

THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 4 – 2024/25
11th April 2025

Dear Rednock Community,

We've made it to the end of Term 4! I'd like to start by saying a heartfelt thank you for your continued support throughout the term. Once again, we're proud to share an amazing edition of the 'Rednock Review,' packed with success stories, memorable moments, and things to celebrate. I'm sure you'll really enjoy reading it.

There have been so many highlights this term, but the standout event has to be our fantastic production of **School of Rock**, which wrapped up after six incredible performances on Saturday 5th April. It was a true celebration of talent, commitment, creativity, inclusivity, and community. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support the show - it was simply brilliant!

As we head into the Easter break, here are a few key reminders for the start of Term 5:

- **Term 5 is a short one** – just 3 weeks and 4 days.
- School reopens on **Monday 28th April** for all students. Usual school timings apply.
- Students should be ready for a **Monday, Week A** on their timetable.
- Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 5th May** for the May Bank Holiday.

We'd really appreciate your support in ensuring students return in full school uniform and with everything they need to start the term ready to learn. As a reminder, during the warmer months, students are now welcome to wear grey tailored shorts as part of our summer uniform. If you're unsure about any aspect of the



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

uniform, please refer to our [Uniform guidance](#), including the [help sheet](#).

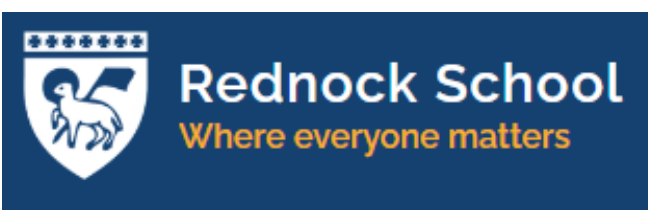
Easter will mean something different for everyone. For me, it's a chance to pause, reflect, spend time with family and friends, and look ahead to how we can continue to improve our school. For those in exam years, we know this will be a busy time full of revision and preparation for upcoming assessments. We're incredibly proud of the hard work, focus, and resilience our students have shown so far.

However you spend the break, we hope it brings you some well-deserved rest, fun, and quality time with the people you care about.

On behalf of all the staff at Rednock School, I wish you a safe, happy, and relaxing Easter.

My very best wishes,

Mike Stratford
Headteacher





Achievement Heroes

We've had some wonderful Achievement Heroes in the past few weeks and we're extremely proud to celebrate their achievements. They were nominated for various reasons, all as impressive as the last!

Winners are: **Elise**, for the amazing achievement of getting to the final of the U16 National Cup - one of the top 2 teams in the country! **Logan and TJ**, for demonstrating great initiative in a maths lesson and taking the lead on a challenging task. **Iris**, for demonstrating great tenacity and growing in confidence. **Toby**, for showing great initiative in a maths lesson and taking the lead on a challenging task. **Chloe**, for 100% attendance. **Alyssa**, for getting the highest word count in her class last month due to her constant reading and quizzing. **Clara**, for being a good friend, and being understanding, caring and kind.



Tom, for showing massive resilience on returning to school. **Jordan**, for demonstrating great tenacity and growing in confidence. **Ethan**, for being an integral part of the U16 football team that won the district final last week. **Harley**, for his contribution to the school football team - he has now made his final appearance! **Ebony**, for the fantastic improvement on attendance this term. **Lemonie**, for all the reading and quizzing that has led to her getting the highest word count in her class. **Will**, for being a kind friend and making a difference.



Eva, for receiving the most achievement points in Brunel. **Alex**, for being an outstanding student (attendance and behaviour points.) **Jim**, for being an integral part of the U16 football team that won the district final last week. **Frazer**, for being awarded 'Man of the Match' in the recent Rednock vs. Farmor's game. **Toby**, for his fantastic attendance. **James**, for successfully achieving his millionaire word certificate. **Emily**, for being a kind and thoughtful friend.



A Royal Visit!

A special mention to Jasmine in Year 8 who went to Birmingham and got to meet HRH Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, on behalf of the charity DEBRA. Jasmine was one of the younger DEBRA members who presented the Duchess with gifts at the visit, and the only one in the group the Duchess directly spoke with. The event was a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of the work of the charity. Jasmine was initially nervous about going, but was proud she did it - and we are all proud of her too!



Sporting success in hockey!

Mothering Sunday saw Krystal in Year 11 lead out the Wotton-Under-Edge Hockey Club U16 girls as captain for their final junior match. After 8 years playing together, the girls have become a very competitive and skilled team. They have already come runners up in this year's triangular league playing top area teams including Cheltenham and Devizes, and only losing their first game. This match against a very strong Redlands team would place them in the England hockey league. Scoring four goals and some stout defending saw them over the line, putting the cherry on top of a truly memorable season with them topping the league.



