

# THE STUDENT TIMES

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Merry  
Christmas

*Winter Term 2023*

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*I believe. I believe. I believe!*

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

**The Christmas period means something different to everyone. Whether you are celebrating it as a religious festival or just a time to enjoy a break away from school or work life.**

At TRA we have been working hard this festive season supporting causes close to our hearts. Students worked hard to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, we held a Children in Need non-uniform day supporting children & young people across the UK, Knight House put on a Santa Run in aid of War Child – a specialist charity for children affected by conflict, and our annual Festive Food Bank collection will help stock the cupboards of local families in need. I am enormously proud and impressed at the kindness and generosity shown by

Redhill students and staff and grateful for the support given by our Alumni, parents and the wider community in supporting these amazing charities.

This term also marked our school's 75th anniversary delivering education to our community. A milestone we are rightly proud of and celebrated with ex-students and members of our community during a coffee afternoon organised by staff and students.

Over the course of this term, around 100 co-curricular activities have taken place outside of lessons. The success of these activities is a testament to our fantastic staff. Their commitment to our students' futures ensures we can provide such a wide range of activities and clubs.

Our students' enthusiasm to take up these opportunities and make them vibrant and fun is a pleasure to witness, and I thank all those students who go the extra mile to make this school a joyful place.

“I would like to thank all staff, students, and parents for your support. The Redhill culture of high aspirations means everyone here is respected as an individual with their own unique talents and interests.”

Last week I witnessed at least two hundred students, and countless staff work tirelessly to deliver three incredible, sell-out performances of this year's production, Shrek The Musical.

It is heartening to see such a diverse team of students taking on a wide range of roles; from performing in the play to working backstage with lighting, sound, or front of house. The quality of the performances was nothing short of outstanding and we thank every parent and friend for their support.

The sheer range of talent within our student body was further highlighted during our annual Christmas Carol concert on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone involved; it never fails to be a highlight of my school year.

Congratulations also goes to three students who have each achieved incredible results in the world of sport this term. Jude Irons has been selected for Team GB U18s Gymnastics Junior Squad, Zach Haynes became the Cadets Male Advanced British Taekwondo National Champion and Jack Donovan dominated on the ice becoming the Advanced Novice Boys British Ice Skating Champion.

I would like to thank all staff, students, and parents for your support. The Redhill culture of high aspirations means everyone here is respected as an individual with their own unique talents and interests.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful break and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.



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# CO-CURRICULAR SKI TRIP 2023

The ski trip this year was an adventure of a lifetime. The thrill of going down the slopes with all your friends is what made the trip for me. We had so much fun on the way there that the time flew by (even though it was an extra-long coach ride!).

We started each day on the mountain by meeting our instructor and then going to the beginner slopes. After skiing for a few hours, everyone met up and had their lunch. After eating there was always time to have some of your own fun, like throwing snowballs at Mr Phillips! Kickstarting the afternoon, the instructors take you on the slopes to enjoy the landscapes around you and to let you experience skiing down the slopes that stretch all over the mountain. On most days our instructor took us to one of the cafés located on the mountain and we got some hot chocolates to warm us up.

The Redhill Ski Trip was so eventful!

Our days always involved going skiing and then having some downtime to go shopping with friends and then having meals served to us when we were ready to collapse after such an exhausting day. At the end of the week and after lots of hard work, the teachers treated us to a proper Italian pizza and ice cream.

The final night was by far the most memorable as all the teachers and students gathered for an awards night, sang some karaoke and finished the night off with a firework display from the lovely instructors!

My advice to anyone who is considering going when the next ski trip comes along is...Go!

On behalf of all the students on this years trip, we thank the organisers and staff who accompanied us; Mr. Walsh, Mr. Suchoruckza, Miss R Davies, Miss Gascoigne, Miss S Davies and Mr. Phillips.

Written by Archie Latter, Year 13





## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT MACBETH COMES TO REDHILL!

To kick off the term Macbeth was brought to Redhill by the National Production Company!

Courtesy of our fabulous English department students from our Year 10 & 11 cohorts stepped into the 11th century and witnessed the captivating tale of Macbeth brought to life by the talented performers of the National Production Company. We were immersed in a spellbinding performance filled with sorcery, ghostly apparitions, and breathtaking sword fights.

The production aimed to engage our older students currently completing their exams in Drama and English literature.

The cast held a question and answer session to build students appreciation for the play's themes and characters.

After the main production students had the opportunity to interact with the cast helping deepen their understanding and gain alternative perspectives while exploring the plot, themes and values within this timeless classic.

“As war ravages the land,  
Macbeth receives a  
prophecy from three  
mysterious sisters, setting  
a chain of events leading  
to the downfall of kings,  
friends, and souls.”



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## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT CREST AWARD

**CREST is the British Science Association's scheme for STEM project work that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers.**

For the CREST Bronze Awards this year, our Year 8 team has been tasked with thinking up an original idea based around a Scientific enquiry that they are passionate about.

This year the following students have chosen to undertake the CREST Bronze Awards:

- Saffiyah Godber
- Vismaya Kannan
- Yara Syed
- Anae Dalton-Russell
- Mila Aindow
- Connor Maloney
- Joseph Batey
- William Tomlinson (a Year 7 who is keen to take up the challenge!)

