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The Redhill Academy

NEWSLETTER



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As we move further into the summer term, this month's newsletter once again highlights the energy, commitment and breadth of experience that define our school community. It has been a particularly busy and rewarding period, with students embracing a wide range of opportunities both in and beyond the classroom — from competitive sport and international trips to creative writing and community service.

A particular focus at this time of year is, of course, our examinations. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are now fully immersed in their exam season, and I would like to take this opportunity to commend them for their maturity, resilience and dedication. They have approached this important period with focus and determination, and we are extremely proud of the way they are conducting themselves. We wish them every success as they continue over the coming weeks.

Alongside this, the articles in this edition reflect the many ways our students continue to develop as confident, well-rounded individuals. Whether representing the school in sporting competitions, participating in high-quality enrichment experiences such as the PSV Eindhoven tour, or giving back to the community through initiatives like the YOPEY Dementia Befriender programme, our students consistently demonstrate the values we are so proud to promote.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. I hope you enjoy reading about the many achievements and experiences that have made this such a positive and purposeful period for our students.





HEADTEACHER'S STORY COMPETITION



As part of our Year of Reading celebrations, students were invited by Mr Hardy to take part in a writing competition over the Easter break. The response was exceptional, with a wide range of imaginative and high-quality entries submitted.

Students showcased their creativity through a variety of formats, including songs, poems and even full-length novels. Judging proved to be a challenging task due to the high standard of work, and eight finalists were ultimately selected.

Congratulations to Ella and Ged, who were chosen as the overall winners. A huge well done to all students who took part and shared their writing — the enthusiasm, effort and creativity shown were a real credit to everyone involved.





PSV DEVELOPMENT TOUR



Over the Easter holidays, 79 Redhill students from Years 8–10 travelled overseas to take part in an exciting Football Development Tour with PSV Eindhoven Football Club in the Netherlands.

The tour offered students a unique opportunity to experience professional football environments first-hand. Participants completed high-quality training sessions at PSV's renowned Campus De Herdgang, delivered by UEFA-qualified PSV coaches, focusing on technical development, tactical understanding and professional standards.

Students also enjoyed a guided tour of PSV's iconic 35,000-seat Philips Stadium and club museum, before attending a live professional fixture at the De Herdgang complex where PSV Vrouwen defeated NAC Breda 4–1 to maintain their place at the top of the league in a match broadcast globally on ESPN.

Alongside these experiences, the Redhill squads competed in five competitive fixtures against local Dutch opposition, EMK and RKSU Nuenen, recording two wins, one draw and two defeats. Throughout the tour, students showed a strong desire to improve, demonstrated excellent behaviour, and represented the Redhill Academy with pride at all times.





STUDENT STORIES



We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding efforts of Armann, Ovie, Hamza and Benedict, who have been volunteering with the YOPEY Dementia Befriender service over the past few months.

YOPEY is a charity dedicated to bringing young people into care homes to befriend elderly residents, many of whom are living with dementia. Its work focuses on reducing loneliness and improving wellbeing through meaningful interaction, while also equipping students with the skills and confidence to support older members of the community.

Through their involvement, students receive training to help them better understand dementia and learn how to communicate effectively with residents. They then put this into practice by visiting care homes, engaging residents in conversation, and taking part in activities designed to brighten their day and create genuine connections.

Armann, Ovie, Hamza and Benedict have approached this responsibility with maturity, compassion and dedication. Their regular visits and willingness to give their time have had a real and positive impact on the residents they have supported, helping to combat isolation and bring moments of joy to those in their care.

We are extremely proud of their contribution and the example they set for others. They truly embody the spirit of service and demonstrate how young people can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.





STUDENT STORIES



A group of Year 8 students enjoyed an outstanding weekend of football success during the recent bank holiday, competing in an Under-13s 5-a-side tournament in Filey.

