

# THE REDNOCK REVIEW

TERM 1 - 2023/24  
OCTOBER 6TH 2023



[Please click here to view a video from Mr Stratford](#)

## Achievement Heroes

Each week our Community Leaders and Tutors nominate students they feel deserve to be recognised as the Achievement Hero for their community. Here are the winning heroes for weeks 4 and 5!

They were nominated for a variety of reasons, such as fast becoming a great role model within the school, reaching sporting achievements to be proud of and collecting the most achievement points in the whole of their year group or community!

We're incredibly proud of all of our students and we love having the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments.



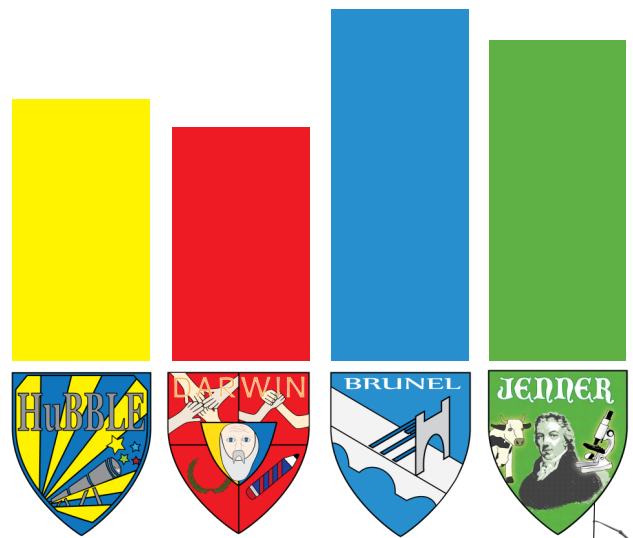
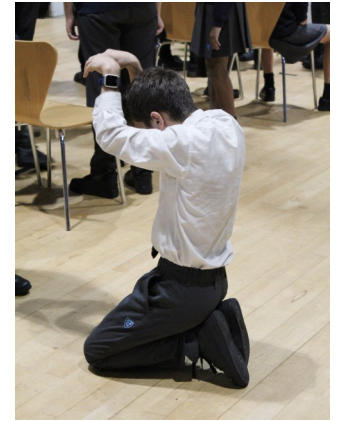
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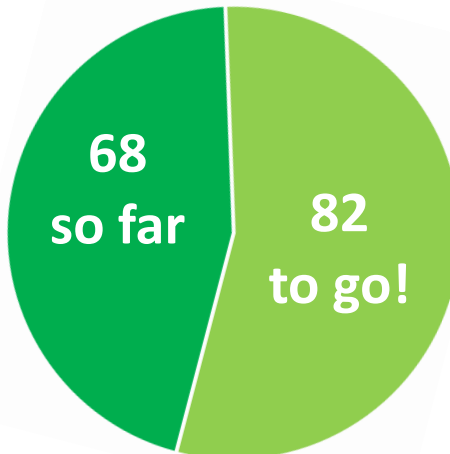
## Community Challenge

Each month the communities go head to head in a fun challenge in order to collect extra points for the Inter-community Competition. This month the task was to work in their teams to spell out as many words as possible from the list given, in the given time limit and in silence, using their bodies to create the letters. The team who spelt out the most words in the allotted time, wins. The results of this challenge were added to the running total and as you can see below, Brunel are still in the lead but Jenner are hot on their heels!



## Random Acts of Kindness Reward Points

Jenner have been set an individual challenge by their Community Leader, Mrs Wytchard. If they can collect 150 Random Acts of Kindness Achievement Award Points before 17th November, she will do something that terrifies her. She has vowed that she will either: climb up onto a roof (safely!) or hold a live spider. So far Jenner have managed to collect 68 points so they're almost halfway to their goal! They need to keep going if we're going to see this face in real life!





### KS3 Awards for 2022/2023

On the 6th October we were able to spend the evening celebrating some of the successes that our current Year 8, 9 and 10 students achieved during the course of the last school year. We had two awards for each subject that was studied: one for Attainment and one for Effort and Progress.

During the evening we also had some of our students perform for the audience. All performances were spectacular and really showed off our student's skills!

We were fortunate enough to have one of our Year 12 (award winning!) photography students present to capture the evening. Luke Sullivan took over 900 photos but here's a few highlights from the celebrations.

The full list of winners can be found on the next page.





