

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation throughout this unusual and challenging academic year. I have been delighted by the way in which the pupils have adapted to remote learning, the return to school and to coronavirus restrictions when in school. It has also been so encouraging to see how many extra-curricular activities the pupils have managed to participate in despite the constraints of social distancing, zones and 'bubbles'.

Our recent "Respect campaign" this half term has been a huge success. Pupils have participated in form time activities, community projects and experienced visits from external agencies promoting respect through our four pillars: self-respect, respect for peers, respect for adults and respect for the environment. We trust these school values will continue to be modelled in future.

Despite the continued disruption of Covid we have maintained high standards and continued to improve the school. We have been fortunate, once again, in securing two CIF bids for roofing and electrical rewiring projects. In addition to this, significant works around the school are being completed; whole school IT infrastructure project, refurbished science labs and classrooms, new toilets, outdoor seating and shelters.

Sadly, we had to cancel our Awards Evening this year, however a virtual Awards presentation is available. Although this is not our usual Stockport Plaza event, it does offer an opportunity to recognise the achievements of our pupils.

We are planning for a return to normal school routines, both in terms of lessons and extra-curricular activities, for the new academic year, but it is difficult to predict exactly what government guidance for schools will be in force next term. Please be assured that I will write at the end of August setting out clearly any restrictions that the government guidance will impose.

We have already communicated our plans for distributing public examination results to Year 11 pupils in August and I look forward to celebrating the pupils' academic successes. It is very likely that the Examination Boards will make some changes to the specifications and examinations next summer and we will communicate these modifications as soon as we have the details.

Please note that next term begins on Monday 6th September for our new Year 7 pupils where they will experience the transition activities they missed this term. The return of all other year groups will be managed through a staggered process to accommodate a programme of testing. Details of this can be found on the website.

In line with government guidance, consenting pupils will be offered two supervised COVID tests when they return to school in September, after which pupils will be issued with Lateral Flow Testing kits to enable tests to be completed twice a week at home. Testing is voluntary and pupils will be allowed to attend school even if they decide not to take part in testing. The first test for Year 7 and 8 pupils will be offered on Friday 3rd September prior to the start of term, with the second test the following week. Information relating to tests for all year groups is included in the return to school letter issued this week. If you have already consented to your child participating in testing this does not need to be repeated.

As we finish for the summer holiday, we would like to remind parents and carers that on our return students must, more now than ever, adhere to strict codes of conduct to ensure a safe environment. Students must be in full uniform coming to, during and returning from school. Our uniform and equipment expectations are highlighted on page 3 of this newsletter.

In order to promote healthy eating energy drinks are banned and unhealthy snacks are restricted to one standard sized portion. Students are advised to bring in their own water bottles, avoiding the need to share water fountains. Mobile phones are not permitted to be used anywhere on site and must be switched off before entering the school gates. These items, along with other banned items, will be confiscated if seen in school. Dropping litter is not permitted and all pupils must clear away trays after lunch. Please support us by reinforcing this with your child and explaining the additional risk factors that failing to follow these simple rules may cause to others.

Uniform checks, with an emphasis on keeping uniform standards high, will take place every morning on the gate. Bag searches occur on the gate each morning alongside random spot checks to ensure pupil safety we trust you will support us with this preventative measure.

Attendance and punctuality is a key priority next term as so much learning time has already been lost. Next term pupils will no longer be required to isolate as a close contact to someone in school unless they have symptoms therefore absence for Covid related issues will not be authorised in the same way. If students are not attending school, they are limiting their ability to achieve and will fall further behind their peers. This may also lead to educational penalty notices being issued therefore we request that you liaise with the attendance team if you require any support or guidance around improving your child's attendance.

I am most grateful to all the teachers who have worked extremely hard in difficult conditions this year to continue to provide excellent educational opportunities for our pupils. For those staff leaving us this year we thank them for their service and wish them every success in their new adventures.

Thank you once again for your continued support of Reddish Vale High School. I hope that you have a happy and restful summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Linda Hanson
Headteacher

Free School Meals 2021/22

We appreciate that for some families, household income may be an issue. At Reddish Vale, we want to ensure that all our parents and carers are aware of the availability of Free School Meals to those who are eligible.

You can find out the criteria for free school meals here: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

To apply for free school meals, follow this link:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals>

You will need your National Insurance Number and if you are on Universal Credit your most recent Universal Credit award letter. If you have a query about free school meals you can email benefitsfsm@stockport.gov.uk

Uniform Grant - If pupils receive free school meals you may also be eligible for a £40 uniform grant to spend at FR Monkhouse. Apply online by following this link:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/clothing-grants/apply-school-school-clothing-scheme>

Uniform Expectations

We have strict uniform standards and expect all pupils to wear correct uniform every day, upon their return to school in September. Having a school uniform plays a fundamental role in promoting self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within the school community.

