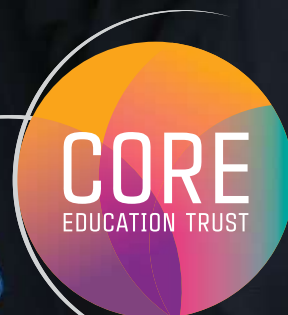


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# HEADTEACHER



## DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY,

Another productive term draws to a close, and this newsletter captures some of the many exciting

achievements and activities our students have been involved in. All members of the academy and local communities should be very proud of our students.

At Rockwood we stand by our motto: "a place where students always come first". We believe that a good education is essential for all students to enable them to live, study and work in a dynamic, multi-cultural society such as ours. Rockwood proudly meets the demands of future employers and colleges that want students to be equipped with the necessary academic, characterful skills and confidence to tackle the challenges ahead of them.

Our Year 11s are now in the final countdown towards their summer GCSE exams. We are delighted to see that they are focused on their exam preparation and recognise the commitment and effort required to reach their potential, especially given the recent changes to the GCSEs. I am proud to say they have risen to the challenge and are demonstrating true resilience: attendance at revision sessions is excellent.

Thank you to the staff who have worked exceptionally hard to offer students not only a range of learning opportunities during lesson time, but also a wealth of experiences outside the classroom. Some of these experiences have included: a visit from the Animal Lady as part of British Science week; World Book Day; students working in collaboration with other schools to make a difference at

the Commonwealth Games Assembly; International Women's Day, learning about sensitive topics such as FGM and options evening for Year 8.

I cannot underestimate the time given by staff to lunchtime clubs, after school and weekend revision sessions and also to evening events. Sincere thanks to all staff for this: providing opportunities and extending learning is extremely important to our students at Rockwood as it prepares them to take their place in the modern world.

We were privileged to have received a special visit from Ellie Simmons, OBE, Paralympic swimmer, who won five gold medals for Great Britain across the Paralympic Games in 2008, 2012 and 2016. She delivered an inspirational assembly to year 11 about her journey and shared tips on how to remain focused on achieving their goals. To end the term we hosted Duncan Goodhew, MBE, another former Olympic swimmer who joined the students at Rockwood to support Sport Relief.

We look forward to the sharing of more news in the summer term ahead. I'd like to wish all our students and their families a restful Easter break.

Ms Sofia Darr Headteacher



# AMBASSADORS

As a CORE Ambassador, Nylah Butt, year 7 student ambassador represented Rockwood Academy and spoke to a variety of visitors. Nylah met Paralympian Ellie Simmonds when she visited us towards the end of the term. Nylah also spoke to a panel of experts sharing the impact opportunities at Rockwood have had on her life.



# CORE VALUES

## COLLABORATION FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

This term Rockwood played host to the first CORE Inter Academy Year 7 Boys' Football tournament. Arena Academy, City Academy and Rockwood competed in a 7-a-side format.

The tournament was a keenly fought affair with no quarter given by all sides. Arena Academy were victorious on this occasion, narrowly defeating Rockwood to first place.

Each player embraced the true CORE values with each side allocating a "man of the tournament." This is hopefully the first of many sporting events between the schools within the trust.



## OPPORTUNITY CADETS TRIP



An enthusiastic group of Army cadets from Rockwood Academy spent the weekend (10-11 February) learning about field skills from soldiers at a Shrewsbury-based Army unit.

The 22 boys and 7 girls from the Academy's Combined Cadet Force visited their affiliated Army unit, E Company of 8th Battalion The Rifles. After a safety brief and quick tour of the Army reserve centre, their physical fitness was tested on an obstacle course and they were taught lifesaving skills. The youngsters also had the chance to practise basic infantry tactics, including fire and manoeuvre and use of cover skills on an air soft range.

After an evening meal to refuel, the students dived into night time activities which included a map-reading exercise with a compass and the use of night viewing and Virtual Reality (VR) headsets. The VR headsets proved particularly popular with the cadets.