### Year 7 Winners

Aaron Bridges, Aaron Cook, Alyssa Sobey, Amelia Trusilo, Annabel Burton, Annie Tunnicliffe, Austin Seal, Charlotte Bottger, Charlotte Woodward, Chloe Galley, Dexter Penn, Ebony Edwards, Esme Clutterbuck, Esme Peterson, Freya Kingston, Freya Rayner, Hamish Harper, James Connolly-Hitchings, Lilly Beeley, Lola Smith, Maisie Tyers, Morgan Jones, Nicole Andrews, Purdey Spencer, Rosanna Broad, Rowan Chandler, Ruza Tomic Jurisic, Summer Norman, Tarik Cetin, Theodore Barrett, Thomas Parfitt, Tom Gorton

### Year 8 Winners

Albert Glover, Alyssa Chrisp, Austin Wilson, Beatrice Sprague, Benjamin George, Chloe Dolder, Dominic Hudson, Ellie Fox, Elliot Pretlove, Esme Blunden, Evie Amato, George Loveday, Hannah Biddle, Ieuan Yapp, Isaac Lynn, Isla Towers, Jack Bottger, Jamie Turner, Kitty Stanyer, Leo Lai, Lewis Cross, Lexxi White, Libby Edge, Lily Gould, Lydia Tutton, Malakai Yeomans-Todd, Noah Birkbeck, Oliver Jones, Poppy Crosbee, Raven Knight, Thea Price, Tilly Herbert, Willow Metcalf, Xavi Latham

### Year 9 Winners

Alfie Snow, Amelia Greenfield, Amy Roberts, Beth Rugman, Clara Wilkins, Elise Silverthorn, Elizabeth Arnold, Emily Cann, Erin Walker, Evan Probert, Fin Powell, Gabby Thomas, Hannah Watson, Hannah Watson, Harry Phillips, Heidi Dorrington, Hetty Cairns, Imogen Bevan, Izzy Cox, Jack Winfield, Jake Allen, Jude Mee, Krystal Eavis, Martha Beales, Mia Banea, Molly Allen, Murray Rowlands, Phoebe Spratt, Rebecca Williams, Sophie Keevil, Taylah Jones, Tiago de Luque Moraes, Will Dance, Zac Pearson



## Scientific Dissection

Mr Delderfield (below) demonstrated and talked his Year 8 class through the process of dissecting a sheep eyeball. Hands-on dissections such as this offer memorable science experiences that can provide inspiration for students to learn more about living things and even consider pursuing a career in biology. By dissecting and constructing labelled diagrams of eyes, students explore the structures and functions that contribute to the sense of vision.



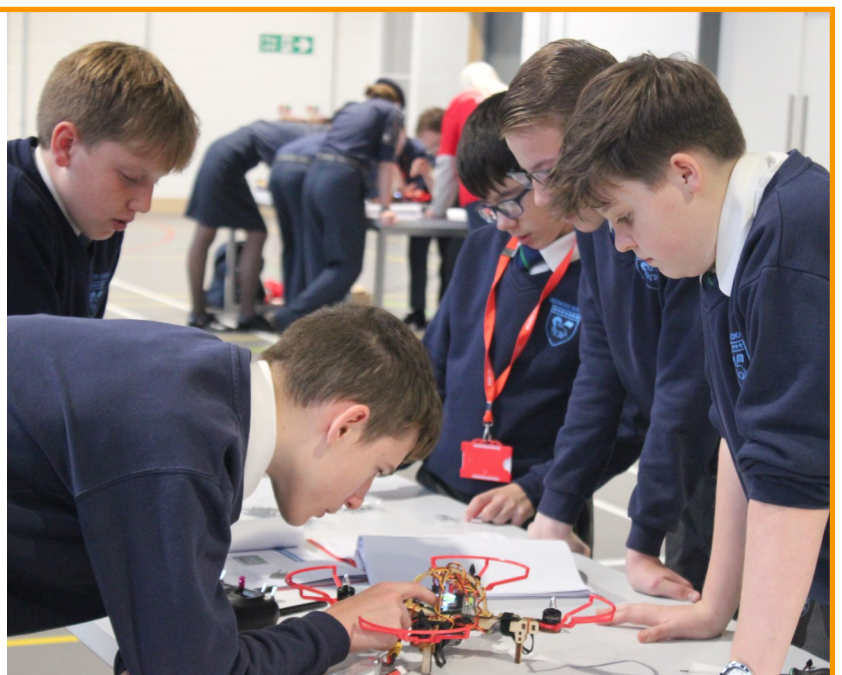
## RTX Quadcopter Regional Finals

Ninety-two teams, forty-one schools, over 500 students and just one champion. This is the RTX Quadcopter challenge.