Uniform can be purchased from Monkhouse who are our official uniform supplier.

The uniform consists of:

- Blazer with school logo
- Navy pullover with school logo
- Reddish Vale tie
- White shirt/blouse (long or short sleeved)
- Reddish Vale black skirt/trousers (non-stretchy)
- Waterproof black coat



Footwear

Footwear must consist of plain black shoes. Canvas shoes, trainers, boots or shoes with logos are not permitted.



Pupils who do not attend school in the correct uniform may be offered a replacement item to borrow for the day if we have one available. If this is not possible, parents will be asked to bring the correct item into school, or alternatively, pupils may be sent home to correct their uniform and will be expected to return to school promptly. Should pupils not wear the correct uniform, they may be isolated until the issue is rectified.

Our uniform has to be worn by all pupils, and we would request that every item of school clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Non Negotiables

- No jewellery (except a watch)
- Light makeup (no fake tan or false eyelashes)
- No fake tan
- No piercings
- No extreme haircuts
- No acrylic nails or nail varnish
- No fizzy drinks
- No chewing gum

Please note that staff are permitted to confiscate items of jewellery and ask pupils to remove excessive makeup which does not comply with the uniform rules.

Pupils planning to have their ears pierced must do so far enough in advance before starting school in September. Pupils are not permitted to wear earrings in school.

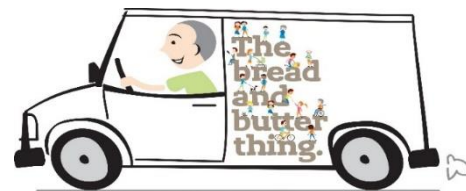
Equipment Guidelines

It is important that all pupils are equipped and ready to learn and that valuable lesson time is not wasted by handing out equipment. Every pupil must have the basic equipment which includes:

- Pencil case for their equipment
- A number of black and blue pens
- A number of pencils
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Reading book
- School planner

The Bread and Butter Thing

The Bread and Butter Thing are a grocery service who use surplus food from supermarkets, farms and major retailers and sell to members at a discounted price. There is no fee to join the service and it is easy to sign up.



The groceries are usually worth £35-£50 in each delivery and are available for different sized families, as well as vegetarian options. Please remember to check individual food packaging for additional allergen information.

The service can be found at a variety of hubs including Levenshulme Inspire Centre, Gorton Oasis Centre and St Joseph's RC Primary School. Alternatively you can sign up, and find additional information, here:

<https://www.breadandbutterthing.org/members>



Stockport Volunteer Police Cadets

VPC are recruiting Volunteer Police Cadets. Police Cadets is a volunteer youth group for 13-17 year olds with amazing opportunities, the chance to develop yourself, learn about Policing, make friends and have fun.

More information can be found here: <https://vpc.police.uk/be-a-cadet/>

If you'd like to join, please email stockportcadets@gmp.police.uk

Stockport County Hero

Keiron Rowley in year 10 was visited by Steve Bellis, (Stockport County President), who presented Keiron with the County Hero Award, and an arm band signed by Liam Hogan (Stockport County Captain)

Kieron has been working extremely hard over the past few months to care for a family member every moment he can, as well as maintaining 100% attendance in school and online, and progressing really well in all of his subjects. Well done Kieron!



PIE Donations

We are extremely grateful to have received hamper donations from local social enterprise, PIE (Pursuing Individual Excellence).

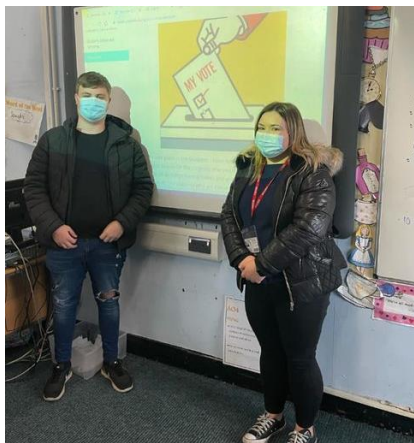
With funding from Stockport Council, they have been able to donate food and activity parcels to 75 families in Stockport, and we have been extremely lucky to partner with PIE and receive some of these parcels for families at Reddish Vale High School.

Duke of Edinburgh Remembrance Garden

Some of our wonderful DofE students planted a remembrance garden at the front of school in memory of Prince Philip, founder of the Duke of Edinburgh programme.

We're extremely proud of our pupil's work and are pleased to see the flowers blooming successfully.





Ex Students Lead Politics Club

Year 10 students have had the opportunity to learn about careers in the legal sector with one of our ex-students, Holly Jukes. Holly is currently studying for a law degree at the University of Salford. Our students have learned about the different careers available in the legal sector, and the qualifications, skills and experience needed for these.

