

THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 6 – 2024/25

18th July 2025

Dear Rednock Community,

Well, here we are - the finish line for 2024/25! What a year it's been. Most years, I find myself asking the same question: *Why on earth do we choose to work in schools?* The challenge? The variety? The pace? The opportunity to share knowledge and shape futures? No two days are ever the same? Or, is it the holidays!

There's no denying that working in education can be demanding, frustrating, and at times, exhausting. But for me, it's a privilege and so rewarding. What makes it all worthwhile is the community - not just the students, but the staff, parents, and everyone who passes through our gates. Being part of a school means belonging to something bigger than yourself, and belonging means you matter.

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. Our students continue to amaze and inspire us. Their dedication, resilience, and spirit always shine through. They remind us daily of why we do what we do.

While the summer break brings a well-earned pause (and yes, I'll be heading off for a family holiday too!), I'm already looking forward to what the new academic year will bring - fresh starts, new opportunities, and another chance to grow together as a community.

But before we switch off for the holidays, here are a few important reminders:

- **Thursday, 14th August** – A Level Results Day
- **Thursday, 21st August** – GCSE Results Day



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

- **Monday, 1st September** – *Staff Inset Day:* School reopens for staff only
- **Tuesday, 2nd September** – *Year 7 & 12 Transition Day:* School reopens for these year groups only.
- **Wednesday 3rd September** – *All Students Return.* The new academic year begins. Please ensure students arrive in **full uniform**, with all equipment, and ready for **Week A**. Click [here](#) for uniform & equipment guidance.

A copy of the letter sent earlier this week confirming all 'End of Term' arrangements can be found [here](#). This year has been full of moments to celebrate and memories to cherish. If you haven't already, please take a look back at our [Rednock Reviews](#) to relive some of them.

Have a wonderful summer, stay safe and we will see you in September. My very best wishes,

Mike Stratford
Headteacher



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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: **Arthur**, for having such a positive last few terms, and being so supportive in DT in particular. **Ryan and Tristan**, for having fantastic community spirit during Sports Day by getting involved and stepping in wherever help was needed. Their teamwork, positive attitude, and willingness to support was amazing and they have been brilliant role models to their peers and younger students. **Twisha**, for dancing at the Festival of Arts and bringing some amazing Indian culture to life. **Oscar and Gethin**, for taking part in the 5K Pretty Muddy race and helping to raise £280! **Amelie**, for fantastic improvement on her attendance this year. **Cerys**, for the hard work and effort put in to achieving millionaire word reader status. **Ed**, for looking after others and being so supportive in drama productions this year.



Abdul, for excellent work in Art. **Lissie**, for the amazing achievement of winning a gold medal in the National Combo Cup in Sheffield. **Blake**, for making superb progress over the last couple of weeks. **Millie, Ruby, Maggie and Grace** for running the Pretty Muddy 5K in Cheltenham on 28th June and raising £4,227 for Cancer Research! **Tom**, for making fantastic improvement on his attendance this year. **Ellie**, for becoming a Word Millionaire! **Lexxi**, for the kindness and support she showed to the visiting Year 6 students last week.

Emily, for achieving a distinction in her recent tap dance exam. **Lola and Ruby**, for being outstanding students, working hard across the board as well as always being willing to help their Darwin community in any way they can. **Iris**, who has done amazingly this year, making superb progress. **Harry**, for his brilliant contribution to the Jenner and Rednock community, participating in community performance, sports day and the Rednock choir. **Sam and Bill**, for their excellent support with Sixth Form induction activities in PE. **Fin**, for becoming a Word Millionaire. Finally, **Abi**, for being a kind and supportive friend, who is always happy to help.





Lissie, Year 8, achieved a remarkable milestone by winning the gold medal in Synchronised Swimming in the 13–15 age group at the prestigious National Combo Cup in Sheffield. Lissie and her team mates demonstrated exceptional skill, precision and talent, earning top marks from the judges and outshining competitors from across the country. Her dedication to training and teamwork paid off as their performance stood out for its creativity and synchronisation. A fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to Year 9 students **Oscar, Gethin, Liz and Bella** (pictured right) who took part in the 5k Pretty Muddy race in Cheltenham at the end of June, raising over £280 in aid of Cancer Research. What a team!



A special mention and congratulations to **Tabitha** in Year 7, who recently competed in the Central England Tetrathlon!



In Cricket, **Frocester U13's B** won all their games and finished top of their league! Well done to Year 7's **Jack H, George A and Reuben C!**

Congratulations also to **Harry C** in Year 8 who plays with Painswick cricket team. This week they won their match against Stroud, which means they've won the U13 development North cricket league.