The students were woken at 6am sharp on Sunday for more practice on the paintball range, following breakfast, before being taken to Shrewsbury Castle and Museum. Colonels from The Rifles and 11 Signals & West Midlands Brigade showed the cadets the history of all the Army Regiments in Shropshire, while museum curators answered the students' many questions.

The cadets were then taken back to Copthorne Barracks, the home of E Company, where they enjoyed Sunday lunch before being presented with certificates and medals.

Captain Nick Vazquez from E Company 8th Battalion The Rifles said:

"This was a fantastic weekend where every single cadet got stuck in. We tried to make it both a mix of fun and serious Army discipline and training. It was really rewarding to see the smiles on the youngsters' faces at the end of the weekend when they received their medals. Hopefully their parents were pleased that they went home tired but having learned some important new skills."

## RESPECT LGBT HISTORY MONTH 2018



February was LGBT History Month, and at Rockwood Academy we held a series of activities. We had a book display in the library and held a form time quiz. Students learnt about Alan Turing in Computer Science and Oscar Wilde in English.

Students investigated Japanese and Asian art and culture and looked at the most masculine Japanese symbols of Smuri and how they were involved in a LGBT movement hundreds of years ago. In RE students discussed religion and LGBT.

## EXCELLENCE PE SPORTS SUPERSTARS AWARDS

Starting from the second half of the Spring term, 'Star Students in Sport' were selected based on their performance during the week's PE lessons.

A male and female student from year groups 7-10 is selected each week, receiving a certificate based on the CORE values that they have demonstrated during that week.

At the end of the term, one male and one female student from each year group will be receiving a trophy for excelling in PE irrespective of their starting point.



# RAISING ASPIRATIONS

## ASHER KNIGHT



### Talented singer and campaigner visits Rockwood Academy

Students at Rockwood were in for a real treat when Asher Knight visited the academy on 16th February 2018 as part of his nationwide anti bullying tour in partnership with Barnado's. Having been a victim of bullying as a teenager, Asher feels strongly about encouraging young people to STOP – SPEAK – SUPPORT. The singer delighted the audience with a number of songs and in between explained the devastating consequences of bullying and how to put an end to bullying.

## DUNCAN GOODHEW Sport Relief - Olympic Gold Medallist

### Duncan Goodhew MBE visits Rockwood Academy

Staff and students at Rockwood Academy are always keen to support those who are less fortunate in life and on Friday, 23rd March 2018, we joined the nationwide fundraising activities for Sport Relief. The day started off with a bang when the swimming ace Duncan Goodhew MBE presented our Year 7 students and students from Nansen Primary with the certificate to officially confirm that we hold the Guinness World record for the largest fencing lesson.

The day carried on with our Year 8 students running the UK Active Golden Mile. In the afternoon, Year 9 and 10 students met Duncan Goodhew in a special assembly. He encouraged the students to hold his gold medal from the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games and passed around his Olympic torch from the 2012 London Games. Duncan Goodhew spoke passionately about the transformational power of sport and the skills and characteristics a person develops through engaging in physical activities. Later on, students from our PE steering group discussed ambitions and aspirations with the gold medallist. Whilst our students were busy doing their bit for charity, staff competed with each other in the rowing challenge. The winner – of course – was Sport Relief and the charities they support!

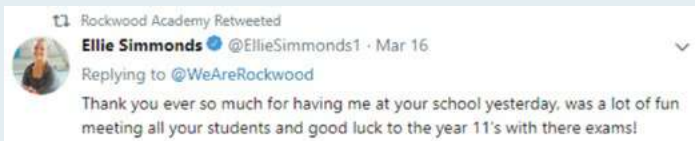


## ELLIE SIMMONS

### Paralympian Ellie Simmons, OBE, visits Rockwood Academy

Rockwood Academy was delighted to welcome Ellie Simmons on 15th March. Ellie delivered an inspirational assembly to Year 11 students about staying focused on the end goal and planning for success. She held a Q & A session and met with some Year 11 students, reminding them a high level of determination and work hard is what was required to be successful in their GCSE exams. Ellie shared her training routine of waking up at 5am every morning and still revising for her exams. The students talked about the pressures of exams and being a young person today. Ellie provided them with supportive words and wished the Year 11 all the best in the summer examinations.