Krystal put on a defensive master class as sweeper and took home the coaches' best player trophy. This has been a fantastic season for Krystal to finish her junior hockey, and we wish her the very best with her future hockey career.

Teaching and Learning Focus: Think-Pair-Share

Think-Pair-Share is a learning strategy where students think individually first about a question or issue, then discuss their ideas with a partner, and then finally share their thoughts with the whole class.



It is a strategy commonly used in the classroom as it has so many benefits. Firstly, it gives students time to process their own thoughts and gives them a chance to think for themselves. The second phase, where they discuss with a partner, allows further development of their initial ideas. The fact that they have to explain their thinking to someone else supports the work we are doing as a school on oracy, whilst the sharing process might reveal their misconceptions, or mistakes they might have made, which they can then address. The opportunity to share can also give them the confidence that their ideas are valid, which in turn encourages them to further develop and refine their thinking. This all means that by the time the teacher asks for responses as a whole class, students have had the peer support that has helped them to develop good responses that they have the confidence to share.



Attendance Update - Did you know?

92% attendance = 8% absence

8% absence = 17 days missed a school year

Research shows that students who miss 17 days per school year achieve at least 1 GCSE grade lower in all subjects, as well as the impact on the social aspects of school.

Due to the impact of missing even this number of days, we refer to 90% attendance or less as 'persistent absence'

What does this actually mean?

90% attendance = Missing **half a day per week**

90% attendance = Missing **20 days** per school year - **4 whole weeks!!!**

90% attendance = Missing **95 days** (HALF A YEAR!!!) over Years 7-11.

Punctuality counts!
30 mins late a day (for example, 5 mins late to morning registration and to each lesson) = **19 days** missed a year!



Parent Voice - Supporting Attendance

We are conducting a survey to understand the reasons that influence school attendance. Your responses are anonymous and will help us to learn what works well and how we can further improve student engagement with school and support systems. Please [click here](#) to complete the survey. Thank you for your support with this.



Coming Soon to an App near you...

In Term 6, we will be moving our school information system from Edulink over to Class Charts. From September, this will also replace Satchel One, meaning you only need one app to cover all the information you need about your child's progress. Nearer the time you will be sent login details and a user guide; but for now we wanted you to know that this was on its way to make our communication to you and your child better.



Smartphone Free Childhood

With growing research highlighting the impact of screen time and social media use among children, the school is currently reviewing its mobile phone policy ahead of next September.

As part of this process, the school was approached by an independent organisation called **Smartphone Free Childhood**. They are not affiliated with the school, but they aim to raise awareness around children's smartphone use and offer support to parents who are considering how their children engage with digital devices.

If you would like to explore their resources, research, and guidance further, please follow [this link](#).

The Ernest Cook Trust

Beautiful sunshine again, for our final Year 7 rewards trip to Redwood. The woods are looking beautiful with all the Spring flowers. We have been so lucky with sunshine for all of our visits and the mud has almost all gone now; quite a difference from the many muddy puddles a couple of months ago. We are so grateful to Catherine and Ella who have led these amazing sessions on the Slimbridge Estate. Everyone has had a wonderful time and congratulations to all the Year 7 students that have joined us. We hope to be able to take more students in the future.



What you need to know about Instagram

The National College 'WakeUpWednesday' guides offer useful advice around online safety. Click on the image below to [learn more about Instagram](#) and stay informed about how children are using the app - and what the risks are...





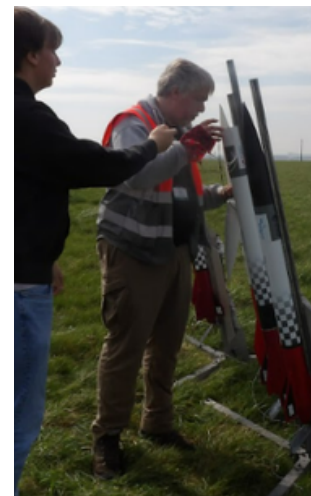
thank you

Young Carers in our community are recognised at Rednock School and the local Rotary Club continue to give their support to them too. On Wednesday, David Story and Graham Peake from the Rotary Club came to Rednock to drop off Easter Eggs to our Young Carers - thank you!

CanSat UK Competition

On Friday 4th April, a group of our students successfully launched model satellites by rocket at the Ministry of Defence's COTEC site in Wiltshire as part of the CanSat UK Competition.

Working in teams, the students designed, built, and tested miniature satellites – about the size of a drinks can. Their hard work culminated in a thrilling launch day where their satellites were rocketed hundreds of metres into the air, before parachuting back to Earth while collecting and transmitting real-time data to a ground station.



