

Supporting our Young People in Education Induction

Upon arrival young people are introduced to the school via our highly commended and very successful Induction programme (HMIE 2018). There is a notional 3 week period for Induction throughout which time an Individualised Learning and Reporting Plan is developed. The Induction process allows for various assessment to be progressed and for the young person to establish meaningful relationships with both peers and staff. Class sizes are restricted to 4 in our secure school and 6 in our residential school. This restriction on class numbers presents opportunities for increased one to one and individualised support.



Individualised Learning and Reporting Plans

We develop an Individualised Learning and Reporting Plan at point of entry to meet the educational needs of each young person. We start this process during the Induction stage and review progress every 6 weeks. We work with the young person to draft this plan and we can track their application, progress and successes through a traffic lights assessment system. This approach helps teachers identify the subject areas in which each young person is succeeding, and where young people require additional support. The Individualised learning and Reporting plan is shared with Parents and relevant Partners and is part of the school's reporting processes.

How we are regulated

We are inspected every 4-6 years by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education. Inspections ensure we continue to plan for improvement. Our recent achievement of four 'Very Goods', assessed us as one of the strongest of all Residential Special schools across Scotland that had been inspected under the new inspection framework. This assessment also positions

us as one of the top 5 schools in Scotland who has been inspected under this framework.

Within our Education Department we have two HMIE Associate Assessors who work with Education Scotland including our Head of Education and our Principal Teacher of Residential Education. This ensures that Rossie is in a strong position to bring new learning and developments back into our learning environment for the benefit of our young people and staff.

Our School Community

Rossie is at the heart of the local community, reciprocally fostering relationships between pupils, staff and families.

School Trips

Rossie affords young people day trips to places of historical, cultural, sporting and educational interests and are member of the National Trust for Scotland.

Charity Fundraising

Rossie adopts a local charity each year. Our young people work with our Charity Co-ordinator to raise awareness and funds. Our young people have supported a number of charities including NHS Tayside's Children's Ward, Guide Dogs, McMillan and Wigs for Kids, and raised money through candy/bake sales, hamper raffles and sponsored walks.

Christmas Show

Each year, our young people showcase their varied talents in our vibrant Christmas Extravaganza.

Fun Days

Fun days are held throughout the year. This enables young people, staff, families/carers and members of the local community to come together to enjoy an array of activities arranged by our young people.



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Education at Rossie

We provide our young people with a highly commended education provision through which they increase confidence, self-esteem and independence in learning.

We have high expectations of, and aspirations for our young people and we encourage them to be the best they can be in order to reach their potential. As a Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) approved school, we deliver the Curriculum for Excellence, National Qualifications as well as GCSE provision.

We have two schools, one secure and one residential. Our education team consists of our Head of Education, Training and Development, and 14 Education staff. The school day starts at 9am and finishes at 4pm (12.40pm on a Friday). We work collaboratively with other professional staff in Rossie to make the most of all learning opportunities which are available to our young people are in our care.

What we do

We have a dual-qualification system and offer National Qualifications that are recognised via the Scottish Curriculum and the English National Curriculum.

The Curriculum for Excellence is delivered by our highly skilled teaching team with our young learners accessing a Broad General Education and our Senior Phase learners working towards a range of National Qualifications. Young people leave Rossie with an extensive portfolio of qualifications, including GCSE's, National Governing body awards and Personal Achievement awards.

Personalisation and choice is a key feature of the curriculum on offer at Rossie. Individualised Learning Pathways are identified in the initial stages of attending school, from this we can ensure a suitable learning pathway is put in place that will meet our learners' needs.

"Education staff at Rossie are very passionate about school improvement and striving to achieve the best outcomes for young people"

HMIE Report 2018

Subjects

We offer a broad range of subjects which are in line with the Curriculum for Excellence.

Currently, our subjects include:

- English
- Maths
- History
- Physical Education
- Craft Design and Technology
- Home Economics/Hospitality
- Dance
- Personal and Social Education
- Modern Studies
- Business Administration
- Information and Communication Technology
- Outdoor Learning
- Forest School
- ASDAN
- John Muir

Forest School

Our Forest School is a holistic approach to education. It is children-led, active, fun and is a creative means for delivery of the Scottish curriculum in its widest context, using the outdoors. Forest Schools, however, is more than just delivering the curriculum, sessions are planned to be open-ended, flexible and responsive to individual needs. The Forest School is another way for young people to discover strength and interests, out of the classroom. It also provides ways for meeting socially, helping young people to build on social skills while developing practical skills.

Eco School

Our Eco-School is operated under the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). The programme spans across the school and the whole organisation to encourage learning about sustainability. Similarly to our Forest School, our young people are encouraged to engage in their environment, while learning about how they can actively protect it. Our young people are encouraged to take pride in the environment which surrounds them at Rossie.