Ellie moved onto taking part in some sports activities with students from other year groups. She joined the students in playing tennis and team activities. A Year 7 student commented, that meeting Ellie had inspired her to try her hardest. Ellie held discussions about the importance of staying active and healthy with the students.



## MAJOR NAVEED MUHAMMED

### A visit from Major Naveed Muhammed MBE

We were delighted to welcome Major Naveed Muhammed MBE on Tuesday, 20th March 2018. He shared his journey as a Muslim in the armed forces with our Year 8 and 9 students in a special assembly. We had discussions around faith on the front line and Major Naveed Muhammad addressed the myths around faith being a barrier to serving in the armed forces. He spoke about the work being done on equality and diversity policies to further engage BME communities and provided the students with an insight to many career opportunities within the armed forces. This was followed by a Q & A session where the students impressed with insightful questions.



# CURRICULUM

## ART Hakeem Khan

Hakeem Khan 10L, has been showcasing his artistic talents through his art work.

Here is how Hakeem has created his amazing art work:

To start off I created guidelines in pencil. I like to place a similar image onto the page as it can be intimidating at times looking at a blank page!

I found that outlining the image in pen will make the image stand out, but colouring it in will make it pop out even more from the perfectly white page.

My advice would be leave your drawing for a while and don't be rash and hasty in completing it too soon. Having a new outlook on your drawing can produce a far better piece than rushing it.



## CAREERS Thinking about your career choices after Rockwood?

Well... our Rockwood students will no longer feel confused about their career choices, as this term Mr Malik and the Rockwood team arranged for a number of representatives from well-known organisations to come and reassure our Year 10 students.

Year 10 were provided with a clear insight into the various different post-16 routes they can undertake. Students were able to use the prospectus tool to research

and compile a clear destination route once they leave Rockwood. Year 10 were also given further insight from the careers fair held at Rockwood: a range of professionals and post 16 providers came together to support our students with various tips and information.

Year 11 students spent the day taking part in mock interviews and had well sought-after advice given to them from many agencies and reputable firms as they look to secure their career choices and further education courses.

## CITIZENSHIP SMSC day

This term, Rockwood students were given a fantastic opportunity to explore and embed their understanding of British Values during our SMSC day packed with diverse, engaging and challenging activities.

Year 7 and 8 students studied the 4 core strands of:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty

- Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith

Students worked together with their peers to create elaborative pieces of work that showcased the talent we have here at Rockwood and were given the opportunity to voice and challenge one another's opinions.

Year 9 students started their Level 1 British Values course with a view to achieve a qualification.



## DRAMA

In Drama lessons this term, students have been very busy understanding what An Inspector Calls is and doing a written paper on it as well as rehearsing scenes from it! We have also looked at different types of stages that are used in the world of theatre. Year 10 have started component 1 of their GCSE Edexcel Drama course and are creating their own performances based around

their carefully selected and varied stimuli: taken from war, a robbery and make-up! Both Year 9 and 10 enjoyed rehearsing and performing Mark Wheeler's play 'Scratching the Surface' recently, which opened up their eyes to alarming statistics and shocking anecdotes around teenagers who are self-harming. We also looked at other teenage issues such as anxiety, depression and anorexia.

Some school trips to the theatre are being planned as we speak!

## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

On Monday 15th February, Year 7 & 8 Design and Technology students had the opportunity to put into practice what they have learnt in lessons in a real business context. Students had the privilege to work closely with an experienced French professional designer to create labels for water bottles. The most creative labels were awarded a recognition diploma as Rockwood Best Designer and a prize was awarded.

Well done to our Rockwood Best Designers for their creativity when designing labels which have impressed our professional visitor. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our visitor, Ms Cloe Nayraal, for giving such an excellent opportunity to our students.

Well done to Mohammed Yahya 7B, Anis Khan 7B, Maria Khan, 8O and Sadia Adrees 8B.



## ENGLISH

World Book Day 2018 was celebrated in style by staff and students alike on the English floor of Rockwood.

