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*Christmas wishes
from Redhill*

We wish you a very merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year!

Season's Greetings

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COVID-19

Protect your family and friends.

This season it's important to not only look after our loved ones but ourselves.

This year, because of COVID-19 the Government has asked secondary schools to offer in-school COVID-19 tests to all students.

Before returning to school in the new year we would like all students to take a test at home on Sunday 2nd January.

Above all, we wish you all a safe and merry festive season and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

FEATURE OF THE TERM

Redhill Students Win Pride of Britain Award

"As a school, we are incredibly proud of Ella and Amy's achievements; they are wonderful role models for both the students at the Academy and the wider community. They fully deserve this award as recognition for all their hard work and endeavours."

- Mr M Hardy, Headteacher



A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADMASTER

"Once again, it is with great pride that we end the year with a newsletter filled with student accomplishments, showcasing successes across such a wide range of areas, from Science, Languages and Performing Arts to Sport and Music, is of great credit to all those involved. I want to thank our students for their exemplary conduct and effort, impressive contribution in lessons and extra-curricular; they continue to impress with their hard work and resilient nature both in and out of the classroom, despite all the pressures they encountered. Students have continued to reflect the Academy's core principles of possessing the highest aspirations, involving themselves in wider opportunities and working hard to achieve great success in all subject areas. As you will see from the newsletter, they have achieved some truly remarkable accomplishments amid an ever-fluctuating landscape and should be very proud of their clearly irrepressible talent.

I also wanted to pay tribute to our fantastic staff. Without the hard work and dedication our staff provide, the outstanding work delivered in lessons and extra-curricular achievements would not be possible. The wealth of opportunities put on by our team has led to exceptional performances in the school production, carol concert and beyond.



It was lovely to see students in our theatre performance of 'Bugsy Malone' earlier this month and to see so many of you at the annual Carol Concert, which we were thankful to enjoy in person this year.

I wanted to finish by thanking all of you for your continued support of our staff and your kind messages, wishing you a relaxing break and looking forward to seeing you all in the new year."

- Mr. M Hardy

STUDENT STORIES

Oxford German Olympiad 2021

Two Redhill students, Nicolo Venturino and Alannah Mylechreest, were 'Highly Commended' in this prestigious linguistic competition.

The Oxford German Olympiad is an annual themed competition for learners of German aged between 9 years and 18 years old and living in the UK. The tasks are designed to challenge learners of all levels to get creative with their German language skills and expand their knowledge of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland's culture, history, and literature.



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NETWORK**



Redhill students join the cast of 'Beauty and the Beast'!

Congratulations to Serai Bondswell, Delinda Lee and Donté Slater, who successfully auditioned to perform in the Junior Chorus for the Nottingham Playhouse pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'.

Filled with magic and monstrous fun, this tale as old as time is the perfect festive treat.

Performance dates:

Fri 3 Dec 2021 - Sat 15 Jan 2022

Nottingham Dance Festival 2021

Congratulations to Isabelle Thomas who competed at the Nottingham Dance Festival this year. She picked up a 1st place medal for modern dance and a 3rd place medal for a Lyrical dance, along with a group medal.



Le Classique de Danse 2021

Earlier this year, Sian Van Dyce won a 'Classique de Danse' Award for her contribution as an amateur to Freestyle dance. Sian attended the grand gala ball packed with celebrities and dance industry royalty to be announced a winner.

This prestigious and independent awards ceremony brings together the world of Theatre, Ballroom and Freestyle Dance to celebrate those on top of their game as professionals, choreographers and dancers, as well as recognising lifetime achievements.

Pride of Britain 2021

Redhill student Ella Meek and her sister Amy, a former Redhill student, became the first winners of the new Pride of Britain - Environmental Champion Award!

Redhill student Ella Meek co-founded Kids Against Plastic in 2016 alongside her sister Amy. It calls for action against plastic pollution and encourages individuals, schools and businesses to be more 'plastic clever' and ditch single-use plastics.



British Ice Skating Championships 2021

Angelica Alexander competed at this year's British Ice Skating Championships in Sheffield. She competed in the Advance Novice category, it was her first time competing in such a prestigious competition and we are very proud of her achievements.