These students were challenged to plan and design, in detail, a practical experiment (and build a prototype, if necessary) to help answer their chosen Scientific question.

They researched suitable materials that they would need to test their hypothesis using their design (and prototype, if applicable).

They explored the Science behind their design, justifying their choice of materials and demonstrating a high level of organisation while working/collaborating with other students.

This years project is scheduled for a 10 hour completion time and they are currently in the 4th hour and working hard on their research.

## WHAT IS CREST?

The CREST Bronze Award is a perfect introduction to STEM project work for young people aged 11+.

Over the course of 10 hours, teams of students design their own investigation and record their findings, giving them a taste of what it is like to be a scientist or engineer in the real-world.

The Bronze level works well in a STEM club setting or as something that is completed across a term, although there is no deadline for completion.





# ACADEMIC SUCESS GCSE RESULTS 2023



“This set of results is a testament to our students' hard work, resilience and talent. Despite the challenging, changing world around them, they have exceeded all expectations and should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Alongside their exam success, this group of students have given so much in other areas of academy life, including engaging in competitive sport, performing Arts, Duke of Edinburgh, mentoring and volunteering. I want to thank our staff and parents for the hard work, dedication and support they continue to provide; because of you, our students have worked hard to achieve wonderful academic outcomes, embraced opportunities, learned to trust in themselves and created lasting friendships and memories whilst here at Redhill. We look forward to welcoming them into Sixth Form where they will continue to thrive and be valued senior members of our community.”

**Mike Hardy, Headteacher**







## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT LISA WILLIAMSON

In October we welcomed back Redhill alumna Lisa Williamson to speak with our Year 7 students about her life, career and what it is to become a professional author.

Lisa is an actor and award-winning author and studied Performing Arts at Middlesex University.

Alongside her acting career she worked for the Gender Identity Development Service (GIDS), based at the world-famous Tavistock Centre in North London. The young people who used the service inspired her to write a story from the point of view of a transgender teenager which eventually became her bestselling book *The Art of Being Normal*.

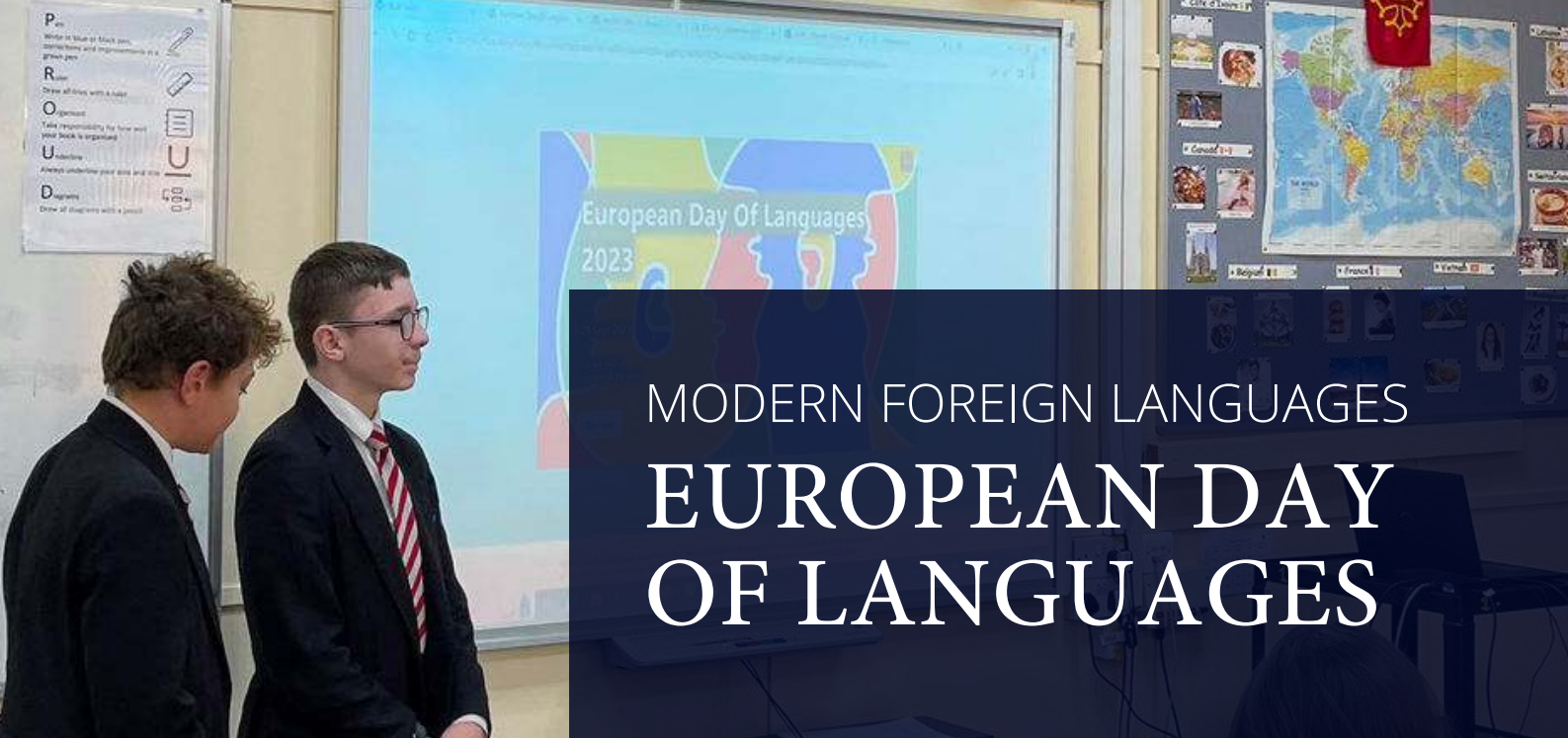


“What better way to celebrate the first title in my Bigg School series being out in the world than revisiting the place that inspired it! BFF explores Lola’s tricky first term in year 7 so it was extra special to share it with the current year 7 at Redhill!”

