

# THE REDNOCK REVIEW



TERM 3 - 2023/24  
19TH JANUARY 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It feels a little late to say 'Happy New Year', but I will anyway! Welcome to the first 'Rednock Review' of 2024. It has been an amazing start to Term 3, and I do not say that lightly. My schedule has meant that I have been hosting a number of visitors to our school in the past few weeks. Each of them has left passing comments on the quality of what they experienced, how welcome they felt and how wonderful the young people at Rednock are. I am immensely proud of how the students and staff have started the new year; long may it continue!

It would not have passed you by that this is an incredibly short term with only three weeks until end of term break. However, there is an awful lot to pack in. In this week's Review you can see some of the amazing things that have been going on and importantly make a note of some of the key dates and events that are coming up.

I also want to take this opportunity to share two pieces of exciting news with you all. Next week will not only see our Sixth Form Open Evening, but also the publication of our Ofsted report. As you will recall we were inspected on the 22nd and 23rd November 2023. The report has since undergone a period of quality assurance which, owing to the timing of Christmas, has meant that the publication has been delayed until now. Nevertheless, I look forward to you reading it in full when it is released later next week. For now, I wanted to leave you with my favourite line from the inspection report:

***"Rednock School teaches pupils that 'everyone matters'. It is a warm and welcoming place where everyone is accepted for who they are".***

I have the pleasure to see this each and every day, and want to thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes for the coming weeks.

**Mike Stratford**  
Headteacher



Click [here](#) to view  
Mr Stratford's first  
video of 2024!

**SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING**  
**THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY**  
**5.00PM - 8.00PM**



## Sixth Form Opening Evening

Be sure to save the date for our Sixth Form Open Evening where you will discover a world of opportunities! Explore a diverse range of subjects, meet our expert staff who are excited to share their passion for their specialist subjects and make informed decisions about your academic future.



### Subjects

Meet teachers and students as they showcase the wide range of subjects on offer. See the fantastic facilities in action and find out more about the courses and the opportunities they offer.

Listen to our Alumni speak about their experiences of Sixth Form whilst you enjoy a complimentary coffee and cake in the Sixth Form Cafe.

## Wider Sixth Form Opportunities

Find out about Enrichment qualifications, wider opportunities and the extensive support available to our students.

Meet our independent Careers Advisor, guests from Gloucestershire University and visitors from a variety of industries to find out about some of the options you might consider after Sixth Form. They will be available to help advise you on both your subject choices and the wider opportunities to access whilst studying at Rednock Sixth Form.



**REDNOCK SIXTH FORM**

**Sixth Form Prospectus**

Interested in finding out more? Click [here](#) to view our new prospectus for 2024.



## Achievement Heroes

We've had some wonderful Achievement Heroes in the past 2 weeks and we're extremely proud to celebrate their achievements.

They were nominated for various reasons such as; giving an outstanding singing performance during the Christmas Assembly (Meg), successfully joining the Mental Health Ambassador training course (Violet), completing a wonderful work experience week (Ollie), making an amazing start to secondary school and being a great role model to others (David), and many more wonderful reasons!

Our Achievement Heroes are:

Logan Longden, Oz Thomas, Meg Henden, Freddie Iles, Violet Large, Alfie Wilkins, Martha Harris, Dan Curry, David Eeley, Ollie Norris



## Rugby Inspiration

You may remember that we have been lucky enough to welcome players from Gloucester Women's Rugby Team in recent years. The players visit and run training sessions with our students to give them a taste of the sport. One such student was inspired by last year's session and has written the following message.

*"Hello I'm Eliana Hucker. Last year a player from Gloucester rugby team came to Rednock and gave us some training. During that lesson she asked if I'd ever played rugby before and told me I should start playing if I wasn't already. A few months after that lesson I joined the Cotswold Lionesses rugby team in Minchinhampton and I feel like I've found my sport and I love playing it with my amazing teammates. I'd love to thank the lady from Gloucester rugby club for inspiring me to join a team."*



## Japanese Visitors

On 9th January, we were lucky enough to welcome students from Koie Veritas school in Japan. The students were given a tour of the school and our facilities by our language ambassadors. During the visit, our guests taught around 60 of our students and 30 pupils from Cam Hopton Primary School, Japanese calligraphy, knot tying and origami. All students enjoyed discussing cultural differences and exchanging contact details and will hopefully stay in contact and continue to learn from one another.





## Rotary Art Competition

Several of our Year 9 students took part in this year's Rotary Art competition, students were asked to create a piece of artwork based on the theme 'Re-building'. The theme ties in with our Year 9 project based on Urban Art. The participating students (left) all received a certificate for their hard work. Ellie Fox's piece has been chosen to go through to the next round of the competition.

Well done to all for taking part!