British Bar Champion 2021

Redhill student Bethany Rayment recently joined some of the UK's top competitors to compete at the Women's Artistic British Championships 2021. She competed in the Espoir category where she was crowned British Bar Champion. She has also been invited to join the GB National Squad!

Women's Artistic Gymnastics is probably the best-known branch of the sport and is one of the biggest crowd-pleasers at the Olympic Games. It is an exciting, aesthetic, yet extremely demanding discipline incorporating vault, asymmetric bars, beam and floor.

Under 13's English National Badminton Championships 2021

Redhill student Martha Franklin recently competed at the U13 English National Badminton Championships 2021, taking home the bronze medal in the doubles category.



Freestyle Dance Champion 2021

Another fantastic competition for Redhill student Sian Van Dyce. She competed at the 2021 DKKQ and was crowned a double winner as the U18 Girl Slowdance Superstar & U18 Girl Disco Kid Legend!

The DKKQ championship is one of the toughest and most renowned competitions in the world of Freestyle dance. It is the pinnacle of Freestyle achievements and only the very best make it.

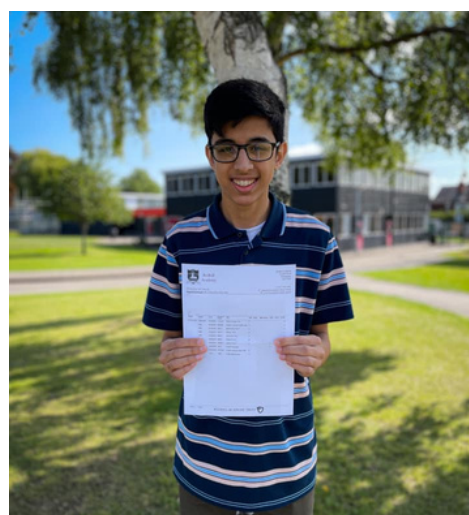



EVENTS

GCSE Results Day 2021

Despite the many challenges our students have faced over the past two years, Redhill Academy students celebrated this year after achieving an impressive set of GCSE results. An incredible 59 pupils gained the equivalent of 117 Grade 9s.

Of particular note were Paul Hurst, Caitlin Clarke & Ramiz Ahktar; all have stayed on to study A-levels at The Redhill Academy Sixth Form.



A black and white photograph of three young women in formal dresses hugging at a social event. The woman on the left is looking towards the other two. The woman in the middle is smiling and looking down. The woman on the right is also smiling and looking towards the other two. They are all wearing formal dresses. The background is blurred, showing other people and what appears to be a tent or outdoor setting.

"TRULY GREAT FRIENDS
ARE HARD TO FIND,
DIFFICULT TO LEAVE,
AND IMPOSSIBLE TO
FORGET."

G. RANDOLF

Prom 2021

On Tuesday 27th July, Year 11 and staff members gathered at Goosedale to celebrate their Prom.

Students arrived in style and had made a considerable effort to show off their personal flair. As pupils made their grand entrance down the red carpet, there were many gasps of delight.



Awards

Funniest male	Aiden Beardsall
Funniest female	Amaya day Mundle
Most athletic	Jess Salmon
Teachers award	Amie Donovan
Most dramatic male performer	Sam Carpenter
Most dramatic female performer	Esmee Bannard
Exceptional achievement award	Keegan Coulter
Prom King	Tom McCormack
Prom Queen	Alois McGinley Smith

Thank you to all who attended and to those who organised the event.

It was one to remember, with plenty of fantastic moments on and off the dancefloor.

We hope you all had as much fun as we did and can't wait to do it all again next year!



Black History Month

This year's Black History Month was centred around #PROUDTOBE with students choosing to explore the Windrush and its place within British history.

Below is a selection of the work created by our students to celebrate and encourage discussion around the importance of Black History Month. This year, our students' topic selected for further discussion was the Windrush generation.



#PROUDTOBE

The theme this year is #ProudToBe.

What makes people **who they are** (their identity) and what they are proud of?



CARTER G. WOODSON

In 1926, Carter G. Woodson launched a week to celebrate Black people's histories in the USA.

This led to what we now know as Black History Month. This was first celebrated in the UK in 1987, led by Akyaaba Addai-Sebo.



