

Dear Parent/Carers

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation throughout this academic year; it is fantastic that we have been able to run so many activities throughout the year as normal after the coronavirus disruptions of the previous 2 academic years. Sport, Music, Drama, residential trips, outdoor pursuits, academic competitions, workshops and external speakers have all flourished and we are well on the way to restoring the usual full enrichment programme.

As we near the end of another academic year at Reddish Vale High School, we are proud to look back at just some of our many achievements including our positive Ofsted inspection in January.

In March, we successfully achieved the 'Wellbeing Award for Schools', which provides formal recognition that a school has met a strict criteria for the provision of emotional wellbeing and mental health support for both staff and pupils. We also achieved the Gold standard in the 'School Games Mark Award' for our commitment to the development of competition across our school and in the community.

It was also a very positive year for our Personal Development provision, which included visits from National Rail, Andrew Gwynne, our Local MP and the Manchester Bee Monument, which offered a unique opportunity for pupils to learn about the dangers of gun and knife crime.

Two of our dedicated pupils were also successful participants in Stockport Council's Climate Action Network, in which they won with their idea to make eco-friendly and biodegradable period products readily available in schools. Their determination was incredible and we are extremely proud of their achievement.

Following the Pandemic we were excited to see the return of our annual show. Our Performing Arts Department were proud to present this year's school show, Annie Jr, which was performed to parents, pupils, members of our community and our local primary schools. The show was a huge success, all pupils involved worked extremely hard and the talent showcased was incredible.

A variety of pupil achievements were celebrated this year at our annual Awards Evening, which was held at The Plaza, Stockport. We were pleased to have our guest speaker Steve Bellis, President of Stockport County Football Club, attend who gave an inspirational talk to our pupils and their families. It was a wonderful evening.

Our Year 11 pupils sat their GCSE exams, a welcome return following the previous year's cancellations. Their resilience and attitude towards the exams was brilliant. Pupils worked incredibly hard and we are sure their efforts will be recognised in their final grades. External invigilators commented on how well-behaved and dedicated the pupils were throughout. We have already communicated our plans for distributing public examination results to Year 11 pupils on the 25<sup>th</sup> August and we look forward to celebrating the pupils' academic successes.

In order to allow us to build on the improvements we have made to the quality of education at Reddish Vale, we are converting to a three year Key Stage 3 from September and extending our allocation of curriculum time in modern foreign languages, history, geography, technology and music in Year 9. This means that pupils will now make option choices at the end of Key Stage 3 and start GCSE and vocational courses in Year 10. In addition to this we have invested in new packages and training programmes to enhance our reading and literacy assessment and intervention offer as part of our whole school development strategy. We will be focussing on driving the importance of literacy and reading with parents, pupils and staff as this is key to improving outcomes and future life chances for our pupils.

Alongside this we continue to stress the importance of excellent attendance to school to secure better outcomes personally, socially and academically and we implore parents to support us with this as the disappointing attendance rates this academic year have had a detrimental impact on pupil success.

The local authority will be playing a much bigger role in sanctioning absences next year and fixed penalty fines will be reinstated where attendance falls below expectations. Our target is 95% minimum attendance.

We are most grateful to all the teachers who work extremely hard to continue to provide excellent educational opportunities for our pupils and to the support staff that ensure the smooth running of our school. Our Governors play an important role in providing support and challenge to the leadership team. In particular, Malcolm Stansfield, Chair of Governors, who is stepping down from his position after 6 years of excellent service of which the school community is very grateful. We wish him the best of luck for the future and thank him for his contribution to the school's improvement.

The usual building refurbishments are planned for the summer holiday with further upgrades to the roof replacements, electrical rewiring, IT infrastructure, two completely refurbished science labs and modernisation of the drama studio. We are hoping to secure a Football Foundation bid for a new AstroTurf in the near future.

The new academic year starts for all pupils on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The first day will have a staggered start, primarily to allow new Year 7 pupils to settle in and find their way around, and secondly to ensure a smooth return for remaining year groups. We have a large cohort of pupils starting in Year 7, the largest since transferring to a Multi Academy Trust, therefore we need to have strict rules around expectations, standards, behaviour and respectful conduct to ensure all pupils feel safe and welcome. An onsite inclusion unit has been trialed this term and will be formally set up next year to support pupils who may need additional support and behaviour modification strategies in order to succeed in the main school setting.

The plans for the start of term are below.

