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# Rednock School Termly Newsletter

The latest news and updates from Rednock School

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## A Message From The Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers and Students

We are at the end of the academic year at last. It feels as though it has been a problematic one with lengthy lockdowns impacting significantly on students' well-being and learning.

We have maintained our Covid mitigations all the way through - the sanitising, wearing of face masks, one way system and bubbles. Until recently, we had few cases in comparison to other schools. The support the community in ensuring that these measures were carried out has been invaluable and the students have been magnificent in understanding the reasoning behind the measures. They have been excellent and I am really proud of them.

I sincerely hope that the summer and the relaxation of the measures, nationally, mean that you and your families have a restful holiday period. You certainly deserve it!. Rest up and let's look forward to as normal a year as possible!

Yours sincerely,

David Alexander

Head Teacher



## Community Donation



On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May Jenner community held a whole school non-uniform day to raise funds for the registered charity 'The Door'.

'The Door' here in Dursley have been instrumental in supporting and offering guidance to, not only students at Rednock but also parents and carers in the community during this period.

This year has been particularly difficult for us all and more recently for our school community. The sad passing of Joshua Hall, former Rednock and Jenner community member has touched everyone here in some way. We had spoken to Josh's parents and it was with their support that we held this day in his honour.

We include a picture of Tom Smith and Evie Barker-Doe presenting The Door with a cheque for over £800 representing the money raised on our non-uniform day. We would like to thank everyone for their kind and generous donations.



## PE Department



As is now a Rednock tradition, the staff at Rednock "attempted" to play a game of football against the Year 13 leavers. A huge thank you to Dom Small for organising this and conjuring the Year 13 leavers team. After a very impressive first 5 minutes the Year 13's were 2-0 up and it looked like it could be a cricket score. Thanks to an enforced injury change which led to Mr Pugh going in goal, the staff team managed to stem the flow of goals. 4-0 down at half time was a job well done (by both teams!!)

The small piece of pride that the staff team can take was a wonderfully worked goal (one long ball over the top!) to Mr Steele who finished with excitement, scoring on his staff team debut. A final score of 4-1, it was an excellent effort by all concerned and the game was played in a marvellous spirit.



Further massive thanks to Callum McBride, Harvey Cowley and Brad Nash for officiating so well and to Mrs Johnston for her vocal support!



## Sports Day - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day made a very welcome return to the school calendar. Although the PE department had to make a number of adjustments due to Covid-19 regulations and safety, the day was a roaring success.

With Year 9 kicking us off with their field events followed by hotly contested track events, we were able to present the year winners, Brunel with their trophy. Then for the next two hours it was the turn of the Year 7's for their very first attempt at a Rednock Sports Day. What was incredibly pleasing was that there were no gaps in any of the races and this was a credit to all students, both in the run up and also on the day of the event. Jenner managed to land the spoils with the Year 7 events, and then it was onto the turn of the Year 8's. This was then won by Hubble and Jenner.

All of the points were tallied up and the overall finishing positions for the whole school were:

- **Joint 1st Place - Brunel - 745**  
**Darwin - 745**
- **2nd Place - Jenner - 723**
- **3rd Place - Hubble - 683**



## Sports Ambassador Presentation

The PE department are thrilled to have recently announced the new crop of Sports Ambassadors. These students will become an extension of the PE department in helping and assisting the re launch of our community sporting activities. Not only will they be helping with the recruitment for activities, but also the assisting with officiating where possible and also enthusing their peers and younger years to take part in inter community sport and activity. The department are extremely keen to re invigorate everyone after the recent eighteen months and the re establishment of these roles will really help. A massive congratulations to all of them as there was an incredible response in numbers of students wishing to apply. Special praise goes to Willow Thomas and Tom Smith who have been selected to be the lead ambassadors.



## Prefect Award Ceremony

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Mr Alexander presented the Year 11 prefects with their community prefect ties. Our prefects are ambassadors for the school; an invaluable and highly regarded group of students. We are really looking forward to working with them during the next academic year.



Darwin



Hubble



Jenner



Brunel





## Art Department



Mrs Clarke's Year 7 art class were asked to draw and paint abstract flowers as part of their Abstract art project. Students were inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keeffe, who is best known for her paintings of flowers and desert landscapes.

The students have created a range of wonderful outcomes, really focusing on the colour palette and composition of the piece. Well done Year 7!



