THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 2 – 2026/27

13th November 2026



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Dear Rednock Community,

As we reach the end of the second week of Term 2, it's been fantastic to see so much energy and enthusiasm across the school. This was especially true today with the non-school uniform day held to support Children in Need. This week's Review is packed with highlights celebrating our students. From brilliant classroom moments to extracurricular wins, there is plenty to be proud of!

First, a huge well done to all our students for their conduct during our Remembrance Service on Wednesday 11th November. Their respect, unity and thoughtfulness ensured this important occasion was marked with the dignity it deserved.

I can hardly believe I'm writing this, and although we're only halfway through November, the festive spirit is already starting to build here at Rednock! We have a few seasonal challenges underway that combine fun, charity and community spirit. those to note and ecourage your child to be part of:

- **Advent Calendar Collection**: We're proud to support the Pied Piper Appeal and the Children's Hospital once again.
- **Christmas Card Design Competition**: Our students can put their creativity to the test by designing this year's official school Christmas card. The winning design will be professionally printed and sent out to our local community and school partners.
- **Festive Feast**: Sign-up is open to those students who want to enjoy a festive feast in the final week of term. The deadline for sign up is Friday 20th November.



Good luck to our Year 11 students, who are currently taking their GCSE mock exams. They are working hard at this important checkpoint to see how far they've come and to help shape their preparation for next summer. Year 13 will join them, beginning their mocks next week.

Dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 26th November**: Sixth Form Open Evening. We warmly invite all Year 10 and Year 11 students and their families to come along and see what's on offer in our growing and improving sixth form.
- **Friday 27th & Monday 30th November**: INSET Days (school will be closed to students).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We're looking forward to sharing more student successes with you over the rest of the term.

My very best wishes,

Mike Stratford
Headteacher

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Achievement Heroes

Each week, we select new Achievement Heroes to celebrate. We've had some amazing nominees and we're proud of everything they've accomplished.

They were recognised for different reasons, each one just as impressive as the last.

Every nominee exemplifies what it means to be an Achievement Hero and we couldn’t be prouder to shine a spotlight on their accomplishments.

This issue’s Achievement Heroes are:

Amelia, for her contribution to the Brunel community with winning pumpkin carving competition.
Michael, for winning a national boxing match in his age and weight category.
Aaron, for consistently meeting expectations and being a positive influence on other students in his tutor group.
Lauren, for being a fantastic support to her Year 7 buddy.
Ella, for receiving the highest number of reward points in her tutor since September.
Bella, for placing bronze in backstroke and gold in breast stroke in a recent swimming competition.
George, for being awarded the joint first prize for the David Vaisey young person of the year award.
Lilly, for her wonderful presentation in her Health and Social class.



Teaching and Learning Focus

On our recent trip to Normandy our students took part in a ‘market challenge’. Working in groups they were tasked with buying lunch at Bayeux market, at €5 per head and returning to our accommodation to assemble and present their ingredients. The language needed for the assignment was a far cry from what students are normally required to demonstrate in the classroom; in much of our curriculum students are assessed on their ability to develop and extend their ideas and work with a wide variety of language. For this challenge, succinctness and politeness were the order of the day. Saying ‘Bonjour Monsieur’ or ‘Bonjour Madame’ followed by a simple request, then ‘please’ and ‘thank you’, is all that is required in a real-life situation such as this, so that is exactly what we wanted our students to do. Of course, this task allowed them to practise many other skills besides: speaking loudly and confidently; predicting what the market stall holder might say to help navigate an unpredictable conversation; estimating the cost of the transaction to avoid being short changed; knowledge of numbers/prices; managing a budget; understanding the ingredients of a balanced meal; and teamwork. Back at the Château, there was further group work to do in presenting the meal in an eye-catching manner.

It is difficult to replicate transactional situations like the ‘market challenge’ in the classroom. This is one of the reasons why residential trips abroad such as this one are so valuable. Next up, Berlin in June.




















