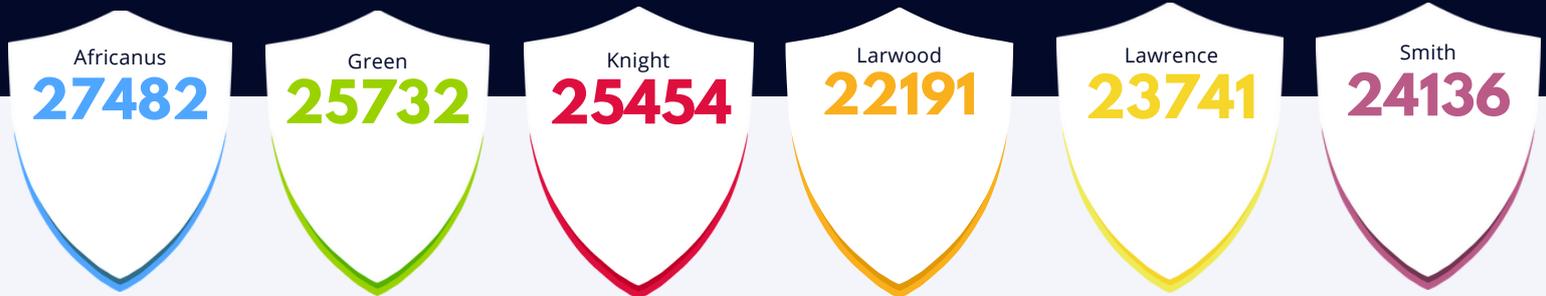


# JULY NEWSLETTER

2024



I would like to begin our final newsletter of the year by thanking all students for their hard work this year. Not only in lessons and for year 11 and 13 with exams, but also for all those students who contribute to the wider school life. For turning up in such numbers to co curricular clubs, Inter-House events and trips and visits. I would like to thank all our amazing staff at the academy for their dedication in lessons and for giving up their own time freely to put on these wonderful opportunities. Also to our support staff who keep the site in order, provide great food and support students and other staff so well. Finally I would like to thank our parents and governors for all your support throughout the year. I wish everyone in the Redhill community a relaxing summer break, you have absolutely earned it.





# GERMAN PEN PALS



Earlier this term, our Year 9 students studying German invited their German Pen Pals over to visit, one of our language ambassadors has written about their time with their Pen Pals!

## TUESDAY 11TH JUNE

On Tuesday year 9 went to Nottingham Castle to meet our German Pen Pals for the first time; we met at school and got on the bus to Nottingham City Centre, where we walked through town to the Robin Hood statue outside Nottingham castle walls. This is where we met our pen pals.

We then went into the castle and got to know each other a bit by playing some icebreaker games on the grass, like ordering ourselves by height, age, name and wingspan. We split off into our groups and toured the castle, looking at the artwork and sculptures and even playing some history, some physical and some VR games like archery. We were given an hour of free time to explore the castle with our Pen Pals, my group looked at the World War Two exhibit and the view from outside. All the groups met back up on the grass and went back to the Robin Hood statue for a group photo. We walked to the Brian Clough statue together and had an hour to show them around the City Centre. My group went to Victoria Centre where we showed them our favourite shops. We met back up at the Brian Clough statue at the end of the day where we said goodbye and we got the bus back to school.



## WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

On Wednesday our pen pals came to visit us in school for the day, they arrived just before tutor time so we took our pen pals to tutor - here we signed some shirts as it was the year eleven's last day. We had break next and I sat in the new dining hall with my group of friends and our pen pals. After break we had our German lesson where we did some games and more ice breaker games where we had to find someone in the room that could answer the questions on our sheet. We then had lunch, I had brought a picnic blanket for us to sit on, so we went on the back field and had a picnic where we were joined by some other people and their pen pals. When lunch finished, we took our pen pals into our next lesson where they joined in. They did history, science, maths, geography and French. At the end of the day we took them back to Student Reception where we had to say goodbye. We were reluctant to see them leave as we had really enjoyed spending time with them.

**I really enjoyed this experience as I think it helps us all with our listening and speaking but it also gives us new friends. I got on very well with my partner and I think they mostly well matched. My favourite activities were the icebreakers as it helped us get to know lots of people and not just our pen pals.**





# BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

In June we had a fantastic trip to the battlefields of World War One. We took 26 students from year 10 (taking us to over 100 students from that year group having this amazing experience) and also were able to take 21 students from the Oakwood Academy.

