

10 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **End of Spring Half Term Update**

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

As we reach the end of the first half term of 2023, there is much to be celebrated at The Roseland Academy. In just 6 busy weeks, our school and students have been commended by so many visitors. In some cases, these visitors have been here to work with a small group, year group or sometimes more. There is an overarching view that The Roseland is a welcoming, calm and focused environment.

This focus has been particularly noticeable as year 11 students have undertaken trial examinations. This week, they received their results and are now embarking on the final few months at The Roseland. They have also been completing Post-16 College, Training and Apprenticeship applications. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting students with these big decisions. After half term, we will launch further targeted support and revise-wise sessions, giving everyone the chance to achieve their best.

The best thing for staff to witness is the work of all our students, striving for their best, even if it is not yet *their* exam year. We have filled six weeks with learning opportunities: theatre visits (including productions in French and Spanish!) competitive sports fixtures –with many a triumph - and lifelong learning with organisations such as The Nationwide Building Society, The Dreadnought Centre, Oxford, Exeter and Plymouth Marjon Universities and Devon and Cornwall Police.

Our extra-curricular clubs continue to offer students a range of additional activities. This term has seen the launch of our Musical Theatre Club in collaboration with The Hall for Cornwall. We are very much looking forward to the production of *Matilda* later this year. The Roseland 'Rock School' has also formed, following auditions in January. We have also introduced our MFL Ambassadors who assist with MFL film club and help younger students with their languages learning and homework. Our 'Brilliant Club' has begun with The Exeter Scholars' Programme and these students have weekly sessions with a university tutor in school.

In school this half term, the Leadership Team have delivered assemblies to all year groups. Our themes, linked to The Roseland Trust Values, have been kindness and collective responsibility. Students at The Roseland are being educated and prepared for life, and sometimes, we need to give clear messages of concern. We have been saddened by an increased need to remind our students and families that racism or any form of discrimination will not be brought into our school or tolerated.

Finally, just a reminder that our students who travel to school on buses have this provided as a privilege. We have dealt with overloaded buses recently as a consequence of students travelling on a bus that is not their allocated transport to and from school. Even when they are visiting a friend or family member, it is necessary to plan for alternative transportation, as students are only permitted to travel on the bus stated on their bus pass. Thank you for your understanding.

As ever, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and positive engagement with the school since the start of the year.

Wishing you and your family a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Clarke', written on a light grey background.

Richard Clarke  
Headteacher