



### Head Teacher's Update

As we gallop towards the end of Term 3, we are looking forward to the last full term before external exams start for Year 11 and 13 students. I have been impressed with their application and concentrated effort. The students have really worked hard and engaged with learning. Revision at home is an important step for them. Any support which you can give, be it words of encouragement, chocolate or an arm around their shoulders if they feel overwhelmed would be extremely helpful.

We have been discussing the role of social media and mobile devices in school. If you read my blog or look at the website you will see that I have been asking for parental opinion around this sensitive issue. Any comments would be welcome. We do need to evaluate the benefits and the drawbacks of using mobile devices in school.

I wish you a restful holiday over the February break and welcome students back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

### Writing Success

The Rotary Club of Dursley invited our students to enter their writing into the Rotary Club Young Writer Competition 2018/19. The task was to submit a piece of prose or non-fiction with the title 'My Inspiration'. We were really impressed with the quality of submissions and were proud to submit their writing. The topics covered ranged from inspiring sporting heroes, the influence of parents, the effect that reading other peoples' writing can have and some inspiring sci-fi entries!

Students were rewarded with a certificate and vouchers from the Rotary Club, and a well done postcard and chocolates from Miss Duncan. A special mention goes to Hannah Robinson, who not only came first in the Dursley Rotary Club competition but who also came runner up in the District Rotary Club competition.

Well done to all those who submitted entries, and especially well done to those students listed who placed in the competition. Keep writing!

#### Intermediate Young Writer Competition

- First place - Lillie Morgan
- Second place - Evie Press
- Third place - Grace Chauhan
- Third place - Sioltach McGingle

#### Senior Young Writer Competition

- First place - Hannah Robinson
- Second place - Nathan Browning



### Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning (GHLL) Award

We have successfully maintained the Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning Award. This accolade acknowledges the high quality provision that the school makes to support the mental health and wellbeing of our school community. As Award organisers acknowledge:

"Good schools have always understood the link between good mental health and achievement. Great schools have also understood the importance of staff mental health and wellbeing in this equation. As we are becoming more aware of, and open about mental health issues we are seeing greater prominence of support for this increasingly significant health priority."

<https://www.ghll.org.uk/>



On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Years 7 to 11 will be participating in a whole school enrichment day which will focus on 'Wellbeing'. Students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of techniques and activities that promote positive physical and mental health practices.



### Duke Of Edinburgh (DofE) Award at Rednock



The DofE programme is going from strength to strength, with 52 Year 10 students enrolling onto the Bronze Award and looking forward to the forthcoming expeditions in the summer term.

A special mention must go to three ex-Rednock students who have achieved their Gold Awards: Simon Allen, Louise Graham and Joeley Heeps. These students all started their DofE journeys in Year 10 at Rednock and have now been presented with their well-earned awards at Buckingham Palace. These are incredible achievements and hopefully give our current students something to aspire to emulate.



### Year 11 Mock Interviews



This term, all Year 11 students have participated in mock interviews with business and industry specialists who regularly interview and recruit staff for their own companies. As part of the process, each student completed a standard application form, wrote a personal statement and prepared for a real interview.

The whole event was a great success and the interviewers complimented the Rednock students on their professionalism in the way in which they presented themselves under pressure.

We would like to thank all of the 'interviewers' who gave up their valuable time to offer advice and guidance to our students.

If you would like to support this event next year please contact [admin@rednockschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@rednockschool.org.uk)

### Key Stage 4 Options Evening

It was fantastic to see a large number of Year 9 students and their parents and carers at the Key Stage 4 Options Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Following a short presentation by Mr White, students had an opportunity to talk to subject teachers about GCSE and BTEC qualifications that are available to study in Years 10 and 11. The high quality conversations that took place during the evening showed that students have already given a lot of thought to their option choices and possible progression routes post-16.

Please visit the following link on the school website for more information:

<https://www.rednockschool.org.uk/key-stage-4-options/>

The deadline for completing the online option choice form is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.



### Term 3 - Sports Fixtures and Results

**Badminton** – Year 11 boys: George Thomas, Harvey Mockett, Kyle McMillan and Aaron Witts represented Rednock School at the recent County Badminton tournament. This event is organised by Active Gloucestershire and forms part of the School Youth Games. The team put in an excellent performance and achieved a creditable fourth place, finishing behind some top quality opposition which included teams that have been to the national competitions in recent years.

**Football** - Under 18 Boys' Football: The season continues to see improvement in performance with fixtures against KLB, Marling and St Edwards. A notable debut for our most recent addition to the school was Anwar Salih in the game vs Marling. Toby McCormick, in Year 11, gave a Man of the Match performance. Next term, the boys' football fixtures will be reaching a climax, with district titles and county qualification up for grabs.