Golden Ticket Assembly - Celebrating **AMBITION!**

What an absolute pleasure to celebrate alongside parents, families, friends and staff in our second Golden Ticket assembly last week. We were joined by over 65 students who had each been nominated by staff for the **ambition** they have shown in their studies, or within the school community, over the last 2 terms. It was so nice to see the pride they had in their achievements.

We were also lucky enough to be joined by both the school choir (with Ms Merchant and Mr Mee) who shared the newly created school song, and Jude Taylor (Year 11), who came back in to do a speech on how his ambition to create some mascots has led to a lasting legacy for the school, highlighting what one person's ambition can achieve. Thank you to you all! You should be very proud, we are!

We look forward to celebrating future successes in our next Golden Ticket assembly in Term 2 of next academic year!





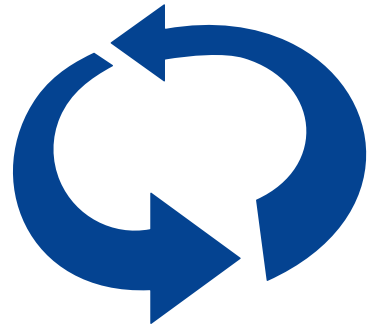
Teaching and Learning Focus: Flipped Learning

An innovative approach that is sometimes used to vary content delivery and engage students in a different way is flipped learning.

Flipped learning turns the traditional classroom model on its head. Instead of learning new content in class and doing homework after, students first explore new material at home, for example through videos, podcasts or reading assignments. Then, when they come to school, they use class time to dive deeper - working on problems, discussing ideas and applying what they've learned with the support of their teacher and other students.

Flipped learning has several benefits:

- **More active learning.** Class time becomes more interactive and focused on problem-solving, collaboration and discussion.
- **Pace that fits the student.** Students can pause, rewind, and review learning materials at home, helping them learn at their own speed.
- **Better use of class time.** Teachers can spend more time helping students individually or in small groups, rather than delivering content.
- **Encourages responsibility.** Students take more ownership of their learning.



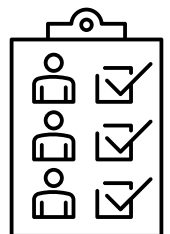
KEY REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- **Start Dates** - School reopens for Year 7 and 12 students **only** on Tuesday 2nd September to support their transition, then Wednesday 3rd September for all remaining students.
- **Equipment - Don't forget to pack your pencil case with these essential items:**
 - * pen
 - * pencil
 - * ruler
 - * calculator
 - * reading book(We will be checking this each morning and students that don't have these essential items will be asked to swap their phones in order to borrow replacements for the day.)
- **Get your uniform right!** Click [here](#) to check our school uniform policy. Please note two changes to be aware of:
 1. Jewellery: **Studs** only in ears and noses.
 2. Plain grey tailored shorts can be worn **all year round**.Examples of correct uniform can be found [here](#).



I MATTER, THEREFORE EVERY MOMENT MATTERS! ATTENDANCE COUNTS

As the holidays start, it is never too early to think about the good habits we want to instill in the new academic year. Students who attend school 95%+ of the time are 2 times more likely to achieve grades 5+ in Maths and English, than those who attend for 90% of the time and who miss 4 weeks in the school year.



Equally, students who miss days in the first couple of weeks of Term 1 are more likely to end up missing long periods of time, and end up with attendance of less than 90%. As already seen, this absence can go on to impact their progress and success, not to mention the all important social experiences of a new school year.



1) We want to support and celebrate students to get into good habits at the start of the new academic year and so will be running a challenge in the first 3 weeks in September. Details will be sent out before the start of the new term.

2) Please reach out if you are worried about or want support with your child's attendance or getting them into good habits/routines for the next academic year. If you would like to talk anything through, please email vicky.wytchard@rednockschool.org.uk.



Great news! You can now view our website in different languages!

Simply click on the 'languages' button in the bottom left hand corner, and select your chosen language.

For those students and families for whom English is an additional language, further information and support can be found [here](#).



DONATIONS PLEASE!

Our Pre-loved team are particularly running low of items of the **Blue/Grey uniform** - navy sweatshirts, grey trousers and skirts. Please drop off your donations to the school office by **1st August**, if possible. If there is enough uniform donated, they will look to hold a summer event towards the end of the holidays. Keep up to date with the pre-loved team via their [facebook page](#).

Year 6 Transition Day

What a sweltering, but incredibly successful week of Year 6 transition activities we had, with all students embracing the many opportunities that were made available to them. The young people were absolutely incredible during their two days here; they did their parents, carers, primary schools and themselves proud.