Students and English teachers brought their favourite book into school. The books were discussed in lessons, leading to animated debates about which books were best and why. The students explained their books to one another and described their favourite characters. Lessons will filled with activities around the books providing much excitement.

The English staff further endorsed the spirit of world book day by dressing up as a character from a book. This was well received by students who loved guessing which character each member of the department was meant to be! Can you guess who they are?



## GEOGRAPHY

### Rhyd-y-Creiau Residential

Welcome to Wales! A group of Year 10 and 11 students visited Rhyd-y-Creiau field centre for 3 days. This was a fantastic opportunity where Year 10s and 11s experienced outdoor learning and team building. Both year groups worked extremely hard in order to collect data for their field work task in the villages of Penmachno and Betws-y-Coed to see the differences between the two. We also visited a small mountain stream running down the Llanberis valley, which is near the North-Eastern flank of Mount Snowdon to collect data on the velocity and depth of the water. We can't wait to revisit our Welsh friends again next year.

## HISTORY

### Echo Eternal project

In February, the History department was honoured to be invited to meet a Holocaust survivor as part of the Echo Eternal project. Mady Gerrard shared her experiences of the Holocaust and paid tribute to the soldier who saved her.

Hunched among a huddle of starving teenagers in a barracks at Belsen on April 15, 1945, the then 15 year old Mady would never forget the face of the young British officer who walked in.

Shocked by the scenes in front of him, the 24 year old lieutenant called for more troops to assist and set up a bakery to feed them.

Decades later Mady was reunited with the man she describes as her "beloved hero".

The History department has since shared this remarkable and inspiring story with its young historians who have reflected on the importance of sharing real life experiences.



## HOSPITALITY & CATERING

In Hospitality and Catering, Year 9 students have been given the task of making afternoon tea items: flap jacks, lemon drizzle and jam tarts were some of the products. These were then presented as refreshments for parents at the 'Afternoon Tea with the Headteacher' event.

During the Year 8 options evening, the food technology room was a popular destination. Visitors were impressed with the skills demonstrated by students. Making fresh pasta was the favourite activity.



## MATHEMATICS



Further Mathematics Support Programme Year 10 Maths Feast 2018

Four Students of Rockwood Academy, Mariya Shakoor, Farasha Khalid, Humza Iqbal and Ayyub Mohammed participated in the annual "Further Mathematics Support Programme: Year 10 Maths Feast 2018" at Hillcrest School in Birmingham on the 9th of March 2018. This is a national competition which combines mathematical, communication and teamwork skills and offers students another way to express and develop their enjoyment of mathematics.

It was a fantastic experience for the students who represented the Academy. They all did Rockwood proud and were great ambassadors for the school.

Well done to all the students who participated in this event!

# MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

## Arabic restaurant

On Friday 15th of December 2017, Year 11 Arabic students had the opportunity to visit an Arabic restaurant, "Bader Restaurant," as part of their Key stage 4 GCSE course.

The main purpose of this visit was to prepare and expose students to the language within a real and authentic environment, as well as to immerse them in the Arab cultural and gastronomic world.

Whilst in Bader's, students had the opportunity to interact with Arabic speakers, as they were ordering their meals using the target language. This experience has not only enabled the students to gain the confidence to speak Arabic spontaneously but it also widened their knowledge of Arabic etiquettes and customs.

## Family Topic LGTB

In languages, we learn about different topics, not only looking at the grammar and vocabulary side of Spanish but also at broadening our students' life skills in terms of being good citizens and more tolerant individuals. In this respect, whilst learning about the topic of school we make students understand the importance of school rules. When learning about food, we encourage them to lead a balanced diet. This term Year 7 students have been learning the vocabulary related to the topic 'family,' as well as the different family structures that exist in our modern society. For our Rockwood students it was a great opportunity to discuss and celebrate the diverse society we live in.



## MUSIC

In December, students from the Music Department were involved in putting on a fabulous event - the Winter Festival! Parents, staff, students and friends were all invited to attend the event. The proceeds from the ticket sale were donated to homeless charities across Birmingham.

There were plenty of performances from excellent students, some of whom had only been playing their instruments for a few months! We listened to choirs, vocal solos and instrumental groups and it was wonderful to see such variety and such

talent from our Rockwood students. Well done everyone for another sell out event!