**Netball** - Mrs Knight is really proud of the level of commitment shown by the Year 7 Netball girls, with over 40 students playing in the school teams. On a very cold day in January, the Year 7 netball tournament provided an exciting end to the season. The 'A' squad produced some excellent team play and held their nerve throughout. They convincingly beat Thomas Keble, Kingshill, and Archway in the pool games. They met Stroud High School in the semi-finals and played above all expectations, with an amazing defence, shooters finding the net, and centre court running their socks off, resulting in a very close 4-3 win. The girls then went on to play Farmors School in the final but despite putting on a fantastic display of netball they lost 3-1. All credit to the girls for a fantastic tournament and we look forward to seeing what they can achieve next season when they are in Year 8.

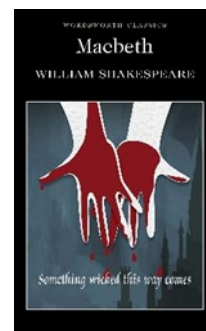
**PE lunchtime clubs** – These continue to be really well attended with over 65 students participating in a number of sports including table tennis and badminton. The majority of students are Year 11 so hopefully this is stimulating the mind and body as we move towards the examination season.



### Upcoming Events in Term 4

#### The Young Shakespeare Company Performance

On 4th April, Year 11 will be treated to a performance of one of their GCSE Literature set texts, *Macbeth*. The Young Shakespeare Company will be performing for students in the school hall and will also engage in a post-show talk. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a deeper insight into the play, its themes and its characters. If you haven't done so already, a voluntary contribution of £5 can be made on parent-pay to cover the cost of this experience (Year 11 students only).





### Gold Arts Award Evening - Tuesday 2nd April

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.30pm, Rednock School is hosting the Gold Arts Award evening. This is an opportunity for students from across Years 7 - 13 to showcase their talents through a series of acts revolving around the theme of 'School'. It will give our Sixth Form the opportunity to undertake a Gold Arts Award in the Performing Arts, working on areas outside their own disciplines. This award is worth an AS grade.

Students are enthusiastically rehearsing many musical numbers from 'Matilda', 'Les Mis' and 'The Greatest Showman', to name a few. The swing band are rehearsing a great set list that many of you will remember from your own schooldays. In addition Year 12 are working with the innovative theatre company 'Stomp' to create a unique act that will appear on the night.

Last years's evening was a huge sellout and a great success, raising money for charity and The Arts.

Tickets will go on sale shortly after half term from Main Reception.

£3.50 Children and Concessions

£5.00 Adults

We look forward to seeing you on the night !

Mandy Johnson

### School Notices

#### Mobile Phones In School Survey

Following on from Mr Alexander's Blog around mobile phones in schools (published on our Facebook page on the 4th February), please take a moment to complete our short survey on the use of mobile phones in school for students.

<https://www.rednockschool.org.uk/notices/mobile-phones-in-school-survey/>

#### Parent Survey

Your views about the school are important to us. We are interested to know what you and your child think is good about the school, as well as anything that you would like to be improved. You can tell us your views by filling in the questionnaire on the school website.

<https://www.rednockschool.org.uk/notices/parent-survey/>

Please provide just one answer to each question even if you have more than one child at the school. You can add further comments by writing in the comment box at the end of the questionnaire.

Thank you for taking the time to complete our surveys.



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## Newsletter Term 3



### Dates for Your Diary

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|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| • Monday 25th February 2019                    | Start of Term 4 for all students and staff             |
| • Monday 25th February - Friday 1st March 2019 | Year 11 Mock Exams Core Subjects Only                  |
| • Thursday 28th February 2019                  | Year 13 Parents' Consultation Meeting - 16:00 to 18:00 |
| • Monday 4th March - Friday 15th March 2019    | Year 10 Mock Exams                                     |
| • Wednesday 20th March 2019                    | Enrichment Day - Well Being Day                        |
| • Thursday 26th March 2019                     | Year 8 Left Population Parents' Consultation Meeting   |
| • Tuesday 2nd April                            | Gold Arts Award Evening                                |
| • Thursday 4th April 2019                      | Year 8 Right Population Parents' Consultation Meeting  |
| • Friday 5th April 2019                        | End of Term 4                                          |

### Useful Contact Details

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#### Community Support Officers

- **Brunel** – Mrs Mandy Price (01453 540775)
- **Darwin** – Ms Suzannah Jones (01453 540773)
- **Hubble** – Ms Gail Harris (01453 540748)
- **Jenner** – Mrs Donna Dummelow (01453 540774)

#### Student Absence Notifications

Telephone: 01453 540755

Text: 07624 813504

- Attendance Officer - Mrs Nerys Croft

**Don't forget to check out the School Website and Social Media pages for up to date messages and notices**