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Sixth Form Open Evening

Join us for our Rednock Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 26th November, from 5.00pm–6.30pm. Discover what life at Rednock Sixth Form could look like for you. Meet our teachers and current students, explore our facilities and find out more about the wide range of A-Level and vocational courses on offer. You can also learn about the opportunities available beyond the classroom, from enrichment and leadership opportunities to careers guidance and support for your next steps. Whether you're looking towards university, an apprenticeship or the world of work, our Sixth Form is here to help you achieve your ambitions and make the most of your time with us.



Rednock Hosts Stroud Climate and Nature Partnership

Rednock School was proud to host the Stroud Climate and Nature Partnership meeting on Friday 23rd October, bringing together local businesses, council leaders and members of the wider community to discuss how we can work towards a greener, more sustainable future.

As the first school to host the event, we were delighted to welcome students from Rednock, Maidenhill, Archway and Stroud High School. Students had the opportunity to share the positive steps young people are taking to improve sustainability within their own schools, demonstrating the important role they play in shaping a greener future.

The event also included tours of Rednock, showcasing some of the eco-friendly measures already in place, as well as projects currently underway to make our school more sustainable.

It was a well-attended and inspiring event, celebrating the power of collaboration and the positive impact of bringing generations together to make a difference.







Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November, our whole school community gathered for Rednock's Remembrance Service to honour those who have lost their lives in conflict. Students who are members of Cadets, Guides and Scouts attended in uniform and everyone showed great respect and understanding of the importance of remembering those affected by war, both past and present.

The service began with Mr Stratford reading The Guns Fell Silent by John Humphrey, followed by moving readings by students Eddie, Year 11, and Nancy, Year 13.

At 11am, students and staff observed two minutes of silence, reflecting on the sacrifices made by so many. This was followed by a beautiful performance of The Last Post by Sixth Form students, Xavi and Elizabeth and a wreath was laid by William, Year 9.

Students, Dotty, Year 8, and Jack, Year 9, proudly represented Rednock School at local Remembrance Parades, laying wreaths on behalf of our school community. We are very proud of them for taking part in this important act of remembrance.













A Musical Experience at Gloucester Guildhall

Students from Key Stage 4 and 5 recently had the fantastic opportunity to visit Gloucester Guildhall to attend a concert and educational workshop led by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity to experience a professional orchestra performing live, while deepening students' understanding of music from the Baroque and Classical periods. Students were able to hear the orchestra explore key musical elements, structures and forms, gaining a much greater insight into how music is constructed and performed.

One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity to hear a live soundtrack, originally composed by Bristol-based William Goodchild for a Netflix series, performed by the orchestra alongside the live visual edit. Students also learnt about the creative process behind developing music for screen, from the initial ideas through to the finished composition.

The session also offered valuable insights into the art of composing, with musicians breaking down some of the techniques and approaches used by composers. This was particularly beneficial for our GCSE and A-Level students as they begin to tackle their own composition briefs and develop their understanding of how to create effective and engaging music.

Our students were a real credit to Rednock throughout the visit. Their impeccable behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement were exemplary, and they represented the school brilliantly alongside students from some of the other independent schools in attendance.

A thoroughly worthwhile and inspiring experience, which we hope will help students develop both their musical knowledge and confidence as young musicians.







Year 10 Netball

The Year 10 netball team were absolutely phenomenal in a recent match, securing their place as one of just two teams to progress to the District Netball Finals in January!

The girls showed fantastic maturity, teamwork, competitiveness and determination throughout. We are incredibly proud of how far they have come and the progress they have made to reach this point. A special mention to Phoebe, who captained the team brilliantly.

Well done, girls! What an achievement!





Years 7 and 8 Netball

Our Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams both enjoyed fantastic wins against Maidenhill School.

The Year 7 team continue to grow in confidence and develop their understanding of the game with every match. There was some excellent shooting from Iris and Mila, helping the team secure a brilliant 10–2 victory.

The Year 8 team made a strong start and maintained their lead throughout, with some excellent mid-court play from Esme, Poppy and Tegan. They finished with an impressive 14–3 win.