<b>Autumn Term 2022</b>	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>INSET Day for Staff</b>
	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>INSET Day for Staff</b>
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	School open for pupils
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School closes for half term
	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022: Half Term</b>	
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School opens for staff and pupils
	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022</b>	<b>INSET Day for Staff</b>
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	School closes for Christmas
	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022</b>	<b>INSET Day for Staff</b>
	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022</b>	<b>INSET Day for Staff</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Christmas Break</b>		

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September Start time</b>	<b>Pupils will no longer enter and exit from front gate in car park</b>
<b>Yr7</b>	8:35 - 2:50 Pupils assemble in the back of the canteen	Entry- middle gate (Reddish Vale Road) Form Zone-Maths Lunch Zone-Lower canteen middle Social zone-lower yard
<b>Yr8</b>	10:00- 2:50 Pupils go directly to form time zone	Entry- back gate ( Near Morrison's bridge) Form Zone-Science Lunch Zone-upper canteen Social zone-middle yard B/Ball nets
<b>Yr9</b>	10:00- 2:50 Pupils go directly to form time zone	Entry- middle gate Form Zone- English Lunch Zone- Left back canteen Social zone- farm yard
<b>Yr10</b>	10:00- 2:50 Pupils go directly to form time zone	Entry- back gate Form Zone-Humanities Lunch Zone-Upper canteen Social zone-Upper Yard
<b>Y11</b>	10:00- 2:50 Pupils go directly to form time zone	Entry- back gate Form Zone-MFL/Citizenship Lunch Zone-Upper canteen Social zone-Upper Yard

Thank you once again for all your support of Reddish Vale High school; I hope that you have a happy and restful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new term.

Linda Hanson

## Attendance

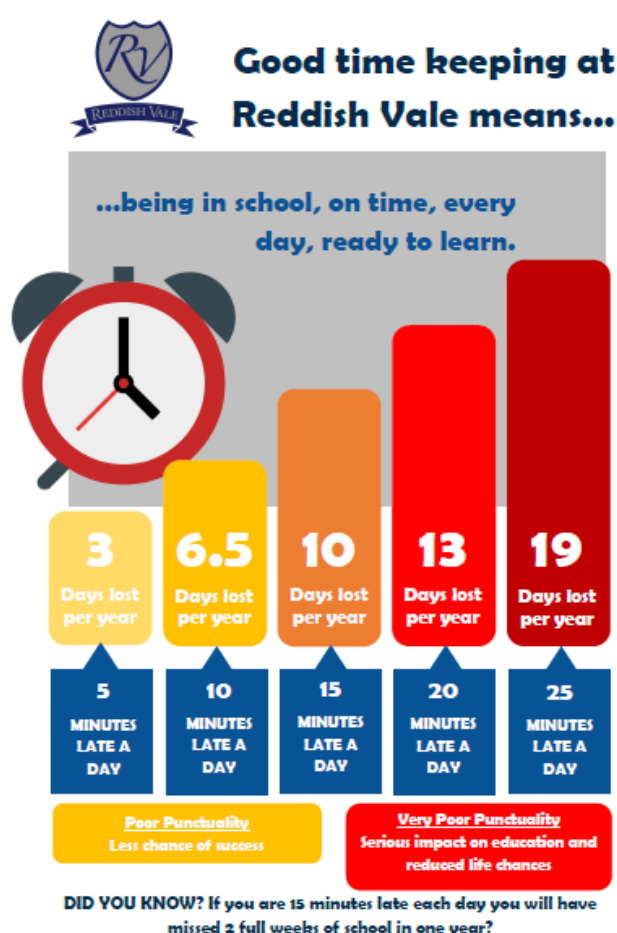
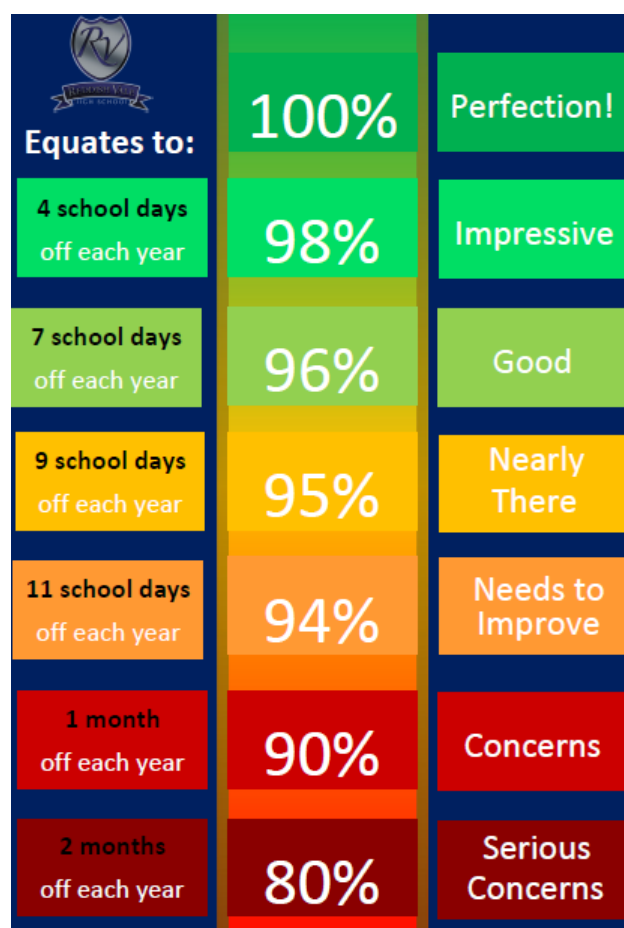
Good attendance is a vital part of your child's progress journey at Reddish Vale. You cannot achieve if you are not here. The information below shows how important it is that you attend school every day and the consequences if you don't. Good attendance is rewarded in a number of ways at Reddish Vale, including trips and visits, and weekly, half termly and termly awards.