This exciting opportunity was part of the European Space Education Resource Office (ESERO-UK) initiative, which challenges young people to take on the role of real aerospace engineers and scientists. It provides an incredible hands-on STEM experience, blending physics, DT, computing, and teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of all participating students who will each receive the Silver Cadet Award for their efforts and achievements in this high-level engineering challenge.

Thank you to Mr Moir and Mrs Allen for all their help with the project.

We are looking forward to competing again next year - please come and see Mrs Parker or Mr Burke for further details. We are searching for the next teams from May onwards.

Learn more about the CanSat project here:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/esero/secondary/competitions-and-challenges/cansat>





Students Experience Life as Surgeons

On Saturday 22nd March, a group of our students had the incredible opportunity to take part in an immersive Dissection Lab event at Rednock School. This hands-on workshop allowed them to step into the shoes of medical professionals, gaining invaluable insight into anatomy through live dissections of various organs.



The morning session, Anatomy for Beginners, introduced KS4 students to the basics of surgical techniques. They scrubbed up, donned gloves, and learnt more about what it takes to be a surgeon.

In the afternoon, KS5 students were introduced to Advanced Anatomy, a more in-depth exploration of human physiology. This built on their knowledge from A-Level courses offering them a deeper understanding of organ, tissue, and cellular functions.



Beyond the scientific learning, the event was an opportunity for students to meet like-minded peers from other local schools. They worked collaboratively, supporting each other through the intricate dissection processes. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and professionalism were a credit to the school.

Overall (despite the somewhat interesting odours at times), the day was a fantastic success, leaving students both inspired and more confident in their aspirations for the future. We look forward to offering similar opportunities again and supporting our students as they explore careers in science and healthcare.



Year 9 Students Experience Mind-Controlled Drones

Fifteen Year 9 students recently had the exciting opportunity to visit The King's School in Gloucester, where they explored cutting-edge technology with Nimbus, a company specialising in advanced drone systems.

One of the highlights of the trip was watching Thomas successfully control a drone using only the power of his mind. Wearing a specialised headset that detected brain signals, he was able to command the drone to take off and land without any physical input - just his thoughts alone!

This fascinating experience showcased the incredible advancements in science and technology being developed by local companies. Students were inspired by the real-world applications of this technology and left with a new appreciation for the future of scientific innovation.





Year 7 Design and Technology Students Complete 'Book of Illusions' Lighting Project

Students in DT have completed their Book of Illusions project, which involved designing and making lighting pieces that incorporate optical effects. The project encouraged students to explore how light, shadow, reflection, and materials interact to create visual illusions.

Each student developed a unique design, using different techniques to manipulate light and perception. Many projects incorporated reflection to enhance their effects, using polished surfaces and carefully positioned light sources to create depth and movement. The final pieces ranged from subtle shadow patterns to more complex illusions, demonstrating a mix of creativity and practical skills.



Hair, Beauty, and Make-Up Course

During Term 4, a group of students participated in a hair, beauty, and make-up mini-course facilitated by two highly experienced practitioners. This practical programme provided students with the opportunity to develop skills across a range of techniques, including manicures, facials, hair-styling, and both the application and removal of make-up.

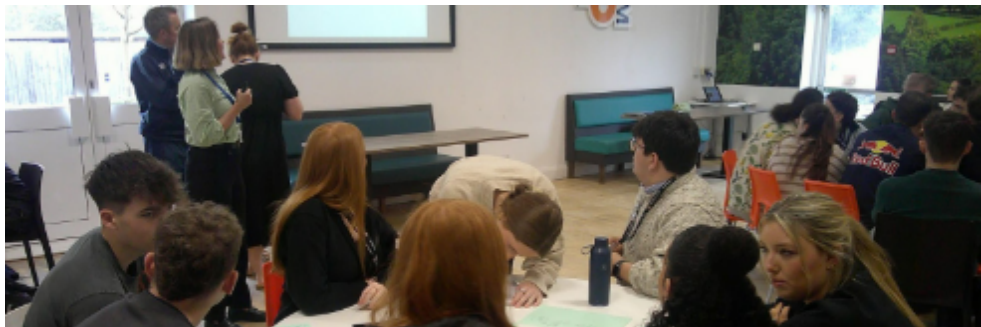
The course offered valuable insight into the working environment of the beauty industry. It also provided an opportunity to explore whether Rednock could potentially deliver a qualification in this area in the future.





Friday Fun Quiz!

Last week was the final of our weekly Friday Fun Quiz, when our Sixth Form tutor groups go head-to-head and battle it out with their general knowledge skills. Congratulations to 13KPG who on this occasion were victorious! A huge thank you to Mrs Johnston for organising this fun event every week - both students and tutors really enjoy this fun, competitive activity at the end of every week.