Five of the seven players in the squad attend our school: Ben, Noah, Jensen, William and Orin. Representing their team with great enthusiasm and determination, the boys competed against 20 other teams and achieved an impressive overall victory, winning the tournament.

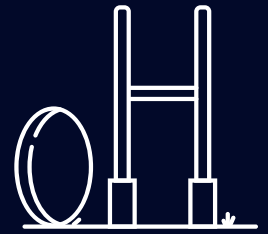
Their success did not stop there. The following day, they also took part in a mini-league competition, where they secured a well-earned runner-up position, capping off a highly successful weekend.

The team, who regularly play together outside of school, demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and a real passion for football throughout both competitions. We are incredibly proud of the boys' achievements and the positive way they have represented themselves. Their success is a wonderful example of commitment and teamwork, and we look forward to seeing their talents continue to develop in future sporting opportunities.





TOUCH RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Our students represented the school with pride at the Midlands School Touch Rugby Championships 2026, delivering strong performances, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day.

The Year 9 & 10 Boys competed in a challenging group, drawing their opening matches before securing an emphatic win against Kimberley. After a closely contested semi-final and third-place play-off, the team finished a very respectable 4th overall, demonstrating resilience and commitment at a high level of competition.

The Year 7 & 8 Girls enjoyed a superb tournament run, recording several impressive victories on their way to the Grand Final. After an intense final, they finished as Runners-Up, earning silver medals. In addition, the team received a special award for their spirit, positivity and enthusiasm, with all players receiving goody bags in recognition of their attitude and teamwork.

The Year 7 & 8 Boys also performed strongly, progressing through the competition to finish Runners-Up in the Plate, ending the day on a positive note with a final win.

A special thank you goes to Nuha (Year 12), who led the girls' team throughout the day, and to Cole, who led the Year 9 & 10 boys. Well done as well to Nuha, Cole and staff who took part in the staff and England Touch Players demonstration game during the lunch break. We are delighted to share that the school is now part of the England Touch Talent Identification Programme. All students were a credit to themselves and to the school, and we are extremely proud of their performances both on and off the pitch.





BELIEF FOOTBALL



We were delighted to recently host the first of what we hope will be many trust-wide girls' football tournaments, bringing together students from across our schools for a fantastic day of sport, teamwork and development. The event was delivered in partnership with Belief, an organisation that exists to redefine competitive football for girls by focusing on confidence, creativity and resilience. Belief's girls-first approach prioritises enjoyment, inclusion and personal growth alongside performance, helping to create positive football environments where girls feel supported, valued and encouraged to express themselves. The tournament was further enhanced by professional-level coaching delivered in association with Nottingham Forest, giving students an inspiring experience and a real insight into high-quality football provision.

The tournament provided an opportunity for girls to represent their schools, build confidence on the pitch, develop new skills and form connections with peers from across the trust. Events like this play an important role in increasing participation and retention in girls' football, particularly during secondary school years when many young people disengage from sport.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Hall Park Academy, who were crowned overall winners following a series of excellent performances. All teams should be extremely proud of their commitment, sportsmanship and enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see such positive attitudes and teamwork throughout the competition.

This tournament marks an important first step in developing ongoing opportunities for girls' football across the trust. We are excited to continue working in partnership with Belief to create inclusive, high-quality sporting experiences that support students both on and off the pitch, and we look forward to building on the success of this event in the future.