DID YOU KNOW?

This flag has several names, including the Pan-African flag. This flag can often be seen at celebrations or anti-racism protests.

WHAT IS RACISM?

Harmful or unfair treatment by people, or disadvantage in organisations due to a person's race (ethnicity, skin colour, hair texture, background).

WHY DO WE NEED BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

At the moment, many schools still mostly teach about Western history and European peoples' achievements. So, BHM gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the contributions of Black people, their histories, and cultures to the UK and wider world.



For hundreds of years, Black people have been harmed and treated unfairly because of how they look. BHM is a time to challenge racism and a reminder to listen to Black people's voices about their experiences and the struggles they still face today.

WHAT IS THE WINDRUSH?

After the Second World War, the British government invited thousands of people from the Caribbean over to the UK to help rebuild the country.

The new arrivals, the first of whom were brought over in the **HMT Empire Windrush**, had been granted full British citizenship in 1948 as members of the Commonwealth.

The Home Office kept no record of those granted leave to remain and issued no paperwork, making it difficult for Windrush arrivals to prove their legal status.



THE WINDRUSH SCANDAL

2010

It was reported that the Home Office destroyed thousands of "landing cards". For some, these cards would have been the only proof of exactly when they arrived in Britain.

2013

People of the Windrush generation started to receive letters claiming that they had no right to be in the UK.

2017

It emerged that hundreds of Commonwealth citizens, many of whom were from the 'Windrush' generation, had been wrongly detained, deported and denied legal rights.

There was widespread shock and outrage at the fact that so many Black Britons had had their lives devastated by Britain's deeply flawed and discriminatory immigration system.

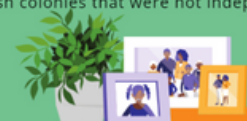
THE WINDRUSH GENERATION

'Windrush generation' refers to the half a million people who came to the UK from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971.

The influx from the Caribbean ended in 1971 with the 1971 Immigration Act, which gave Commonwealth citizens already living in the UK indefinite leave to remain in the country.

The exact number of people from the Windrush generation is unclear: many people who came over during the 23 years arrived as children, travelled on a parent's passport, and never had travel documents.

The Windrush generation believed they were British citizens because they came from British colonies that were not independent.



Oxbridge Evening

In November, we invited parents and students to come and find out more about applying to these prestigious universities, with Oxford and Cambridge staff giving a talk on the application process and tips and advice from students.

Redhill Sixth form is proud to be a part of the University of Cambridge HE+ programme. HE+ is a programme offered in conjunction with the University of Cambridge with the aim to inspire students to apply to competitive universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities.



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UK Parliament Week

This year's focus was 'small actions, big change'. A chance to examine how people across the country can work with the UK Parliament to ensure matters and issues that are important to them are discussed and debated.

Alongside our Parliament Week fun, students also received a visit from Lord Vernon Coaker. Lord Coaker is a member of the House of Lords, Shadow Defence and a former Gedling MP alongside his work as Principal Research Fellow for Anti-Slavery.



Remembrance Day 2021

Students and staff joined us in honouring those who have served and sacrificed to defend our freedom and way of life, including armed forces and emergency services—stopping to remember people affected by war and hoping for a peaceful future.

This year's service was live-streamed from the memorial garden, with pupils watching in their tutor groups and taking part in a two-minute silence.



Anti-bullying Week 2021



This year we wanted to share real-life stories of the moment that one kind choice, one kind action or one kind word changed someone's life.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's campaign and spread some kindness.

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event held in the third week in November. It aims to raise awareness of bullying of children and young people in schools and elsewhere and highlight ways of preventing and responding to it.

Redhill Bake-off 2021

Congratulations to Maddie Marshall. Out of 25 skilled Bakers, she was victorious!

This year's challenge was to make a layered dessert that incorporated chocolate.

2nd George Clay Yr8

3rd Katrina White Yr7

4th Dylan Fish Yr8



Festive Food Bank

A huge thank you to all the staff, students and families who donated to The Redhill Academy Trust annual Festive Food Bank Collection.

We are incredibly proud of the generosity shown as we come together to think of others and have donated, once again, in huge volumes.

Thanks also go to everyone who helped with such a large scale operation.



