



Head Teacher's Update

I am delighted to be able to send you our latest version of our newsletter, packed with reports on the exciting variety of activities happening at Rednock School. I hope that you gain as much pleasure and pride in reading about our excellent students, as I did!

Mental Health Champions Award

Rednock School has recently been presented with the Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning Mental Health Champions award. The award acknowledges the high quality provision that the school makes to support the mental health and well-being of the school community. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects Rednock's ongoing commitment to promoting, educating and supporting the school community in this area. The next whole school enrichment day on the 20th March 2019, will focus on the theme of 'Well-Being'.

<https://www.ghll.org.uk/Mental%20Health%20Champions%20Award.pdf>



Enrichment Day – 'Rednock GRIT day'

On Tuesday 6th November, students in Years 7 to 12 participated in a range of different activities focused on developing the skills and attributes, which contribute to building 'good character', which we are referring to as Rednock GRIT (Greatness, Resilience, Integrity and Tenacity).

Year 7 students spent a day in London, experiencing a flight on the London Eye and exploring the wonders of the Natural History Museum. Throughout the day, they were challenged to manage their time and work effectively as a team. Back at school, students in Years 8, 9 and 10 worked through a carousel of activities which focused on the topics of Mindset, Resilience, Brexit, Equality, '50 Things to do before you leave Rednock' as well as exploring Careers and the World of Work.

Year 11 students had the opportunity to experience life as a 6th form student for the day. They attended a motivational study skills seminar, delivered by 'Maximize'. The focus of this session was to encourage students to become independent learners and find that inner motivation and resilience to succeed. Students also spent time looking at some online revision tools e.g. GCSEPod and trialed some meditation techniques to help manage exam pressures. St. James's Place continued to support the school by sharing their expertise and resources with Year 12 students through a series of financial management sessions.

The day was a huge success and we would like to thank Maximise and St. James's Place for their continued support with this event.



Rednock Remembers

On Friday 9th November, the school community came together for our annual Remembrance Event. Students and staff participated in a whole school assembly which recognised the centenary of the end of the First World War. The local village of Slimbridge was the focus for this year's event, looking at the impact of war on the people in the local community and the legacy it has left behind. If you missed the BBC Autumn Diary programme on the lead up to Remembrance Day then we would highly recommend that you watch the last 10 minutes of the programme using the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/.../countryfile-autumn-diaries-2018-epi...>

At 11am, the Rednock School Community stood for the 2 minutes silence, the end of which was marked by the playing of the 'Last Post'. Thank you to the staff and students for their poignant displays around the school. Particular recognition and thanks must go to Sam Drewett, Megan Graham and Zaid Muna who sounded the Last Post; they gave an outstanding and moving recital.



Term 2 - Boys' Sports Fixtures and Results

Rugby: The Year 7 boys recently displayed a much improved performance by scoring 5 tries against a strong running Sir William Romney team. The boys had failed to score against them earlier in the season but showed the progress that they have made by scoring 5 tries and displaying some strong running skills. A target for improvement will be to further develop their tackling skills.

The Year 8 rugby team continued their unbeaten run with a convincing 50-15 win over Archway; an opposition team that we had mixed results against last season. The boys displayed some very strong running and passing skills and scored a large number of excellent tries. New members to the squad Callum Price, Callum Taylor and Alex Morris settled quickly and contributed throughout the game.

The Year 9 rugby team has continued to make progress this term, even though they are yet to win a game. They lost to a strong Thomas Keble side 37-10 and then in the County Cup to Castle School with a 31-7 score line. Improvements were seen in the boys' performance in a recent match against Archway and it is hoped that they can maintain this momentum in play when they play away to Cotswold School in the County Plate competition. Ben Harris being a standout performer so far, with some excellent help from the remainder of this keen squad.

Football: Only ESFA National Cup fixtures being played this term. After beating both Downend and Brimsham Green, the Year 8 boys fell to a very strong and talented St Peter's side in Round 3 of the competition. This group will certainly be hopeful of doing well in the District competition in Term 3. The U18 team also managed to get to Round 3 of the competition, with a convincing win over Swindon Academy 4-1. This included some excellent performances from a number of our Year 11 students. Unfortunately, another trip to Swindon (Commonweal School) was not quite so fruitful and we were beaten by a Swindon Town Academy side.