Lisa Williamson







## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

# EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Celebrated on 26 September, the European Day of Languages (EDL) is a means of promoting awareness of the importance of language learning and protecting linguistic heritage.

This year we celebrated the beauty of languages with a tutor time quiz to test students language knowledge.

The objectives of the European Day of Languages are:

- Celebrating linguistic diversity in Europe and lifelong language learning;
- Improving awareness of Europe's linguistic heritage and promoting its rich diversity by encouraging openness to different languages and cultures;
- Motivating European citizens to develop plurilingualism (the ability to use different languages, to whatever standard) to achieve a degree of proficiency in a number of languages, including those less widely used or taught;
- Encouraging and supporting lifelong language learning for personal development.



“Everybody deserves the chance to benefit from the cultural and economic advantages language skills can bring. Learning languages also helps to develop tolerance and understanding between people from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds.”

European Commissioner for Education and Culture

REDHILL ACADEMY TRUST

# FESTIVE FOOD BANK COLLECTION

**Donate what you can** in aid of your school's local Food Bank and help put food on the table for local families.

CHECK THE  
LIST OF  
SUGGESTED  
ITEMS



## FESTIVE FOOD BANK

This year thanks to the generosity of staff, parents, carers and the students themselves we have donated over 600 items.

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry which is why every year we invite you to join us in donating what you can throughout the festive season in aid of Arnold Food Bank.

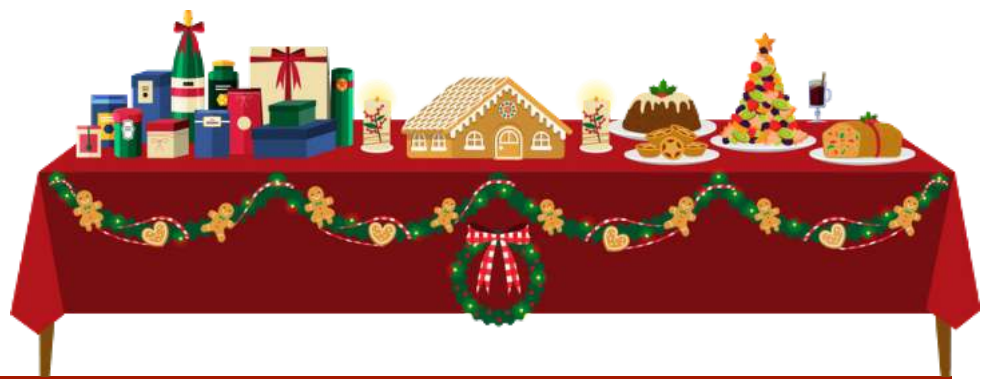
Your donations included, among many others, personal care items, cereals, tinned foods, festive treats and a fair few Christmas puddings!

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in this years collection, from all us here at Redhill, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

“The food bank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline.”

Foodbank Customer





# Walesby Forest Est. 1938



## PASTORAL EVENTS WALESBY 2023

Each year our House Teams take their new Year 7 students on a getting-to-know-you day!


Organised by our wonderful pastoral team each house spends a day at Walesby Forest working through team building exercises. This year our teams worked their way through Tomahawk throwing, crate stacking, a cave maze and the bravest of the bunch scaled 'The Wall'.

Students had a brilliant time and we are so proud of their wonderful teamwork and excellent behaviour throughout.

Well done to our Walesby Forest warriors!