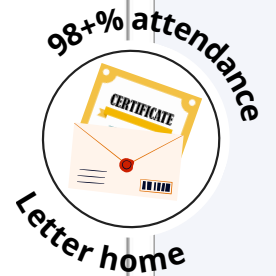
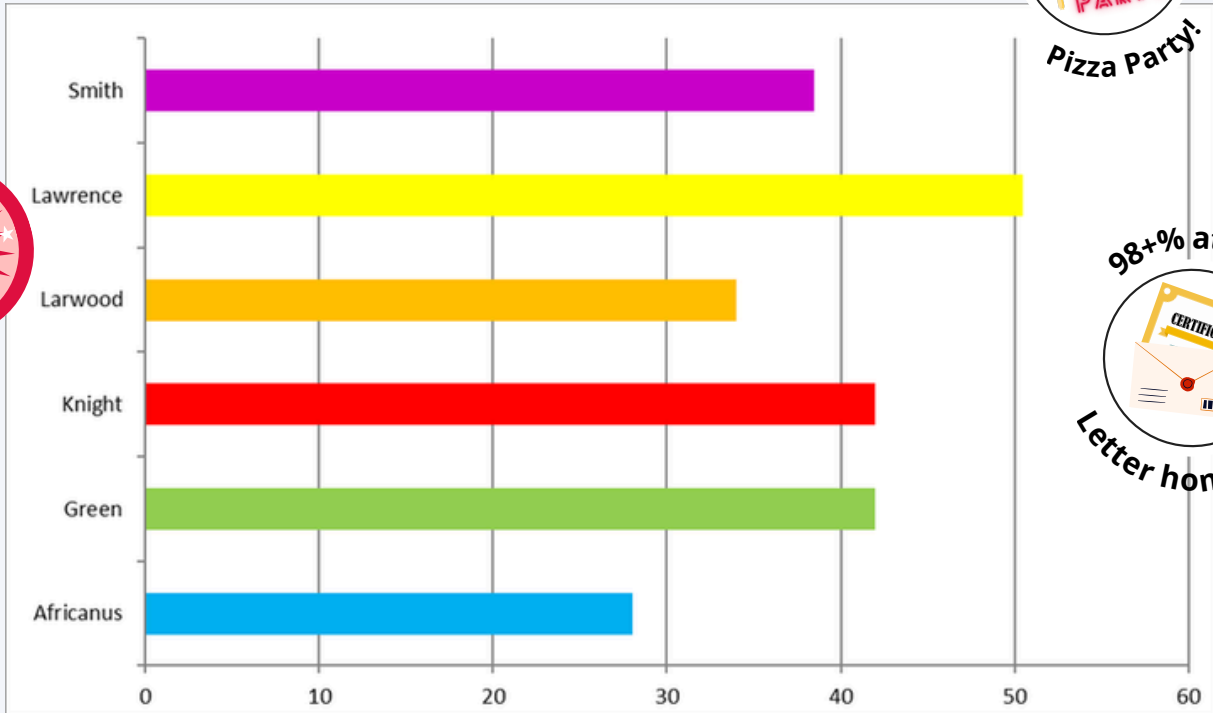




