

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

2024



I wanted to start by saying how proud I am of the start all the staff and students have made to the new Academic Year at Redhill. Our new year 7 students have settled in really quickly and have made a wonderful first impression on their teachers. The more senior students have been outstanding role models and shown genuine empathy and leadership skills particularly in pastoral time and around school. It has also been a quick start to our inter house and co curricular offer, with many students participating in a range of activities, Harry Potter Cooking, Football and Netball, Year 11 masterclasses and interhouse its a knockout. Thank you once again to our wonderful staff for giving their time to these extra sessions. Thank you also to parents for your support in helping us maintain the very highest standards with our students. We do insist on the very best behaviour, uniform and attendance with all our students and on them trying their best in all they do. We think it is really important to keep the bar high whilst also offering the very best in support and fun wider opportunities and it is not possible without the outstanding parental support that we get. We look forward to many more good news stories as the term progresses.



# AXIOM MATHS SUMMER SCHOOL

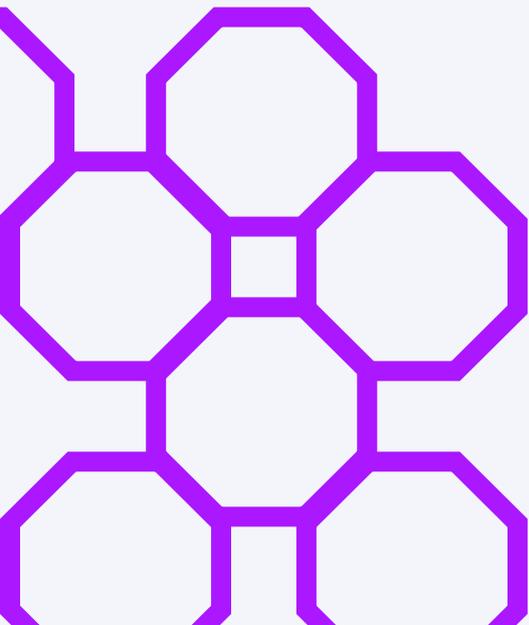
## AN INSPIRING EXPERIENCE AT THE AXIOM MATHS SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Over the summer, Joshua Mee, Camille Sidebottom and Connor Maloney attended the Axiom Maths Summer School at the University of Cambridge. Across three days, they delved into fascinating mathematical concepts. They attended lectures from university lecturers and fellows on various applications of maths. Additionally, they participated in a session with Capital One, learning how businesses use mathematical concepts to make decisions. The pupils also met maths teachers from other schools and University of Cambridge students who shared insights into university life. Most importantly, they forged new friendships with fellow mathematicians from schools across the country.

At this exceptional venue, the pupils experienced student life firsthand—sleeping in student accommodation, dining in the hall, and attending lectures and seminars on the college site. All these experiences showed the pupils the exciting paths that maths can open up for their future.

The summer school was organised by Axiom Maths, a maths charity that partners with the school. They support the school in running weekly Maths Circles sessions, which help pupils with a heart and head for maths realise the potential of their power. Josh, Camille and Connor attend one of these Maths Circle groups.

**We were asked if we wanted to go to Axiom Maths Summer School by Mrs Rose as we regularly attend maths circles. The day was really interesting, we attended lots of lectures and learnt about things we hadn't before. Such as Infinity, Torus and Decisions Trees.**



**AXIOM  
MATHS**



# DEBATE CLUB



On Thursday 12th September, the dazzling Debate Club took part in the annual Inspiring Student Leadership Conference at Nottingham Trent University Clifton Campus. On arrival, the students were shown to their home pod within one of the futuristic buildings and settled down for a busy day ahead. The first part of the day took place in the lecture hall where we listened to a few keynote speakers. The focus of the day was, 'How to make your school a more sustainable place', and both speeches that we listened to were very thought provoking and the Redhill pupils were engaged throughout.

We then moved on to a fantastic workshop named Team Repair. The workshop was run by two women who had recently graduated University and were both very passionate about creating laws to force manufacturers to make their products fixable. The pupils were tasked with fixing an old broken games console, and then figure out what the secret problem was when they were near the end of completing the task. The pupils put both Mr McGill and Mr Athorn to shame as they whizzed through the instructions and managed to perfectly put back together the retro games console. It is without shame that both Mr McGill and Mr Athorn admitted that they had to ask for help more than once!



After this fantastic activity, we then had a tour around the whole campus. Students marvelled at the robotics lab; they were shown where the top-secret cyber security team worked and were given access to the library with over 400,000 books at its disposal. After this, the pupils had one more key note speaker and then got the bus back full of inspiration regarding how to make The Redhill Academy more sustainable than it already is.