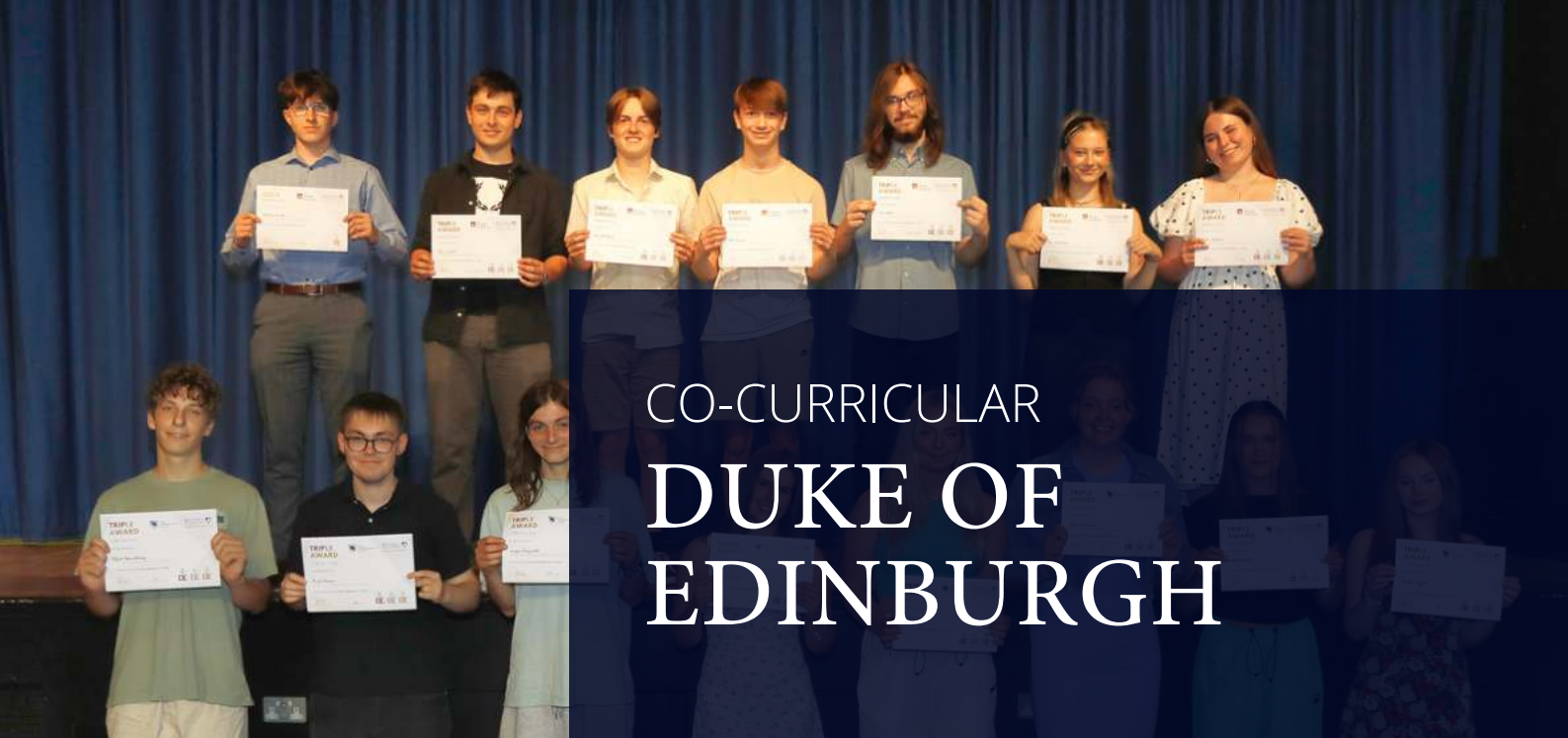




"SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL,  
FAILURE IS NOT FATAL;  
IT IS THE COURAGE TO  
CONTINUE THAT  
COUNTS."

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## CO-CURRICULAR DUKE OF EDINBURGH

**This year we held our first trust-wide Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition!**

The inaugural Redhill Trust Gold DofE Awards was open to students from academies across the Trust's 7 sixth forms and took place at The Redhill Academy.

We are incredibly proud of this group of young explorers who have become the first Redhill team to embark on an overseas expedition at Gold level on the Isle of Arran. They have become the first cohort to complete the entire Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) programme as part of Redhill's trust-wide DofE network.

Duke of Edinburgh is a key part of our Trust's co-curricular offer and is offered free at Bronze and Silver levels in all schools and Gold in all sixth forms.

DofE Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards are recognised marks of achievement, requiring long-term dedication. Young people take on outdoor expeditions and become active citizens through community volunteering.

Our Redhill cohort forged lasting friendships during their time with us, and should be incredibly proud of their achievements. We are thrilled that they will all be leaving Redhill to pursue careers in their chosen fields, including Biology, Engineering, Art and Education.

Later this year, these young explorers will attend the National Gold Award Presentation at a royal palace, meeting like-minded young people from across our nation.





“We would like to congratulate all of the recipients of this prestigious award. We look forward to an even bigger event next year with more stories of young people thriving in this wonderful scheme.”

Richard Pierpoint,  
Redhill Trust Regional Director







Earlier this term our Student Support Centre held a bake sale to fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We would like to congratulate the amazing students who ran this wonderful event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, all of whom use our centre and were thrilled to raise money and awareness for this worthy cause.

We also thank students and parents who donated their time and money baking goodies to be sold alongside Sainsbury's Arnold, who kindly donated £50 towards the purchase of cakes and of course, our staff members, who dedicated their time and money to helping organise the event.





**N** SERIES

# EVERYTHING NOW

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT KIRAN KRISHNAKUMAR

We are very proud and excited to say that Redhill alumnus Kiran Krishnakumar has been cast in the hit Netflix series Everything Now!

Kiran is an accomplished actor best known for his leading role as Kaldeep in short film 'The Problem with Kaldeep'; a beautiful story about a young boy's heartfelt poem which leads to a new teacher's misunderstanding of his cry for help.

Kiran also plays Michael in season two of the BBC's Jamie Johnson which you can stream on BBC iPlayer.

Congratulations to Kiran and we can't wait to see where life takes you next!





13<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER



MUSIC BY  
JEANINE TESORI

BOOK & LYRICS BY  
DAVID LINDSAY-  
ABRAIRE

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### WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL, MAKES US STRONG.