**Amalia Banea**



**Nancy Cairns**

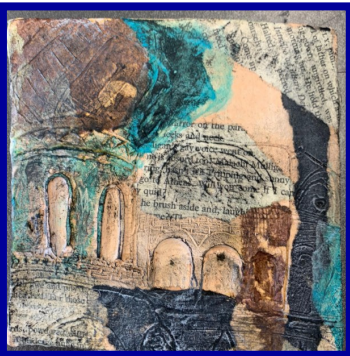


**Nicole Boyce**



**Noah Boulton**

Year 8 students are creating clay tiles as part of their architecture project. Students were inspired by the artist Ian Murphy, who is known for his powerful, tonal drawings and atmospheric, mixed media oil paintings of architectural places. Year 8 have done a fantastic job creating depth and detail within their tiles. We include some of their wonderful work below.



**Bailey Tutuvanu**



**Primrose Barfe**



**Rebecca Malpass**



**Cali Morse**

Year 9 students are now in the process of creating their clay outcomes from the animal portraits that they created last term as part of their Zoomorphism project. We include some of the fantastic clay animal portraits below.



**Jorja Taylour**



**Dexter Glover**



**Harry Ashford**



**Scarlet Crosbee**



**Amber Morgan**



## Sixth Form News



Year 12 students, Holly Morris, Caitlin Keep and Jasmin Sprague took part in judging the Dursley Town Council Summer Festival trader shop window displays on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Holly said; *'It was a really good experience to be able to work with the town council and support the community by helping to judge the shop window displays ready for the Dursley Town Festival along with the Town Counsellor and Mayor of Dursley.'*



Year 12 students took advantage of a Dragon's Den style 'Pitch your Proposal' session in which staff posed questions and gave feedback on initial ideas for an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

The sessions went well and we have over 30 Year 12 students able to make a start on their Enrichment qualification over the summer. Topics vary from art and history, to money in football, politics, to Feng Shui in schools.



### End of Term 6th Form BBQ

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July a small group of Year 12 students organised and ran a BBQ for their year group. It was a highly successful and enjoyable event that was followed by some team games on the field. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves having fun in the sun.

It was a wonderful way to end the academic year.





## Drama Department



Good luck to our Year 13 students that have left us this term. Following the Drama Department tradition each student is given a clapperboard as a Drama keepsake.



CONGRATULATIONS to Annie-May Pritchard and Rebecca Jones who passed their Gold Arts Award with flying colours. Well done girls this is a fantastic achievement!

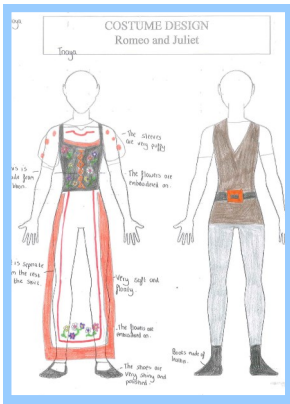
Matt Bassington, an ex-Rednock student supported the Gold Arts Award delivery with his Theatre Company "Wolf in the Web". Matt ran a fight combat series of workshops as part of Unit 1 working with a practitioner.



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Year 12 Performing Arts students thrilled their audience in their production of "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare. Returning home from battle, the victorious Macbeth meets three witches on the heath. Driven by their disturbing prophecies, he sets out on the path to murder. The students acted out the scenes brilliantly, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats throughout the performance. Well done Year 12!



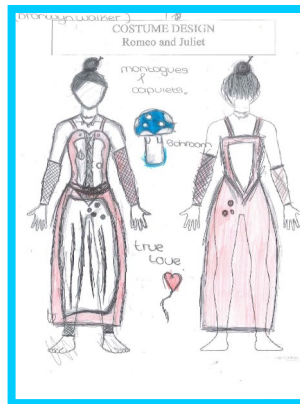
Miss Johnson's Year 8 class designed costumes for "Romeo and Juliet" as part of their study for Year 8 genres. We include some of the wonderful work produced by 8M1.



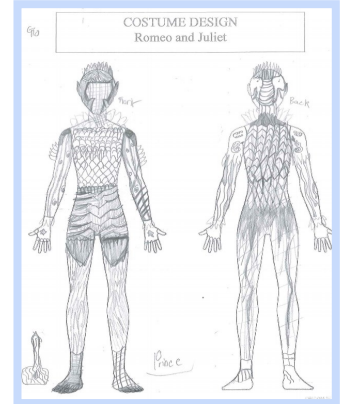
**Inaya Wood**



**Amber Howarth**



**Bronwyn Walker**



**Gio Bailey**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July the Drama Department ran a Gold Arts Award and BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts practitioner day. Cheryl Parmenter ran a workshop on Commedia and Physical Theatre and Josh Patel ran a workshop on Stanislavski (Russian theatre practitioner), and Audition work.

Both practitioners were interviewed by our Year 12 students. It was a really positive day that allowed our students to immerse themselves with professionals in their field.