**READ TO RECHARGE**  
Reading is vital for wellbeing - offering entertainment, escape and a much-needed screen break!

**READ TO CONNECT**  
Readathon is a great way to share experiences and reach goals, whether in school or at home.

**READ TO KEEP UP**  
Research has shown that reading for pleasure helps you to be more successful.

**READ TO HELP OTHERS**  
Reading and raising money to buy books for children in hospital feels great!

**Read for Good**  
readforgood.org

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### Read For Good

The LRC has been successful in its latest bid to secure another box of books from the Nailsworth-based charity [Read for Good](https://www.readforgood.org).

More books in the LRC can only be a good thing for our students!

Please encourage your child to borrow (and return) books regularly. Children and young people who read for pleasure are more likely to do well at school, have better jobs, be happy and lead fulfilled lives. All through the magic of a humble book or story.

### Rednock School Reads!

Our Accelerated Reader Programme is something we are very proud of and it helps staff guide students in the world of literacy whilst helping to create a culture of reading through choice.

The current top Key Stage Three readers are:

**Stefan Nguyen, Year 7 (395,411 words)**

**Ruza Tomic Jurisic , Year 8 (443,186 words)**

**Ned Rumsey, Year 9 (282,237 words)**

So far this school year students have read...

**3,199** books and **72,261,043** words!





## Hospitality and Catering

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students have been baking Swiss rolls this week. A surprisingly simple but delicate cake to make in under an hour! Fancy having a go at making one yourself? The recipe they used is below, the recipe calls for jam as the filling but you could also try a chocolate Swiss roll with a whipped cream centre or a vanilla roll with lemon curd.



### Ingredients

- 4 large eggs
- 100g caster sugar, plus extra to dust
- 100g self-raising flour, sieved
- 100g jam

### Method

1. Heat oven to 180c/160c fan/gas 4.
2. Line a 16x28 Swiss roll tin with baking parchment.
3. Beat the eggs and sugar for 5 minutes with an electric hand whisk until mixture is thick and pale.
4. Gently fold in the flour in two batches using a large metal spoon.
5. Bake for 10-12 mins until golden and firm. Be careful not to overbake, or the sponge will break when rolled.
6. While the sponge is baking, sprinkle 2 tbsp sugar over a square of baking parchment.
7. Warm the jam in the microwave for 20 seconds.
8. Turn the baked sponge out onto the sugared paper.
9. Peel off the lining paper and spread the warm jam over the sponge.
10. Roll up the sponge from the short edge using the paper to help you.
11. Cool on a wire rack before eating.



### Netball Rednock vs KLB

Our Sixth Form and Year 11 Netball players went head to head with KLB on 10th January. The strength and depth of both squads really showed in this game. Fast pace netball was played with clear space and defending throughout the court. Changes were made each quarter yet this did not seem to disrupt the flow of the game as the girls stretched their lead even further. As shooters shot with fantastic accuracy and, as the team tired, centre court made sure everybody kept up their energy and enthusiasm.

**Sixth Form drew 4-4**

**Year 11 won 13-5** and our Player of the Match was Teleri Jones

Our Year 8 players also braved the cold weather this week to take on KLB and were just as successful in their matches!

**Year 8 A won 8 -4**

**Year 8 B won 3-2**

### Upcoming Sports Fixtures

- 22/01/24 U14 Girls Football
- 23/01/24 Y7 + 8 Girls Football
- 24/01/24 Y8 + 9 Netball
- 25/01/24 Y9 Boys Football
- 29/01/24 Y10 + 11 Netball
- 29/01/24 U12 Girls Football
- 29/01/24 Y7 Boys Football
- 29/01/24 Y11 Boys Football
- 31/01/24 Y10 Boys Football
- 31/01/24 Y7, 8 + 9 Netball
- 31/01/24 Y10 + 11 Netball
- 01/02/24 Y8 Boys Football



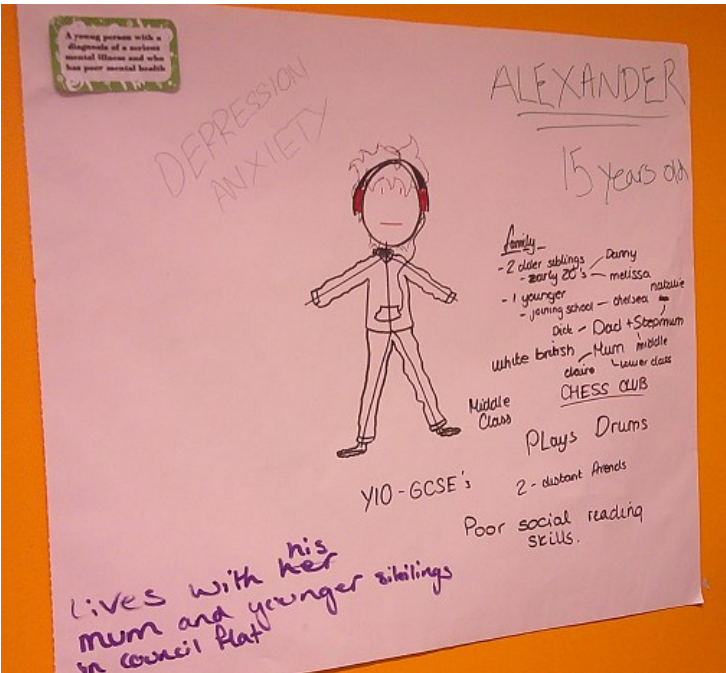




**Mental Health First Aid Ambassadors**

Rednock Sixth Form welcomed five students from KLB to join five of our own Year 12 students in their first Mental Health First Aid training session. The MHFA course is being led by Sarah Frazer from the NHS.