Over the course of their days, they got to know and make friends with their new year group, experienced a range of community activities, met their buddies, took part in a variety of taster lessons, multi sport activities and learnt the school song. It all culminated in an assembly on Friday afternoon which was well attended by parents and carers; we all enjoyed singing and celebrating our Year 6's together and look forward to welcoming them back as Rednock Year 7's on **September 2nd!**



Wacky Races!

Wednesday this week saw the annual staff wacky races take place! This is now our traditional culmination to the monthly community challenges. At the end of the year we ask our staff to take the lead in earning points for their community. Staff had a tight knit battle over hula hoops, bean bags, egg and spoon, three legged and sack races to see who would be overall champions. On this occasion, **Hubble** came out top to gain prizes for their community!

Then it was the turn of the penalty shoot out to see who could beat our sumo goalie. Only 2 out of the 12 attempts went in - much to the disappointment of staff and the skill of Lucas from Year 10 who took on the challenge of stopping their scoring dream!



Year 10 Life Skills

Recently, in Year 10 Life Skills, we welcomed Rach Goatman-Thomas who came to speak with students about alcohol addiction. Rach spoke to the students with honesty and sincerity from her personal experiences. All students were thoroughly engaged throughout the lesson asking thoughtful questions posed in a very sensitive way.



Bringing music to the Dursley Festival!

The Rednock Swing Band did a fantastic job last weekend, supporting the Dursley Festival on what was a very hot Saturday morning! As this brings to a close our public performances for this term, we now look forward to supporting many more community events over the coming school year.



Lions at Large

Find the Pride of Gloucestershire this Summer with our roarsome Art Trail!

Find over 30 large lion sculptures in Cheltenham and Gloucester from 11 July to 14 September 2025.

Visit our website: lionsatlarge.co.uk

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Lions at Large!

This summer holiday, don't forget to look out for **Bernard, Rednock's little lion**, as part of the 'Lions at Large' art trail!

Bernard is one of 32 large lions and 54 small lions at locations across Cheltenham and Gloucester this summer. We were delighted to find out that he has set up his new home at **Gloucester Cathedral**, College Green!

The trail will run from from 11th July until 14th September. There will be a pop-up shop in Gloucester Quays and money raised will be in support of The Big Space Cancer Appeal. Find out more [here...](#)



LOST PROPERTY – LAST CHANCE TO LOOK!

The unclaimed lost property collected this term will be on display in the school reception from **Monday 21st July until Friday 1st August**, from 9.00am - 3.00pm. After this, all unclaimed items will be given to the pre-loved team or charity. If you do have missing items, please do take this chance to come and take a look. Thank you for your support.





Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11 prom took place last Friday at Tortworth Court Hotel and it was a wonderful and memorable evening! The students all looked fantastic as they arrived, with some choosing more unusual modes of transport to make their entrance including a tractor and even a fire engine! We are so proud of them as a year group and as ever, they were a credit to the school. What a wonderful group of young people and we are so pleased we were able to send them off in such style!



Careers Corner

Who's 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.



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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

Here are just some of the fantastic photographs captured from the day...

Austin (below) spent his day at work with the National Highways Traffic Officers. Starting work at 5.30am, he learned about hazards on the motorways, Traffic Officer Vehicles and Gritting Lorries.



Taylor (above) enjoyed working with two new client puppies. She helped brush, bathe and blow dry the dogs - not forgetting, giving lots of cuddles too!

Elodie (left) visited Bluebird Care, and was an asset to their team, getting involved in lots of tasks such as checking first aid boxes for out of date materials. Their manager said she, "has been a pleasure to have in the office."



Dexter (left) visited RAF Cranwell and was treated to learning about flying different types of aircraft and even got to spend time in a simulator flying over London. He had a great time and now wants to fly helicopters!

Pictured below: Students taking part in the school-based activities, learning about the gaming industry.



Sam (left) went to work with his grandad, helping him with some engineering jobs. He learnt how to use a milling machine, a lathe, drill and also got his sack truck license.



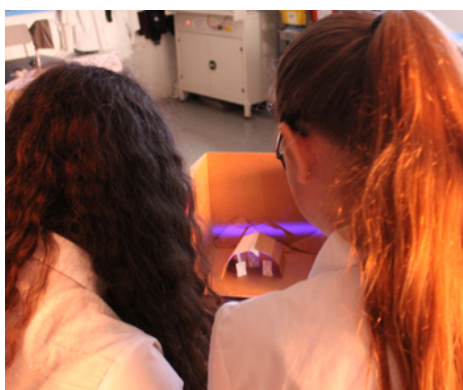
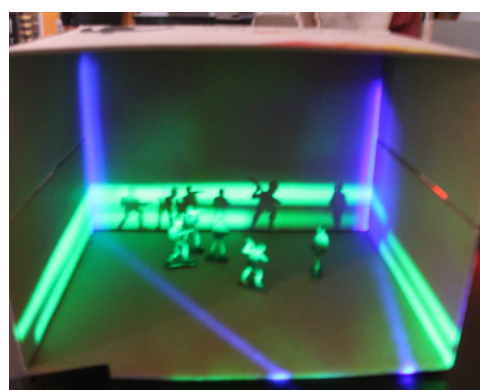
Ronni (above) worked in the restaurant at WWT Slimbridge and was a great help at stock checking.



