

# THE REDNOCK REVIEW



TERM 3 - 2023/24  
2ND FEBRUARY 2024



## Ofsted Success!

We are celebrating the wonderful results from our recent Ofsted inspection for which we have been rated as a 'Good' school in all areas.

We would like to extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to staff, parents and students for their continued support in building a school that the community can be proud of. Rednock School "teaches pupils that 'everyone matters'. It is a warm and welcoming place where everyone is accepted for who they are", says Ofsted.

You can read more about the excellent findings in the full report [here](#).

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



## 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, all as impressive as the last!

Pictured are: Merrick, who has been helping PE with after school football training. Daisy S, who worked incredibly hard and has recently achieved a black belt in Taekwondo! Finley, who took it upon himself to lead his History class when the teacher was unable to make the lesson!



Daisy H, who has been recognised by many staff for just how enthusiastic she is and how hard she works everyday, and George, who shows great commitment to both the Community Council and the School Council.



## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thank you to all who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on 25th January. It was wonderful to see so many visitors and potential Sixth Form students! We have had so much lovely feedback from visitors who found the evening not only informative but also very enjoyable and welcoming.

Both current Year 10 and 11 students from Rednock and students from other schools, along with their parents / carers joined us on the evening. Staff and student ambassadors worked hard to show how proud they are of our wonderful Sixth Form and all it has to offer. Teaching staff and past and present student volunteers were available to share their expertise and answer any questions on their particular subject. We also had representatives from external organisations to provide information about universities, apprenticeships and employment opportunities students may wish to consider after Sixth Form.

Visitors could attend talks by the Headteacher Mr Stratford and Head of Sixth Form Mrs Barker, along with inspiring speeches by Meg Ashford (Year 13 last year, now at Warwick University), Hettie Hudson and Ollie Bateman (current Year 13) and Mal Latham (current Year 11). Fantastic musical entertainment was provided by the Sixth Form band.





## Sixth Form Open Evening

Visitors were also able to watch the videos created by our Sixth Form alumni whilst being treated to complimentary tea / coffee and cake in the Sixth Form Common Room. You can view some of the videos by clicking on the images below. In their videos the alumni describe their experiences of Rednock Sixth Form, their career paths since leaving and offer their advice to current students on how to get the most from their time in Sixth Form. Well done to all involved for making this such a great success!



*“There was a real buzz around the school for the whole event and the feedback from parents, students and staff was extremely positive, with terms like “amazing”, “welcoming”, “informative”, “brilliant” and “fun” used to describe the atmosphere on the night.”*



# Sixth Form applications are now open!

[Click here to apply.](#)





## Rednock Girls lead the District!

We have had a really successful couple of weeks in the Girls PE department. We have hosted 3 girls football tournaments here at Rednock. All have been really well run and supported by our local district schools.

Rednock have dominated all tournaments and are the only school to qualify for U12, U14 and U16 County Championships. The Championships will take place at Corinium Stadium, Cirencester.

Our teams have taken part with determination, resilience and great communication!

Members of Sixth Form have come out to referee and Year 11 girls have helped with scoring! A real team effort!

Our netball teams have also been out representing Rednock with wins across the board against KLB and a fantastic team effort by our Year 8 football team to beat Stroud High School 11-1!

You can read more about the matches below and on the next page!

Written by a very proud Mrs Bird!



Under 12s Girls Football Team



Year 7 Netball Team

## Girls Football Success!

A very wet and windy January afternoon at SHS for our Year 7 & 8 football teams (Year 8 right). The girls demonstrated resilience and team work with Year 8 winning an extraordinary 11-1! It was the Year 7 team's first away fixture. The game was very even and the winning goal from SHS came in the last minute of the game!

Well done to all girls that took part.





## Netball

The strength and progress of both squads really showed in this game. Cool, calm and steady 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. Year 9 (below left) won a nail biting 23-22 whilst Year 10 (below right) won a comfortable 9-5.



## Boys Badminton

On Wednesday 24th January we hosted the County Boys U16 Badminton Tournament. Four schools took part, Pates Grammar School, Balcarras, Marling and of course Rednock. Being our first competition since before Covid the boys were understandably quite nervous yet as the tournament progressed they exceeded all expectations. We ended up finishing Third place in the country, what an achievement.