Years 8 Boys Rugby

Our Year 8 boys rugby team enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the District Rugby Tournament at Marling on Tuesday 3rd November.

The boys played brilliantly, drawing against Archway, Marling and Sir William Romney, before securing a win against Thomas Keble. Their efforts earned them an excellent second-place finish overall, providing plenty of confidence ahead of their upcoming fixture against Kingshill.

A special well done to Tommy and Harley, who were named Players of the Tournament. Congratulations to the whole team!







Year 10 Boys Rugby

On Wednesday 4th November, our Year 10 rugby team took on a strong Kingshill side in a challenging fixture.

Despite facing tough opposition, the boys continued to battle hard throughout the game, showing great determination and teamwork. Although the match finished 41–7 to Kingshill, there were plenty of positives to take away from the performance, with the team continuing to work hard right until the final whistle.

Player of the Match was Lucas, for an excellent effort. Well done to all involved!

Year 9 Boys Rugby

What a fantastic couple of fixtures for our Year 9 rugby team! After their thrilling 34–33 victory over Kingshill, the boys followed it up with another win against Thomas Keble, coming away with a convincing 27–15 result.

The match against Kingshill was a frantic game, with plenty of open, attacking rugby. Theo scored a fantastic hat-trick of tries, Freddie added two more and Stan came in with the crucial winning try, with Freddie then slotting the conversion to seal the victory.



An excellent team effort from everyone, particularly those playing in only their second-ever competitive game. A special mention to Theo, who was named Player of the Match against both Kingshill and Thomas Keble. Well done, boys!



Year 7 Boys Rugby

This week the Y7 rugby team took part in the annual district rugby tournament held at KLB. The boys represented themselves excellently throughout the day and came away with a respectable 3 wins and 2 losses.

Players of the tournament were Max and Mason. The boys now look forward to more fixtures against Kingshill.



Year 11 Boys Football

The Year 11 boys narrowly exited the National Cup following a closely contested match against St Peter's. After a below-par first half, the boys found themselves 2-0 down but showed great determination after the break, pulling a goal back to halve the deficit. Despite a much-improved second-half performance, they couldn't quite find the equaliser.





Under 14s Netball

Our U14 Netball team recently attended a county Netball tournament at Cheltenham ladies college. They played really well as a unit. Winning against Thomas Keble, Cirencester Kingshill, Balcarras Academy and narrowly missing out on the semi finals by one point. Well captained by Evelyn.

Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 rugby teams took on Kingshill School in both A and B team fixtures. Although both teams came away with defeats, they showed great determination and battled hard throughout. The A team finished 45–15, while the B team put in a strong attacking performance, finishing 60–30.

Well done to all the players for their efforts, with special recognition to our Players of the Match, Ted (A team) and Tufigo (B team).





Children in Need

We had a fantastic time celebrating Children in Need today with a non-uniform day.

Each of our communities organised its own fun fair, with a brilliant range of games, activities and cake sales for students to enjoy. There was lots of enthusiasm as students got involved, tried their luck at the games and tucked into some tasty treats, all while raising money for a fantastic cause.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise the activities, donated cakes and joined in with the fun. It was wonderful to see our communities come together to raise money for Children in Need!











Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Sign Up Now

We are delighted to be launching this year's Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme at Rednock School. Students have the opportunity to take part at three different levels:

- Bronze – Year 9
- Silver – Year 10
- Gold – Year 12

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop confidence, independence, resilience and teamwork while taking part in activities outside the classroom.

This year, we are also pleased to be working with a new Approved Activity Provider (AAP), Live Life Adventure (LLA), who will be supporting us with the delivery of our expedition programme. LLA is an experienced outdoor activity provider and will work with students on areas such as navigation, first aid, emergency procedures, campcraft and teamwork. Further information about LLA can be found at https://livelifeadventure.co.uk/.