Our talented cast were inspiring in their commitment, professionalism and energy. Lead cast members wowed audiences with their versatile characterisation, powerful vocals and rhythmic moves. Similarly, the dancers, actors and singers who populated the fairy tale world and the town of Duloc were highly engaging every time they stepped on stage. The band rocked from start to finish, with musicians from across our school tackling the big numbers with focus and skill.

### IT'S A BIG, BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL WORLD.

Behind the scenes, a wonderous hub of activity was also unfolding! From the stage crew moving the swamp (creatively made by a team of 6th form artists) on and off, the wardrobe team adjusting and pinning the vibrant costumes (including Farquaad badges crafted by student makers), the tech crew cueing the many lighting, sound and projection effects and the make-up artists applying layers of green and sparkly face paint there was never a dull moment backstage.

### I BELIEVE, I BELIEVE, I BELIEVE!

Shrek The Musical 2023 showcased the power and strength of our production team. We are so proud to have such fabulous staff leading the way as directors, choreographers, designers and technicians. Staff working on this year's production enjoy the privilege of working with at least 200 students in different capacities. We absolutely believe in the power of teamwork!







“Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek...” and thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue.”







# PASTORAL EVENT

# SANTA RUN 2023

The wonderful team at Knight House have been at it again running (literally) their annual fundraising event The Santa Run! This year our House Captains have chosen to support War Child.

We had an amazing turnout from a wide variety of students and staff looking to support this fantastic cause and spread some Christmas cheer!

It was a cold afternoon and a tad windy but Mr Britton's Christmas tunes and decorations helped keep legs moving. Redhill helper Carlito helped us to keep runners warm by coaching them through a thorough warm up to kick things off. Once all participants (and a few late entries) were signed in it was over to the starting line!

Mr Britton said 'the students and parents have been incredibly generous in support of our charity - War Child. The Justgiving page is currently up to £198 and in cash donations we have also had over £100 raised so we are comfortably over £300 pounds with some still to come in!'

Well done to Malick, you put your best foot forward and took home 1st place! Alex, your T-Rex was brilliant and lots of fun. Lily, whose costume was made by her form from literal Christmas cheer! and last but certainly not least KJP form for having the most students participating.

Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting our students for this event.

## PRIZE WINNERS

Malick McCartney-Bojang  
1st to complete 5 laps

Alexander Charalambous  
Best outfit

Lily Lupton  
Most Christmas cheer

KJP Form  
Most participants per form

SCAN TO DONATE





**£447**  
raised so far!







# THE **BIG** CHARITY RAFFLE

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024

**GIVE, SUPPORT, DONATE**

Lawrence House will be relaunching the 'Big Charity Raffle' this academic year with all money raised going to our their house charity, The Big Appeal at Nottingham Childrens' Hospital.

**Tickets £1**  
via ParentPay



**THE BIG APPEAL**





Christmas  
Dinner  
2023







# PASTORAL EVENTS TRUST WINTER GAMES 2023

On the 8th of November we had the pleasure of hosting the annual Trust Winter Games for Year 7 & 8 students.

Students from ten Redhill Trust academies battled it out in Netball, Touch Rugby, Badminton & Table Tennis.

Our students represented us so well, demonstrating our Redhill values whilst having fun. Well done!

“The aim of this years Games was to showcase students who haven’t represented their school in sports before and encourage them to take a more active role in school sports long term.”

Sarah Johnson, Trust Director for P.E.







## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT YEAR 7 SCIENCE

### SCIENCE CLUB

This term we have been engaged in a series of fun practical activities such as Bath Bomb making, Fire Writing, Messy Volcanoes and making Alien Blood!

We have seen wonderful uptake from students this term with over 70% of our club regularly attending!

#### Bath Bomb Recipe

(ensure you supervise children at all times)

- 1 cup baking soda
- 1/2 cup of citric acid
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 2 tsp. essential oil of your choice
- 2 tbsp. carrier oil (coconut oil or sweet almond oil)
- A few drops of liquid food colouring
- Moulds (ice cube tray, toy packaging, yogurt pots)

**Step 1:** Pour baking soda, citric acid & cornstarch into a bowl and whisk the ingredients until fully combined.

**Step 2:** pour the essential oil, carrier oil and food colouring into the other bowl and mix the ingredients together until the food colouring is fully incorporated.

**Step 3:** Slowly pour the oil mixture (from step 2) into the dry ingredients (from step 1). When the oil is all in, keep whisking and add drops of water in between.

**Step 4:** Leave your bath bombs in their moulds for 2-4 hours before removal. Now you're ready to admire your new creations as they fizz away in the bath!

Full recipe: [www.bbcgoodfood.com](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com)

### PROJECT

This term our Year 7 science students were tasked with a 2-week project creating 3-D models of Plant and Animal cells. Students could use a wide selection of materials to re-create cell organelles.

*An organelle is a sub-cellular structure that has one or more specific jobs to perform in the cell, much like an organ does in the body.*

Students created many amazing entires and our department voted for the best and most accurate models. The winning students were:

#### 7N1

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| 1st | Joe Duncan                   |
| 2nd | Sonny Dickson & Jacob Hawley |
| 3rd | Charlie Frankland-Peck       |

#### 7W1

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| 1st | Angel Buczko     |
| 2nd | Abigail Chalmers |
| 3rd | Joseph Burns     |

Well done to our winners and everyone who took part!





# HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

## CASTLETON TRIP

In October our Year 11 Geographers spent the day exploring the stunning Castleton Site of Special Scientific Interest as part of their GCSE geography fieldwork.

We put their learning to the test through practical tasks such as risk assessments, land surveys and data analysis.

We finished the day touring within the magnificent Treak Cliff Cavern. A 'show cave' and working Blue John mineral mine.

### Why do we study Castleton?

We study Castleton because; we are investigating the effects of urban areas on rural areas. Especially the impact of the increasing number of people visiting the countryside.

Well done to all our Geographers for their wonderful work in a very windy and wet Peak District.







## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT JACK DONOVAN



This term, Redhill student Jack Donovan became the Advanced Novice Boys British Ice Skating Champion!

This was a huge achievement for Jack, who finished his competition 20 points ahead of his nearest competitor - wow!

This marks Jack's fifth win of 2023 and his third British Championship at the Advanced Novice level, having previously placed third in 2021 and second in 2022.

Jack's father told us 'This is a perfect end to his time in the Advanced Novice category, and although he could stay in this age bracket, he will now step up to compete in the Junior category.'

To prepare him for next season, Jack's next competition will be The Robin Hood Trophy, held in January. It will be an international event which will help to prepare him for the season ahead. Thanks once again for the support you have given as a school.'

Mr Peters, Jack's Head of House said 'For several years now, Jack has been balancing, early morning skating training, performing on the international stage and keeping on top of his studies. He continues to reap the rewards both with his studies and on the ice, with his latest achievement being the Advanced Novice Boys British Champion. All at Redhill are exceptionally proud of Jack's achievements.'

As a school, we are so proud of Jack's achievements, unwavering dedication and talent. We look forward to supporting and following his progress in the years to come!

“This is a perfect end to his time in the Advanced Novice category, and although he could stay in this age bracket, he will now step up to compete in the Junior category. Thanks once again for the support you have given as a school.”

Richard Donovan





## PASTORAL EVENTS

# INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



## WELL DONE AFRICANUS!

**Africanus House went for gold this year, clinching the competition with an overall score of 26 points!**

We've had a busy start to the cross-country season at Redhill with fifty students signing up to represent their houses in our annual inter-house cross country event.

We look forward to more sunset running and discovering if you can hold onto your cross-country crown next year!







# REDHILL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

This October marked our 75th year delivering education to the families of Arnold, Redhill and Nottinghamshire! We look forward to serving you all for many years to come.

We were thrilled to see retired staff members, ex-students and to welcome some from our local community care homes to join us to celebrate.

We experienced entertainment and displays from our performing arts groups and readings from the winners of our creative writing challenge alongside tea, coffee and scones.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff & students who helped make our anniversary coffee afternoon such a warm, thoughtful & joyous experience.







# CO-CURRICULAR NETBALL ACADEMY

This term our Redhill Netball Academy has been in high demand with students getting involved at our weekly sessions come rain or shine!

Each year group has had the opportunity to represent Redhill in Novembers tournament against other local schools. The learning and progress of all year groups has been excellent and we are so proud of how our students continue to conduct themselves at these events.





WE'RE SUPPORTING



**CHILDREN  
IN NEED**

PASTORAL EVENT

**CHILDREN IN NEED**

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**Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we raised a whopping £1791.55!**

Last year, we raised £1729.75 for BBC Children in Need, and this year, you helped us throw our best Pudsy-worthy celebration yet!

**How you got involved:**

- Made a £1 donation toward our non-uniform day.
- Bought goodies at our SSC Bake Sale.
- Got active and represented your house in the penalty shoot-out.

It was a brilliant day with students not only in non-uniform but some wearing their very best Pudsy gear. We had fantastic fun with you all at the penalty shoot-out and there were many smiling faces full of cake and goodies.

We thank every student, staff member, parent/guardian, and local business for the fantastic donations we received. You gave up your time, baked delicious cakes and donated your hard-earned money towards this worthy cause.

We are incredibly grateful and we couldn't do what we do without your support!







## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# ZACH HAYNES

This term we had the pleasure of adding Zach Haynes to the ranks of our Redhill Legends after he became the Cadets Male Advanced British Taekwondo Champion!

Zach is currently ranked UK number one in his weight category and is a member of the National Taekwondo Club. He took home the Gold medal for his category at the British Taekwondo National Championship 2023.

Zach started taekwondo at 6 years old and his dedication to his craft means he currently commits to a three hour training session three nights of the week after school alongside a three hour training session on Saturdays with his Taekwondo club.

Zach says his biggest achievements are:

- Bronze - National Championships 2021
- Gold - Ultimate Open, Midlands Open and North West Open in 2023
- Quarter finals at European Club Championships 2023 in Bulgaria







# CO-CURRICULAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

**This year we have hand selected students to become part of The Redhill Leadership Academy.**

The selected students had demonstrated excellent leadership skills either throughout their Level 1 Sports Leaders course or within their weekly P.E. lessons.

As a member of the Leadership Academy they volunteer to develop their skills through assisting at events across the school calendar.

We are so proud of their dedication and the positive role model they embody for our younger students.

So far this year they have led on and assisted at:

- Trust Winter Games at Hall Park & Redhill Academy
- Inclusion Dodgeball
- Inter-house Cross Country
- Year 6 Open Evening
- Co-curricular clubs e.g. Basketball, Netball or Table Tennis.