In other Music Department news, we have seen a huge surge of interest in our extracurricular music groups. We now have a fantastic choir, a keyboard club and a percussion group who meet to rehearse every week. It's great to see so much thriving activity every lunchtime. Keep practising everyone!

The Music Department is also in the process of organising Rockwood's Got Talent - another great opportunity to get involved! Watch this space for more details soon.

## RE Celebrating LGBT Week

In RE students explored the differences within relationships. Being part of a multi-cultural and multi-faith society, we have the opportunity to understanding other people's beliefs and practices. We have been discovering different religious perspectives on different types of relationships. Our students learnt that regardless of their beliefs and relationships, all people should be loved and respected and not judged based on their sexual orientation. The key message that students have learnt is accepting, respecting, collaborating and celebrating our differences in order to create a peaceful society.



## SCIENCE British Science Week



### Celebrating British Science Week 2018

Our events included:

*Y10 Astronomy trip at UOB on 7th March*

*Y8 Visit from Animalastic on 12th March*

*Y7 Science spectacular show (after school) on 15th March*

*Y9 Wind power challenge 15-16th March*

*Astronomy in the City 2018*

On Wednesday the 7th March, 2018 a group of our Year 10 Triple Science students attended the Astronomy in the City event at the University of Birmingham. The students got to experience lecture talks on "Life beyond Earth" and attended workshops on interesting topics like "What is a black hole?" and as more recently been published in scientific journals - can we

British Science week at Rockwood Academy started off with a visit from the Animal Lady. Year 8 students had a chance to get a real hands-on experience learning about adaptation. The students enjoyed a talk about corn snakes, tarantulas, tortoises and rats before they had the opportunity to handle the animals.

REALLY go BACK IN TIME if go inside a black hole?! (Would you want to go into a black hole if it meant you could go back in time?!) The students also visited the planetarium (Rockwood Academy students were the FIRST to ever go inside the new planetarium at UOB!) and use the large telescopes to see into space. Overall, it was a unique and exciting opportunity that provided the students with a real insight into astronomy.



# KS3 PASTORAL MANAGER MESSAGES



## YEAR 7 & 8 MS SHAHEEN & MS WALKER

The second term has been very exciting and all of our students have now truly settled into life at Rockwood Academy. Both of us are immensely proud of our KS3 students and we are impressed by many things such as organisation, being ready and equipped to learn, as well as taking pride in wearing the Rockwood uniform. As an Academy we really understand the importance of attendance and ensuring that all students try to achieve 100% throughout the academic year. Please continue to support us and to ensure that your child achieves the best possible attendance.



## YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING

Parents and Year 8 students enjoyed a very informative Options Evening on 8th March 2018. The evening included an options talk by the Headteacher followed by a tour around the academy. Departments showcased their Key Stage 4 courses and students and parents had an opportunity to get involved in hands-on workshops.



## EVENTS

On Friday 16th February, Rockwood Academy welcomed the superstar Asher Knight, who is not only a talented singer, but also delivers powerful messages in his songs. Asher brought across key messages against bullying and our Year 7 and 8 pupils had an amazing afternoon and even got some autographs from the star himself!

## TRIPS

Our Year 7s and 8s have been super busy this term and one key trip has been with the cadets who were privileged to attend a residential trip to Shrewsbury. We have many more exciting opportunities lined up for our students in the coming term... and we cannot wait for the end of year rewards trip!

## SUCCESSSES

We would like to celebrate all of our students' successes and achievements over this term and would like to encourage them to keep up the excellent attitude ready for the summer term ahead. However, there are 2 students in particular who have shone and embodied the CORE values of collaboration, opportunity, respect and excellence.

These students are:

**Year 7 - Eliza Munir**

**Year 8 - George Baiculescu**

**A massive well done from us and the Academy.**

# KS4 PASTORAL MANAGER MESSAGES



## YEAR 9 & 10 MR ALI & MR KHAN

It has been another wonderful academic term for our Year 9 and 10 students as they continue on their GCSE journey at Rockwood Academy. From the apprehension of starting the new GCSE curriculum at the start of Year 9 to now undertaking a full range of assessments in the subjects they have chosen, the students are going from strength to strength.

