



Welcome to Rosshall Academy

S1

Class of 2022

*“Our School, Our Future”*

Handy Help Booklet





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This booklet is to share some information that is useful to know as you begin your learner journey at Rosshall Academy.

We hope that you and your parents/carers can take some time to read through this together.

**We can't wait to welcome you in August 2022!**

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# Welcome to our School

## *This is where you will:*

Love to Learn

Make Friends

Gain qualifications

Grow into successful young adults

Have fun

*And we look forward to supporting you through the next 6 years!*

## *Did you know?*

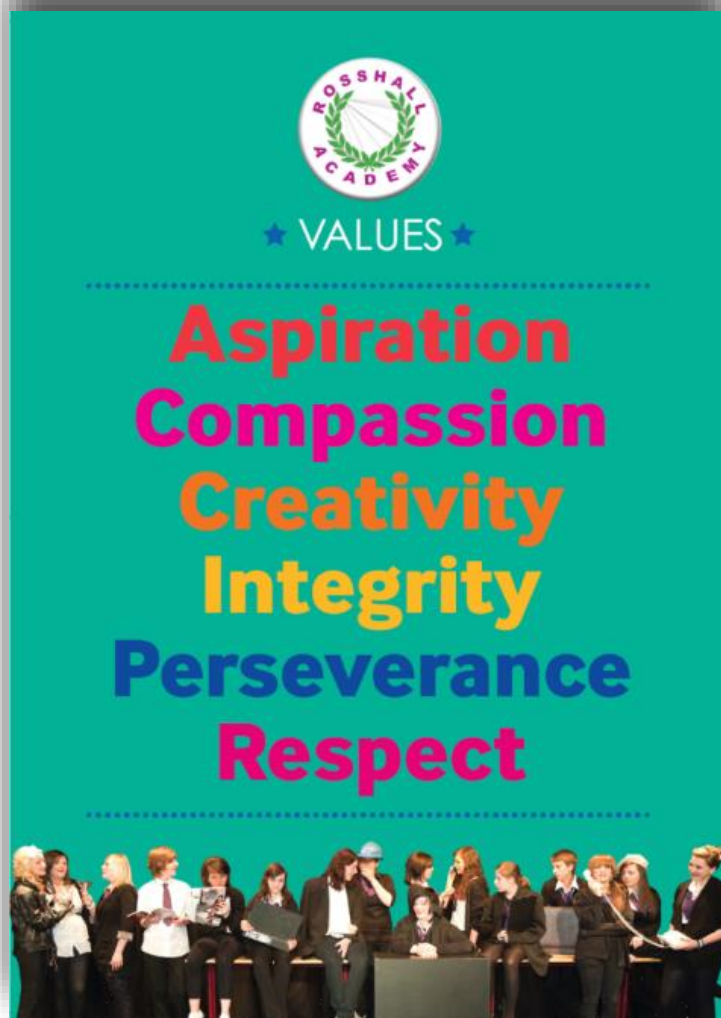
Over 50 languages are spoken at our school – we take pride in our diversity and celebrate this throughout the school

Over 40 extra-curricular clubs are offered - these are displayed around the school and you will be able to sign up during Personal Support.

We have many pupil-led leadership groups within our school – including Pupil Parliament, LGBT Ambassadors, Mental Health Ambassadors and Mentors in Violence Prevention.

Our weekly bulletin during Personal Support will keep you up to date on all of our clubs and leadership opportunities





## Our School Values



Mrs Swan

Head Teacher



# Our School Day

Period \ Day	P1 50 mins	P2 50 mins	Interval 15 mins	P3 50 mins	P4 50 mins	Lunch 45 mins	P5 50 mins	P6 50 mins	P7 45 mins (Mon/ Tue)
Monday Tuesday Friday  (Friday has only 6 periods)	Arrival 8.45 and go directly to class on the bell	09.35 to 10.25	10.25 to 10.40	10.40 to 11.30	11.30 to 12.20	12.20 to 13.05	13.05 to 13.55	13.55 to 14.45  (Friday finish 14.40)	14.45 to 15.30

Period \ Day	P1 50 mins	P2 Personal Support	P3 50 mins	Interval 15 mins	P4 50 mins	P5 45 mins	Lunch 45 mins	P6 50 mins	P7 45 mins
Wednesday Thursday	Arrival 8.45 and go directly to class on the bell	09.35 to 10.00	10.00 to 10.50	10.50 to 11.05	11.05 to 11.55	11.55 to 12.40	12.40 to 13.25	13.25 to 14.15	14.15 to 15.00



