



ROSE BRIDGE

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Acting Principal's Blog

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Welcome to the Twelfth Edition of the Acting Principal's Blog!

Ofsted Action Plan - Update

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This week has been a very exciting week in terms of continuing with our stakeholder voice initiative of "You said...We did!" which has led to the formation of a Student Steering Group which will implement the Rights Respecting School Award. There are four key areas of impact for children at a Rights Respecting school; wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem. The difference that a Rights Respecting School makes goes beyond the school gates, making a positive impact on the whole community. The Academy is now registered for this award and our student-led steering group will be working with staff and students over the forthcoming weeks to develop a plan. Assemblies this week focused on what it takes for Rose Bridge to become a Rights Respecting School and we will be updating stakeholders as this exciting and important piece of work develops.

A Learning Continuum for Success: Team Work makes the Dream Work – PART 2

On Thursday, Rose Bridge teachers visited colleagues in Platt Bridge to continue our team approach to Teaching, Learning and Assessment. Staff watched some superb teaching and learning in Year 6 classes and met our wonderful Year 6 students who will be joining us in September. It is fantastic to be able to network across the Community First Academy Trust to share best practice. At Rose Bridge Academy, we want to ensure that students' learning develops along a continuum, so that students are taught at absolutely the correct point of need due to prior learning being fully taken into consideration. We are really looking forward to further developing this partnership with more staff collaboration planned this for this term and beyond! Watch this space!

Medical Mavericks

This week Year 9 were visited by the Medical Mavericks - a team which enable students to experience what it is like to use real life medical equipment. This fabulous hands-on experience opens the opportunity for students to be aware of the huge range of pathways of employment available within the NHS for young people. The vast array of career paths available was surprising with our students learning that there are over 350 employment pathways. Students learned a wide range of new vocabulary and thoroughly enjoyed the experience that has been made possible through the generous support of Aim Higher Greater Manchester.



Community Garden Project

I must extend my thanks to Mr Knight and his team of friends. They all gave up their weekend so that the Academy garden could be cleared, in order to enable the Student Gardening Group to make a start on regenerating the area. Myself and Miss Anderton worked with a group of enthusiastic Year 9 students on Wednesday afternoon and we made a start on clearing the plant beds in preparation for the addition of top soil. Mr Knight is also working with groups of students after school and we look forward to sharing with you our progress with the garden which has remained untouched for some time now but is soon set to be transformed by students!



Jungle Adventure



On Wednesday, 90 Year 7 students went to see the Jungle Book at the Lowry Theatre in Salford. Our students were also joined by Year 6 students from Ince CE, St Catharine's and St Mary's Primary School. Miss Tunnicliffe led the visit and was delighted as to how engaged students were in this lively retelling of a much-loved story. We really enjoy all aspects of our transition programme and this excursion was a very well-received event.

National Citizen Services (NCS) Challenge

This week NCS visited the Academy to encourage our Year 11 students to participate in their 18-day outdoor education residential. The residential is aimed at preparing young people for college, university and employment. This is a brilliant opportunity for students to develop their employability skills and we are delighted that a third of the year group have decided to take up this opportunity. What a great way to spend the summer!

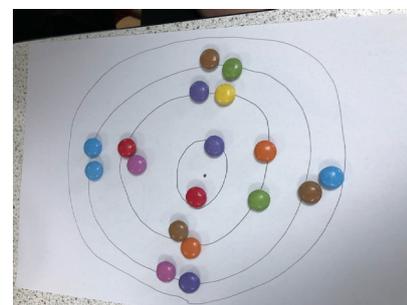
Maths Contest

Today, 26 of our Year 10 students travelled to Manchester University to participate in a "Maths Club" (another opportunity made possible through the funding of Greater Manchester Higher). The day involved fun Maths Challenges that really got our students thinking.



Science Smarties

Learning has been rather delicious this week with our Year 8 SLC Students learning about the electronic configuration of atoms by using smarties to illustrate their learning!



Fantastic Footballers

Our Year 9 Girls' Team has had a fabulous week winning matches against St Peters, Cansfield and Shevington High School, it was great to see more students joining the team too! Well done, girls!

Pride of Rose Bridge Awards

Many students have excelled this week and shown a real commitment to our culture of excellence. This week, a special well done goes to: Emily Hauge for her excellent work in Maths; Caitlin Davies for excellence in English; Holly Parry, for Excellence in Creative Studies; and finally, Tom Prescott, achieves the overall Pride of Rose Bridge Award for continued determination to improve across a range of subjects.



Students of the week (nominated for commitment to our Culture of Excellence)

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ethan Walsh	Connor Gambles	Charlie Middleton	Kyle Sharrock	Nicole Aspinall
Thomas Chrimes	Alisha Green	Kenzie Deakin	Cianna-Kae Davies	Jake Wilkinson
Charlotte Coulton	Micha Raughter	Bailey Williams	Callum Bunyan	Brentley Thomas
Heidi Norburn	Charlie Fearn	Joe Calabro	Taylor Pomfret	
Kieron Wilson	Luke Aspinall	Eliot Peposhi	George Featherstone-Coulton	Samantha Aleksandraviciute
Keegan Boyd	Teagan Halliwell		Keelan Heyes	
	Georgia Darvill		Liam Meeson	