Year 10 students continue their journey in their preparation for their GCSE exams next year. With the new curriculum changes and the natural demands it has placed on young people across the country, it is imperative that Year 10 carry on with the great progress they have made so far. I am immensely proud of the high standards Year 10 have set in terms of behaviour, attitude, excellent attendance and punctuality.

We are very proud of all our students here at Rockwood and encourage them to be independent and resilient individuals.

Finally, a particular 'well done' to the following students who have been chosen as student of the term. Well done and keep up the excellent work.

**Year 11 - Ruqayya Kalsoom**

**Year 10 - Ruqayyah Kulsum**

**Year 9 - Akab Shahban**



## YEAR 11 – MR DHILLON

It has been a challenging, yet exciting start to the new year for our Key Stage 4 students as we continue to prepare them ready for those very important GCSE examinations.

The Spring Term has been a period of immense hard work as the Year 11s have been gearing up to their final GCSE examinations. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the cohort on a big improvement in focus and commitment across the year group. There has also been a significant improvement in punctuality and so we would like to thank parents for their ongoing support.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating with our Year 11s post examination success and are already steaming ahead with plans for an end of year trip. Additionally, our prom committee is planning the prom which will be the perfect end to mark their farewell to Rockwood Academy.

## SUCCESSES Success Story from the Year 11 Parents' Evening

One of the most rewarding moments for a teacher is to hear from students who have left the academy and have succeeded in life. And such a moment happened when Kabir, 2015 Year 11 leaver, joined us for our Year 11 Parents' Evening on 15th February 2018. Kabir is now studying Medicine at Cambridge. When asked what had made a difference to his life, he answered without hesitation: "Great teachers like Miss Bibi."



# CO-CURRICULAR

## CLUBS - LIBRARY

The replenishment of the library stock continues as the new books funded by the Foyle Foundation make an appearance on the library shelves. The Wimpy Kid and Dork Diaries are very popular with many students, but there are also books for the more mature reader, as well as books for all reading abilities.

World Book Day celebrations took place on Friday March 2nd at Rockwood Academy. There was a cake and book sale, as well as a "Shelfie" competition, with monies being raised to support the work of Book Aid International; an organisation providing books to schools and libraries in sub-Saharan African countries.

All students were given a £1.00 book voucher to be exchanged for a book of their choice from participating booksellers. Don't forget to spend yours!



## SWIMMING

A number of Year 7 boys have been experiencing swimming this term as part of the academy's co-curricular sporting programme. The boys visited Aston Baths each Tuesday where they developed and enhanced their swimming skills under expert tuition.

# PARENT ENGAGEMENT

## AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE HEADTEACHER

On 13th February 2018, Headteacher Ms Darr welcomed Rockwood parents to the termly 'Afternoon Tea with the Headteacher' event. On this occasion, we shared information about how parents can support their child, E-Safety and Human Rights. The stars of the afternoon were our cadets, Naeem Abbas and Azaan Chandna, who told the parents about their journey and how the cadet programme has helped them to grow on a personal level and to become mature leaders.

## PARENT E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

### E-Safety Parent Session

SAFER INTERNET DAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018

Tuesday, 6th February marked Safer Internet Day in the UK. The slogan for 2018 was "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you". In the spirit of our CORE value

'Collaboration' we invited our parents to an E-Safety workshop. We discussed the benefits and dangers of online activities and offered advice and support in relation to keeping children safe when using the internet.

## PARENT CLASSES

Congratulations to the parents of the Numeracy classes that are being held at Rockwood Academy on Wednesday mornings! Thirteen parents have successfully passed the course and have attained qualifications at level 2 and entry level. The course has now moved on to cover the Literacy element with exams to be held in June 2018.

Well-done to everybody who has been involved in this wonderful opportunity for collaboration between parents and the Academy.