*"I LOVED the session on Thursday – such open, responsive students. It's always a pleasure coming in to work with you and your students".*  
Cheryl Parmenter



## Film Club



This month we have been watching two films in the film club: Fantastic Mr Fox (Wes Anderson) and Love Simon (Greg Berlanti). It's a very relaxed hour where you can enjoy a film and socialise in a safe, friendly space.

Film Club takes place every Wednesday after school, from 3-4pm, in room 242 and all year groups are welcome! Come for a snack and to watch a film!



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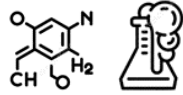


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## Science Department



This year, our triple Scientists once again had the opportunity to take part in the National Biology Challenge, run by the Society of Biology. This is a series of computer tests that puts students' Biology knowledge against that of others up and down the country. Rednock students did brilliantly overall, with Jaemi Cairns achieving a Gold certificate, putting them in the top 5% of the 27,000 students who took part. Josh Edwin, Lauren Buckley, Matthew Binns and Finley Mee were all awarded silver medals (top 14%), and Ethan Matthews, Harry Tearle, Isabelle Smith, Hannah Morris, Dan Lee and Jack Allen all achieved Bronze certificates (top 25%). Well done Year 10!



## DT Department



Mrs Brooks (DT Technician) has been very busy contacting lots of kitchen equipment companies recently in the hope of finding any with schemes that will help schools with equipment.

Cira Jones, the UK assistant brand manager for Russell Hobbs and George Foreman has very generously arranged 12x food processors and 12x mini choppers to be donated to the DT department from spectrum brands.

The department is over the moon and the new equipment will make it possible for practical lessons to run simultaneously in both food rooms.



## Music Department



The Rednock swing band performed on Saturday as part of the Dursley Festival. With the support of the local music shop 'Intersound', the band were able to perform to the general public for the first time since December 2019. Everyone involved really enjoyed the experience and it was encouraging to see new members of the band performing alongside regular members and ex-students who are still connected with the music-making at Rednock.



## Mindful Meditation



Miss Johnson has added 4 new meditations to the 'Soul School for Well-being' You Tube channel. The mindful meditation videos are in collaboration with the hugely talented Georgia Wade who created the music and art work that features within the meditation videos.

Please click [here](#) to watch the new meditation videos.





## English Department



Year 8 English students are studying 'The Adventure of the Speckled Band' which is the eighth Sherlock Holmes story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Students were asked to carry on the story from when Sherlock Holmes reaches the house of Stoke Moran. We include some of 8L3s imaginative and descriptive writing.



**Olivia Hedges**



**Ava Gardiner**



As we arrived at the house, we were surprised to be welcomed by a stunning, grand hallway. It was built up of pearly-white pillars, with a dark wooden frame, painted with golden strips that twisted and curled around the walls.

Contrasting to the gardens we had previously travelled through, footprints went through the dying gardens leading up to a packed protesting crowd.

Carefully, we walked down the wing of the house, Sherlock surveyed the rooms familiarising himself with the house.

CREAK!

The floorboards were loud and loose; the hallway was dim and dark. The candles flickered. I glanced towards Dr. Roylott's room. It had a vermilion door with a golden handle. It looked expensive, however it was covered in dents and scratches.

Once we had reached the room which Helen had described, the candles had almost burnt out. I reached for the handle, uncertain what to expect. Hesitantly, my fingers curled around the door knob. It opened.

I arrived at Stoke Moran. This dim, dark, dispiriting place lay upon a barren wasteland.

I knocked politely on the front door. A tall dark haired man answered, "Hello Miss Gardiner, we've been waiting for your arrival! I'm Sherlock, Sherlock Holmes." One of his hands was on the door handle, the other on the frame. He seemed comfortable and welcoming so I stepped inside.

I glanced at the inside of the house. It was as bland as the outside. "I hope that pestering peacock didn't bite you upon your entrance. He's a bit peckish this time of year," he chuckled.

I took two steps forward. On my right was Doctor Watson and a tall pale lady stood by his side. "Good morning Miss Gardiner", murmured Watson. "This is my associate, Miss Stoner." Miss Stoner looked me up and down. I could tell what she was thinking from the look on her face and the trauma in her eyes. 'Not her, anyone but her'. I didn't think much of it and shook her small, boney hand. "Lovely to meet you Miss Stoner. Now, tell me how I can be of assistance."

### Get Rednock Reading Campaign

This year we have launched an appeal to buy brand new books for our LRC. This is in conjunction with Rednock's big push on reading! Thanks to some amazing local support, we have raised over £4,000 and purchased hundreds of new books which are being read by our students. But we want to do more! We'll be running the fundraising appeal throughout the next academic year, aiming to offer our young people opportunities to read the very best and most diverse literature we can get our hands on.



Every book that you sponsor will include a recognition of the support of your business through a sticker inside the front cover. Who knows, a young person may eventually work for you and recognise the contribution that your business made to their success.