Year 12 Health & Social Care Students Visit UWE for Inspiring Workshop Day

Our Year 12 Health and Social Care students recently had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of the West of England (UWE) for an engaging and educational day of workshops. This special trip gave students a hands-on insight into a variety of health and social care careers, deepening their understanding of the subjects they study in class.

Throughout the day, students rotated through a series of interactive sessions led by professionals and university staff. These included workshops in **midwifery**, where students explored the vital role of a midwife and even practiced some of the techniques used during childbirth. The **oncology** session provided an eye-opening introduction to cancer care and treatment, helping students appreciate the emotional and scientific challenges involved in supporting patients and their families. The **social services** workshop gave students a clearer understanding of the responsibilities and real-life impact of social workers, especially when supporting vulnerable children and adults. Meanwhile, in the **adult and child nursing** workshops, students had the chance to try out nursing skills and gain a better perspective on the different approaches required for caring across age groups.

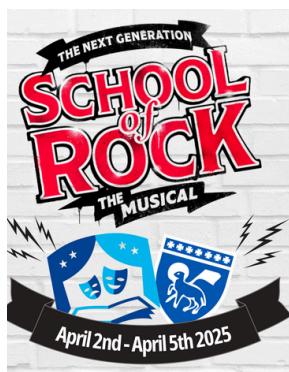
The day was not only packed with valuable learning, but also a lot of fun. Students enjoyed getting a taste of university life, asking questions, and working together in a new environment. The experience brought their classroom learning to life and has inspired many to think more deeply about their future careers in health and social care. We'd like to thank UWE for hosting such a fantastic and informative day - it's definitely one we will remember!

Year 12 Sport Scientists Take on VO₂ Max, Strength, and Nutrition at University of South Wales!

Our Year 12 Sport Science students had an exciting and inspiring day out at the University of South Wales, where they took part in a series of specialist workshops designed to deepen their understanding of the world of **sport and exercise science**. One of the highlights of the trip was the chance to experience a **VO₂ Max test** - a cutting-edge assessment used to measure an athlete's maximum oxygen uptake during intense exercise. This test gives valuable insights into cardiovascular fitness and endurance levels, and is commonly used with elite athletes to track their performance and training needs. Watching the test in action gave students a real-world example of how science is applied in professional sport settings.

Students also got hands-on in a **Strength and Conditioning** workshop and took part in an insightful session on **Sports Nutrition and Therapy**. The visit was not only educational, but also a lot of fun. It offered a brilliant chance for students to explore university-level learning, speak to industry experts, and experience the professional world of sport science first-hand.

A big thank you to the University of South Wales for hosting such an engaging and informative day. It was a fantastic opportunity that has left many students feeling inspired about their future in sport science.



The Final Curtain Call! (Sharon Curtis, Head of Drama)

As the director of our production of *School of Rock*, I couldn't be prouder of the incredible work that everyone involved put into bringing this show to life. The reviews from our audience have been overwhelmingly positive, and it's clear that the students delivered an outstanding performance, both on stage and behind the scenes.

This production was truly a student-led show in every sense, and I'm beyond proud of how every team member - from the props club to the musicians, actors, and crew - came together to make this happen. The students' dedication, talent, and passion were evident in every aspect. Their hard work paid off in fantastic results and standing ovations.

The band, led by the incredibly talented Ms Monday, was undoubtedly one of the standout elements of the production. From the first note to the final encore, they brought the energy and authenticity of the rock genre to life in a way that perfectly complemented the high-energy performances on stage. Each member of the band gave their all, delivering electrifying performances that kept the audience on the edge of their seats. The music was not just an accompaniment but a vital part of the production's heart and soul.

I must also give a special thanks to all the staff members whose unwavering support made this all possible. Both I, and the students, thank you for going above and beyond to support this production. However, my deepest gratitude goes to all of the students that were involved. Their commitment, perseverance, and energy made *School of Rock* a show to remember. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them and could not have asked for a better bunch. It was a true team effort, and this production embodied the very essence of #TeamDrama that I always talk about.

What an amazing journey, an outstanding accomplishment and some fantastic memories made, but for now *The School of Rock*... is OUT!



Cam Hopton Primary: "Thank you so much for inviting us this morning to watch *School of Rock* - IT WAS AMAZING!" A lovely word cloud from their class:







Our Lion Cub has arrived!

Last Friday, the 'Lions at Large' team hosted an 'information and lion cub collection' event at the University of Gloucestershire. We learned about the materials and techniques to use when painting our lion cub, and the team also shared fundraising totals so far for the Big Space Cancer Appeal.

A lion safari drive-through with a difference!

At the end of the event we were called in groups to go to our cars with instructions to drive to the gazebo where a lion would be placed on the back seat. Like a real lion safari, we were told, "do not get out of your car!"



