



Head Teacher's Update

The Easter break is nearly upon us; it has been a very busy term for all students but in particular for our Key Stage 4 and 5 students as they complete their final preparations for the summer examinations.

We have celebrated many great achievements across all key stages; within subject areas and in sports fixtures. This term's celebrations culminated in the school's Gold Arts Award Show where so many of our students took part and excelled. That's the real Rednock – all of the school community pulling together to produce something marvellous.

I wish you and your families a happy and restful Easter holidays. Don't forget that school restarts on Tuesday 23rd April.

Wellbeing Day - 20th March 2019

On Wednesday, 20th March, the whole school spent the day participating in a range of activities that focussed on promoting mindfulness and wellbeing.

Key Stage 3 activities included a 9 mile hike to North Nibley, working with St James's Place to look at financial wellbeing and participating in a careers and financial wellbeing project called the 'Real Game'. Students also took part in an environmental art project in conjunction with the Dursley Tabernacle. They planned and chucked mandala designs, creating tiles for use in an outdoor project Rednock is running in partnership with the Tabernacle later this year.

Key Stage 4 students worked through a carousel of activities looking at personal and social wellbeing. These included: a workshop addressing the issue of knife crime; First Aid training; outdoor cookery; yoga; meditation and a session promoting personal achievement.



Gold Arts Award Evening – 2nd April 2019

As part of their Level 3 Gold Arts Award project, Year 12 and 13 students organised a fantastic evening of entertainment. The talents of Rednock students were showcased through a variety of different acts which included songs from *Les Misérables*, School of Rock, Matilda and The Greatest Showman. The Swing Band took the older members of the audience back to their youth, with renditions of some 80s pop and rock classics. Duets, monologues, dancing and the Sixth Form students 'Stomp' act all contributed to an outstanding event. A huge well done to the Sixth Formers who organised and produced the event. A big thank you to the staff who supported the students, particularly Mrs Madden, Ms Johnson, Mr Andrews and Mr Mee.





Year 11 - Successful Revision and Support

As we head into the Easter holiday, it is important that Year 11 students continue to effectively organise their revision. Every Year 11 student has access, via the school website, to a Google Classroom called 'Rednock Revise'. Here, students will find a comprehensive revision guide, which offers advice on structuring revision time and ideas for revision activities. The booklet also contains tips on taking care of students' physical and emotional wellbeing. If you are a parent or carer of a student sitting external exams in the summer term, please support your child with their revision. Providing a quiet study space away from distractions, talking about revision and praising their progress are just some of the ways parents can be supportive at this key time.

Mathematics



UKMT Team Maths Challenge – 4th March 2019

A team of Year 8 and Year 9 students attended the regional final of the UKMT's 'Team Maths Challenge' at Wycliffe College. In a field of mainly grammar and independent schools, Rednock scored one of the highest marks on the first round and placed seventh out of 20 teams overall. The team performed exceptionally well and should be very proud of their achievement.

Well done to: Sioltach McGingle, Adam Peake, Ted Smith, Freya Whitehead

Year 10 Maths Feast – 4th March 2019

Two teams of Year 10 students went to Pate's Grammar School to take part in a Maths competition organised by the A.M.S.P. (Advanced Mathematics Support Programme). The aim of A.M.S.P. is to increase the number of students studying Maths beyond G.C.S.E. to ensure that more students reach their potential in Maths.

The competition consisted of four rounds: Starters, Main, Dessert and Petits Fours, all stretching students' mathematical knowledge and introducing them to an area of A-Level Maths that they are unfamiliar with.

In total, there were 15 teams competing from a variety of schools across Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. Rednock's two teams achieved impressive final positions of sixth and eighth places. Well done to all of the students who participated in this event:

Team 1: Chloe Buckley, Anna Blanch, Beatrice Pugh, Jasmine Sprague

Team 2: Zaid Muna, Aaron Dalby, Owen Jones, Jacob Knott



Science

During Science week, the Science Department was a hive of activity as students participated in a range of events, expertly organised by Mr Burke. Students took part in quizzes and voted on their favourite technological innovation. Year 7 were treated to a demonstration assembly and lots of students came and spent their lunchtimes at the 'pop up' Science club, building spaghetti towers and elastic-band powered cars. In addition, Year 7 students were invited to enter a competition to design a logo for the Science department; watch this space for the winning design!

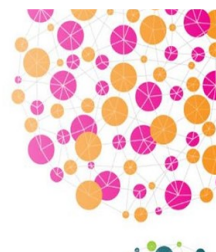
The celebrations continued in the last week of term, when we celebrated the 150th Birthday of the Periodic Table through quizzes, competitions and another edition of 'pop up' Science club.