Please click [here](#) to take you through to the gofundme page.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award



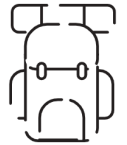
### Bronze Expedition June 2021



Sixteen keen and committed students after 10 hours of walking with tents, cookers and food, campcraft, debrief and a presentation passed their Bronze Award Expedition last week.

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Ocean Rock were fabulous with their flexibility, experienced positive staff and organisation to help Rednock students to a reduced version of the Bronze expedition in these difficult



Having set off from Sharpness in staggered intervals, the three teams picnicked, sang and photographed their way along the coast and then inland to Durlsey. Team Three, having been the slowest at one point, through determination and team work, ended up running into camp, overtaking another team! They all then cooked their own supper and pitched a tent. Unfortunately, this year the group were not allowed to sleep in them, but returned the following day to cook breakfast before navigating their way across country to the various check points, for another



three hours. To complete the Expedition, we had a presentation on wildlife, navigational skills, a video diary of the route and the importance teamwork.

Mrs Porter is looking forward to taking some of the students through their Silver Award as Rednock Year 12 students.

Well done everyone - parents, students and staff - in helping to achieve this!



## Life Skills

The final assessment for Skills Based Curriculum is a personal presentation. This year Mr Cole gave the task of talking about students' first year at Rednock, the challenges and what they do in their spare time. As you can imagine, pets played a very important role during lockdown learning and a great boost to positive mental health. It was a delight to see these pets in 'real life' as they have been seen on the virtual live lessons. A lovely way to end the year.



Molly Turl and Kyra McCullough



Amalie Robinson and Lily Nash



Hattie Seal and Lila Heath

## Raising Standard Lead

**Year 8 | Mr Szmaglik** - The students taking part in the Champions League have made it a huge success. At the time of writing, the total number of goals scored by teams are:

Team Name	Players	Total Goals
Lyrical Lemonade	Mckenzie Hall Levi Perry	30
Harpy	Gio Bailey Harry Hayward	47
Tigers	Mollylousie Hemmings Grace Perks	17
Trivia	Leiland Green Tyler Titheridge	17
J Jedi's	Jack Knowlson Joao Major	23
Looping Lamas	Ellie Bick Holly Yates	50

As can be seen, certain teams have really stormed ahead and they've achieved this by asking their teachers to set targets at the beginning of lessons. The overall winners at the end of this year will each receive a £10 Amazon voucher - so good luck to you all in this last final push!

Eloquence Groups have continued and together the groups have delved into some pretty tricky and contentious topics, including; airbrushing photos in social media, vegetarianism, racism in football and the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

This term has seen the emergence of the Study Skills Group, in which students are learning about study techniques and practicing using them. In our second session, we used recall tables to make use of our notes and transform them into questions and answers to use for retrieval practice (repeated answers at different intervals). Ruby Pawlyszyn-Thompson was one of several students who moved away from making questions that had yes/no answers, to questions that tested for a better understanding - well done Ruby!

Several students have been making use of our Homework Club on a regular basis to help facilitate the completion of their homework and revision. These students include Inaya Wood (who works brilliantly independently), Luke Adams (who has worked hard on developing his numeracy skills) and Holly Yates (who has become increasingly more independent).

It's a real testament to the students of Rednock to be ending such a difficult year on such a positive note. Well done to each and every one of you! I hope you all have a restful summer, ready to hit the ground running again in September!

### Year 10 | Miss Jones

This term, a group of Year 10 students are preparing to start a Level 2 Higher Project Qualification in September. Students have been asked to identify a research topic which they would like to explore. This will be a great opportunity to take part in an independent study and take part in a learning experience which will support their personal aspirations.

Well done to everyone for making it through such a difficult year. I hope you have a lovely break.

### Year 11 | Miss Chinnock

Now that Year 11's have left, our attention has focussed on preparing the Year 10's for their GCSEs next year. Despite the interruptions and delays caused by close contact students unfortunately needing to self-isolate, the Year 10 mocks have on the whole gone very well.

Certificates will be presented to those students who have made the most progress, put in the best effort, and attained the highest marks, in each subject. It is great to celebrate such a difficult, disjointed year with some real positives, and a strong platform to spring forward into Year 11.



## Dates for your Diary



Please click [here](#) for an important update published on 23.07.2021, regarding the staggered start for each year group and on-site mass testing of students due to take place at the beginning of September.

* Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photographs (Years 7, 10 and 12)
* Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening
* Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Open Morning
* Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 10 Key to Success Evening
* Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Key Stage 3 Awards Evening
* Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 7 and Year 12 Meet with Tutor Evening
* Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	End of Term 1

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*From all of us at Rednock School, have a lovely summer break!*