Exploring Careers in Science!

Students in Year 9 science lessons have been at it again. Continuing their work on the careers of technicians, we have been exploring how lighting technicians design sets for film, TV and in the theatre. Students experimented with blending colours and used their understanding of this to light a scene for a space themed film.

Across the topic students have looked at the work of technicians in the construction, medical, entertainment, water supply and video game industries to name a few. These have been fantastic and engaging hands-on practical lessons and we have really enjoyed this as a department. It has been a great way to close the year.



National Scientific Thinking Challenge

In May, our Year 10 triple science students took part in the **National Scientific Thinking Challenge**. This challenge encouraged students to apply critical thinking, creativity, and scientific curiosity to solve real-world problems. Each student who completed the challenge demonstrated impressive dedication and a genuine enthusiasm for science. Their hard work has been recognised with a certificate, awarded in a special presentation held earlier this week.



They competed against over 16,000 other students from a range of schools across the country (state, grammar and private). We were ecstatic to get the results the other week to find that a third of our students had scored in the top 40% of the country and have been awarded a bronze, silver or gold award! Congratulations to all involved – we are incredibly proud of your achievements!

Bronze awards, students scored in the top 40% of entrants and had to get 67% or more: Macey, Juliette, Amber S-C, Harry S, Poppy C, Dominic, Freddie P, Austin W.



Silver awards, top 25% with a score of 74% or higher : Verity, Willow, Oliver M, Georgina, Ethan P, Ezrie, Reuben A, Victoria.



Gold awards, the top 10% of all students with an awesome score of 84% or higher! Very well done to : Leo L, Evie A, Lydia G, Megan L, Luke.





Graduating from The Scholar's Programme

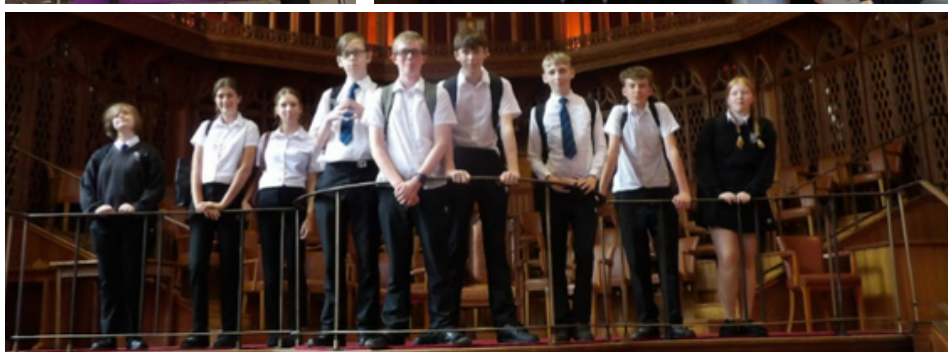
We are delighted to report that a group of our Year 10 students have successfully graduated from 'The Scholars Programme', run by education charity The Brilliant Club. The hard-working students produced challenging university-style essays exploring the question, "How to Feed the World?"



Students were encouraged to think and work independently across seven tutorials with a subject expert PhD researcher. During the programme, they learnt about how food production has changed over time, genetic modification and a range of sustainable modern farming methods and then completed a challenging final essay which was given a university-level grade.

The Scholars Programme supports students aged 8-18 years to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to progress to the country's most competitive universities and succeed when they get there. On the 1st July, the students attended Bristol University for their graduation event. This included a tour of the site, and time to reflect, present and meet with other students who had also completed the course. A great day was had by all and our students were a credit to Rednock!

Pictured below: Dan and Harvey bravely presenting their thoughts on the course to the other schools.



Update from the D of E Team!

Thank you to all the **Year 8** parents who could make Monday night's D of E presentation. We are excited to see 48 students already signed up and ready to be launched on the programme in early September. The slides from the evening are [here](#) if you want to see them. The final date for signing up is 19th September.



The current **Year 9** group was disappointed not to complete their Bronze Final expedition this academic year, but are looking forward to completing it on September 20th and 21st in the Forest of Dean. Please make sure your young person keeps up their map reading and navigational skills over the summer. There are plans for a refresher walk on Friday 12th September, and details will be sent out at the start of next term.