On the trip the students boosted their learning from History lessons with detailed insights provided by our tour guide and the opportunity to walk on the Somme battlefield at Beaumont Hamel, visit an advanced dressing station at Essex Farm Cemetery, hear about the impact of the first gas attack when visiting Vancouver Crossroads and Langemarck German cemetery as well as hearing about the importance of the town of Ypres and the events of the Third Battle of Ypres by visiting the In Flanders Fields museum, Sanctuary Wood and Tyne Cot cemetery. Whilst on the trip we also had the privilege of being able to visit sites where several students had relatives buried or commemorated. The trip was also a great chance for students to experience being in a foreign country for a weekend, with them enjoying a trip to a Belgian chocolate shop as well as having free time in Ypres.

The students were engaged, respectful and polite to the various people we interacted with. They were an absolute credit to the Academy. We are already looking forward to taking students from the current year 9 cohort next summer!



# PARIS TRIP

A tired bunch of Redhill students boarded the coach for Paris at 3am.

On the second morning we tucked into croissants and pains au chocolat before making the trip into Paris.

En route, we were entertained with "facts" about Paris from our tour guide and our coach driver.

Luckily, we saw lots of athletes busily preparing for the Olympic Games.

One of the highlights of the trip was the Eiffel Tower.

Some of us enjoyed the ascent more than others but we were all in awe of the stunning views once we got to the second floor!

Next, we crossed the Seine and had lunch with the Tower in the background before making our way to the Louvre with a stop for a photo on the Champs Elysees.

At the Louvre we were delighted to see the famous Mona Lisa painting.

The following morning, we went to a market in Brie Compte-Robert where we practised our French, sampled some authentic French food and purchased the ingredients for our lunch as part of the Prep A Manger competition.

That afternoon, we had a smashing time at the Chateau de Fontainebleau, the former residence of Napoleon.

We were very sad to be leaving on the Monday morning.

A lovely time was had by all and the students were a credit to the Academy.



## YEAR 7 ARTS DAY

EVERY MEMBER OF YEAR 7 TOOK PART IN AN ARTS WORKSHOP EXPLORING THE THEME OF CELEBRATION. THERE WAS BEATBOXING, MASK MAKING, CAPOEIRA, MUSIC TECHNOLOGY PLUS MUCH MORE WITH A RANGE OF VIBRANT AND ENTERTAINING PERFORMANCES ON THE MAIN STAGE TO END THE DAY.



## YEAR 8 ARTS DAY

A NUMBER OF TALENTED AND ENTHUSIASTIC YEAR 8 STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A MUSICAL THEATRE PRACTITIONER FROM NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE FOR THE DAY AS A REWARD FOR THEIR HARD WORK THIS YEAR. THERE WERE GAMES, IMPROVISED LYRICS AND A THOUGHTFUL INTERPRETATION OF A NUMBER FROM DEAR EVAN HANSEN TO END THE DAY. THE PRACTITIONER COMMENTED ON THE ENERGY AND SKILL OF ALL INVOLVED AND ASKED IF HE COULD COME BACK TO REDHILL AGAIN!

## YEAR 9 ARTS DAY

ALL YEAR 9S WHO HAVE OPTED FOR A PERFORMING ARTS SUBJECT AT GCSE SPENT THE MORNING WORKING TOGETHER TO PRODUCE A PIECE OF MUSIC, DANCE OR DRAMA BEFORE HEADING DOWN TO ARNOLD MARKETPLACE FOR A HIGHLY ENGAGING STREET PERFORMANCE. THE SAMBA DRUMS WERE BEATING, THE DANCERS WERE LEAPING AND LIFTING AND THE ACTORS WERE PROTESTING AND DYING DRAMATICALLY. A GREAT AFTERNOON OF PERFORMANCE!



# REDFEST 2024

REDFest 2024, held on Tuesday, 16th July, was a resounding success, showcasing the diverse talents of our students at The Redhill Academy. The festival was a vibrant mix of music, dance, drama, and more, offering something for everyone.

The main stage was alive with energy as student rock bands delivered exciting performances that had the crowd on their feet. Large dance groups and solo dancers moved in perfect harmony and filled the hall with excitement and energy. Music ensembles, including the swing band, advanced vocal ensemble, concert band, brass group, and junior band, demonstrated their musical prowess, their performances a testament to their dedication and skill.

