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News and events from across our Academy.

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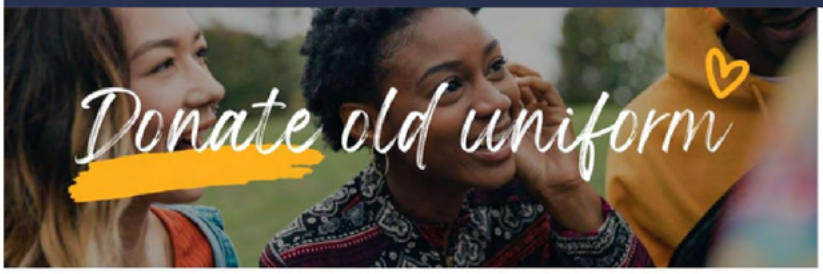

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EQUALITY AND ACHIEVEMENT

The Children's Society

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We have done this by creating a process to support the donation of Academy branded uniforms that students no longer need.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

I hope you all enjoyed everything this term had to offer and that you feel ready to make some wonderful memories over your summer break.

As a school, we are passionate about enabling everyone to fulfil their potential, and I hope all students are excited, challenged and inspired during the year ahead.

Our students have been shown amazing resilience and dedication this academic year. They have displayed the same high aspirations and standards that we would expect and also shown respect and empathy to others throughout. It has been amazing to see the students achieving in so many areas, from being crowned champions at the Gedling Games to the mathematics teams who have shown what Redhill have to offer and even during our recent commendation evenings.

We wish for all the students here at Redhill Academy to gain the confidence to aspire and work to become the best possible version of themselves. There is a huge breadth of opportunity available, from challenge and inspiration in the classroom to a vast range of different co-curricular activities. Our message for students is to take an active role in their education and take responsibility for it.

I want to finish by thanking our parents for being part of this fantastic learning community; we welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education.

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We are thrilled that the Arnold Children's Society shop is now open, accepting donations and eager to have our uniforms available to the community again!

How does it work?

Rather than send old uniforms to landfill, The Children's Society will sort and clean donations with the added benefit that any donations not meeting the required standard for resale will be recycled - so if in doubt, donate it!

Redhill branded uniform is stocked throughout the school year*, and all uniform is sold at less than a 1/3 of the retail price.

How can you get involved?

Donations are welcome via the school reception; students can also donate any unwanted uniforms during tutor time.

Alternatively, donations can be dropped off at the Children's Society in Arnold Town Centre (99 Front St, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 7EB).

*dependent on availability.

You can learn more about the ground-breaking work the Children's Society does by visiting their website:

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

> "We have had lots of interest in our Redhill uniform stock and we would welcome more items as we have had several enquiries."

Children's Society Arnold

MATHS FEAST 2023, NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

Maths Feast 2023 saw Redhill crowned Maths champions for the second year in a row!

This year our Redhill mathematicians once again took on teams from across the East Midlands and won – beating the High School on their home turf!

Team Redhill pulled out an early lead - opening up a six-point gap by halftime. After squash and biscuits, we resumed the challenge into the second half and were challenged deep into round 4 by the High School and Teams from Derby and Tuxford, who stole overall wins in rounds three and four.

However, the points difference was too great for others to overcome and Team Redhill managed to pull it out of the bag to secure first place!

Congratulations to the winning team and please say well done if you know any of the students involved, they should be extremely proud. We certainly are!

> "This challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, the precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems."

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

GERMAN PEN PALS 2023

On Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th of June, our year 9 German pen pals arrived from the Marie Curie Gymnasium, Kirchzarten just outside Freiburg. We had been exchanging letters with them all year and so were excited about spending time with them and getting to know them better.

On the first day, we met our pen pals at 10:30, in time to take them to meet our tutor and form. Each of us spent time with them during break, lunch and period 3, introducing them to our friends and discussing how English and German schools differ. A few of us brought in food and hosted a picnic in the shade.

In the afternoon, we taught them how to play rounders, since they had not played the sport before – the game ended on a friendly draw.

We also played a few 'getting to know each other' games and took part in some speaking activities in the Sports Hall before going on a treasure hunt around the school which my German pen pal – Maria – and I won.

On the second day, we ventured into Nottingham City Centre to visit the National Galleries of Justice. Unfortunately, our bus was caught in traffic when heading into town, so we had to meet them there.