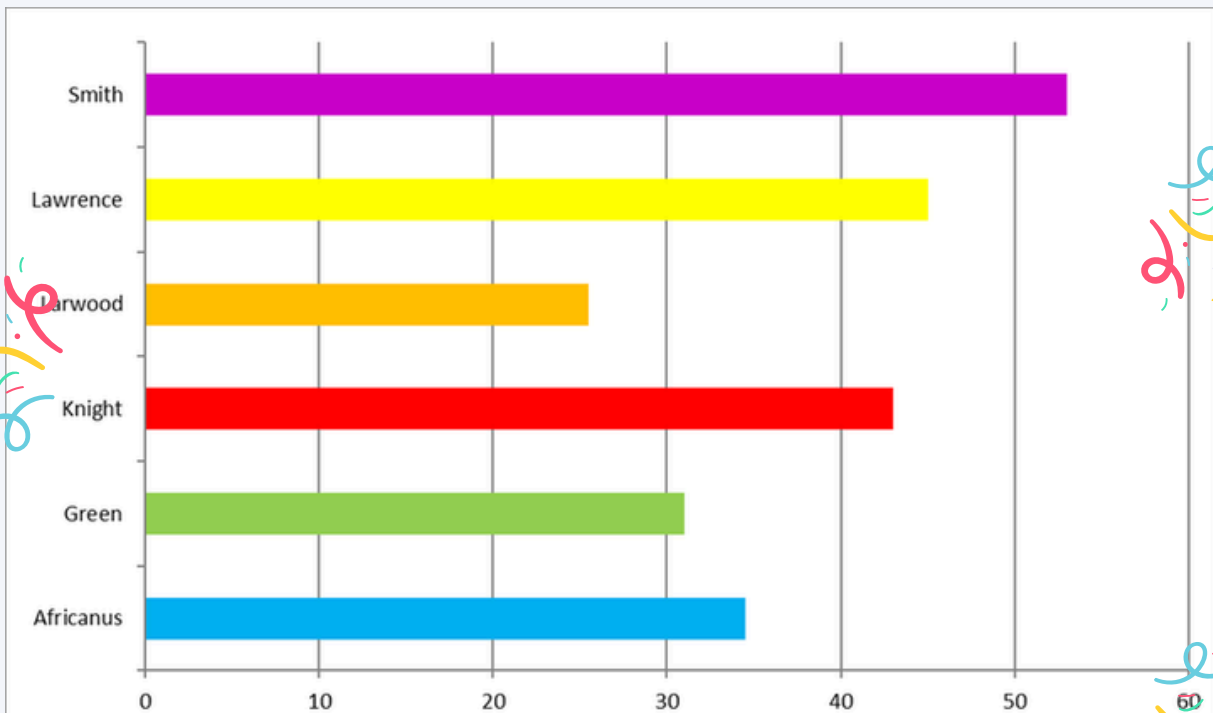
HOUSE TOTALS



INTER-HOUSE CUP STANDINGS



INTER-HOUSE PARTICIPATION CUP STANDINGS



STARS OF THE MONTH

Most House
Points

ARH

Well done to ARH who had the most house points with 3760!

Top
Attendance

DIG

Well done to DIG who had the best attendance of 96.9%!

The following students achieved the highest house point totals this half term!

AFRICANUS:

**EMILY
YOUNG**

GREEN:

**DAISY
LEMON**

KNIGHT:

**LILLIE
SHARPE**

LAWRENCE:

**RYAN
LESTER**

LARWOOD:

**IBRAHIM
EITEZAZ**

SMITH:

**JESSICA
RAY**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday 1st June**- Start of new half term.
- **Tuesday 2nd June** - Year 10 parent's evening.
- **Thursday 4th June**- Inter-house athletics.
- **Friday 5th June**- Year 10 Battlefields trip (until Monday 8th June).
- **Monday 8th June** - Inter-house Handball Challenge.
- **Tuesday 9th June**- German Pen Pals visit to Nottingham Castle.
- **Wednesday 10th June** - Year 7 Stratford-upon-Avon trip.
- **Friday 12th June** - Year 10 MFL trip to Paris (until Monday 15th June).
- **Tuesday 16th June** - Lisa Williamson writing workshop.
- **Wednesday 17th June** - Library Pride event, Year 7&8 Summer trust games.
- **Saturday 20th June** - DofE Bronze qualifying expedition.
- **Monday 22nd June** - Inter-house assistant head of house challenge, Year 10 mock speaking exams (all week).
- **Thursday 25th June** - Year 11 Prom
- **Wednesday 1st July** - Year 6 induction day, P.E pride picnic.
- **Thursday 2nd July** - Year 6 induction evening.
- **Friday 3rd July** - Redhill Sixth Form taster day, Year 13 prom
- **Monday 6th July** - Year 7 arts day.
- **Tuesday 7th July** - Year 8 arts day, REDfest.
- **Wednesday 8th July** - Year 8 parent's evening.
- **Thursday 9th July** - Year 9 arts day, sports celebration evening
- **Tuesday 14th July** - Year 10 Geography trip - Holderness
- **Thursday 16th July** - Dreadlock Alien visit
- **Friday 17th July** - DofE Gold qualifying expedition - Norway (until 24th July)
- **Friday 24th July** - End of academic year.