Congratulations to the boys who played, Dan, Fred, Sam and Bill. Also to our Year 11 scorers who helped out, Will, Josh, Tom and George.





## Boys Football

This week has seen fixtures against Maidenhill across all boys ages Year 7 - Year 11.

We had over 30 boys out representing the school on Monday for Y7 (left), and we will have over 40 next Monday vs Archway!

Our Year 10 team won 2-0 and Year 11s won 1-0. A wonderful outcome.

## Sixth Form Football

The U18 team (right) marched on in the County Cup qualifiers with a resounding 11-1 win against Downend School, this followed a previous successful 3-1 win against Bradley Stoke last week.

Well done boys!!



## Table Tennis

Pictured left is our Under 16 County Table Tennis Champions who have reached the Regional Finals. They are travelling to Plymouth on Sunday to play against Millfield School, The Thomas Hardy School - Dorchester and Devonport High School for Boys for a place in the National Finals!

Good luck team!



## STEM

On Tuesday 23rd February we were visited by an engineer who works with the Women In Nuclear organisation. They have paired with the STEMAZING programme to bring STEM sessions into schools. Their aim is to inspire more students to pursue science and improve inclusion in STEM careers. The Year 8 students who took part enjoyed a range of fun and engaging experiments including making party poppers, homemade lava lamps and wind powered turbines. There were plenty of opportunities to work independently as well as challenges that involved group work.

It was great to see the students come out of their shells as the morning went on, there were some amazing teamwork skills in action. There was also a chance to open up discussions on STEM careers and see how their learning is relevant in the real world of work. We are looking forward to welcoming them back later in the year. Thanks to the science techs, TAs and sixth formers for their support with these sessions.



### Interested in STEM?

Free national online mentoring for students in Years 11-13 to explore their future career options by:

- asking for careers advice
- learning more about potential careers in STEM
- consider life after school, including education at university, apprenticeships, or preparing for employment

The programme is fully funded so participation is free for UK students. The next cohort of mentoring starts on 26th February.

If you would like to find out more please email Mrs Parker ([bronwyn.parker@rednockschool.org.uk](mailto:bronwyn.parker@rednockschool.org.uk))



## Christmas Fayre Fundraiser

Back in December you may remember our Sixth Form students organised and ran a Christmas Fayre for all students to attend and enjoy. A lot of hard work went into the event and there were games, challenges and sweet treats on offer.

The students raised a wonderful £377.69 for their charity of choice, Charlie's Charity.

You can find out more about Charlie's [here](#).

Well done to all students who organised, attended, baked, played and in anyway supported the event!

### Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening Thursday 22nd February 2024

Over the next few weeks Year 9 students will be thinking carefully about the option subjects that they would like to study in Years 10 and 11. With this in mind, we will be running a series of events to ensure that students get the relevant information, support and guidance to inform their choices.

On Monday 5th February, students will attend a Year 9 assembly solely focussed on Key Stage 4 Options. This will be followed by the Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening, held at Rednock School, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. All Year 9 students are advised to attend this event with a parent / carer. The evening is designed specifically to provide information on courses new to students as well as subjects that students have previously studied at Key Stage 3. Teaching staff will be available to answer specific queries relating to their subject and members of the School Leadership Team will also be available to answer general questions.

We will be operating at staggered start times to manage the large number of students and parents / carers.

**Brunel & Darwin Communities at 5.00 - 6.15pm**

**Hubble & Jenner Communities at 6.30 - 7.45pm**

In addition, the Year 9 Parents' Consultation Meetings in February / March will provide an opportunity to speak to subject teachers specifically about your child's progress and gain additional information when making final decisions.

More details to follow in a further communication next week.





## Read for Pleasure and Treasure!

Students achieving 100% in Accelerated Reader quizzes can try to crack the code that'll open the lock box. Once inside, they get to choose a gift. Tristan, Divya, Luka and Joshua all achieved the top mark this week, well done boys!

## Reminder

Please continue to encourage your child to return books. Lost or damaged books will cost you from £8 per book to replace.