Parents and carers of students in Years 9, 10 and 12 should have received an email this week containing full information about the relevant award level, including expedition dates, costs and how to enrol. The deadline for enrolment is Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 4.00 pm.

Students do not need to have completed Bronze before joining Silver and students can also join Gold without having previously completed Bronze or Silver. This means that even if your child has not taken part in DofE before, they can still get involved.

This year, our Silver students will be able to choose between walking and canoeing, while our Gold participants will have the opportunity to complete their expedition in Scotland, again with walking and canoeing options available.

If your child is interested in taking part, please check the email sent home and complete the enrolment process by the deadline.

We are really looking forward to supporting our next group of Bronze, Silver and Gold participants as they begin their DofE journey.

Oliver Antonious
Interim DofE Manager









Spreading a Little Christmas Kindness

At Rednock, we love finding ways to help others and make a positive difference in our local community. As Christmas approaches, we're once again asking our wonderful school community to get involved in two annual appeals.

Advent Calendar Appeal
We're collecting advent calendars to donate to Gloucester Royal Hospital Children's Centre, helping to bring a little extra Christmas magic to children spending time in hospital during December.
Last year, we collected an amazing 162 calendars and we're hoping to beat that total this year! Every donation, big or small, will help make a difference.

Christmas Food Bank Appeal
We're also continuing our annual food bank appeal, collecting donations to help local individuals and families who may be finding things particularly difficult at this time of year. Christmas can be a challenging time for many and a little generosity can go a long way.

How you can help
We'd love as many students, parents/carers and staff as possible to get involved. Whether it's an advent calendar or a donation to our food bank appeal, every contribution is appreciated.

Donations can be handed to tutors or dropped off at Main Reception.

Thank you for helping us spread kindness and make a difference. It's one of the things that makes our Rednock community so special!







I Can & I Am bus

By the end of next week, all of our Year 7 students will have had the opportunity to visit the I Can & I Am bus, taking part in a programme designed to build confidence and self-belief.

The time on board begins with a hands-on pizza-making session, encouraging students to work together, get creative and enjoy the satisfaction of making something themselves. It's a simple activity, but one that gives everyone the opportunity to get involved and experience a sense of achievement.

Students then head to the top deck for small-group workshops, where they explore what self-belief means and discuss how they can develop and maintain a positive view of themselves. The sessions encourage students to recognise their own strengths, appreciate what makes them unique and understand that everyone has something valuable to offer.

We really value the work that I Can & I Am do and the positive impact these sessions have on our students. It's always lovely to see them leave the bus feeling a little brighter, more confident and reminded of just how much they can achieve.

For more information about the scheme, please click here.











Get into the Christmas Spirit at Rednock

We have two lovely festive events coming up at Rednock this December and we'd love to see many of our school community joining us.

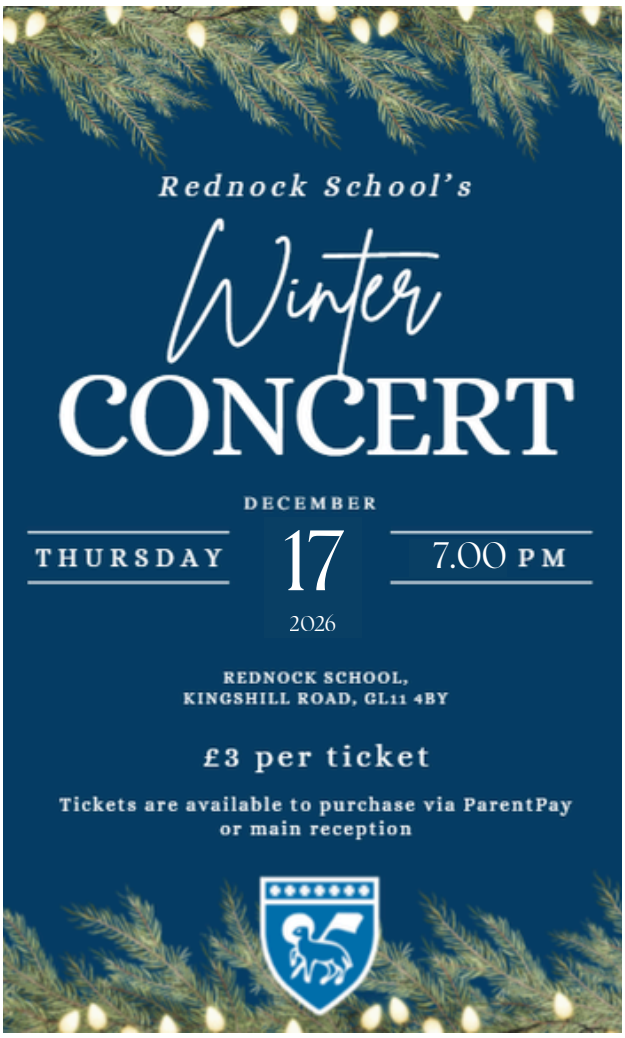
Christmas Quiz – Friday 11th December
Join us for an evening of festive family fun with our Christmas Quiz, raising money towards our school production of We Will Rock You.