Many are keen to start their Silver, and we will launch this in early September, in time for their Bronze sections to be signed off. Gold will be offered to the Year 12's also in Term 1!

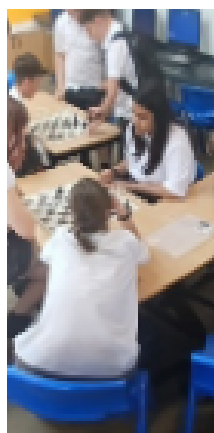
It's been a busy term getting sections signed off - the young people just need to give their ID number to their assessor (a non-family member) who can go to the assessor section on the website and complete it in just a few minutes.





READING IS POWER

Learning Resource Centre (LRC)



CHESS TOURNAMENT RESULTS!

The last two weeks have been a hive of activity in the LRC, with the **Chess Tournament** entrants battling it out. The first winners were **Jenner** - Rednock Intercommunity Chess Champions 2025! Players with the most wins went on to play for the individual prize with the final duel between **Leo** (Year 10) and **Cian** (Year 7). It was a close thing but Leo had a killer move up his sleeve and was the outright winner. Well done to all our ambitious students who put their name down - better luck next year!

Fancy some free reading over the coming weeks?

Gloucestershire Libraries are running their Summer Reading Challenge - join Glos Libraries [here](#).

Love Reading4Schools has a wealth of activities and book recommendations including author events and readings [here](#).

Project Gutenberg is a library of over 75,000 ebooks - free because their copyrights have expired. You'll find many classics, mainly American, but all free.



Rednock School Reads!

In this school year, students have read...

5,279 Books

142,478,706 Words

for 10 minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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Don't forget that AR quizzing isn't available over the summer break - you can read what you like, just so long as you read!

Students continue to clock up millions of words by reading regularly. Amongst our recent **Millionaire Certificate** recipients were Emily, Lissie, Will, Molly & Milo.



Please enjoy your summer and come back in September with any lost or overdue books!



Students know the 'no eating or drinking' rule in the LRC - but there's always room for an exception when it's a book-related treat.... Thanks James!



The story ends... or does it?!

Over this last year, our English Ambassadors (Evie, Elina, Ellie, Ieuan, Charlotte, Ruza and Eli) have been working on a story, which we serialised in each issue of the Rednock Review. Now, in our final week of term, please sit back, put your feet up and enjoy, the final chapter of 'The Rednock Crusaders'!



THE REDNOCK CRUSADERS

Chapter Sixteen:

Finale...?

After the sequence of shuddering had passed, the whole group stared at each other in prolonged confusion, as if blinking had been forbidden. An azure, hypnotizing glow emerged from the enchanted stone, luring them in a trance - it seemed impossible to tear their prying eyes away from the daze as they forcefully inched closer. The luminescence expanded and the uncomfortably polished flooring was swallowed, one substantial gulp after the other...

"What on Earth did that thing do?" Lucy asked, flustered, timid and threatened.

Silence poured out of their mouths like hot liquid and consumed the room until they sank - there was nothing to say.

Flash!

Before anyone had the opportunity to shield their eyes, already witnessing too much for their benefit, white burning light struck their areas, somehow standing out against their surroundings. Cautiously blinking, their hands furiously tapped their surroundings in disbelief, this was too good to be true.

"Is... this real? Am I dreaming?" Harvey exclaimed through a strained chuckle that was released as if it had been confined in a bottle for so long.

They were all back in their local park, as their gums pained from the amount of stretching done by their mouth. Instantaneously, the glow returned on a patch of grass, this time, with a pale hand grasping for it...

Welcome to our new English Ambassadors for 2025-2026!

It's that time of year when we thank our English Ambassadors for their hard work this year. They have been the most fantastic role models and so helpful around the school. We are sad to say goodbye to Eli, Elina, Evie, Ellie and Ieuan. They will be too busy working towards their GCSEs next year to continue being English Ambassadors. However, we are excited to keep Charlotte and Ruza, and to add Aaron, Riley, Elise, Grace, and Elena.

We look forward to an exciting year next year with this fantastic team!





Materials Matter

Year 12 students had a fantastic day at Rolls Royce finding out about why 'Materials Matter'. We had a full tour of the Bristol site learning about how engines are built and tested. We also got an insight into the testing procedures involved before engines are put together and also into why and how failures occur. The logistics of transporting products and meeting deadlines was covered, as well as a variety of roles that were business based. There is an incredible variety of career pathways into the industry and the staff, who students encountered, were welcoming and clearly enjoyed their work. They were keen to encourage students to apply for roles there!

The 6th form were as ever excellent company and ambassadors for our school - we also bumped into some friendly past student faces which was lovely.



Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

The Year 12 chemistry students took part in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. The grade boundaries were high this year but, Ruby achieved a copper medal and Béla achieved gold. This means Béla is in the top 10% of entrants in the whole country!

This competition aims to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry, and will provide an excellent experience for anyone considering taking their studies further. Set by an experienced team of teachers and university chemists, it is designed to be accessible to Year 12 students but will take them significantly beyond the syllabus and encourage them to think about science in the way they would at university.

A book for the summer!

A Level Economists have all selected a summer read and have been asked to write a review of their chosen book. This is an important element of A Level study and will support their development and appreciation of the wider aspects of the subject. Titles include: *Why can't we just print more money?*, *Soccernomics*, *The Trading Game*, *Freakonomics* and *Doughnut Economics*.





Year 13 Dinner Dance

On a memorable evening at the start of July, our Year 13 students gathered for their much-anticipated Dinner Dance – a fitting celebration to mark the end of their 7-year journey at Rednock School. This milestone event was filled with joy, laughter and a sense of accomplishment as students, staff and the Sixth Form team came together to recognise the achievements and friendships formed over the years.

The venue was beautifully decorated, creating a special atmosphere that perfectly complemented the occasion. Guests were treated to delicious food and, as the evening unfolded, the dance floor quickly filled with students and teachers alike, all eager to celebrate together.

The Dinner Dance was not just a chance to unwind after the pressures of exam season, but also an opportunity for everyone to reflect on the hard work, resilience and growth our students have shown throughout their time at Rednock. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, and to share in the pride and excitement of what lies ahead.

As we look forward to **Results Day on 14th August**, we send our best wishes to all Year 13's. We hope to be celebrating your examination successes and the bright futures you have ahead.

Congratulations, Year 13 – you have been a credit to Rednock School!





Sports Day 2025

During the first week in July, students took part in our annual sports day where they represented their community in the biggest event of the year. The morning started with the field events, with students competing in throwing and jumping events. After this, students in their communities had time to decorate banners, put on face paint and change into their community colours ready for the afternoon.

The whole school then descended onto the field for the afternoon track events, played in by the excellent Rednock Samba Band. The track events were highly competitive and all students had an amazing afternoon supporting the communities.



Now time for the results! After an incredible day of sports, the winning community was **HUBBLE!** Well done to all involved on what was a brilliant day.



Big mention also to **Mr Kelly** on his final Rednock sports day after **36 years** (or 7,000 days!) teaching at the school! He was the start man for all of the races and we will miss him dearly. **The PE department and rest of the school wish Mr Kelly a happy retirement and all the best!**





Wimble-DONE!

Friday 4th July saw us hit the road with our first tennis trip down to SW19 and the Wimbledon Championships 2025. Getting to take in the atmosphere and their picturesque grounds is an experience I'm sure neither myself nor the students are going to forget any time soon.

Settling down in the sun on Court 2, we saw Madison Keys (USA) defeat Laura Siegemund (GER) in 2 sets before seeing Joao Fonseca (BRA) take the win against Nicolás Jarry (CHI) in 4 sets, all during the first Championships without line umpires on court.

Between the tennis we enjoyed the Lawn Tennis Museum, a spot of shopping and trying to spot celebrities, while some students took the extra challenge of trying to get themselves to appear in the background of the BBC's coverage. All before enjoying the obligatory strawberries and cream, a true Wimbledon classic.

Our students showed all parts of this prestigious event the true respect that it deserved in all of their actions and attitudes. It was truly an unforgettable time for all involved.



LOVE(ing) ALL The Games

Since our last newsletter update, the tennis team have come up to face Wycliffe and Cirencester Deer Park. Some great tennis was played by all at these especially given some tough weather conditions of heat, sun and wind, this was particularly the case against Wycliffe where our Year 7 and 8's took on their Year 9 and 10's, coming back with one rubber won and the ice lollies being broken out! The season culminated in our first Rednock Round Robin where all of our players competed to try and win as many tie-break points as possible, fueled by a selection of our favourite refreshments from the season.

It's been a pleasure to spend the tennis season with this year's team, their constant sportsmanship and dedication has been amazing to experience. I'm already looking forward to next season! *(Mr Mitchell)*





Rounders Success for Years 7–10!

Over the course of last week, our Year 7 to Year 10 Rounders teams took on Brimsham Green School in Yate for their final fixtures of the season — and what a way to finish!

Rednock students delivered a series of fantastic performances across all year groups, showing impressive teamwork, determination and skill. Each team demonstrated excellent batting, sharp fielding and great communication throughout the games.

We're proud to report that Rednock won all four matches convincingly, ending the season on a high. The players' effort and commitment throughout the year were clearly reflected on the pitch, and it was brilliant to see them finish with such strong results.