In ODH2, the acoustic lounge, the atmosphere was intimate and inviting. Solo instrumental and vocal performances captivated audience members, the talent on display left many in awe. ODH1 transformed into an improvisation cafe, where drama students invited the audience to participate in various activities. The interactive nature of the cafe made it a hit among attendees, fostering a sense of shared creativity.

Outside the hall, our Pride group hosted stalls that added to the festive atmosphere. Miss Cocker and her team worked tirelessly, their face painting and glitter tattoo skills in high demand. By the end of the night, it was hard to find anyone who hadn't been adorned with their vibrant designs.

The seminar room was the site of a popular stretch and flex session, providing a welcome break from the high-energy activities. A photo booth outside the main hall captured the joy and excitement of the attendees, creating lasting memories of the event.

The festival concluded with a headline performance from The Manic Street Teachers, a fitting end to an afternoon of talent and celebration.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT REDFEST 2025 WILL BRING!**



# THE RADCLIFFE ON TRENT CARVIVAL SAMBA GROUP PERFORMANCE

On Saturday 13th July, The Redhill Academy and South Notts Academy samba groups joined together to bring a taste of Brazil to The Radcliffe on Trent carnival.

The group performed on the back of a float, proceeding down the busy streets of Radcliffe on Trent. Local people were drawn out of their homes and into the streets to join in the festivities.

The crowd could be seen swaying along, clapping, and cheering as the float followed students from local primary schools in colourful costumes, parading down the streets.

The sun made an appearance for the event and as the float reached the end of the procession, students were then able to continue with the festivities in the village with food stalls, ice cream vans, local business stalls, games, and activities in abundance.



**THE CARNIVAL WAS A REMINDER OF THE POWER OF MUSIC AND THE JOY IT CAN BRING TO A COMMUNITY. WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS WONDERFUL EVENT.**



# A DAY OF MUSIC AND HARMONY AT NOTTINGHAM ALBERT HALL

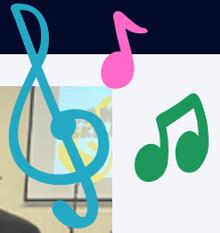
On a day filled with rhythm and harmony, our Year 9 students were invited to the prestigious Nottingham Albert Hall on Wednesday 17th July, along with other secondary schools in the county. The day was a symphony of learning, creativity, and camaraderie that showcased the musical talents of our students.

The day was structured around a series of workshops that catered to a wide range of musical interests. Students had the opportunity to delve into samba, explore their creativity in songwriting, and hone their improvisation skills. They also had the chance to develop their GCSE arranging skills, learn musical theatre vocal skills, and enhance their band skills. The workshops were not only educational but also highly engaging, fostering a love for music among the students.

Break and lunch times were transformed into open mic sessions, where students could opt to perform in front of their peers. Our students from The Redhill Academy were eager participants, signing up to showcase their talents. The grand piano in the main hall of the Albert Hall became the stage for further performances, creating a unique and memorable lunchtime concert experience with several of our students opting to perform.

The final session of the day offered two large workshop options. Over 60 students chose the instrumental play together option, getting their instruments out to create a harmonious orchestra. Others opted to sing in harmony, their voices blending beautifully in the grandeur of the Albert Hall.

The music trip to Nottingham Albert Hall was a resounding success, providing our students with a platform to express their musical talents, learn new skills, and interact with students from other schools. It was a day of music, learning, and most importantly, fun. We look forward to more such enriching experiences in the future!



# STAR OF THE MONTH

**OLLY HALLAM**  
FOR ALL HIS HARD  
WORK ORGANISING  
THE CHARITY  
EVENT

**JOSHUA MEE**  
FOR THE MOST  
HOUSE POINTS  
THIS HALF-TERM

**ROSIE NEWTON**  
FOR HER  
PARTICIPATION IN  
SPORTING EVENTS  
THIS SUMMER!

**KEIRA FEARNLEY**  
FOR THE MOST  
HOUSE POINTS

**MALAKI ALEXANDER**  
FOR THE HIGHEST  
AMOUNT OF HOUSE  
POINTS

**TARANVEER PANSAR**  
FOR MOST  
COMMENDATIONS  
IN SMITH  
HOUSE

## MFL DANCEATHON

To end our summer term, we invited a special guest to Redhill, Tamba, to teach our students two Latin dances, the Salsa and the Bachata!