“Next term members will be taking part in some exciting events with our feeder primary schools; a Sports for All Festival and Table Tennis tournament.”

Miss Baker



# Curriculum PLUS

CO-CURRICULAR

## AUTUMN TERM: WHAT'S BEEN ON?

REDHILL  
ACADEMY TRUST

2023-24



### CRAFT CLUB

Craft Club members have been making an assortment of crafts from book folding, paper flowers, friendship bracelets and much more. They are currently knitting a Christmas Wreath! - **Mrs Spencer**



### MAKING MOVES

Students attending 'Making Moves' have been working on a choreography project and will perform in front of a live audience at De Montfort University in the new year. The recorded footage will be sent to the team at Sadler's Wells and choreographer Danielle 'Rimes' Lecoite will feedback. - **Miss Dunn**



### DEBATE CLUB

Debate Club has been very popular this year and we have had many discussions about really interesting topics. Some of the topics we have debated so far are: Should the world cup be held in Qatar? How acceptable are extreme protests? Is it right to experiment on animals to find cures for human illnesses? - **Mr McGill**





## REDHILL BAKE OFF

There was a fabulous effort by all in the Redhill Bake Off final. All students put in a huge amount of effort. In true Bake Off style some products did not go as they would have hoped, but they all showed great resilience and spirit carrying on until the end. Well done to our winner Amelia Blackmore for her Bonfire inspired cake!

**Ms Massey**



## TABLE TENNIS

Years 7-9 have been having great fun at our relaxed table tennis club however at times the action has been far from relaxed during play as there are many exceptionally talented players who have been attending! We currently have 3 very talented girls, but we need more! There is a friendly competition every week and a grand final every couple months to see who is the champion.

**Mr Hardy**



## BOOK CLUB

At book club we have been designing and making creative displays to slowly transform the library. We are soon to add a festive display with wrapped books so watch this space!

**Mr Flemming**



## FRENCH SPEAKING

At lunchtime Y11 have been practicing their speaking questions and have really developed with their progress and general conversation questions. I would like to say a huge well done to Tomas Dixon and Alfie Jacques who have been stand out attendees and are making excellent strides!

**Mrs Booth**



# CO-CURRICULAR AUTUMN TERM: WHAT'S BEEN ON?



## MUSIC

There are so many exciting music clubs that have been going off this term! All our groups are currently working towards this year's carol concert which will be performed at St Paul's Church on Wednesday 20th December. The Swing Band and Vocal Ensemble both performed at Redhill's 75th anniversary with the former also performing at Arnold Mill and the latter at 6th form open evening.  
**Ms Thomas**



## SHREK: THE MUSICAL

Everybody that has been involved in Shrek this year has been exceptional and the students have made everyone here at The Redhill Academy very proud. A special mention to Hayden Odams, George Borges-Stewart, Archie Holt and Julian Palmer for giving up most lunch times to rehearse the guitar.  
**Ms Thomas and Ms Bates**



## HISTORY CLUB

We got ready for the Remembrance service by creating a wreath and adding names of local soldiers on it and we asked Kora Ellis and Eleanor Parker from Year 7 to lay the wreath. We are currently looking at the history of traditions at Christmas and following that the History of Chocolate!  
**Mrs Allen-Mitchell**



## FRENCH CLUB

We have been having great fun in French Club this year. The pronunciation games have been an incredible success. Logan and Sophie have been star performers, and their French speaking skills are improving lots! In the future we will be looking at, Les visiteurs – Le film, Ski stations, French music and much more!!  
**Ms Gerard**





## BASKETBALL CLUB

In our Y7 and Y8 Basketball sessions we have been working on a number of Basketball skills and have been developing our fitness ready for the upcoming Junior NBA season. Year 7 had their first match and came out 28-10 winners against Carlton Le Willows. All round great performances but Joseph Burns long distance 3 pointer followed by a perfect roundoff somersault was awesome. **Mr Tibbs**



## CHEERLEADING CLUB

The Cheerleading Club has been growing week on week; a huge well done to Libby in Year 8 for making the posters and drumming up interest. This half term we have been working on a routine to Taylor Swift's "Shake it off" and have started on some low-level stunting.

**Ms Day**



## GIRLS FOOTBALL

The Girls Football Club has been excelling since the start of term. We have been focusing on ball manipulation skills and completed many passing and dribbling challenges as well as tournaments and games. It is incredibly difficult to select star performers as they have all worked incredibly hard and have attended in gale force winds, rain and extremely cold temperatures.