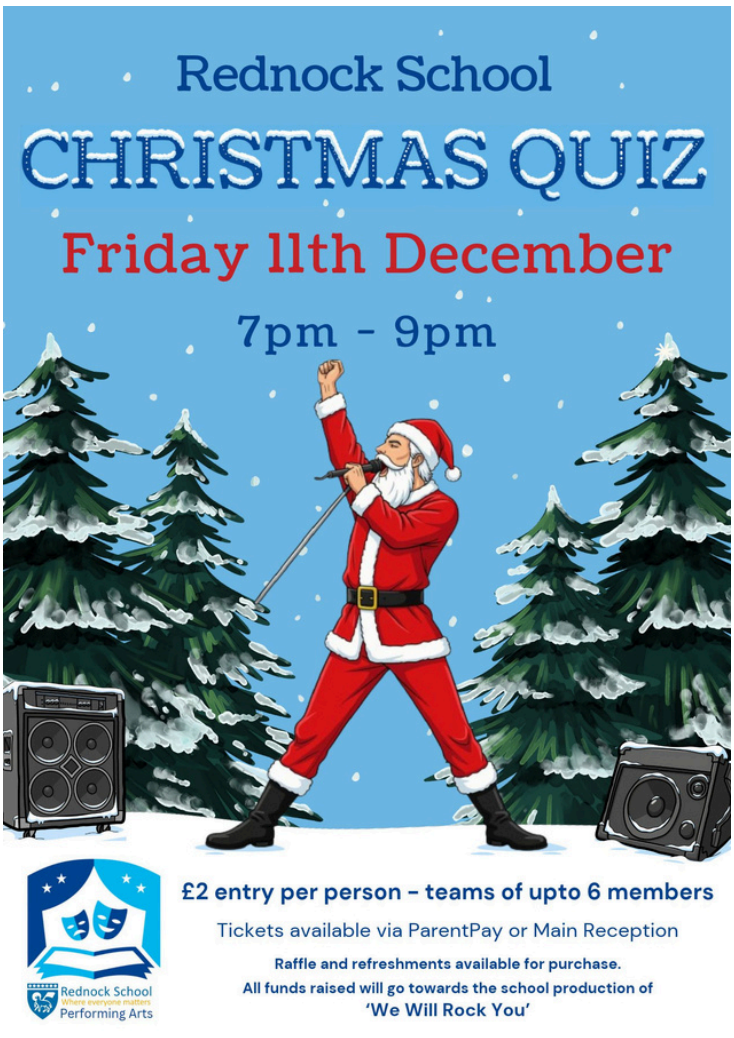
Alongside the quiz, there will be a raffle and refreshments available to buy, so there's plenty to enjoy beyond testing your general knowledge!

Winter Concert – Thursday 17th December
Come along and enjoy an evening of festive music, celebrating the talents of our wonderful Performing Arts students. The concert will feature a selection of musical performances, with students taking to the stage to sing and play for you.