The trip was a great success and we all look forwards to seeing the impact it will make on the academy in the future.

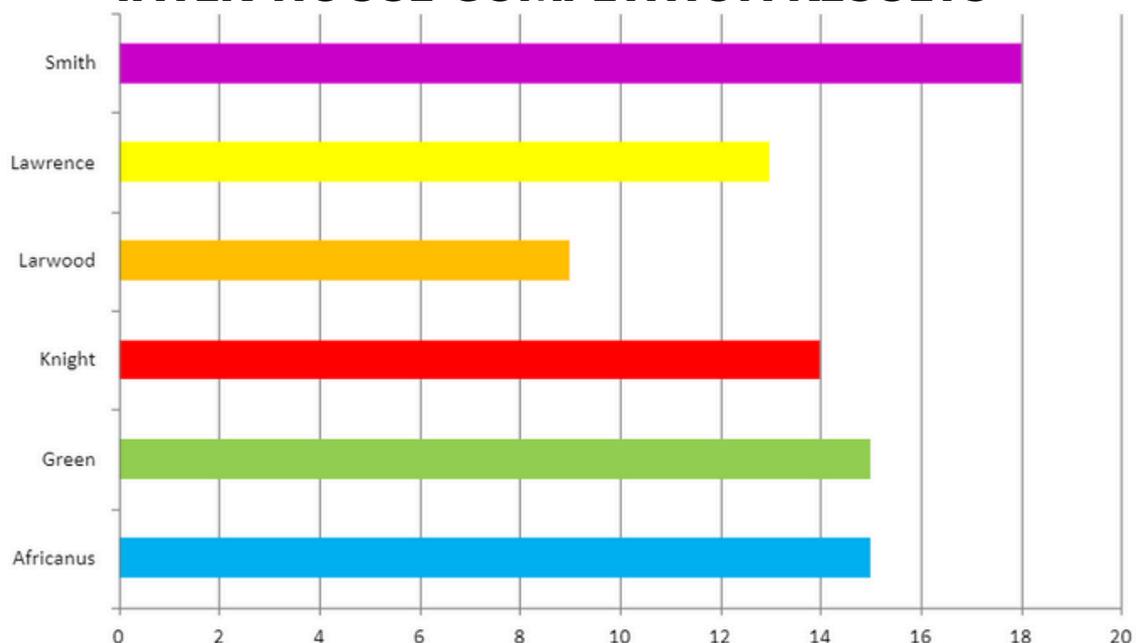
# IT'S A KNOCK-OUT

We kicked off our Inter-House Competition in September with It's a Knock-Out. Students from each House participate in several games to score the most points. As always, it was a fantastic turn.

A huge thank you and well done to our House Captains for their incredible effort in making this happen. We couldn't have done it without their involvement. The scores were close, but it was Smith House who won the most points on both days, placing them in 1st place.



## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS



# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

For another year, the Student Support Centre opened their doors to host the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Following on from the success of the 2023/24 event which raised £181, the target this year was to break the £200 barrier. Following an appeal to staff, parents and students for donations towards the cake sale, the SSC staff were blown away by the response. Over 30 students, parents or staff brought in treats to be sold for a very rewarding cause. As the doors opened at breaktime, the queues backed up through entire link block corridor. Thanks to Kiaya, Anya, Fletcher, Tilda and Tyler the queues shortened, and the treats flew out the door. The demand was so popular the sale extended to lunchtime... All this resulting in another wonderful event but more importantly a huge amount of money raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.



**TOTAL  
RAISED  
£300**

**WORLD'S  
BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING**

**LET'S MAKE  
IT THE  
BIGGEST  
EVER**

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

# WALSLEY

The first of our annual trips to Walesby began this month, and they did not disappoint! The students were ready to take on a series of fun-filled challenges. From mastering archery and tomahawk throwing to navigating low ropes and conquering an assault course.

It was brilliant to see how well-behaved the students were throughout. They showed great respect for the instructors, followed safety instructions closely, and encouraged one another to push past their limits. It was clear they were not only having a great time but also learning valuable lessons about teamwork, resilience, and self-confidence.

By the end of the trip, the students were all smiles. An adventure packed few days that they will hopefully remember forever!



