



Celebrating Extra Curricular Activities at Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

Ryecroft pupils are encouraged to view the whole world as their classroom, and to develop a lifelong love of learning. We believe in helping children become not only the best pupils they can be, but also the best citizens they can be. Although our curriculum is very broad and gives pupils a huge range of skills, we believe it is important to offer additional activities that build pupils' confidence, resilience and self-belief.

We provide a wide-ranging programme of extra-curricular activities, designed to allow each student to achieve success. Every child has a talent in at least one area and to develop this further, we hold curriculum enrichment days, Inter-house talent shows, sports day and many more. Most activities and clubs are provided either at lunch time or after school. These vary depending upon the season and are led by school staff and professional coaches.

"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself" - Chinese Proverb

Developing as individuals

Educational visits are a vital part of life at Ryecroft Middle, extending every child's experience and augmenting topics being studied in the classroom. All pupils have access to a rich variety of both residential and day trips as well as overseas visits and cultural immersion opportunities. Many are directly linked to the curriculum, but the benefits to pupils go far beyond the purely educational. Every visit, from day trips to museums and art galleries, to evenings at the theatre and residential visits, is carefully tailored to the particular age group and the needs of the children within that group.



53 pupils going on our **Ski Visit to France** this year in April, will learn lifelong social skills, from working as a team, to good time management and the real chance to stretch and test each individual. This exciting experience will cultivate a great spirit of adventure and a love of personal challenge.

In May, Year 7 pupils will be enjoying an **Outdoor Residential Educational Centre** (OEC) at Standon Bowers while Year 6 pupils will be staying at a OEC at Chasewater. During July, Year 8 pupils will be visiting and experiencing the delights of **London** for a two night residential. All these visits allow pupils to forge stronger relationships with their peers, develop their leadership skills and challenge themselves in a variety of contexts which they may not experience in their day-to-day lives.

Student Leadership – Each year, pupils are asked to nominate for roles of House Captain; House Vice-Captain; House Games Captain and House Games Vice-Captain. Election to these esteemed roles is conducted by a poll of their peers following nomination speeches and an election campaign. This also offers the opportunity for Year 8 pupils to develop their leadership skills.

School Council - Two pupils from each Key Stage in each Form Group are elected by their classmates to represent them on the School Council, a student body which provides feedback to school leadership on student-related issues.

Big Bang Fair & Skills Show— These are annual events for all of our Key Stage 3 pupils. The events aims to inspire our future scientists and engineers through exciting hands on activities and interactive exhibits. Pupils have the opportunity to meet engineers and scientists from large multinational corporations and a range of diverse and unique UK companies. Through receiving dedicated careers advice, we know that young people go away with a fresh, new perspective on where their school subjects can lead them.

Options— Years 7 and 8 have the opportunity to broaden their curriculum by taking part in 'Options' offered by members of staff, these include reading to residents at a local Nursing Home, Cookery, Drama, Journalism, Yoga, etc.