## Rednock Readers

### Leyla - Year 7

#### What are you reading at the moment?

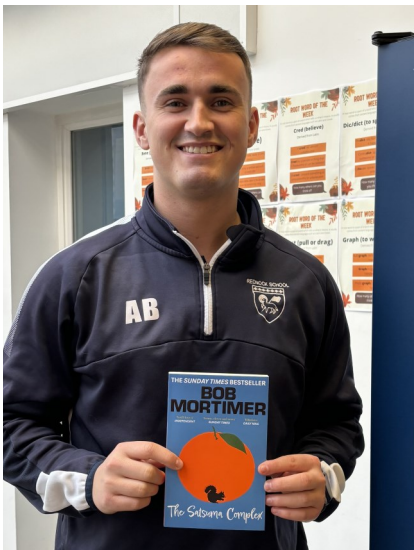
I am currently reading 'The Block' by Ben Oliver

#### Who would like this book?

This book would be good for people who enjoy 'The Hunger Games' or dystopian books

#### Why do you read in your spare time?

I read to relax and enjoy the book.



### Mr Barrett - PE

#### What are you reading at the moment?

I am currently reading 'The Satsuma Complex' By Bob Mortimer.

#### Who would like this book?

This book would be good for older students and parents who enjoy crime fiction along with comedy.

#### Why do you read in your spare time?

I read to educate myself further and I regularly read non-fiction books around sport. Additionally, I read to reduce stress as it helps me unwind after a long day. I used to just read when on holiday either on a plane or by the pool, but have tried more recently to read regularly at home, particularly at night time to stop scrolling through social media.



## Huge Plastic Waste Reduction at Rednock School

Next term we will be launching some exciting new drinks with our catering team. This will greatly reduce our plastic use and encourage reusable bottles at school. Over 20,000 plastic bottles are currently thrown away at our school each year! This generates loads of harmful CO<sub>2</sub>, which we should be able to avoid. Many bottles still do not get recycled, and even those that **do** get recycled are creating more harmful CO<sub>2</sub> into our environment at each recycling process. After a successful trial before Christmas we will be introducing The Generation Juice Drinks Hubs, which enable students and staff to purchase a large variety of drinks. These chilled drinks are mixed to order and then dispensed into your own reusable bottle.



Students and staff will help themselves, using the modern touch screen, to any of the 6 different drinks. These include water flavour-fusions such as Raspberry, Peach, Summer Fruits and Watermelon together with the popular Tropical, Mandarin Mango and Cherry juice drinks. All drinks are fast-pour and deliciously chilled. Our plastic bottle waste is then removed.

Even better news is that the drinks will cost less per serving than the current bottled products, which is a welcome change with the many price increases we are all facing. Student feedback regarding drink variety, fast delivery, taste and value has been really positive and they fully support the way we can all reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment, one drink at a time.



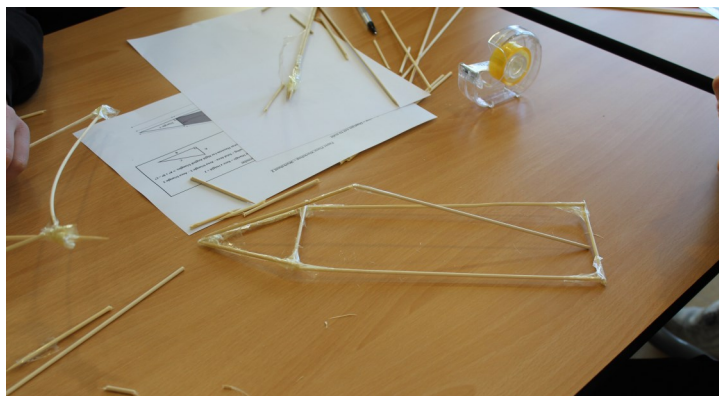
## Magnificent Maths

On Friday 26th February we were visited by a mathematician from Rolls Royce.

Year 10 students took part in a workshop investigating the maths involved in flight and the difficulties around designing flying machines that are safe and efficient.

The students worked in teams to solve difficult mathematical problems, superbly supported by Sixth Form mentors. They eventually put their new knowledge and teamwork skills to the test and built their own flying machines. The competition was fierce but there could only be one winning team. Students had the opportunity to gain insight into the applications of maths in work related contexts and have hopefully been encouraged to consider careers in STEM if they have not before.

Thanks to the maths teachers and Sixth formers for their support in this session.