Christmas Concert 2021



This year's Christmas Carol Concert was fantastic, and we were so pleased to see so many of you for our festive evening of music played by the talented youngsters at The Redhill Academy.

We want to thank all the incredibly talented students involved for their hard work and dedication, our staff for organising and also the team at St. Paul's with St. Timothy Church for hosting the event.

Girls Football Cup

A massive well done to our U13 girls team who won their cup match 5-0 against Magnus academy.

Well done girls!



A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a purple beanie and a purple long-sleeved shirt, is singing into a microphone. She is surrounded by other performers, including a woman with long dark hair and a woman with long braids. The background features large, stylized blue letters. The text "YOU GIVE A LITTLE LOVE AND IT ALL COMES BACK TO YOU" is overlaid in white, serif font.

"YOU GIVE A LITTLE
LOVE AND IT ALL COMES
BACK TO YOU"

BUGSY MALONE

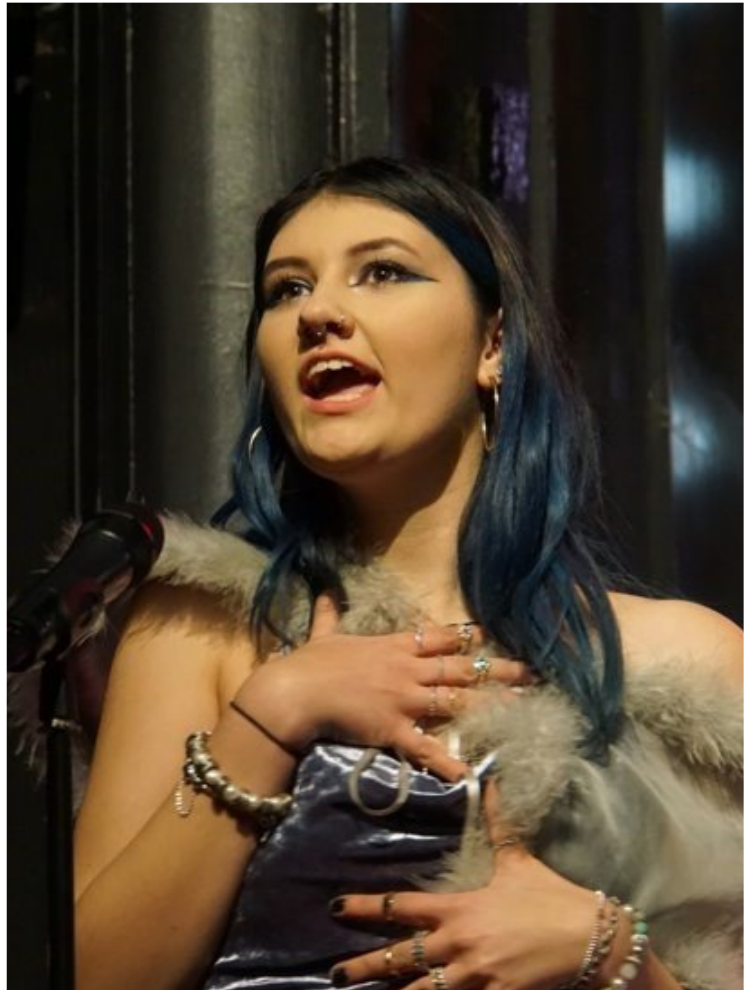
Bugsy Malone

This year The Redhill Academy presented Alan Parkers:

BUGSY MALONE!

Bugsy Malone is set in Prohibition-era New York with rival gangsters Fat Sam and Dandy Dan at loggerheads. As custard pies fly and Dan's destructive 'splurge guns' wreak havoc, Bugsy Malone, a penniless ex-boxer and all-around nice guy, falls for Blousey Brown, an aspiring singer.

Will Bugsy be able to resist seductive songstress Tallulah? Fat Sam's moll and Bugsy's old flame, and stay out of trouble while helping Fat Sam defend his business?



With special thanks to Bugsy Hire, Colonel Frank Seely Academy and Miss Davies' costume design team, EPH Creative and Proscenium Theatrical Scenery and Properties Hire, the Redhill Academy site team and, of course, a huge thank you to all the parents, staff and students who have helped make the show such a roaring success!