band' by the Jazz Band; and several songs by the Junior Choir, including a nostalgic medley of some Christmas classics.

Other highlights were 'Step into Christmas' by the GCSE Music student band, 'O Holy Night' and 'Winter Wonderland' sung in close harmony by a small group of students from Years 8, 9 and 10, and even included a rendition of 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' by the staff band! The evening also included some fantastic solo performances by vocalists Tia and Grace, and two accomplished piano solos by Amelia and Jack. Well done to our many talented performers, and thank you to everyone who supported this hugely enjoyable event... we hope it has got you all in the mood for Christmas as well as raising funds for this deserving charity!



YEAR 11 TRIAL EXAMS

From Monday 8 January until Friday 19 January, Year 11 students will be completing a set of Trial Exams in a range of subjects. The purpose of these exams is to further prepare the students for the upcoming summer exams, learn to manage their time and practice their revision techniques.



What you need to know

[CLICK HERE FOR THE TRIAL EXAM TIMETABLE](#)

Trial EXAMS What you need to know

English Language

Paper 2
Section A - Reading (1 hour)
You will be given two non-fiction extracts and you will be asked to answer the questions listed below:

- 1) Select the four true statements (5 minutes)
- 2) Summary and inference - SQuID (8 minutes)
- 3) Language analysis (12 minutes)
- 4) Comparing perspectives (20 minutes)

You will also have 15 minutes of reading time.

Section B - Writing (45 minutes)
5) Your topic will be linked to the texts that you have read. You will be asked to write either an article, letter, speech, essay or text for a leaflet.

Stick to the timings. Plan, plan, plan and proof read! Make sure you show off your very best crafting of vocabulary, techniques and punctuation.

And remember...
Your booklets contain everything you need to know! Use your booklets, Google Classrooms and Tassomai to revise effectively.

Trial EXAMS What you need to know

Geography

Paper 2 Challenges in the Human Environment

Section A
Topics include - The urban world, urban change in the UK and sustainable urban development (33 marks)

Section C
Topics include - Resource management and water management (25 marks)

You will be given an hour to complete this

And remember...
Your textbook can be found on the Kerboodle website
To complete the 3 revision booklets given to you that cover all of the topics in the exam
To revisit the place specific details
To bring a pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and a calculator to the exam

Each department has created their own 'What you need to know' revision poster for the upcoming Trial Exams.

[Read them all here.](#)

KEY STAGE 3 STUDENT DATA SHEETS UPDATE

Parents and carers of students in Key Stage 3 will notice that student data sheets now report on percentages, rather than an ASK level (launching, developing, securing, mastering).

A key principle underlying this change is that all times, assessment, tracking and data systems should be kept as simple and easy to understand as possible. Our aim is to improve our data and tracking systems which provide teachers with useful information that can inform their planning and interventions. It also means that we have clear communication with parents and carers as we believe, when this happens, students are likely to achieve better outcomes. Students are assessed at least once per term in each subject, enabling a percentage score to be reported for each subject, in every progress report.

The progress of students is not measured against a target or prior assessment but instead, the new system works on a concept of achieving 80% and above for mastery (inline with most academic systems) with the overall percentage result showing how much of the skills and knowledge taught have then been applied by the students in the assessed piece. The assessments will take on different forms, depending on the subjects, and are outlined in subject Learning Journeys.

In Key Stage 3 and Year 10, we use the STAR Reader programme to track each child's reading age. On each data sheet, parents will be informed of their child's reading age which is given in years and months. For example, a child's reading age of 11/8 will mean they have a reading age of 11 years and 8 months. We have also started testing students on their reading fluency, comprehension and vocabulary which will inform our reading interventions.

TASSOMAI JANUARY CHALLENGE

Tassomai users can win big prizes in their prize draw this new year:

£100 - first prize

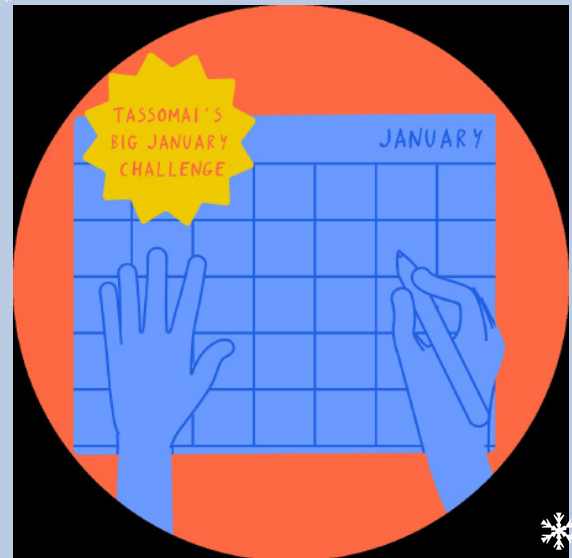
£50 x 3 - second prizes

£25 x 10 - runners up prizes

Students will need to complete their Daily Goals 20 times between 1 and 31 January in order to be in the running for the prize draws - don't worry, these don't have to be completed on consecutive days! If students complete more than 20 Daily Goals in the month they will get additional entries into the prize draw.

If they have multiple subjects, they will not need to complete each subject's Daily Goal in order to remain eligible for the chance to win, but every completed subject will increase their chance of winning. The more they quiz, the higher their chances of winning!

[Read more about the challenge here!](#)



The kindness postbox is still up and running and will continue in the new year.

The box is situated in the Reading Hub. Tutors have been provided with updated beautifully newly-designed postcards for any student to write their kindness messages on.

A lot of students utilised this to send Christmas cards to one another.

In the new year let's aim to keep on spreading kindness and cheer.



CHRIS' 40TH CHRISTMAS AT THE ROSELAND

You may recognise Christine from our 'I Wish You Knew' school video, if not, [watch the video here](#).

In the video, Christine explains that she has been at The Roseland for many years and we were so pleased to work out that this year is actually Christine's 40th year that she has served Christmas Dinner here at The Roseland Academy.

Thank you very much for your service to the school and to our students.



WE'RE HIRING!

Interested in joining Team Roseland!?



We have several exciting vacancies within The Roseland Trust, including:

- Executive Assistant
- Human Resources & Payroll Administrator
- Trust Management Accountant
- Inclusion Manager
- Trainee Site Assistant
- Assistant Site Supervisor

To see the full list of vacancies within The Trust, or to apply, please [click here](#).



FREE SCHOOL MEALS
INFORMATION

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ELIGIBLE



OUR SCHOOL
PRIORITIES 2023/24

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

January:

4: School re-opens for Spring Term
8-19: Year 11 Trial Exams

February:

5: Year 11 Results Assembly
6: Year 11 Feedback Evening (invite only)
12-16 February: Half Term

March:

7: World Book Day
Year 11 Photographs
Year 8 Family Learning (6.00-8.00pm)
27: End of Spring Term (3.05pm finish)
28 March - 12 April: Easter Holidays



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