Students had to apply for their position on the course and will complete their training over four three-hour sessions here at Rednock. This will then enable them to lead a team of Mental Health Ambassadors in Sixth Form.



Students taking part in the course are: Toby Dickson, Keira Brennan, Sophia Osborne, Violet Large and Verity Childs.

Verity has written the below explaining why she chose to complete the course:

*"I chose to become a Mental Health first aider in order to encourage students to feel more comfortable to ask for help. Many students I have spoken to in the past have said they have preferred to talk to someone their own age, but because I didn't know what to do, I felt useless. So thankfully I was given the opportunity to take part in this training programme in order to make that difference.*

*I hope it would be beneficial to have more people for those struggling to have a conversation with about mental health or just to have a chat in general, if they just need to talk. Personally I would like to make more people educated on the different types of mental health and how to approach it if someone is asking you for help. As a group we are planning on doing everything in our power to help the students that want or need the help."*



## **Student Aims for Term 3**

### **What should students be aiming for in this term?**

The majority of students will have settled well into school by Term 3; they will know their way around and they will be starting to develop a routine. The aim for Term 3 is to start to build good study habits that will enable them to be successful throughout their school careers. One area that students can find difficult around this time is managing their workload, especially homework, as they are so keen to do well that they sometimes spend too much time on their work and make themselves very tired.

### **How can I help?**

You can help your child by keeping a close eye on how long they are spending on their homework. If you are concerned about them, it is important that you or they get in touch with their tutor. You can also help your child using your access to the SatchelOne app, as each teacher sets the amount of time that they are expecting the students to spend on the homework. If your child is struggling, set a timer on the homework and then write an explanatory note in their book that they have not been able to finish in the time given.

Using the Edulink app it is possible to see where students are picking up reward points and consequences for behaviour. Praising students for the rewards they get is a really positive way to start a conversation about school. You can also look for patterns e.g. places where they are doing particularly well or need to improve.





### Peter Pan Tickets On Sale Now!

The cast and crew of Peter Pan are already working hard towards this year's school production.

Tickets are £8 each and can be purchased via Parent Pay or Main Reception (cash only via reception). The show times are as below:

**Wednesday 13th March - 7.00pm**

**Thursday 14th March - 7.00pm**

**Friday 15th March - 7.00pm**

**Saturday 16th March - 4.00pm**



## LOST PROPERTY JUMBLE!

Each Friday week B – 3.15pm – 4.00pm

Every Friday week B we will be having a lost property jumble outside reception 3.15pm – 4.00pm.

Students will also be able to look through the lost property in room 261 on Fridays week B.

The fortnightly jumbles begin next week on 26th January 2024!



[Click below to view Term 3 clubs](#)

# School Clubs





## Student Transport

As many of you will know, the student bus services provided by Jackie's Coaches have been withdrawn following the closure of that company. We are very aware that the uncertainty around these services caused a great deal of concern amongst parents last term and so we worked with Applegates Coaches to provide an alternative service for parents that wanted it.

We are pleased to say that this service is continuing as the X4, starting from Arlingham and calling at Frampton-on-Severn and Whitminster.

If you have any questions regarding the service please contact Applegates on 01453 810314.



## Term Dates 2024 | 2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Inset Day 1	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024
Term 1	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Inset Day 2	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Holiday	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Inset Day 3	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025

Spring Term 2025	
Inset Day 4	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Term 3	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Holiday	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Holiday	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Good Friday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025

Summer Term 2025	
Term 5	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Holiday	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Inset Day 5	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025

### Term Date Updates:

We are due to receive the local authority term dates for 2025/26 imminently which we will publish on our website when confirmed. However, we wanted to draw your attention to a slight change in the scheduled Inset days for the 2024/25 academic year.

The Inset day planned for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 has been moved to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024. This is to allow for a new model of performance development that has been implemented to the school.

To see our term dates please click [here](#).

## Dates for your diary

Date	Year Group	Event
24/01/2024	Year 10	Sports Science Trip to Glos Uni
25/01/2024	N/A	Sixth Form Open Evening 5-8pm
25/01/2024	Year 11	Report 2 is due home
01/02/2024	Year 11	Year 11 Parents Consultation Meetings