Softball Update

On 2nd July, a mixed Year 7 and 8 softball team took part in the Archway softball tournament. The boys had not played a competitive game against another school before, however, their practice at softball club had paid off coming second in the tournament only behind an experienced Archway team. The team were brilliant and conducted themselves excellently. Every single player was outstanding and learned lots. They then had an opportunity for revenge when they played Archway the following Thursday after school!

Year 8 v Archway - This was the Year 8's team first softball fixture away from a tournament and they were excellent. Some excellent batting and fielding was put on display against a strong Archway team in the intense heat. The boys learnt lots and will be confident going into next year. Thank you also to Oscar and Jack from Year 7 who stepped up to play for the team!

The Year 9 boys' softball team has improved this year in leaps and bounds. This week, we played against a very strong team from Archway. The match was played over five innings with a ruling that when three players were out in one innings then the whole team were out. Batting first we scored nine points in the first innings compared to Archway's zero. Strong performances from the whole team saw the Rednock boys win the match 24 points to Archway's 11. Special mention goes to Evan, George, Fin and Austin for their individual performances. Well done!



Year 9 Cricket match against Farmor's School

Two weeks ago, the Year 9 (with one Year 8 student!) played cricket against Farmor's school in the 100 ball format. The game involves 10 students from each team bowling ten deliveries against the opposition. Each batsman must retire on 25 but can come back in when their team has been bowled out.

Rednock won the toss and decided to bat first. The opening pair, Austin and George, put on 30 runs together with Austin going on to retire on 25. Fin who came in at 3 put on a further 25 runs and then had to retire on 25 as well. Rednock ended up setting a strong total of 133 off 100 balls. Farmor's in response started well but came under pressure from our bowlers. Tom took 2 wickets off 10 deliveries for 4 runs with Cameron matching the exact same figures. Further strong bowling performances from Eddie, Diyva, Louie and Evan gave Rednock a convincing win by 68 runs. Fairford has always been one of the best venues to play cricket, thank you Paul. As a treat to the boys we had a celebratory ice cream on the way home to mark the occasion. Well done!

Staying safe around water this Summer

The National College 'WakeUpWednesday' guides offer useful advice around lots of topics ranging from online safety to mental health and wellbeing. As we start the summer holidays, it is always good to have a reminder about Water Safety, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and other water based activities safely and responsibly...

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

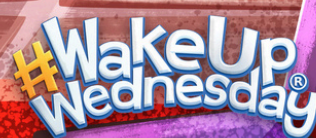
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
18/07/2025	All	End of Term 6 - school finishes at 12.45 for all students
14/08/2025		A Level Results Day
21/08/2025		GCSE Results Day
01/09/2025	Staff	Inset Day (school reopens for staff only)
02/09/2025	Years 7 & 12	Years 7 & 12 Induction Day (school reopens for Year 7 and 12 students only to support their transition)
03/09/2025	All	School year commences (school reopens for all remaining students)
08/09/2025	Years 7, 10 & 12	School photographs
11/09/2025		Key Stage 4 & 5 Awards Evening

SUMMER HOLIDAYS @CHANTRY CENTRE

STARTING 22 JULY
34-36 Long Street | Dursley
www.chantrycentre.org

TUESDAY 4PM-7PM:
THE GAMES ROOM

- 9 pin bowling
- Table football
- Table tennis
- Darts

Space for 11-16s to meet

FREE

WEDNESDAY 2PM-4PM:
FAMILY FUN

- 9 pin bowling
- Table football
- Table tennis
- Bouncy castle

Come along with your children
Adults - Free entry

£4 per child

THURSDAY 10AM-NOON:
INDOOR PLAY

- Bouncy castles
- Didi cars
- Soft play corner

For Under 8s - Adults Free entry

£4 per child

Drinks & snacks available to buy at all sessions

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SUMMER HOLS TABLE TENNIS COACHING AND PLAY
STARTING MONDAY 21ST JULY TO FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

REDNOCK SPORTS CENTRE, DURSLEY GL11 4BX
LEARN ALL THE BASICS AND HAVE FUN PLAYING
£2 per player per session

Mondays	Under 15s *	2:30-4pm
Tuesdays	Girls all ages	2:30-4pm
Thursdays	18 & under	2:30-4pm
Fridays	All ages - 100% play	2:00-4pm

*Over 7 years

Coaching by local TT England coaches - Bats and balls provided
Attire: Normal indoor sportswear, trainers footwear. Girls: SHORTS are best
Sessions 50/50 coaching and play except Fridays