Term 2 - Girls' Sports Fixtures and Results

Table Tennis: Both the U13 and U15 girls' Table Tennis teams have qualified to represent the district in the Level 3 tournament which will be held on Tuesday 4th December. There was some outstanding play by the U15 girls, Izzie Carey, Anna Blanch, Jess Bewick and Georgie Williams who were unbeaten during the Level 2 competition.

Football: The U13 football team successfully made it to Round 3 in the national cup after beating KLB and Oasis Academy. Unfortunately, despite a great effort by a talented group of Year 7 and 8 girls, they lost to Downend 2-0 in this round.

Netball: The biggest achievement this term has been the increase in the number of girls participating in fully competitive school netball fixtures. The A, B and C teams were rotated against Maidenhill, Stroud High School, Archway and Sir William Romney and still getting a win rate of around 50%. The U16 girls had two great games against KLB, winning 18-9 and 11-5. The U19 girls also were successful in beating Stroud High School in a one off fixture. Both the Year 11 and Year 7 teams have qualified for the district final which will take place prior to Christmas so we wish them the best of luck!

PE Department Updates

Girls' rugby and a fitness club have been introduced into Rednock's extra-curricular programme this year. Both clubs have been a huge success with good numbers of students attending on a regular basis. Coaches from Dursley Rugby Club and England Rugby have delivered training sessions on a Thursday night and are promoting club links in the hope that the girls will be inspired and continue with the sport outside of school. Miss Bennyworth, with the help of some older students has run a very successful fitness club, with a large number of students in attendance. We hope that this will continue into the New Year. Year 10 and Year 11 Badminton and Table Tennis club runs every lunchtime which is attracting in excess of 50 students each day, not only is this assisting with the GCSE practical grades for many but it is also a drive towards a healthy lifestyle choice.

School Notices

Lockdown Practice Scenario

As part of the School's emergency response plan, we have created a lockdown procedure. Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations which may have the potential to pose a risk to staff and pupils in the school. Some of the more typical examples might be:

- A reported incident/civil disturbance in the local community;
- An intruder on the school site;
- A warning being received regarding a risk locally, of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc) or chemical, biological or radiological contaminants;
- A major fire in the vicinity of the school.

We will be informing students of this procedure during assemblies and a practice scenario will be carried out during the penultimate week of term. The staff and students will be told when this is going to happen. Students will be informed that they must not use their mobile phones during the lockdown.

Please be assured that we have not received any information to indicate that the School is at risk from any of the above situations but it is essential that we take measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff.



Attendance Focus

Attendance

Well done to the **303 Rednock** students who have 100% attendance this year so far!

Hubble is currently the community with the best attendance record – well done Hubble!!

We expect all of our students to attend school as regularly as possible. Your support in maximising your son/daughter's attendance and thereby their learning opportunities is crucial. Please do take a couple of minutes to look at the notes regarding attendance on the home page of our website. It includes details on how to report absence, what to do if your child has a medical appointment and notes about leave of absence.

Dates for Your Diary

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| • Friday 30 th November 2018 | INSET Day 2 |
| • Thursday 6 th December 2018 | Year 9 PCM – Left Population |
| • Tuesday 11 th December 2018 | Year 9 PCM – Right Population |
| • Wednesday 12 th December 2018 | Christmas Carol Concert at St James Church, Dursley, 7.30pm |
| • Friday 21 st December 2018 | End of Term 2 |
| • Monday 7 th January 2019 | INSET Day 3 |
| • Tuesday 8 th January 2019 | Start of Term 3 |

Useful Contact Details

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- **Darwin** – Miss Suzannah Jones (01453 540773)
- **Hubble** – Mrs Gail Harris (01453 540748)
- **Jenner** – Mrs Donna Dummelow (01453 540774)

Student Absence Notifications

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- Attendance Officer - Mrs Nerys Croft

Don't forget to check out the School Website and Social Media pages for up to date messages and notices