Now the really exciting bit starts as students and staff start to translate Masie's winning 'Under the Sea' design (pictured left) onto our lion cub.



We're really lucky to have Abi Brown, a local illustrator, onboard to help with this. We met on Monday with Maisie and the lion cub, and are very excited to get started.

Can you donate any unwanted acrylic paint, pens or posca pens to help us add the finer details?

Anyone at school, student or staff, can get involved with the painting of our lion cub next term. For more information, email: deborah.brooks@rednockschoool.org.uk

ROARING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

We are on a mission to fundraise for our very own little lion cub sculpture, which will join the larger lions on Gloucestershire's first ever Wild in Art Trail! By making a donation, you'll not only help our students bring their creativity to life but also contribute to an amazing cause. All funds raised will go towards Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity's Big Space Cancer Appeal.

Please visit our **JustGiving** page to find out more and make a donation.

Scan to donate

Cheltenham Gloucester HOSPITALS CHARITY

Charity Registration number: 1051606

Our lion will be exhibited as part of The Pride of Gloucestershire Trail this summer raising money for Cheltenham and Gloucester hospitals charity Big Space Cancer Appeal.

Find out more at: lionsatlarge.co.uk



Upcoming road works (Woodview Road, Cam)

Please be aware that resurfacing work is scheduled to take place on Woodview Road, Cam, resulting in a road closure. Although the proposed work is starting in the Easter Holidays, it is scheduled to continue in to the new school term.

The PROPOSED start and end dates are currently Wednesday 16th April 2025 until Thursday 1st May 2025. However, please keep an eye on the **council's website** or the signs on site, for any short notice changes.



Road closure extent for 4/5922 Woodview Road Cam Stroud





Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Update!

We had a fabulous day of weather for the training of seventy Year 9 students as part of their Bronze DofE. Pioneer Leadership took them through the essentials of how to pack a backpack, menu planning, how to use a stove, route planning, how to avoid accidents, and procedures for emergencies.



We are now looking forward to our practice in the local area on 3rd and 4th of May, before going further afield in June. 'Broken-in' hiking boots and sunscreen at the ready!



Preloved goes to the Prom!

Our fantastic team from Rednock School Pre-loved Uniform (Official) are ready to go for tomorrow's 'Pop-up Prom Shop' in Cam! In all, we have over 50 dresses, 20 suits and a huge range of shoes and accessories. Sizes range from dress size 6-20, and suits from full dinner jackets to casual suits in a range of colours.

It is not too late to book a timed slot to visit the shop. Please contact the team to reserve a time slot and enjoy a complimentary bucks fizz (non alcoholic) on arrival!

We have been overwhelmed by the wonderful support we have had from people donating dresses, suits and accessories. A big thank you to our 'Pre-loved' team and everyone who has supported this new venture with the wonderful donations.



Rednock Pop-up Prom Shop

Saturday 12th April

10am - 2pm



Venue - Cam Parish Council Offices - next to Froffy Coffee - Noel Lee Way, Cam

To reserve a timed slot please message Tracey 07714 278274 or Sarah 07799 730080, walk ins also available on the day.

£15 charge to cover hire and cleaning costs, or pay what you are able to.



READING IS POWER

Learning Resource Centre (LRC)



LRC spotlight on... Classic fiction

Students are often encouraged to read a classic story... But what is a classic? There are many opinions and definitions... but they could be books that have a story that always feels relevant, have a rich vocabulary, and contain universal

themes. Sometimes the ideas in the stories are so powerful they become part of our everyday culture. For example, we all know about Mary Shelley's monster Frankenstein, and the omnipotent 'Big Brother' from George Orwell's 1984. These books, and many more, are available to borrow from the LRC. Many classics can be found [here](#) and are free to read on screens.



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A *classic* is a book which has never exhausted all it has to say to its readers.

Italo Calvino (*Why Read The Classics?*)

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Results of the Rednock Book Return Challenge

A big well done and thank you to all students who returned books last week; some books were early, some barely overdue, and one's return journey to the LRC took 628 days! Hubble were the community champions, returning over 100 books.

Word Millionaires - imagine reading 1,000,000 words! That's exactly what Alyssa, James and Anya have achieved. Well done to all our readers!



Rednock School Reads!

In this school year, students have read...

4,081 Books

108,472,101 Words

for **12** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader®

REMINDER

Are you in Year 11 or Year 13? Here's another reminder that all outstanding books need to be returned, replaced or paid for before prom tickets and exam certificates are released.

Lost property - last chance to look!

The unclaimed lost property collected this term will be on display in the school reception over the Easter holidays from Monday 14th April until Friday 25th April, from 9am - 4pm (excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday). After this, all unclaimed items will be given to the pre-loved team and charity. If you do have missing items, please do take this chance to come and take a look. Thank you for your support.