We danced the morning away and raised money for a charity close to our hearts: Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People. Our students had lots of fun learning the dances.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our event.

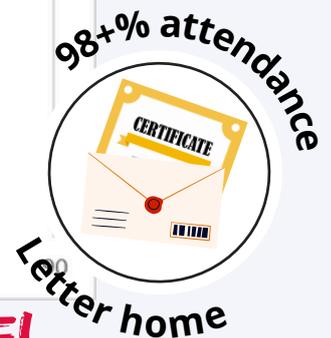
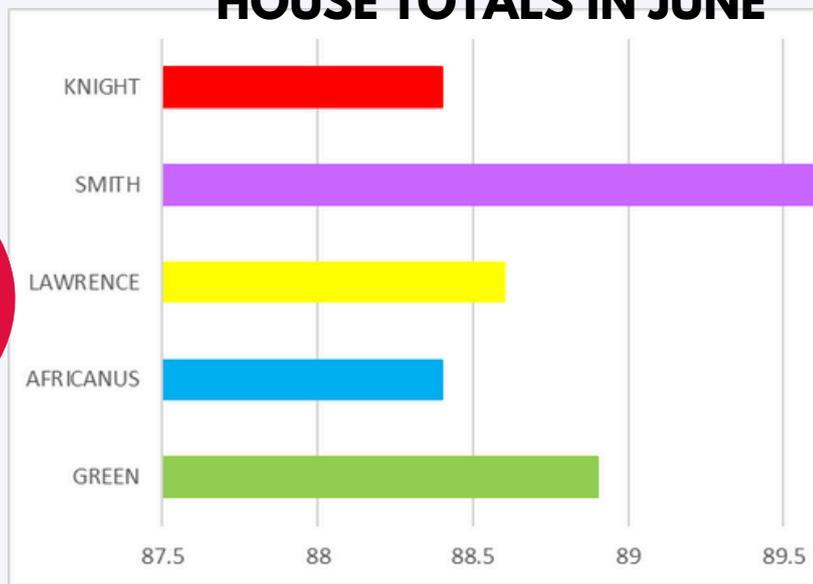




Well done to GRD who had the best attendance last term and were the winners of a party at tutor time!

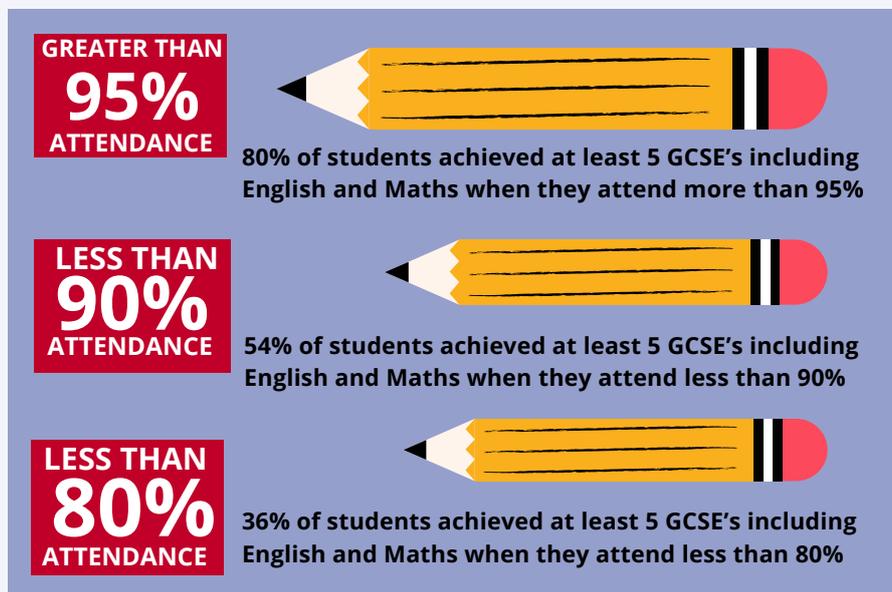


### HOUSE TOTALS IN JUNE



It all starts with attendance... **BE HERE!**

## Attend<sup>2</sup>Achieve



As always, thank you for your continued support with attendance.