A team from Rednock (Team RCR) are through to the regional finals of the RTX Quadcopter challenge. On Friday 22nd September they built and started to test their drone and they will now move on to compete against three other teams in November.

RCR are pictured right - Leo Lai, Raven Knight, Oscar Artz, Tyler Miles and Jack Bottger.

Good luck in the next phase!





## National Apprenticeship Show

On Wednesday 27th September Year 13 students and selected Year 12 students attended the National Apprenticeship Show at Ashton Gate Stadium in Bristol. Students took the opportunity to make contact with potential apprenticeship providers from a wide range of sectors from hospitality to the military, the NHS to engineering, and many more.

“I spoke to a representative from Aldi about their Business Administration apprenticeships. I’m seriously considering a higher apprenticeship (L5/L6) as a possible alternative to university” said Evie Yorke 13CMT

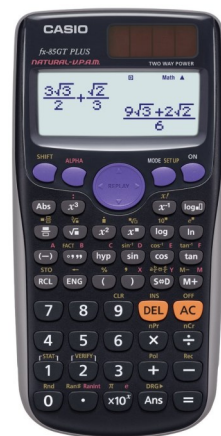


## Calculator Orders

The school will be doing another bulk order of scientific calculators soon. If your student still needs one, this is a great opportunity for you to be able to purchase a good quality calculator at the bulk order price rather than the cost in the shops!

We will be buying the Casio FX-85GT at a cost of £13.49. This calculator is light and has an improved user-friendly interface, with suitable functionality to get your student through their GCSEs and beyond.

If you would like to order a calculator for your student through the school, please do so through Parent Pay **by 16th October**. Once the deadline has passed, we will put in our order so that the calculators will hopefully be with us ready for Term 2.



## Calling all Chefs!

We need 30 quick and healthy family favourites - lunches, teas, dinners (and maybe a couple of tasty treats) for a **30 4 30 Recipe Book** we’re creating to help raise funds for Gloucestershire’s Young Carers. 2023 is their 30th year of helping young carers both here at Rednock and within the wider community.

If you have a favourite dish you’d be willing to share please let us know by emailing the dish name, ingredient list and method to [admin@rednockschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@rednockschool.org.uk). Please also include some images, including the ingredients, preparation and final dish!





### Silk Screen Workshop

We have once again welcomed the wonderful Abi Nichol and Hayley Walters into the school to lead a silk screen workshop with some of our Year 12 Art and Photography students. They produced prints taken from their original drawings based around the theme of literature. The finished prints were whisked away to be displayed in the windows at Dursley Library as part of the Tyndale Arts Trail. You can see photos of the installation below.



There will be a Preview of the stunning artwork created by the students at the Library on Friday 6th October 5-6pm. The preview marks the start of Tyndale Arts Trail happening this weekend at various venues across the town: [www.tyndalearts.co.uk](http://www.tyndalearts.co.uk). There will also be an opportunity for young people to find out about a new fund held by Cam and Dursley Creatives available to support creative ideas.





### Poetry Workshop

As part of Year 8's 'Controversial Issues' topic, the English department were pleased to welcome visitors from Words that Burn, a poetry series run by Amnesty International. This workshop allowed students to consider the importance of human rights and how this can be expressed through poetry. Some brilliant work was produced and really highlighted the incredible poets we have at Rednock. One such piece of work can be seen below.

#### *Peace*

*I am a wild flower meadow perched up on a cliff top,  
The sapphire blue ocean crashing and tumbling on  
the rocks.*

*I am the softest cloud drifting across the sky,  
A dandelion seed at the beginning of its journey.*

*I am the pale blue of the first blue sky in Spring,  
The colour of a golden sunrise.*

*Freya Rayner  
Year 8*



### Life-Saving Training

You may remember that we were kindly gifted a life-saving piece of kit last year which is designed to stop "catastrophic" bleeding. The anti-bleed kit was kindly donated by The Ramarni Trust, the community-led group that has been working to take knives off the streets since the tragic death of Ramarni Crosby in December 2021.

We recently invited South Western Ambulance Service in to the school to train staff members on how to most effectively use the kit. These sessions gave vital training to our staff and allowed them to expand their knowledge in case of emergency .







## Netball Weekend

After a 4 year break, we ventured to Condoover Hall for our Netball weekend with Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball teams. Friday night saw the students take part in activities such as abseiling, laser tag and laser maze. We attempted an early night in preparation for all the Netball activity on Saturday.