We had an hour to wander around the exhibitions by ourselves before watching a planned execution and taking part in a Court Room Scenario, which called upon for volunteers, including myself, Oliver, and Dominic. Oliver had to wear a bright blue wig!

Once we had finished the morning's activities at the Galleries of Justice, we were free to get lunch in the City Centre and go shopping in small groups. Maria and I were accompanied by Harjeet and her pen pal Emma, as well as Emmy and Marie. We bought food in Greggs, looked around in Waterstones, the Works, and the Victoria Centre. I know many others went to shops such as Urban Outfitters and Primark, whilst others went to Subway and Flying Tiger, but it seemed like everyone did something they enjoyed and made fond memories.

At 2 O'clock, our groups met back at the Brian Clough Statue to say our goodbyes. But before that, we had to have a group photo!

As we parted ways and exchanged phone numbers, we had to catch the bus back to school. We are still keeping in touch.

Written by Martha Murphy

REDFEST 2023

REDfest 2023, the next best event to Glastonbury took place on Wednesday 28th June 2023.

It was an afternoon full of Redhill spirit with music performances, dance performances, drama improvisation sessions, LAMDA performances, art workshops, yoga and much more.

I don't think there were many students walking around without their faces painted or covered in glitter tattoos before having their photos taken in a wonderful, homemade Photo Booth.

Crisps, drinks and chocolate were flowing all evening, and many were adding their own reflections and comments at the Pride stall. I heard parents and students coming away from the improvisation cafe saying, "that was hilarious".

As you moved through the ODH (Organic Dolls House), a zone of tranquility and calm was created in the acoustic lounge.

Performances were outstanding in all spaces and when the noise became too much there was an opportunity to relax and reflect in the yoga session. And let's not forget the headline act, The Manic Street Teachers!! I'm not sure whether it was the staff or students that enjoyed them more. It was a fantastic team event with something for everyone.

Well done to everyone involved whether they were staff, performers, artists or students stewarding and working as part of the tech team.

Mrs Thomas

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"SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL, FAILURE IS NOT FATAL; IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS."

WINSTON CHURCHILL

PRESENTATION EVENING 2023

An annual evening of celebration, recognising the success and achievements of our students.

Our Annual Presentation Evening 2023 was yet again, a fantastic event and we would like to thank all who were involved for helping to make it such a memorable evening filled with music, laughter and joy.

A word from our Headteacher Mike Hardy, 'Each year I have the honour of hosting students and parents at our annual presentation evening, a brilliant event celebrating the achievements of all our students from Key stages 3,4 & 5. We are also proud to welcome back all our former students who have gone on to create diverse and exciting futures; it is exciting to note that these students' futures include studying at some of the world's leading universities.'

Guest Speaker: Peter Walsh, Senior Researcher & Departmental Lecturer in Migration Studies at The Migration Observatory, University of Oxford.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Oscar Straw	*Overall Best Performance at Key Stage 3*
Giulia Toffoli	*Overall Best Performance at GCSE*
Kaci Riley	*Service to School Sports*
Goodnews Nwosu	*Service to School*
Morgan Delton	*Service to School*
Alannah Mylechreest	*The Melissa Ellis Prize for Achievement in Modern Foreign Languages*
Goodnews Nwosu	*The John de Boer Trophy for Outstanding Achievement at Key Stage 5*
Oliver Hallam	*The Sally Jackson Award for Outstanding Pastoral Contribution to the Academy*

HISTORY TRIP

Pictured below: Students experience life in the trenches.

Students had an early start to the day around Ypres! They visited Essex Farm cemetery, the In Flander's Fields Museum, the Cloth Hall and the Menin Gate!

On their final day in Belgium, we visited the Langemarck German cemetery, the brooding soldier statue at Vancouver crossroads and the awe-inspiring Tyne Cott cemetery.

To finish the trip and mark our respects, we had a wreath laying ceremony and moment of reflection at Dozinghem cemetery.

Mr Baxter said, 'As someone with very limited knowledge of WW1, I really enjoyed the trip. Our tour guide was extremely insightful, his tales of individual soldier's tales really brought the experience home. Our pupils were a credit to the school, especially those who took full advantage of the experience. I'd absolutely recommend that next yeats Y10 pupils sign up!'

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TRUST SUMMER GAMES 2023

On 21st June we travelled to Tupton Hall for our Summer Trust Games.