For regular updates on events, news and discussions, you can follow our Personal Development Instagram account @rvhspersonaldevelopment

Science Extra-Curricular Experiments

What a year to join a club! We are excited to be back wearing our safety goggles and lab coats. We have had a lot of enthusiastic mini scientists join us in recent weeks. So far, we have tried to fly rockets to the moon, made sparklers brighter than the sun, made flames that reach the ceiling and changed the colour of fire!!

Some other adventures include, melting glass with thermite, looking at real life human tissue and making students hair stand on end with the Van der Graaf.



Pupils Excel in PE Extra-Curricular

Pupils of all year groups have been thoroughly enjoying our PE Extra-curricular activities during the summer term including Cricket, Football, Netball and Basketball. Speak to your PE teacher to get involved during the next academic year!

For regular updates from our PE Department, you can follow their Instagram page @rvhs_pe



Year 11 Leavers

Despite the annual prom being cancelled due to Covid restrictions, we were instead able to safely host a 'Party in the Park Festival' event for our year 11 pupils.

All pupils in attendance were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed the event. We wish all of our year 11 leaver's the best of luck for their futures.



Year 10 Careers Interviews

Year 10 had opportunities this term to learn and develop employability and interview skills.

It started with an assembly from The MD of the Hill Group, Sandra Hill, who kindly gave insights into engineering and what makes a good interview. Activities throughout the week gave pupils opportunities to prepare for an interview with one of our professionals.



We would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved for volunteering their time to give our year 10 pupils this vital experience to prepare them for their futures.

"I was so nervous but I'm glad I've had the opportunity and I feel more prepared for my college interview now!"

Budding BMX Olympian

Xain in year 8 is currently training with Manchester BMX at Plattfields Park and also trains at Velodrome. Xain has spent much of his time with Bruntwood BMX team and has won races at all 3 venues.

In the future, he aims to be scouted by Team GB and go on to represent his country in the Olympic Games!

We are really impressed with his aspiration and determination to achieve his goal.



Regeneration Brainery for Year 11 Leavers

Regeneration Brainery is all about getting more young people into Property and Regeneration.

RVHS pupils took part in the 5 day event and became one of our Braineers, learning from our carefully selected mentors (heroes of the property industry).

The event also welcomed Mayor of GM, Andy Burnham, and pupils had the opportunity to ask him questions and receive support about the industry.

Library Re-Vamp

Our school library is getting a new look! We've ordered over 200 new and exciting books ready to stock the shelves and, over the summer, the walls will be painted in lovely blue, green and grey tones as voted by our Year 7 and 8 pupils. We will also have different zones for: reading, computing and teaching and learning.

Look out for our fundraising activities in September so that we can continue to improve our library and make this a really special place for all our pupils.



Science Rewards Trip for Year 7

80 Year 7 pupils attended an end of year rewards trip to Reddish Vale to take part in a range of Ecology activities that link to their studies. Pupils took part in four activities:

1. Pond dipping
2. Woodland trail
3. Quadrats
4. Transects

The pupils really enjoyed themselves and engaged fully with the activities which provided them with an insight into the sampling techniques real world ecologists use!



Year 8 hub

Pride Week

We hosted Pride Week 5th-9th July this term. There were a variety of activities on offer for pupils and staff to participate in such as a pride badge design competition, film festival, bake sale, LGBTQ+ music icons session and a pride themed non-uniform day.



Phoebe W's rainbow cake

Student Leadership Roles

We are extremely proud of the efforts made by year 10 pupils who interviewed for student leadership roles. The pupils represented themselves exceptionally well and did themselves and the school proud.

Head and Deputy Head Girl and Boy, Senior Prefects and Prefects will be announced soon.



Josh Howard

We are very lucky to have had Josh Howard visiting school for 2 weeks this term. Josh is a former Head boy at our school and has represented the Great Britain Paralympic team in long jump.

Josh first got involved in Athletics thanks to Mrs Riley who recognised his talent in school and advised him to attend a local athletics club 'Stockport Harriers'.

All our pupils really enjoyed having Josh in school and he is a fantastic role model for them.

Sports Day

On 19th and 20th July, we hosted Sports Days for our pupils to participate in a range of sporting competitions, including Long Jump, Javelin, Shot Put and Track races.

The separate days ensured we could keep pupils in their year group bubbles for the duration of the events. We are extremely proud of all pupils who participated. Additional photos can be found on our school website under the Events Gallery.

Congratulations to all our winning form groups:
7E, 8S, 9S and 10H



Literacy Planet

Over the last term in English, we have rolled out Literacy Planet in school with Years 7-8. So far we are seeing some great results with over 1000 missions completed in the first 4 weeks and one of our wonderful Year 7 students winning a prize for her attempts in Word Morph. Well done Elysia!