On Saturday morning Year 8, 9 and 11 managed to play their first games of the tournament in the dry. All girls played well, with some wonderful team work and excellent comradery. The girls worked really hard and managed a number of wins, draws and some losses! The afternoon saw the rain come in and the Year 10 team braved the wet weather conditions! They played really well. The rain did not deter the other girls from taking part in all the outdoor activities such as high ropes and trapeze. Saturday night was the silent disco, students enjoyed dancing and laughing together.

The 7.15 breakfast wake up call saw a few tired students! But everyone came out and played well on Sunday morning. Our Rednock girls were absolutely fantastic all weekend. Highlights were the care that the older students showed for our younger students, cheering each other on from the side, making friends with other teams and the students impeccable manners and willingness to try new things, whether it is a new Netball position or jumping from a height. All students left with a sense of pride, fulfilment and an experience they will never forget.

It was an absolute pleasure to take our students away for the weekend. Many thanks to Miss Dennis, Miss Egan and Mrs Alexander for supporting the trip.

Mrs Bird  
Head of Girls PE



### Recent Sporting Fixture Results

03/10/23 - Yr 10 Boys Rugby  
**Rednock 26-12 KLB**

04/10/23 - Yr 10 Boys Football  
**Rednock 3-7 Sheldon**

04/10/23 - Cross Country  
**Yr 8 Boys came 3rd**  
**Yr 7 Girls came 3rd**

You can see our upcoming fixtures on page 16.



## Krakow Trip

Forty-five students from Years 10 to 13 have just returned from a three day trip to Krakow in Poland. The visit started with a photography exhibition in the Jewish quarter, followed by a moving presentation from Lidia Maksymwicz, one of only a few Holocaust survivors who are still alive. It was a true privilege to hear her testimony.

The next day, students visited Auschwitz-Birkenau and were given a guided tour of the most notorious death camp of the Second World War, after which they returned to Krakow for a walking tour, taking in the magnificent castle, churches and cobbled streets of the beautiful city.

Before returning home, the students descended 130 metres into a rock salt mine to walk through the labyrinth of passageways into a vast chapel carved out of salt.

A truly memorable trip.

Mr Carter  
Head of Languages





### LRC Plea

We are lucky to have a varied collection of books for students to borrow, more choices of books can lead to more progress. However, we cannot sustain large losses so please ensure you return overdue books to the LRC.

Please also remember to look after the borrowed books as lost or damaged books will cost you from £8 to replace!



### DofE Update October 2023

It was great to see so many of our young people receive their certificates last week for Bronze at the Year 10 assembly following on from our two day trek across the Marlborough Downs in the summer. This is an exciting reminder of how far we've come and encourages us to keep going as we are now starting to roll into Silver with canoeing next year.

The Year 9 students have been told about the DofE and an information evening for parents and carers is planned for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 6-7pm for all those interested in joining the DofE scheme.

We've had some fabulous comments about our students helping out in the local community, either in charity shops, making coffee for organisations, or helping coach our sports clubs. Nationally, **323,000** young people started their DofE in 2022/23 and participants gave **3.5 million** hours of volunteering in their local communities. And we have a wide variety of sports from archery to taekwondo. The skills have included online media courses, first aid and drama.

If your young person is currently doing DofE, please encourage them to get their sections signed off by an assessor (who is not a family member or close friend). This is easily done via the DofE website. Tutors and staff in school are happy to help as long as there is evidence to support their activity.

The next lunchtime support meeting will be in room 342 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 1:20. They can bring their lunch whilst we update their programme and resolve any outstanding issues.

Mrs Porter  
DofE Lead



## Surfing Meets Science: A-Level Physics Students Ride the Wave

In an exciting blend of education and adventure, our A-level physics students embarked on a unique trip to "The Wave," a surf park based on the outskirts of Bristol. The goal? To dive headfirst into the physics of waves, quite literally. The Wave isn't your typical classroom setting. This cutting-edge surf facility boasts state-of-the-art wave technology, making it the perfect destination to explore the science behind wave mechanics. The students delved into the fascinating world of wave physics. They learned about wave properties, wave energy, and the mathematics that govern the movement of these aquatic wonders.

The practical component of the trip was equally thrilling. Donning wetsuits and surfboards, the students put their newfound knowledge to the test during a surf lesson. The combination of classroom theory and hands-on experience brought their physics lessons to life in a way that textbooks alone couldn't achieve. For these students, the journey wasn't just about catching waves; it was about catching a wave of knowledge and adventure they'll carry with them into their future studies and beyond.