# PARTNERSHIPS

## LTA TENNIS Focus Group Meeting

Sue Lawrence, Head of Women and Girls across the Lawn Tennis Association, visited the Academy on 16th February 2018. She was keen to find out about the barriers to tennis participation and met with a group of students to discuss previous sporting experiences and the perception of tennis. This was a great opportunity for our students to shape and influence decision making.



## MOSAIC Mentoring & Mosaic Enterprise Challenge



For the third year running, Rockwood Academy has partnered with Mosaic to deliver their Mosaic Mentoring programme and Mosaic Enterprise Challenge.

Mosaic was founded by HRH The Prince of Wales, and inspires young people to realise their talents and potential. Mosaic is part of the Prince's Trust.

25 of our Year 9 students are participating in Mosaic Mentoring, which is being delivered by 6 wonderful volunteers. The mentoring programme uses positive role models to improve students' confidence, self-efficacy and employability. It is a powerful package of mentoring support for young people that is tailored to students' needs.

Our students are half way through the sessions but there is much more for them to experience such as group mentoring, workplace visits, inspirational speeches and competitions.

Year 9 Business Studies students participated in the Mosaic Enterprise Challenge, which is an annual national competition for secondary school students across the UK, designed to develop and encourage their entrepreneurial skills. Teams of students worked with a mentor from the business community to learn about becoming future business leaders, play a simulation game, and come up with fantastic business ideas.

## TENNIS FOUNDATION

Rockwood joins the Tennis Foundation in receiving The Education Resources Award

Rockwood Academy and the Tennis Foundation are partners through the Academy's status as School of Tennis. When the Tennis Foundation had been shortlisted for The Education Resource Awards 2018 in the 'Supplier of the Year' category in recognition of the range of resources the foundation supplies to schools, Rockwood Academy joined the Tennis Foundation at the awards ceremony on 16th March 2018. During the evening the Tennis Foundation received the award as 'Supplier of the Year' and we would like to congratulate our partners.



## CITIZENS UK Commonwealth Games Assembly



2022 will mark the year when the Commonwealth Games will be held in Birmingham. On 7th March 2018, Citizens UK hosted an assembly in Birmingham Town Hall bringing together people from across civil society institutions to congratulate city leaders and to celebrate the good news. Our students were invited to perform in front of a 2000 strong audience putting across their views on how the individual can play a role in changing society. The Commonwealth values of Humanity, Equality and Destiny were expressed in a music and drama performance in which our students collaborated with Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy and Holy Trinity School.



# HEAD BOY AND GIRL

## How to Revise Key Tips from Fatima and Zain

Make your revision notes simple and easy to read. Short sharp sentences are easier to remember than long confusing sentences.

Start by reducing your lesson notes into key points that are easier to revise.

Use different coloured pens to highlight key terms/phrases/ notes.

Tackling subjects you're not confident with at the start means you'll give enough revision time to get up to speed and be confident in the exam.

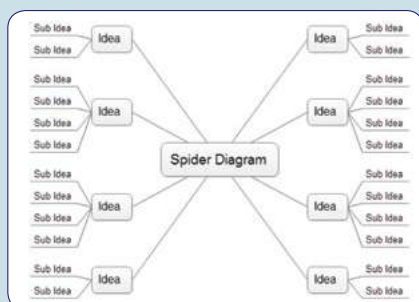
Make sure you have collected all the hand - outs needed from each lesson.

Dividing up your bedroom wall into sections - one for each subject - you can put up visual, colourful displays to help.

Summarising sections of work, highlighting key words, will help when it comes to you revising.



### Use 'mind maps'/'spider diagrams' to display revision notes



Make flash cards

### Use Acronyms IPMATC and BIDMAS etc



## PiXL APP



Rockwood Academy, in partnership with PiXL, is pleased to provide Y11 students with the English and Maths App for both desktop and mobile devices.

Available on desktop, through Android Play Store and iTunes App Store, the applications provide a personalised learning journey to support students in securing knowledge in an area of that subject. Students will be required to log in using their own username and password, which will be provided by their English and Maths teachers.

To complete the login process, students require the school I.D. This is RW5163.

The PiXL Apps are free to download and use. However, if not using a WIFI connection, data charges by your network provider will apply. See your network provider for details.



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