Find out more about British Science Week and 150 years of the Periodic table via the following links:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

<https://blog.sciencemuseum.org.uk/150-years-of-the-periodic-table/>

8-17 March
**British
Science
Week
2019**





Gloucestershire FameLab Academy

Year 9 student, Adam Peake recently represented Rednock School in the county final of FameLab Academy, hosted by Cheltenham Festivals. This is a science communication competition that inspires students to become scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians. In preparation for this event, all Year 9 Rednock students researched, planned and delivered a topic of their choice to their peers during Terms 3 and 4. From a year group of 200+ students, ten students went forward to compete against each other in front of the year group and a panel of judges. Adam was crowned as the Year 9 winner and went on to represent Rednock School at the final. Fifteen Gloucestershire schools competed in this year's event; Adam gave a brilliant talk about the shapes of eye balls and how they could be changed to improve vision. He gave an exceptional performance and was an excellent ambassador for Science at Rednock School. Well done Adam!



Geography

Year 11 Geography students recently completed their second day of G.C.S.E. fieldwork with an investigation into urban regeneration in a rapidly changing Temple Quarter, Bristol. The students walked from Temple Meads Station through the plush new developments at Finzels Reach and Cabot Circus and then out into the more bohemian Stokes Croft. The coach trip home took us through the expanding tertiary and quaternary sector near the former Filton airport where logistics, engineering, education and science jobs now abound. All the students were a credit to the department and school.



Taken from the website: www.bristoltemplequarter.com/about/

6th Form Geography and Sociology students have been given the opportunity of working with the Stroud District Council Planning (S.D.C.) Department. This was launched with two recent seminars deliberating on how the local area might change in the future to meet housing and employment needs. Concepts such as 'Garden Village Communities' have been introduced with S.D.C. actively seeking student views to inform future possible planning developments. Students are in the process of holding a series of focus groups with the younger students to garner their views across a range of issues before feeding back their findings to S.D.C. Many thanks to Helen Johnstone, a former Rednock member of staff, for inviting us to be part of this project.

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review>



**Stroud District
Local Plan Review**

Emerging Strategy Paper

November 2018





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Term 4 – Girls' Sports Fixtures

Cricket

Well done to the U13 and U15 girls' cricket teams for representing the district at the indoor county tournament early this month. Both teams had difficult draws against Dean Close and Bristol Grammar School.

Despite the challenge, the girls competed exceptionally well and really held their nerve under pressure. The U15 team reached the final against the High School and achieved a silver medal.

Well done to all girls who participated in this event. Hopefully, we can continue our success into the outdoor game next term.



Football

This season, both the U12 and the U16 girls' football teams qualified for the Level 3 (county) Football tournament, which was held at Rednock School on 21st March.

The U12 team went into this tournament having not conceded a goal in open play. They demonstrated some great teamwork in each of their matches and finished a respectable sixth place in a very competitive contest.

The U16 team played exceptionally well against some very strong teams. They finished in third place with an unbelievable effort and thoroughly deserved their bronze medal.



Term 4 – Boys' Sports Fixtures



Towards the end of Term 4, the Year 8 boys competed against Kingshill School, Cirencester, in the Stroud District final. Racing into a three goal lead with goals from Will Tainton, Riley McGregor and Ollie Smith, Rednock School had a firm hold on the game. Unfortunately, just before half time, Kingshill School hit back with two goals leaving Rednock a slender advantage going into the break.

In the second half, Kingshill adjusted well to the surface and completed a good series of moves with a great finish to bring the score line to 3-3. Both sides then had good chances to finish the game but didn't until some slight indecision in the Rednock back line led to a close range finish for Kingshill.

This was then followed by a late penalty for Kingshill, which left Rednock

School on the wrong end of a 5-3 score line. In response to this result, the team will regroup and come back stronger for next year's district competition, with the added incentive for a number of the boys of an October tour to Real Madrid.



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Year 11 Football

The Year 11 boys' football team have performed admirably in Terms 3 and 4. They were outstanding and managed to get a hard fought draw (3-3) against last year's District Champions, Cirencester Deer Park School. They then went on to achieve a draw against KLB who went on to be one of the eventual finalists. Rednock beat Kingshill School, Cirencester, convincingly and just lost out to Farmors School, who were the eventual winners of the district tournament.



Dates for Your Diary

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| • Tuesday 23rd April | Term 5 begins |
| • Thursday 2 nd May | Year 10 Parents' Consultation Meeting |
| • Monday 6 th May | Bank Holiday |
| • Tuesday 7 th May | GCSE Art Exam |
| • Wednesday 8 th May | GCSE Art Exam |
| • Thursday 9 th May | Year 11 Awards Evening 6:30pm to 8:30pm |
| • Friday 10 th May | Year 11 Celebration Day |
| • Friday 24 th May | End of Term 5 |

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- Hubble – Ms Gail Harris (01453 540748)
- Jenner – Mrs Donna Dummelow (01453 540774)

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