**Mr Brown**



## YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL

We are both incredibly proud of the Y8 boys football team who we are pretty sure have come up against all of the most difficult teams in Nottinghamshire so far! •We started off with an excellent 2-0 win in the county cup against Kimberley but unfortunately got beaten by a very good Rushcliffe side in the next round. More friendlies to come in the new year to get us back to winning ways! **Mr Britton and Mr Athorn**



# Events Calendar: Spring Term 2024



**SPRING TERM**



**2024**



**JANUARY**

<b>TUE 09</b>	<b>DODGEBALL YEARS 7-9</b> Redhill Academy
<b>WED 10</b>	<b>DODGEBALL YEARS 10-11</b> Redhill Academy
<b>MON 29</b>	<b>POETRY LIVE ENGLISH DEPT.</b> Redhill Academy
<b>WED 31</b>	<b>HE+ LAUNCH EVENT 6TH FORM</b> Redhill Academy
<b>WED 31</b>	<b>MATHS CHALLENGE INTERMEDIATE</b> Redhill Academy
<b>WED 31</b>	<b>MATHS CHALLENGE INTERMEDIATE</b> Redhill Academy



**FEBRUARY**

<b>FRI 02</b>	<b>MOVING ON DAY YEAR 13</b> Redhill Sixth Form
<b>MON 05</b>	<b>ICT CHALLENGE INTER-HOUSE</b> Redhill Academy
<b>FRI 09</b>	<b>MOCK RESULTS DAY YEAR 11</b> Redhill Academy
<b>MON 12</b>	<b>HALF-TERM HOLIDAY</b> Redhill Academy
<b>MON 19</b>	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b> Redhill Academy



**MARCH**

<b>TUE 05</b>	<b>KS4 HANDBALL FEST YEARS 10-11</b> Harvey Hadden
<b>THU 07</b>	<b>WORLD BOOK DAY 2024</b> Redhill Academy
<b>MON 11</b>	<b>SCIENCE CHALLENGE INTER-HOUSE</b> Redhill Academy
<b>THU 21</b>	<b>MATHS CHALLENGE INTERMEDIATE</b> Redhill Academy
<b>THU 28</b>	<b>KS3/4 BOCCIA FEST INCLUSIVE SPORTS</b> Harvey Hadden





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SPRING TERM 2024

JANUARY	THU 04	FIRST DAY OF TERM WELCOME BACK!	ALL YEARS
	MON 15	YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS RUNNING UNTIL FRI 26TH JANUARY	YEAR 11
	WED 17	TRIP: YEAR 13 PHYSICS TRENT OBSERVATORY	YEAR 13
	FRI 19	TRIP: YEAR 10 DANCE NCN DANCE	YEAR 10
	FRI 19	2:05 PM EARLY CLOSURE DUE TO YEAR 7 REVIEWS	ALL YEARS
	WED 24	2:05 PM EARLY CLOSURE YEAR 10 REVIEWS	ALL YEARS
	MON 29	YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS RUNNING UNTIL FRI 9TH FEBRUARY	YEAR 13
	WED 31	ARTS CELEBRATION EVENING 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	ALL YEARS
FEBRUARY	THU 01	MUSIC MOCK PERFORMANCE DAY GCSE MUSIC	YEAR 11
	MON 05	YEAR 9 EXAMS UNTIL FRI 9TH FEBRUARY	YEAR 9
	MON 05	YEAR 8 READING TESTS RUNNING ALL WEEK	YEAR 8
	FRI 09	LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM SCHOOL REOPENS ON MON 19TH FEBRUARY	ALL YEARS



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SPRING TERM 2024

FEBRUARY	WED 21	TRIP: HE+ CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PETERHOUSE COLLEGE	GROUP 1
	THUR 22	TRIP: HE+ CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PETERHOUSE COLLEGE	GROUP 2
	FRI 23	TRIP: 6TH FORM ART LONDON	YEAR 12 & 13
	WED 28	YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING 3:05 PM - 5:05 PM	YEAR 11
MARCH	WED 24	YEAR 13 PARENTS' EVENING 3:05 PM - 5:05 PM	YEAR 13
	TUE 05	A-LEVEL DRAMA SCRIPTED EXAM 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	YEAR 13
	THU 07	TRIP: YEAR 13 BUSINESS STUDIES GRADE BOOSTER REVISION WORKSHOP	YEAR 13
	THU 07	DANCE EVENING 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	?
	FRI 08	A-LEVEL DANCE PRACTICAL EXAM SIXTH FORM	YEAR 13
	MON 11	YEAR 7 EXAMS RUNNING ALL WEEK	YEAR 7
	TUE 12	YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING 3:05 PM - 5:05 PM	YEAR 9
	WED 13	MUSIC RECITAL EVENING 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	INVITATION





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MARCH	THUR 22	YEAR 11 DANCE PRACTICAL EXAM CHOREOGRAPHY	YEAR 11
	FRI 15	TRIP: 6TH FORM DANCE MOVE IT DANCE, LONDON	YEAR 12 & 13
	FRI 15	YEAR 11 MFL MOCK SPEAKING EXAMS RUNNING UNTIL FRI 22ND MARCH	YEAR 11
	TUE 19	GCSE DRAMA PERFORMANCE EVENING 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM	YEAR 11
	WED 20	YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	YEAR 9
	THU 21	TRIP: YEAR 7 ENGLISH ROMEO & JULIET	YEAR 7
	TUE 26	GCSE DRAMA PERFORMANCE EXAMS TUE 26TH & WED 27TH	YEAR 11
	TUE 26	DUKE OF EDINBURGH: AWARDS EVENING 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	INVITATION
	WED 27	ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	INVITATION
	FRI 29	TRIP: FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TOUR RETURNING MON 1ST APRIL	INVITATION
	FRI 29	TRIP: DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD EXPEDITION	YEAR 12 & 13
	FRI 29	LAST DAY OF TERM RETURNING MON 15TH APRIL	YEAR 9



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