# STAR OF THE MONTH

**BEATRIX  
HASLAM**  
FOR 32 HOUSE  
POINTS AND  
COMPLETING A  
DANCE COMP  
OUTSIDE  
OF SCHOOL.

**MEGAN  
WOOD**  
FOR ALWAYS BEING  
SO CARING AND  
HELPFUL.

**CHARLES  
BECKETT**  
FOR THE MOST  
HOUSE POINTS IN  
KNIGHT HOUSE.

**JACOB  
HAWLEY**  
FOR WORKING HIS  
SOCKS OFF THIS  
TERM.

**LILY-MAE  
BURTON**  
POSITIVE ATTITUDE  
IN AND OUT OF  
LESSONS.

**NOAH  
HATCHER**  
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP  
AND FOR ALWAYS  
BEING SO EAGER TO  
GET INVOLVED.

House Points

**AAG**  
**507**

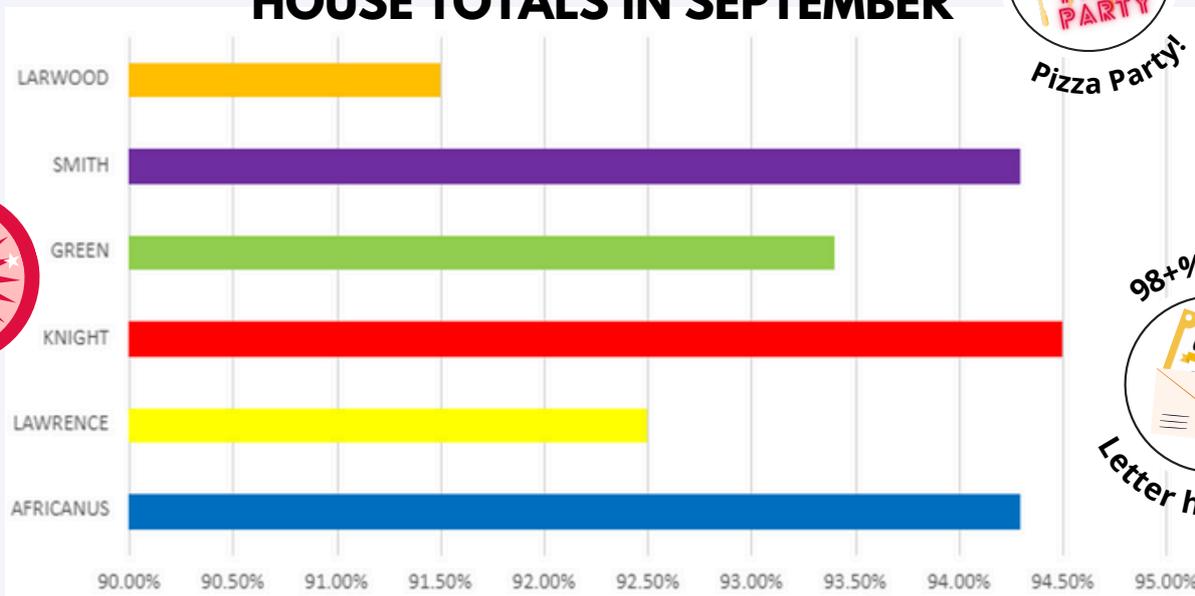
Congratulations to  
AAG who have the  
most House Points in  
September!  
Keep up the good  
work.

Top Attendance

**DSM**

Well done to DSM who had the best attendance in September!

### HOUSE TOTALS IN SEPTEMBER



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

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

**GREATER THAN  
95%  
ATTENDANCE**



80% of students achieved at least 5 GCSE's including English and Maths when they attend more than 95%

**LESS THAN  
90%  
ATTENDANCE**



54% of students achieved at least 5 GCSE's including English and Maths when they attend less than 90%

**LESS THAN  
80%  
ATTENDANCE**



36% of students achieved at least 5 GCSE's including English and Maths when they attend less than 80%

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



Schools and Families Specialist  
Services

Cognition & Learning Team

## **PARENT EVENT: Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home**

This 2-hour webinar is suitable for the parents and carers of learners who have been identified as having dyslexic traits

We will cover what we understand by the term dyslexia and the implications it has for learning

We will then provide lots of practical tips for supporting these learners at home

### **Course Details**

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**VENUE: Taking place via MICROSOFT TEAMS**

(joining instructions will be sent out prior to the session)

The course presenters will be **Bridget Thornhill** and **Ruth Screeon** from the  
Cognition and Learning Team, Schools and Families Specialist Services

**PLEASE NOTE: This event is FREE so there is no charge for attending**

**TO BOOK via Eventbrite Ctrl + Click Link here below:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-dyslexia-at-home-tickets-95083058887>**

**Closing date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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