Other year 7 pupils who have excelled in the challenge are Ben O, Holly W, Thomas S and Joseph D, who are photographed below. We are really proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing how they progress as they continue to use Literacy Planet!

All Year 7-8 students have their log in details and can use Literacy Planet to improve their reading, spelling and comprehension skills at home by logging in and completing missions:

<https://app.literacyplanet.com/login>



Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July, 18 pupils completed a two-day expedition in the Peak District as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. The award helps pupils to develop many skills, such as leadership, teamwork, organization, communication and problem-solving. As well as the expedition sections, pupils also complete a volunteering, physical and skills section to achieve the prestigious award.

Over the weekend, pupils walked for 6 hours each day, working as a team to navigate through unknown countryside and complete other team building activities. Pupils put their map reading skills into action, walking within a group and meeting staff members at checkpoints along the way. Pupils also had to erect tents and cook a meal as part of the experience. All pupils did amazingly and were a credit to the school.



RESPECT

This term we have carried out the Respect Campaign where pupils have focused on respecting themselves, peers, adults and the community. As part of this campaign, we have had a range of tutor time activities including debates, a respect badge competition; the winning entry will be made into badge for pupils to work towards achieving next academic year. In addition, we launched 'Respect' cards and pupils were tasked with the challenge of earning as many teacher signatures as possible for demonstrating Respect in school. Those who filled their respect cards were entered into a prize draw and the lucky winners received an amazon gift voucher! It's been a busy half term!

We have also been lucky enough to welcome visitors in our school to provide workshops for our pupils based around the issues surrounding respect. The Brook worked with our year 10 pupils on consent and the law, a key aspect of our relationships and sex education curriculum. BeeU have worked with our year 8 & 9 around respect, tolerance, inclusivity and discrimination.



We also welcomed Carl Austin-Behan into school to deliver assemblies to our year 9 pupils based on LGBTQ+ & respect. Carl is an RAF veteran, a former local councillor, has served as Lord Mayor of Manchester, and is currently LGBTQ+ advisor to Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham. This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to engage in and learn about the importance of respect in relation to the LGBTQ+ Community.

As part of our respect for the community, we set up a volunteer programme for staff and pupils to carry out gardening and putting up bird boxes in the hope of creating further outdoor learning spaces that can be utilised by pupils. Two of our ex-pupils, local councillor George Jones & Holly McCormack joined us for this event, and launched the day with an assembly about the importance of community and volunteering. We are looking forward to our volunteer club being a half termly event so we can continue to improve our school environment.



THE READING AGENCY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Newsletter copy:

Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

For this year's Challenge The Reading Agency has partnered with [WWF](#) to create 'Wild World Heroes' which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live.

With exclusive incentives to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. The Challenge is available in libraries across the UK this summer. Children can also take part online through the official digital Challenge platform wildworldheroes.org.uk.

Press releases:

[Dara McAnulty and Steve Backshall Revealed as Ambassadors for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021 | Reading Agency](#)

[The Reading Agency to pilot integrated local authority model for Summer Reading Challenge 2021 | Reading Agency](#)

[The Reading Agency partners with WWF for nature-focused Summer Reading Challenge | Reading Agency](#)

Our Channels

www.wildworldheroes.org.uk (please note this is the same landing page as the Summer Reading Challenge)

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

www.readingagency.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge

<https://twitter.com/readingagency>

www.facebook.com/SummerReadingChallengeUK

<https://www.instagram.com/readingagency/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/readingagency>

To support us please visit: <https://thereadingagency.enthuse.com/profile>

If you are interested in further partnership opportunities, please contact summerreadingchallenge@readingagency.org.uk

THANK YOU!



LANDMARKS OF STOCKPORT SUMMER CHALLENGE



Calling all children of Stockport:

We invite you to take part in a walking challenge over the summer holidays to visit some of Stockport's iconic landmarks:

A map with the route to each landmark listed to the right, will be issued to you before the summer holidays. We invite you then to make a trip into Stockport and walk the route with members of your family at some point during the summer holiday. The route is approximately 2 miles long.

All these landmarks are being built as lego models by the Pure Innovation lego team and will also be displayed in Stockport.

The landmarks for the walking challenge and the lego display are:

- 1 Edgeley Park
- 1 Stockport Town Hall
- 1 Robinson's Brewery
- 1 St Mary's Church
- 1 Stockport Market Place
- 1 Staircase House
- 1 Air Raid Shelters
- 1 The Plaza
- 1 Hat Works
- 1 The Viaduct



Whilst taking part in this challenge, why not visit the Stockport Gigantic Leap frog trail along the way?
stockportfrogs.co.uk



LANDMARKS OF STOCKPORT SUMMER CHALLENGE



Keep track of where you've been by ticking each box after your visit!