Both events are open to everyone, so whether you're a student, parent/carer, family member or part of our wider community, we'd love you to join us.

Come along, enjoy some festive entertainment and help us make it a December to remember!







Book a Spot at The Christmas Feast

Get ready for a festive lunchtime celebration. Students are invited to join us in the Main Hall for a delicious Christmas lunch, complete with music, plenty of fun and a chance to enjoy some festive time together.

It's always a lovely occasion and a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Christmas dinner: £3.25

Make sure you book your place and don't miss out!





Home Learning Confidence Club

Our Home Learning Confidence Club takes place during tutor time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sixth Form volunteers work alongside a small, select group of younger students, offering additional guidance and encouragement with homework they may find challenging. The sessions provide an opportunity for students to ask questions, build confidence and develop their independent learning skills.

For students looking for a place to complete homework after school, our Home Learning Club is open to everyone on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3.10–4.10pm, with staff available to offer help and guidance.

Calling All Rock Fans – We Need Your Old Band T-Shirts!

Do you have any old band T-shirts hiding at the back of your wardrobe? Perhaps a faded one that's seen better days or a shirt you haven't worn in years? As preparations get underway for our school production of We Will Rock You, we're looking for old band T-shirts for our cast to wear as part of their costumes.

We're particularly keen on pre / mid 90s rock bands, but we'll happily consider anything with a bit of rock attitude! And don't worry about the condition – ripped, faded, paint-covered or generally well-loved shirts are absolutely perfect. Our characters aren't exactly the tidiest of people so the more lived-in the better.

If you have anything you think might be suitable, we'd be incredibly grateful for your donations. Please bring any T-shirts to Main Reception.





Find Your Perfect Prom Outfit

Year 11 students are warmly invited to come along to our pop-up prom wear event. Come and chat to the team about what you're looking for, ask questions and browse the rails of pre-loved promwear currently available.

It's a sustainable and affordable way to find something special for your big night, helping to make prom accessible to everyone while giving outfits a second chance to shine.

Come along, have a browse and see what's available.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
26/11/2026	All	Sixth Form Open Evening
27/11/2026	All	Inset Day
30/11/2026	All	Inset Day

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The Spellbinding Family Pantomime

Friday 18th December 2026 to Sunday 3rd January 2027

This Christmas at the Sub Rooms promises to be bigger, better and more beautiful and beastly than ever before!

Join us for the spellbinding story of Belle, the spirited and headstrong village girl who enters an enchanted castle and melts the heart of the monstrous beast who dwells within its walls.

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Fri 18 Dec 2026			6pm
Sat 19 Dec 2026	11am	3pm	7pm
Sun 20 Dec 2026	11am	3pm	
Mon 21 Dec 2026	11am	3pm	
Tue 22 Dec 2026	11am	3pm	
Wed 23 Dec 2026		1pm	5pm
Thu 24 Dec 2026	11am	3pm	
Sat 26 Dec 2026		4pm	
Sun 27 Dec 2026	11am	3pm	
Mon 28 Dec 2026	11am (R)	3pm	
Tue 29 Dec 2026		1pm	5pm
Wed 30 Dec 2026		1pm	5pm
Thu 31 Dec 2026	11am	3pm	8pm (AO)
Sat 2 Jan 2027		2pm	8pm (AO)
Sun 3 Jan 2027		2pm	

Gold Band Shows
Adults from £25
Child from £23

Silver Band Shows
Adults from £20
Child from £18

Preview Shows
Adults from £17
Child from £15

Adult Shows from £25

PJD PRODUCTIONS

(R) Relaxed Performance – Monday 28th December at 11am
A performance specifically designed to welcome people who will benefit from a more relaxed environment, including people with an autism spectrum condition, sensory and communication disorders or learning disability.

(AO) Adults Only – Thursday 31st December and Saturday 2nd January at 8pm
Our Adult Only performances offer the chance to leave the kids at home and experience panto with no filter whatsoever! Absolutely not for the faint hearted or easily offended.