Mr Burke  
Science Teacher





## Work of the Week

We have a few pieces of work as our 'work of the week' because who can choose just one?! They're all very creative and exciting projects that our students have been working on.

Below you can see Cole Hodges, Year 9, who has created a 'mug hug' designed, stitched and made for Mr Stratford's own coffee mug! Sam Wardell, Year 9, has been busy designing, cutting and shaping a pewter metal dinosaur to be turned into a keyring. And finally we have Zeek Schofield, Year 9, who showed off his creativity in a drama lesson where they were learning about special effects and prosthetics! *Please note, no children were harmed in the making of this Rednock Review.*





## Wellbeing

We've been keen to introduce a wellbeing section into the Rednock Review as a space where we can share resources and also showcase how we are raising awareness of mental health and wellbeing in and around the school. We would like to start off with some information on the growing trend of vaping. You can find out some useful information and guidance by clicking [here](#).



**I'M WEARING  
A LITTLE YELLOW**  
to school for YoungMinds  
Tuesday 10th  
**#HelloYellow**

## #HelloYellow

Please click [here](#) to view a letter from Mrs Cole regarding #HelloYellow.

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

To show their support and be involved, students and staff are encouraged to wear some yellow to school on the 10th October. This might be a yellow hat, scarf, socks or even just a badge to accessorise their usual school uniform; no other non-uniform please.

## Gloucestershire Constabulary boost

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the team from boost at Gloucestershire Constabulary came to Rednock. Tuesday saw all of Year 12 trained in leadership, emotion coaching and self-regulation and they did an absolutely brilliant job of delivering to Year 7 the next day. There was lots of fun in the hall as teams of Year 7s, each led by some sixth formers, set up 'camps' with tents, matting and pillows and then worked through each of the workshops. A particular highlight was opening the 'agitated' bottles of coke outside! All Year 7 wrote themselves a postcard at the end of the day, which they can open at the beginning of next school year, a lovely touch!





# Rednock School

## Governing Body Vacancies

We currently have vacancies on our Governing Body for two Partnership Governors.

Rednock Governors are seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join their effective cohesive team of people to hold the school to account, to set the strategic direction and to continue to improve the experience of our amazing students. We welcome expressions of interest from all parts of our community.



BE PART OF THE 2023 WORLD SINGING DAY!  
Singing together connects us...connections build resilience

# BIG SING

Come & sing along to popular classics & the latest hits...be part of World Singing Day!

**SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2.30-4.30PM**  
Rednock School, Kingshill Road, Dursley, GL11 4BY

All welcome, primary children must be accompanied by an adult

[Click here to find out more about the Governing Body Vacancies](#)

Rednock Drama Present

# Danceathon 2023

Our Drama Department are hosting our first ever fundraising Danceathon! We will be dancing all day long - 10 hours straight of showing off our moves! We will be carrying this on into the evening and we want you to join us. We have the following sessions running: **4pm - Children Dance Session, 5pm - Dance Fitness, 6pm - Freestyle Dance Session.**

Tickets are £2 per child and £3 per adult.

Tickets can be purchased from ParentPay, via the school's main reception or on the door (please note we are only able to accept cash when paying in person).



## Dates for your diary

Date	Year Group	Event
11/10/23	Year 12	STEM School Trip - Renishaw
11/10/23	N/A	DofE Parents Information Evening
12/10/23	Year 12/13	Report 1 is due home
12/10/23	Year 10	English - Macbeth School Trip
13/10/23	Year 12/13	English - Cheltenham Literature Festival School Trip
14/10/23	Year 10	Music - The Beatles Museum School Trip
17/10/23	Year 11	Geography - Minehead School Trip
17/10/23	Year 8	STEM School Trip - Wycliffe
18/10/23	Year 11	Geography - Minehead School Trip
19/10/23	Year 7/8	Report 1 is due home
19/10/23	N/A	Year 6 Open Morning



## Upcoming Sports Fixtures Good luck Rednock!

### Girls Fixtures

09/10/2023	Y7/Y10	Netball
11/10/23	Yr7-11	XC
16/10/23	Yr9/10/11	Netball
18/10/23	Yr9/10/11	Netball
19/10/23	Yr7/8	Netball

### Boys Fixtures

17/10/23	Y10	Rugby
17/10/23	Y7	Rugby