Careers Corner

Who is who in Careers

All teachers are teachers of careers! Please do chat to your tutor, your subject teachers, your CLs and the Sixth Form team at any time.



Rednocks School Careers
where everyone matters



Mr Sanders is Head of Life Skills and Careers - he can be contacted at william.sanders@rednockschool.org.uk or found in room 125.



Mr Justice is our independent careers advisor. He works Thursdays and Fridays and can be contacted at tim.justice@rednockschool.org.uk

Mrs Amato is the careers administrator. Contact her through the admin office to organise a careers interview appointment: admin@rednockschool.org.uk

Year 10 visit the Apprenticeship Show

On Tuesday 25th March, Year 10 students visited the National Apprenticeship Show at Millennium Point in Birmingham. This was a brilliant opportunity to meet independent training providers and to understand the wide range of apprenticeships that are offered in fields ranging from payroll, to logistics, to pub management, to HM Treasury. Everyone left feeling informed and the visit inspired some interesting conversations about future pathways. We were glad that no one passed up the chance to collect some merchandise!



Are you interested in a career in teaching?
Join us on our

TEACHER TASTER DAY ON 9TH JUNE 2025

For more information or to register your interest,
email teachertasterday@rednockschool.org.uk



The day will involve:

- a tour of Rednocks
- an insight into what teaching is like and an opportunity to ask any questions
- a talk with GITEP about what they offer and how training through a SCITT works, including interview advice
- lesson observations
- a lesson planning activity
- an opportunity to meet with current trainees and ECTs



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Competition winners will be invited to an
experience day event run by the Royal Veterinary
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Costa del Sol Football & Netball Tour – What a Trip!

What an incredible week we had on the Costa del Sol Football and Netball Tour! It was an absolute pleasure to take such a fantastic group of students away – they were a joy to be around, full of energy, enthusiasm, and endless laughter.

The tour was packed with sporting action, with both football and netball squads taking part in training sessions, matches against local Spanish teams, and fixtures against other schools from across the UK. We're incredibly proud to share that our U14 A Football Team were crowned overall tournament winners, the U14 B Football Team finished as runners-up, and our U14 Netball Team also achieved an impressive 2nd place in their tournament – a brilliant display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship all round!



Beyond the competition, the students made the most of every moment – from beach club fun and pool volleyball (where Rednock absolutely took over!) to plenty of ice creams, sun, and laughter. We also enjoyed the incredible Malaga stadium tour, where we even got the chance to meet some of the players and explore behind the scenes of the football club.

The week came to a perfect end with a hilarious and unforgettable disco night, where our students – dressed as minions – took over the dance floor and made memories to last a lifetime (even if we may have slightly flooded the hotel with our energy and excitement!)

The students were not only a credit to themselves but to the school as well – so many members of the public commented on how polite, respectful, and well-behaved they were. They made the staff laugh, built great relationships, and created genuine memories and friendships along the way.

Lots of sport, lots of fun, and lots of unforgettable moments – Costa del Sol, it was a blast. Until next time!

Students, Team, thank you so much for an amazing time ! - From Miss Egan





GCSE PE Moderation Day

Each year, the GCSE PE students are put through a vigorous day of moderation. The sports are chosen by an external examiner who comes into school for the day and assesses students' physical skills in a variety of pre-selected sports.

This year we had two moderators who came in and looked at badminton, football and table tennis last week. Rednock students were superb on the day and competed to the best of their ability. Within each sport, students were assessed on their individual skills and then how they applied these skills in a game situation. It's usually a very physical day for the students, especially if they are involved in a number of different sports. Well done to all the Year 11 students who were selected to perform on the day. Fingers crossed for some good results in the summer. Hopefully some of the students taking GCSE PE will go on to join our A-Level PE course in Years 12 and 13.





Year 7 Girls Football Winners!

On Tuesday, the Year 7 girls beat SWR in the district semi finals at Rednock, winning 3-0 with some fantastic performances from Sophie and Elodie. They went straight into the final against Farmor's. It was a really tight game. Farmor's went in front early in the first half, and within the last 10 minutes of the game Brooke scored a brilliant goal to make it 1-1. This took us to a penalty shoot out! In an extremely nail biting scenario, Rednock came out on top!! This takes the Year 7 girls to the county semi final on the first Monday back from Easter against Cleeve. We wish them all the best in the next round!

Year 9 Boys District Rugby Players

Year 9 boys have had a really enjoyable rugby year to date. Their performance took them through to the County Bowl Quarter Final where they unfortunately lost to a very strong team from Farmor's. As it happened, Farmor's went on to reach the final at Kingsholm last term.

