



ROSE BRIDGE

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Acting Principal's Weekly Blog

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Welcome to my first blog as Acting Principal!

It's been a brilliant first week at Rose Bridge Academy! I have focused on getting to know all students and staff and ensuring our core values of RESPECT, BELIEVE and ACHIEVE are shared at every opportunity. I have been so impressed by all students' positive attitudes and I have really enjoyed seeing learning in lessons. I am very proud to be the Acting Principal of an Academy that has students at the heart of everything we do. There are so many exciting events and activities taking place in and out of the Academy which I think reflects real vibrancy and purpose. This blog shares *just a flavour* of the many wonderful experiences and events that have happened at Rose Bridge Academy this week.

It was fantastic to meet Year 11 Parents and Carers on Thursday. All Year 11 students received their **Computer Tablets** and discussed with subject teachers their **progress** and **opportunities** to extend learning. Tablet computers come ready loaded with apps for Tassomai Science, Hegarty Maths, Pixl Maths and Pixl English.

Year 11 students also received their **SUMO** (STOP UNDERSTAND MOVE ON) training on Wednesday and Thursday this week. SUMO is a programme for **empowering** pupils and teachers in an **innovative** and **accessible** way. Students were taught the need to be **engaged** and **empowered** to release their true potential: perfect timing as Year 11 students began their MOCK GCSE examinations on Friday 9th February! (I was impressed with students' attitudes in the examination hall on Day 1 of the mocks—well done, Year 11!)

Students in Years 7-9 are continuing to access *Minecraft*, a 10 week programme to develop students' self-confidence and resilience, held each Wednesday at Leigh Sports Village.

In addition, a cohort of **Year 9** students are attending the ***New Skills*** programme designed to develop students' perspective on developing new skills and to look to their futures so they make the most of the opportunities they have in school.

Year 8 have impressed me in Spanish and Sport this week—students coached me on the rules of handball and even let me join in! I also enjoyed a game of table tennis with students at lunchtime today—great fun! I was wowed by the work **Year 10** are producing in Art—simply amazing and there have been countless other stand out learning experiences this week for all Year groups. WELL DONE TO ALL!

Next week, I look forward to another exciting and productive week. One of the highlights will definitely be the Year 8 Parents and Carers' Evening on Thursday 15th February—I look forward to meeting parents and carers. Finally, I must extend my thanks to all students, staff, governors and The Community First Academy Trust for being so warm and welcoming, I'm looking forward to next week already and my second blog.

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