The goal of our Eco-School is to ensure that our staff and young people can live and work in a litter-free, clean and tidy environment. Young people learn about horticulture and how to grow their own produce, litter picking and conservation. Our Garden Club recently won an Award from the Horticultural Society for our 'All You Can Eat' garden. Our young people have been able to see the results of their hard work, as they nurture and care for their produce.

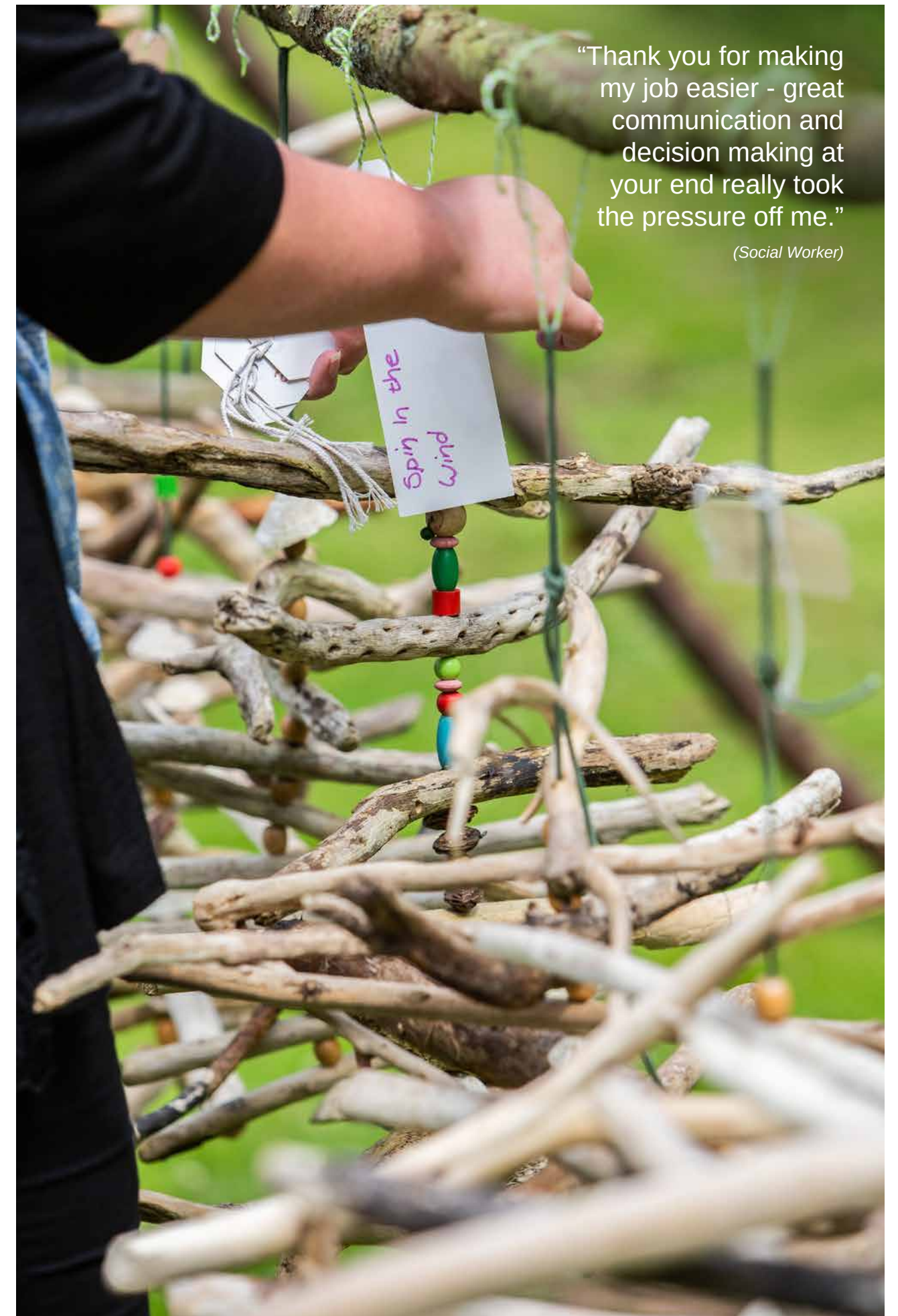


Opportunities to Achieve and Learn New Skills

Future pathway planning and positive destinations are an integral part of a young person's journey at Rossie. Our Throughcare worker works closely with young people and organisations such as Skills Development Scotland, Volunteer Action Angus and Links Park Community Trust to ensure young people have access to training, apprenticeships, further education or employment when they move on from Rossie.

"I have absolutely nothing negative to say about Rossie. It is an excellent centre. The standards of care for it's young people is truly excellent. It appears to be a very well run place."

Social Worker



"Thank you for making my job easier - great communication and decision making at your end really took the pressure off me."

(Social Worker)