

THE MONTH THAT WAS OCTOBER 2025



Dear all,

As we come to the end of the first eight weeks of the 2025-26 academic year, it is a good time to look back at just how much has gone into a little shy of 40 school days!

Much like September, October has been a busy month around school, with all year groups having the opportunity to experience learning both inside and outside of the classroom. The first two months have been so positive for so many, and it has been amazing again to see students and staff working as one, in order to ensure that everyone feels happy, safe

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Rugby Free Secondary School

and able to learn.

In terms of events, our Sixth Form Open Evening attracted nearly 700 visitors, with many potential Year 12 students applying at 10pm on the night of the applications opening. We've also had SEND and SRP Coffee afternoons, a Health and Well-being workshop, 'Prison Me, No Way!' for Year 9, Year 7 and Year 11 Parents' Information Evenings, our first-ever Community Cooking workshop, and lastly, but by no means least, hosted 'The Mercians' for a music and mental health day.

On top of this, it's been really pleasing to see how many students have accessed our enrichment and extra-curricular club offer so far, whilst there has been numerous examples of sports representation in the first half-term. I am forever thankful to our staff who offer these opportunities in their own time, in order to give our students the best possible experiences.

So much about this school is good. This was highlighted through our recent whole-school review, which outlined the numerous strengths within the



Our first Community Cooking Workshop, led by our Food team, was a major success.

“The range of courses on offer is very impressive. It is clear that teachers are experts in their field, and this gave us confidence.”

Parental Feedback - Sixth Form Open Evening 2025

school, and the inclusive and tolerant nature of it. Of course, there is always work to be done on improving things, and we will do so, but it is important to stand back and be able to recognise the incredible things that happen at RFSS, sometimes on an hourly basis. Following our whole-school review, we also had our Bronze Award attendance audit, which again exemplified the excellent work that goes on here. More notably, another



It was brilliant to see so many Year 7 parents and carers at the Year 7 Information Evening.



Year 9 students have been undertaking 'Prison Me, No Way!' workshops in order to focus on making the correct decisions in the community.

external visitor commented on the culture of the school, and how well our young people get along with each other, and how they are encouraged to flourish.

One thing I am certain of, is that our school is not about 'smoke and mirrors'. It is about warmth, positivity, passion, relationships and hard-work.

It is about doing the right thing for our young people, trying to support and challenge our students inside and outside of the classroom, about providing opportunity for everyone, whilst celebrating the array of successes that our students achieve so often, and so consistently.

We hope you have a fantastic half-term break with friends, family and loved ones - see you in November!

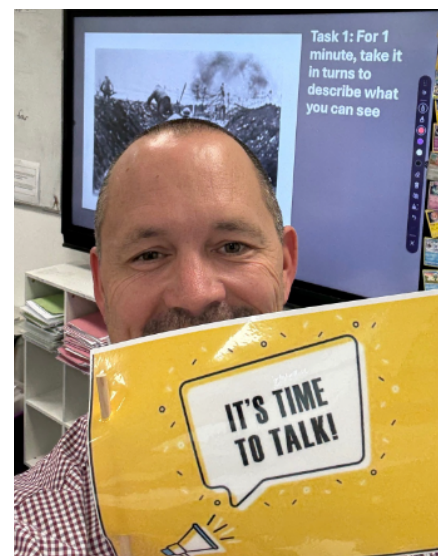
Mr Green
Headteacher



Several of our students had work selected for the Rotary competition.



School representation through sport has continued to be strong.



Our 'Time to Talk' campaign has hit classrooms in all Key Stages.

OCTOBER 2025 IN PHOTOGRAPHS