This is a participation event for students that don't usually play in our school teams. The afternoon was full of great achievements, determination and resilience, with students competing in rounders, concept rowing, Quad athletics and Tug of War.

All of our students did incredibly well and well done to you all!

> We are so proud of each and every student who trained and participated in this years games.

PARIS TRIP

This year students stayed at the Chateau Grande Romaine. They visited Melun market where they brought their own food and made lunch at the Chateau, before visiting Fromagerie Ganout where they learned the process and history of making Brie.

Students wowed Chateau staff with their adventurous selections from Melun market before a their trip to the Eiffel Tower! We also walked around the Chateau at Fountainne Bleau where the students were given the option of an ice cream while exploring the gardens.

Staff congratulated them on their resilience and maturity in handling all the additional safety points and we are very thankful that none were necessary.

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WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT

Our wonderful site team have been hard at work across the school site this year. They have created some beautiful student vegetable beds for students utilising the Student Support Centre.

They have also been hard at work creating some more wonderful spaces for our local wildlife. We had native hedge whips (blackthorn) starting to show some colour and our wildflower meadows are now in full bloom!

Once mature, Blackthorn provides a valuable source of nectar and pollen for bees in spring.

Its foliage is a food plant for the caterpillars of many moths and butterflies, including the lackey, magpie, swallow-tailed and yellow-tailed.

Birds nest among the dense, thorny thickets, eat caterpillars and other insects from the leaves, and feast on the sloes in autumn.

Our site team were also very privileged to witness the first flight of some baby birds in our memorial garden.

SPORTS INSPIRATION DAY AT UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

On 22nd June Year 12 P.E. students from Redhill and Oakwood visited the University of Nottingham for an inspiration day with their sports department.

They took part in a workshop on finance and budgeting, had a tour of the facilities, played ultimate frisbee and experienced the climbing facilities.

It was was such an enjoyable day and we hope it has inspired them to explore what university courses are out there to support their dreams!

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE WITH UKMT

United Kingdom Mathematics Tru

Last month our Year 7 and 8 top-set maths groups entered the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge.

We are incredibly proud ofall the students who participated!

Joshua M (Y7) and Adam B I (Y8) qualified for the 'The Junior Kangaroo', an invitation-only follow-on round for the top-scoring students.

TRUST ARCHERY FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 20th June some of our year 9 students travelled to Hall Park Academy for our first Trust Soft Archery Festival.

The students were selected because they had shown an interest in Archery in Core PE, had made good progress in terms of skill development and they hadn't represented the Academy in Sports before this event.

They all had a great time and played some fun games to further develop their Archery skills. Caitlyn went on to win her group win a fantastic score. Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs Johnson, Trust Director PE

WOMENS ASHES

On 23rd June we travelled the short journey to Trent Bridge to watch the Women's national cricket team take on day two of the Ashes.

The tickets were provided to specifically raise awareness of cricket and inspire our female students. It took a little while for England to take the last three wickets and for us to see England open their batting late in the afternoon.

Our students also took on some practical cricket challenges to win prizes.

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ATHLETICS

The summer season 2023 has certainly been one to remember!

Our Junior and Inter athletic teams were the first to compete at the Gedling Area Competition. We had won the overall competition the previous five attempts, this year there was just one space left on the shield and we really wanted it to come back to Redhill with us for the sixth time. Our students didn't disappoint, there were incredible individual performances on the day which helped us achieve our goal.

Eighteen Redhill students qualified from this event to represent the Gedling team at the Notts Competition in Newark. It was a blazing hot Saturday, but they made the journey to put themselves against the best students in the whole of Notts.

There were many excellent performances on the day. Sara Agabani finished 2nd in both the 100m and 200m. Kwame Acquah won the Shot Putt. Both qualified for the Mason Trophy to represent Notts. Kwame then went on to break school record at the Mason Trophy and qualify for English Schools in Birmingham.

Our year 7 and 8 students also competed in the Gedling Area Competition and came an overall 3rd place with all points combined. We were so proud of their conduct and efforts on the day, they really made us proud and we hope it has inspired them to continue to pursue athletics and develop their talents further.

YEAR 11 LEAVERS

This month marked the last days for our Class of 2023 after their leavers assembly and commendation evenings.

We are so proud of you all and wish you all a happy, successful life moving forward.

Never forget to work hard and aim high!

We look forward to following your bright futures and even welcoming some of you back as Year 12 students in September!