FOR BOOKING AND REGISTRATION FORM (FILLED IN ADVANCE IF POSSIBLE)
CONTACT: David Edwards M: 07973 757 554 E: enquiries@ttrednock.org
Forms are also available from Rednock School reception/admin
Just turn up and play is fine but form filling will need some parent/carer time
Offers from parents of general help or with specific relevant skills welcomed

Run with the support of Stroud District Table Tennis League, Cam & Dursley Table Tennis Club and U3a players



SUMMER WORKSHOPS Quarry CHAPEL

www.quarrychapel.org.uk

Monday 21st July 1-2.30pm £5/3
REPEAT PATTERNS 12-99 years
 Using water colours you will develop a repeat pattern to create an Emma Bridgewater style design

Tuesday 22nd July 10.30-12pm £5/3
GELLI PRINTING 8 years+
 Create your own fun collaged print using lots of textures!

Tuesday 22nd July 1-2pm £4/2
PEBBLE PAINTING under 8s with an adult
 Have fun creating a beautiful hand painted stone!

Wednesday 23rd July 10.30-12pm £4/2
COMIC TIME! 8 years+
 Design fun characters and create a comic page!

Tuesday 29th July 11-2pm £10/7
BOTANICAL CYANOTYPES 10-99 years
 Treat yourself to experimenting with this beautiful medium, making your own blue photographic paper, arranging flowers and foliage to create magical prints

Wednesday 30th July 2-5pm £5/4
PAPER SCULPTURAL CLOTHING 11 years +
 Experimental session using modern skyscrapers as inspiration to cut, fold, bend and pin paper onto a mannequin! We will create sculptural pieces that fit around the human form – your final outcome will be photographed



SUMMER WORKSHOPS Quarry CHAPEL

www.quarrychapel.org.uk

Tuesday 5th August – Thursday 7th August free
Photography Course 11-19 years

An exciting opportunity for young people to work with professional photographer, Rita Long of Hundred Heroines – over the three days you will be taught how to use a DSLR camera and a host of different lens! Each person will be able to develop images that tell a visual story. The final outcomes will be shown in an outdoor exhibition in September. This is a treat not to be missed! Sponsored by Canon

Wednesday 13th August 10.30-12pm £3/2
WHY NOT TRY CROCHET? 8-99 years
 Not quite sure if you can, or at the beginning of your crochet journey? Come work with textile artist Madiy who will support & share her incredible skills!

Wednesday 13th August 1-2.30pm £3/2
WHY NOT TRY KNITTING? 8-99 years
 Always wanted to try knitting, but not quite sure where to start, learning but dropping stitches come have fun & learn!

Thursday 28th August 10-12pm free
POP-UP CAM MILLS PROJECT 8-99 years
 Come and learn how to needle felt and spin yarn to make cute sheep – finished pieces will be exhibited in September at the Cam Voices Exhibition, Kingshill House!



- For Everyone
- Fun, Rugby-related Activities & Games
- Followed by England Red Roses vs Australia on TV
- Groups for 6-10 yrs and 11-17 yrs
- Food & Drink available
- Saturday 1430-1630
- Dursley Rugby Club, Hounds Green, Stinchcombe
- Find out more:

Kate – girls.dursleyrvc@gmail.com



Dursley Girls RFC

GIRLS RUGBY ACTIVITY AFTERNOON

6 September 2025



BE MORE YOU



WHEN YOU'RE WITH THEM

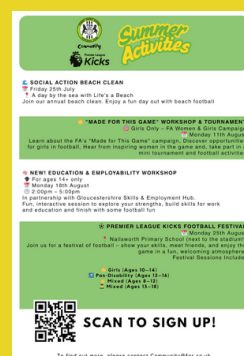


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 rugby
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Summer Activities

Click on the image below to view the full poster of summer activities with FGR:



Scan to sign up!



GO WILD

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August 1st 2025
10am – 1pm
Cam Woodfields Play Area, Hadley Road, Woodfields, Cam, GL116LU

5th August 2025
2:30pm - 5:30pm
Highfields Field Park, School Road, Dursley, GL11 4PA

August 14th 2025
10am – 1pm
Cam Woodfields Play Area, Hadley Road, Woodfields, Cam, GL116LU

14th August 2025
2:30pm - 5:30pm
Stratford Park, Stratford Rd, Stroud GL5 4AJ

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SUMMER FETE

Fun for ALL the Family !

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST
1:00PM – 5:00PM

Adult £3
Children FREE





CHOSSEN HILL RUGBY CLUB
GL3 2PJ



FREE EVENT

TRY TABLE TENNIS

@ CHANTRY CENTRE
Saturday 9 August
10am - 2pm

- Suitable for any age 8-80!
- All equipment provided
- No need to book

Just come along and have a go!



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