# UCAS

## UCAS and Apprenticeship Applications

UCAS applications closed this week and 65% of our Year 13 students have successfully submitted university applications. Many of these now have all their offers in and some have already made their final selections. This has been a great motivator for all involved.

Several more of our students have been supported with their applications for higher level apprenticeships in a range of industries.

Both of these processes took a huge effort from our students to reach completion and they were very appreciative of the support they received from members of the Sixth Form team to help them along the way. We wish them all success as they begin to prepare for life beyond Rednock.



### Upcoming Enrichment Day

I am excited to announce that next week we will be hosting our whole school Enrichment Day on the 7th February. During this event the students will be encouraged to start thinking about what career options are available through an opportunity to speak to a wide array of employers both from the local area and outside of it. We have also invited a range of providers that offer vocational courses, apprenticeships and traineeship courses, college courses and Universities.

The day has been thought through and customised for each year group, so regardless of the stage of education your child is at, we feel it is important that they engage with their career aspirations as early as possible to help start their path on their chosen career and maximise their future outcomes.

To maximise the impact of the day, we would encourage you to have a conversation with your child both before and after the event to embolden them to start the process of thinking about life after GCSEs, enabling us both to work together in tailoring effective careers information and guidance to meet the needs of your child's aspirations.

**Mrs Mould**  
Careers Education Lead



## Drama

### Key Stage 3

Students are continuing to work on their termly schemes of learning. We have been looking at performance skills in Year 7 as we adventure through Treasure Island. Year 8 have been looking at the work of Frantic Assembly and perfecting their knowledge of Physical Theatre and creating 'chair duets'. In Year 9 we have been studying the hard hitting themes in the play 'Noughts and Crosses'.

### Key Stage 4

Year 10 have been investigating practitioners to help them with the devising aspect of their GCSE work. We have been practically exploring Verbatim and Epic style of theatre and students are now starting to explore how they can use these performance features in their own work.

After AMAZING Blood Brothers performances last term, Year 11 have started their final component of their BTEC course. In lessons we have been exploring the brief and students will need to draw on all their experience and skills from the last 2 years as they start creating their final pieces.



### Key Stage 5

Year 12 have been studying the play Teachers by John Godber and have been perfecting their performance skills as they head to their assessed performance on 27th February. It was a very proud evening when Year 13 performed as a group for the final time. They put on a very professional production of the hard hitting play 'Girls Like That' (above) and received great feedback from their invited audience. They now move onto their final assessed unit and we look forward to seeing what they create!



### Famelab Academy

Well... here we are again on our annual Famelab journey. Fame Lab academy is a competition which sees Year 9 students prepare three minute presentations to explain a scientific topic in a dynamic and engaging way to a panel of judges. Topics this year have included dementia, malaria, burps, dreams, ADHD, arachnophobia and many more.

Students have delivered their presentations in class and the semi finals are well underway this week. We very much look forward to picking our ultimate school finalist in the week after half term and will be there to cheer them on in the Gloucestershire final.

Thanks to all who have supported students with their preparation and by listening to them practice!



## Dropping off / Picking up

A message for parents and carers. Please can you behave considerately when dropping off or collecting students at school and follow these rules:

- Drive carefully when using the car parks.
- Do not park in the bus lanes. We strongly advise you to use the rear car park.
- Do not park in disabled spaces unless you have an appropriate badge.
- Do not do U-turns in the entrances.
- Park considerately in areas outside the school so as not to obstruct residents' access to their properties.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Year Group	Event
06/02/2024	Year 11	Year 11 School Photographs
07/02/2024	N/A	Enrichment Day
08/02/2024	Year 12	Year 12 Parents Consultation Meetings
09/02/2024	N/A	End of Term 3

## National Online Safety Advice

Apps and sites are all competing for our attention. Over the years, numerous strategies have been developed which are intended to influence users' behaviour – making us more likely to remain on a site, game or platform for longer periods of time. These techniques are known as 'persuasive design' and can have a particularly profound effect on children and young people.

Despite these tactics' evident effectiveness, there are still plenty of ways to help prevent yourself (and your child) from being psychologically swayed. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks down the potential risks posed by persuasive design online – and offers some top tips for recognising and reducing its impact on young people's decision making.

You can find this guide and many more by clicking [here](#).



### 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**



## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

Friday 9th January @ 3pm



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

# School Clubs