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# Getting Ready for Rosshall

Our school website is an excellent place to find out lots of information about your new school:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/rosshall/>

We also regularly use Twitter to keep you up to date with all things Rosshall:

@RosshallAcademy

@P7RosshallAcad

On your first day of school you will enter the building from the front door – after this, please enter the building from your house door:

Barra: Front door

Harris: Side door

Iona: PE door

Lewis: Library door

Skye: Playground door



# Uniform

## Uniform:

- White shirt and Rosshall tie
- Black trousers / black skirt
- Black V-neck jumper / cardigan / Rosshall hoodie
- Rosshall blazer
- Black shoes / boots /black trainers



## PE Kit

- Purple or black Rosshall t-shirt / Plain black t-shirt
- Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings



## Ordering:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/rosshall-academy.html>

**We also have a supply of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand blazers and welcome any more to our upcycling collection**





# Our Support Network

Rosshall Academy



## Inclusion & Support Network

*"We are listened to"*  
*"We know we are valued"*  
*"We feel we belong"*

All School Staff					
Promoting Positive Relationships	Nurture	Restorative Approaches	Values	Learning & Teaching	Equity
FH Additional Support	PT Inclusion	SLT	PT Pastoral Care	PT Family Engagement & Employability	FH Curriculum
PT Raising Attainment	PT Linguistic & Cultural Inclusion	Support for Learning Workers		Curriculum Pathways Co-ordinator	Positive Pathways Co-ordinator
Family Support Officer	Campus PC	MCR Co-ordinator		Mental Health First Aiders	Community Learning Officer
SDS	Young Carers	Counsellors		MCR Mentors	Other School Partners
Peer Mediators	Mentors in Violence Prevention	Prefects	Pupil Parliament	Mental Health Ambassadors	Buddies

### Pastoral Care

Every young person at Rosshall Academy is assigned to one of five House Groups. Each of these House Groups is led by a Depute Head Teacher and a Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care, supported by a team of Personal Support teachers and senior pupil prefects.

Your child's Pastoral Care teacher will be your first point of contact if you have any concerns or queries regarding their life at the school, and they will be delighted to work with you to resolve any issues that may arise. By working closely with young people, their families, and staff across the school, the aim is to ensure the best possible school experience for each young person, from helping them settle in when they arrive at the school all the way through to supporting them into a positive post-school destination. The Pastoral Care team also acts as a link between the school and outside agencies, as appropriate.



## ESOL

At Rosshall Academy we love cultural and linguistic diversity and feel it is a real strength in our community. There are more than 50 languages spoken at Rosshall academy by around a fifth of our pupils (and growing) so we have a Department for Linguistic and Cultural Inclusion that focuses on working with our learners who have English as an Additional Language (EAL).

Our focus is the young people in Rosshall Academy who speak a language besides English and we ensure they feel supported academically, linguistically, culturally and also from a well-being perspective. This ranges from language support classes, clubs, exam support and applications and personal statements for beyond school. We provide these as well as everyday practical support for living in Scotland (which is particularly important for families newer to the community), a safe space and people to chat to. In addition, we run ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses to ensure that when your child is in senior phase, they can gain English qualifications in a way meaningful and useful to them. We also run adult ESOL classes and are planning to start other new exciting opportunities.

So, whether you speak more than one language or not, we feel that we have lots of exciting and important opportunities to ensure Rosshall's rich linguistic and cultural mix is enjoyed by all.

## Developing Young Workforce

During S1 you will be learning skills and knowledge across the curriculum that will help you prepare for life beyond school. As part of learning in PSE you will make a My World of Work account.

You will be able to use this account to write a personal profile, find out more information about different career paths, complete quizzes that will help you learn what your strengths and interests are. In future years this will help you write a personal statement for employment, college or university.

In other subject areas you will learn about different kinds of career areas. You may also learn about employment skills.

There will also be opportunities to visit colleges and/or employers.