As a result we were able to select three boys from our team to go forward and play for the District. They were Jacob, Evan and Harry. All three boys played last week for the Stroud and District U14 team and were successful winners over North Bristol RFC. Well done!



Year 9 Boys Football

The season has almost come to an end with just the knockout stages of the competition left to play. The photo (left) was taken shortly after Year 9 boys beat Deer Park in the district semi-final last week.

The match was always going to be a tight game. In fact, last year we played them in the final. Going into half-time, Rednock led with a one goal advantage 2-1. This remained the same up until the last 20 minutes when we scored four more. The final score being 5-1 to Rednock.

Outstanding players were Oliver with 4 goals, and Sam who played brilliantly in defence. Our final is now scheduled to be played on Tuesday 29th April, kick-off at 2.30pm at Cirencester Town Football club against Archway School.

Under 18 Football

Here is a great picture from the last Under 18 game of the season. The students played out a 1-1 draw with a team from Farmor's. It was a really good way to end the season, and special mention to 'Man of the Match' Fraser! We are very much looking forward to next year and getting back into the County Cup. A big shout out to our only Year 13, Harley, for whom this was his last game for the school.



Year 11 Football Success!

A really successful District Cup for the Year 11 side, winning in the final 3-0 against Marling. Goals from Archie, Noah and Ben ensured a convincing victory, with Logan being awarded 'Man of the Match'.



This victory sent the team into the County Cup quarter final where Balcarras were waiting. Another convincing 3-0 win with goals from Noah and Archie (x 2) means that the team are now due to play Severn Vale in the County Cup semi finals.

A fantastic achievement by all the boys and a great way to continue their last year together as a side.





The story continues!

Our English Ambassadors (Evie, Elina, Ellie, Ieuan, Charlotte, Ruza and Eli) are working on a story, which we are serialising in each issue. Please sit back, put your feet up and enjoy the next chapter of *'The Rednock Crusaders'*!



THE REDNOCK CRUSADERS

Chapter Eleven: The Reunion

Crashing to the floor, Harvey felt his heart rapidly pulsing through his chest. He had done his job; he'd saved his people but ignored the consequences it could have on his body.

Panting like a dog, Harvey led himself against a nearby tree, the trembling destruction of the earthquake overpowering him with a ringing sensation of pain pushing his body past its limits. Looking forward, even though his vision had become blurry, he could see the destruction this earthquake was making - his home being tormented by this unknown monstrous force of power.

His heart began to tense, pulse quickening, fear rising, as he could see two shadows rushing towards him, his blurred vision affecting his moral code of humanity. Forcing himself to stand up, Harvey was ready to run until he heard a voice from behind him.

"Harvey, wait up!" The commander's voice sounded familiar, forcing him to turn and force his vision to focus on his surroundings. Those two shadows weren't there to hurt him: they were Lucy and Eden, running frantically to catch up to the frightened Harvey. Relief filled his body, allowing Harvey to slump back to the floor, trying to catch his breath and regain strength.

As Eden and Lucy caught up to him, they began to talk about the weird machine they found that was generating this destructive earthquake. For a minute, everything was calm until Lucy quickly scanned around the area in search of something.

"Where's my brother?" She asked, as panic began to push into her overprotectiveness.

Harvey stood, stabilising himself to look around the area. "I told him to meet back here once we helped people leave to escape the earthquake. Thinking about it, he should have been here ages ago."

Knowing she would never forgive herself if she didn't, Lucy ran off into the unstable Dursley to save her arrogant brother, leaving Eden and Harvey forced to follow in pursuit.

Slowly, stumbling through the rubble of Dursley, Liam was trying to walk off his sprained ankle. However, no matter what he did, the pain wouldn't go away. Sweat trickled down his face, his temperature rising and hope fading, leaving him to collapse onto the rubble of their old favourite sweet shop. Memories of a simpler past flashed through his mind, as tears of innocence began to mix with the sweat down his cheek. As all hope seemed to be gone for Liam, something came through the blaze of fire that lay before him.

"Liam? Liam? Liam?" He heard people shouting his name, familiar voices.

"Help!" He shouted, letting his last breaths of desperation out, hoping freedom would be a gift of true hope.

He couldn't hear well, speak, or even see properly, however, he could feel himself being moved, freedom lifting him from the rubble. Even in the worst of times, Liam couldn't help being himself, grinning through the pain to show he was alright. "The band's finally back together. Next time, let's not split up."

The others couldn't help but laugh through their panic, but this was Liam, after some checkups from their 'some knowledge of a doctor' Harvey, he would be able to walk, and then they could go and stop whatever that machine was that Lucy and Eden found in a secret hideout.

To Be Continued...



