



Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to this fortnight's parent and carer update. It's a little shorter than usual, which is no reflection on how busy we are at the moment!

Quick Read

- A parent survey will be sent out to all parents/carers in our trust next week. Please take the time to share your views! We are also looking for a small working party of parents to help shape our parental engagement strategy moving forwards.
- It's Chinese New Year next week, closely followed by Valentine's day. Our catering team is planning themed days and bespoke menus.
- Our careers team is busy planning Y12 work experience. If you can provide a placement or would like to create a business link with the school, we would love to hear from you.
- As part of the extension of our LIFE curriculum, we have created a LIFE hub in school for both staff and students.
- Are you looking for flexible part-time work in a school? We are seeking new members of our brilliant invigilation team.
- There are dates for your diary at the end of this letter and we have also shared a job advert from one of our feeder primary schools if you are interested.

Longer Read

Upcoming parent survey and parent voice opportunity

Next week, we will be sending out a short survey to all of our parents and carers. This is happening in all of our trust schools so we can compare data and responses. We would really appreciate it if you could take the time to complete it and share your views about our school. We are constantly trying to improve and your opinions really matter to us.

Throughout the pandemic, we have had to adapt quickly and change our parental engagement strategy and experience in ways which could never have imagined before. We seek your views at numerous points throughout the year: as well as the imminent survey mentioned above, Mrs Darbyshire sought opinions from all parents/carers just before Christmas in relation to parental engagement opportunities and our parents/carers are offered the opportunity to give feedback on their experience following each parents' evening. The majority of the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, but we are always looking for ways to improve. As we are now, hopefully, moving towards the end of the pandemic, Mrs Darbyshire would like to form a working party with a small group of parents/carers to look at some of the feedback we have received in more depth as we plan our post-pandemic





parental engagement journey from Y7-13. In order for this to be effective, we are looking for a group of 10 parents/carers who would be keen to support us in our planning and decision making. If you are interested, please could you email j.darbyshire@stokesleyschool.org by Tuesday 1st February. If you cannot join us in this team, your views will be taken into account from previous surveys or from the trust-wide one which is going out next week.

Catering News

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Tuesday 1st February, with a Chinese themed menu: this is the first of our themed menus this year. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day with heart-shaped cookies and Shrove Tuesday with a pancake bake. Next term, we will celebrate The Queen's Jubilee - more information to follow!

A request for business links and work experience placements for Y12 students

The Careers team is working on work experience placements for our Y12 Students. The process would benefit enormously from parent input for the placement week of July 4th 2022 and future years to come. We are looking for businesses and industry sectors to offer a week's placement to a student. This is an excellent opportunity for the student and for the business to see what amazing, academic students we are producing for the future. For more information please contact our Careers Leader, Miss Stirling, via email at m.stirling@stokesleyschool.org or 01642 718513.

The LIFE Hub

We wrote to you at the beginning of the year about the extension of our LIFE curriculum beyond the discussion lessons that students have in their tutor groups each week. Since then, students have taken part in a range of enrichment activities and an impressive percentage of them have taken up the offer of joining one or more of our extra-curricular clubs!

Our most recent and exciting development is of the LIFE hub, an area in school where students can find information that they need to support them in their day-to-day lives both in and out of school. We hope that, over time, this area becomes a 'go-to' part of the school for our students, and is somewhere they can enjoy both social and study time with their peers. To see the video that students are being shown as an introduction to the LIFE hub, click [here](#).

Are you looking for flexible part-time work in a school?

Last week some of our Year 11 students studying vocational courses took external exams. The students behaved impeccably, supported by our team of exam invigilators. Some of our invigilators have enjoyed working with us so much, they have now taken on other roles within the school. Because of this, we are looking to recruit new invigilators. Please contact





Kay Douglas (Exams Officer) on 01642 718581 or email k.douglas@stokelseyschool.org for an informal discussion if you are interested.

Job opportunities in one of our feeder primaries

We work hard to build strong links with our feeder primaries through transition. We are also very fortunate to have the Headteacher of Roseberry Primary as one of our governors: this gives us an enhanced insight into students' journey before they arrive with us in Y7.

Please see the end of this letter for part-time job opportunities that Roseberry Academy are currently advertising that we have agreed to share through this forum.

If you have any community news that you think would be worthy of sharing with our school community, please do get in touch. We won't post everything, but will support where we can.

Dates for your diary

Half term ends at 3:20pm

Friday 18th February

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. L. Millett,
Headteacher





Roseberry Academy Job Vacancies Required for January 2022

Are you patient, understanding, caring and interested in helping children?
Do you wish to work as part of a happy, friendly, team in attractive surroundings?

We currently have two part time vacancies within our lovely school family.

MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

5 hours per week

Monday - Friday 12.00pm to 1.00pm

KITCHEN ASSISTANT

12.5 hours per week

Monday - Friday 11.30am to 2pm

Experience in working with children is desirable but not essential, as appropriate training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for either of these positions, which are subject to an enhanced DBS check and suitable references, please visit the vacancies section of our website at www.roseberryacademy.org to access a person specification and application form or contact the school office on 01642 722883.

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