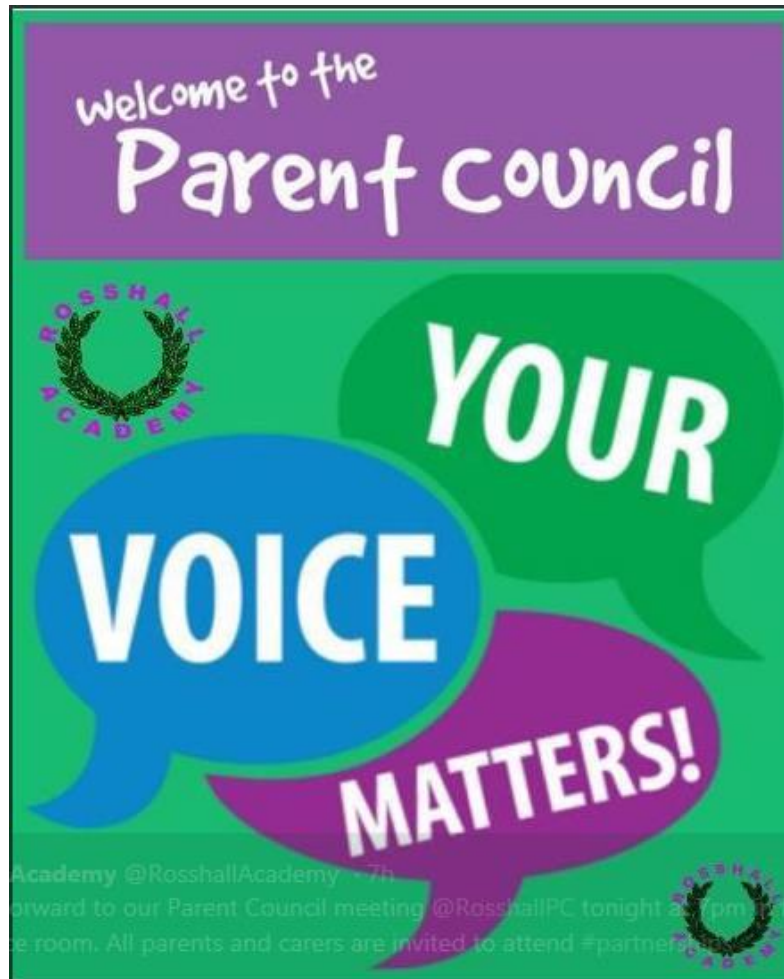


# Family Learning



- We work hard to enable families the chance to get involved in the education of their pupils and also the life of the school.
- Be sure to get involved!
- Last session we ran the following accredited courses in partnership with Clyde College:
- iPad help session for Parents/ Carers
- Basic Sewing Skills SCQF Level 3
- Face Painting for a Community Event SCQF Level 4
- Introduction to Video Conferencing- Assisting online meets for learning, work and family SCQF Level 3
- ESOL- English for Speakers of Other Languages SCQF Level 3





Regular partnerships with parents / carers:

- **Parent Council** – meets every month - all parents / carers welcome
- **Pastoral Support** – regular contact from House Pastoral Care team
- **Curricular Support** – regular tracking, reporting and feedback
- **Parental Support Calendar**
- **Principal Teacher of Employability and Family Engagement** –  
Robert Clelland



# Our Curriculum

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/rosshall/s1-curriculum/>

By following the link above you will find the curriculum we deliver to S1 from across the faculties.  
Each of these are designed to engage, inform and meet the needs of each student at Rosshall Academy.  
We pride ourselves on being a school that reflect on it's curriculum and strive to ensure a wide breadth and depth of knowledge and skills are achieved through a young person's time at our school.

## Digital Literacy

When you arrive at Rosshall you will be issued with a new iPad between August and September, and 1 new charger.  
This iPad will be with you throughout your whole Rosshall journey.  
Students experience an initial set-up and orientation lesson with either Ms Lamont (PT Digital Literacy) or Miss Edwards (PT Digital Support).  
Then throughout personal support you will engage with 'Getting To Know Your iPad' lessons that explore further uses and apps.  
On top of this, you will have 1 period of digital literacy within the Business and ICT department each week!



# Upcoming Events

## Parent Drop in / Blazer fitting

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm-5pm Rosshall Academy
- Pop in for a tea/coffee and a chat with our transitions team
- There will be an opportunity to be fitted with a school blazer if you intend to purchase one

## Metro Outdoors

- When? **September 2022**
- Who? All S1 House Groups
- Why? House Team Building and Skills Day
- More information to follow on your first week of school

Each pupil will be taking part in a half day canoeing and half a day of team building activities using *Plan-Do-Review* as a model to work around. Where possible, we ask for a £10 payment towards this trip.

The aim of the course is to...

1. A fun and inspiring programme
2. Sharing a positive outdoor experience
3. An introduction to a process of learning
4. Making new friends







You will receive ParentPay activation letters over the summer holidays to allow you to transfer your child's ParentPay account to Rosshall Academy.

We will also assist with this during the first week of term.

This system allows students to preload a card with money, allowing for easier payment for meals, trips and other activities with safety and efficiency.