School Clubs

Click [here](#) to see times, year groups and locations for the below clubs:

Book Club (KS4) - Tuesday (Week A)
Rocket Club – Thursday
Hack Wednesday - Wednesday lunchtime
Code Club (KS3) - Every lunchtime
Chess Club - Monday & Wednesday lunchtime
Craft Club - Every break and lunchtime
Dance Club - Thursday
Debate Club – Wednesday
DT Club - Wednesday
DT Coursework and Skills Clinic - Thursday
Dyslexia Drop-In - Thursday lunchtime
Further Maths – Wednesday
Maths Higher Revision – Monday
Maths Foundation Revision – Monday
Homework Club - Tuesday & Wednesday
Lunch Club – Every lunchtime
Open Space - Wednesday lunchtime
Quiet Study - Every day
Recorder Group - Wednesday registration
Swing Band Rehearsal - Thursday
Warhammer 40k / Age of Sigmar Club - Friday
Sport Studies Catch Up – Tuesday



Sports Clubs

All PE after school clubs start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm, unless specified on this list

Tuesday

After school - Softball - Boys - All Years
After school - Rounders - Girls - Year 9 & 10
After school - Badminton - Girls & Boys - All Years
Lunchtime - Tennis - Girls & Boys – Years 7-9

Wednesday

After school - Cricket Nets - Girls & Boys - Years 7-9
After school - Rounders - Girls – Year 7-8
After school - Tennis - Girls & Boys - All Years
Lunchtime - Tennis - Girls & Boys - Years 7-9

Thursday

After school - Athletics - Girls & Boys – All Years
Lunchtime - Tennis - Girls and Boys – Years 7-9

Upcoming Girls Sports Fixtures

28/04/2025	Year 7	Football
07/05/2025	Years 7 & 10	Rounders
13/05/2025	Years 7 & 8	Rounders
14/05/2025	Years 9 & 10	Rounders

Upcoming Boys Sports Fixtures

29/04/2025	Year 9	Football
30/04/2025	Years 8-11	Athletics

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please be aware that **detentions** will **not** be re-arranged for sporting fixtures.





Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
11/04/2025	All	End of Term 4
12/04/2025	All	Pop-Up Prom Shop (NEW DATE)
28/04/2025	All	Start of Term 5 (Week A)
29/04/2025	Year 9	Vaccinations (DTP/Men/ACWY)
03/05/2025 - 04/05/2025	Year 9 (specific students)	D of E Bronze Practice Expedition
05/05/2025	All	Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)
06/05/2025	Year 7	Parent Consultation Meetings (online)
16/05/2025 - 19/05/2025	Year 10 (specific students)	D of E Silver Practice Expedition
21/05/2025	Year 8	Parent Consultation Meetings (online)
22/05/2025 - 25/05/2025	Year 10 (specific students)	Italy Trip
23/05/2025	All	End of Term 5

HELP M.E. !







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The Berkeley Parochial Trust

Is life a struggle at the moment?
We may be able to give a little help.

The Berkeley Parochial Trust is a small local charity that is able to offer modest financial one-off help for a particular purpose, to local people who are on a limited income and struggling to manage.

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We are sorry that we are unable to offer help with debt, Utility Bills or School Transport Fees, but perhaps there are other necessary things that you are desperate for and just cannot find the money? Many essential things can seem impossible to obtain, when times are hard.

Contact us to explain your situation, and let us see if the Trust can help. The Trustees will consider each application on an individual basis. Their decision is final. Any help given does not have to be repaid. We will need to know a name, address and some details of your family and financial situation. This will be kept confidential within the trust.

To apply please make contact with our clerk, Sue, by email if possible: berkeleyparochialtrust@hotmail.com or if you can't access email, phone 01453 542208 and leave a message and phone number.



VE DAY CELEBRATION

MONDAY 5TH MAY 2025

ULEY PAVILION & PLAYING FIELD, SHADWELL, GL11 5BW

12PM START - BLESSING OF THE MEMORIAL TREES
SPORTS DAY STARTS AT 12.15PM

WHAT'S ON

TUG OF WAR 3 LEGGED RACE SACK RACE EGG &
SPOON WHEELBARROW RACE BEAN BAG RACE
RELAY RACE SPACE HOPPER RACE FANCY DRESS

WELLY WANGING BEAT THE GOALIE RAFFLE
BOUNCY CASTLE HOOK-A-DUCK BUZZER GAME
SPLAT THE RAT COCONUT SHY SKITTLES
FACE PAINTING MEMORIBILA EXHIBITION
1940'S BEST DRESSED COMPETITION

PIZZA BURGERS ICE CREAMS CAKES/JAMS TEAS
BAR PIMMS SWEETS



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025. Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo from 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURY'S CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.