If your attendance drops below what is deemed as 'good attendance' you and your child will be expected to work with school to improve attendance.

To support good attendance, the Department of Education have released new guidance for schools making clear the expectations of parents, school and the Local Authority. If families don't work with school to ensure good attendance, parents/carers may be subject to a £120 fine per parent, issued by the Local Authority.

Did you know:

- The information above also relates to lates to school – pupils are expected to arrive before 8:35am
- Poor attendance has a serious effect on GCSE grades
- There are 175 non-school days per year – plenty of time to arrange doctors or dentist appointments
- 1 day of absence = 5 hours of lost learning time
- 1 week of absence = 25 hours of lost learning time.
- 90% attendance means that a pupil has missed 19 days of learning – that's 95 hours of lost learning time!
- Poor attendance is proven to not only negatively effect GCSE grades, but also later life chances.



## School Expectations

As we come to the end of this academic year I would like to thank parent/carers for their support in ensuring their child abides by our school rules and values.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few reminders in preparation for September 2022 and ensure that every pupil starts the year in the correct uniform and ready to learn.

### Equipment:

Pupils who wish to succeed at our school always bring the right equipment, for the right lessons, each day. Pupils must bring to school: pencil case; the 2Ps and 2Rs (pen, pencil, ruler & rubber); their planner, a reading book, PE kit on the days they have PE or Dance, all of which should be in a school bag.

### Jewellery:

Please be aware that jewellery is not allowed in school. It is advised that if pupils are wanting to have their ears pierced that this is done at the start of the summer holidays to allow adequate time for them to heal as pupils are not allowed to wear plasters over earrings until they are healed. Pupils are allowed to wear a watch.

### Uniform:

#### Expectations of School Shoes and Uniform:

We would like to remind parents and pupils of the footwear, which will be deemed acceptable and unacceptable. We are providing this reminder as prior notice before we return to school in September, so that no family wastes money on footwear that does not comply with our uniform policy. Footwear must not resemble trainers and shoes manufactured by sportswear companies will not be allowed. Canvas or leather converse/vans style pumps will not be allowed, nor will any footwear that covers the ankle. Please be aware that some companies market shoes as school shoes but in fact, they are not acceptable as they have logos and/or trainer like soles. Other shops, such as Clarks have also begun to design their school shoes to look like trainers. Shoes must be all black including the stitching, sole and trim. If pupils arrive in school with inappropriate shoes, they will not be permitted into lessons. Please help to avoid any issues by ensuring that the uniform policy is adhered to.



As always we expect all pupils to be in the correct uniform every day. Hoodies are not permitted and during colder months only a coat should be worn if further layers are needed.



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. 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.



### A message from Malcolm Stansfield, Chair of Governors

I have been a Governor for six years and Chair of Governors for five years here at RVHS. I have decided to step down from my role here at RVHS and as a Trustee at SMLT, based on personal/health reasons.

I have particularly enjoyed my role here at RVHS and pleased that I was present for the Ofsted visit, hopefully having had some impact, however small, on the outcome. It is a credit to Linda and all of the school staff and pupils that the outcome was three out of four Good grades. The school has improved massively over the past five years and I have every confidence that it will continue to do so, resulting in an overall Good Ofsted grade at the next inspection.

I wish the school, staff and pupils all the best and every success for the future.

### Tutor Reading Programme

At the start of May, Year 7-8 students began their Tutor Reading Programme pilot. On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings during tutor time, all pupils are read to by their form tutors.

We have received some brilliant, positive feedback from pupils and tutors. Pupils are enjoying the characters, stories and themes they are reading about as well as having something to read in form time that brings them together.



### Literacy Planet Word Mania

Earlier this year, Year 7-8 competed in the Literacy Planet 'Word Mania' spelling competition online against over 400 other schools nationally in each year group.

Reddish Vale pupils performed brilliantly with both year groups spelling up a storm! Year 7 placed 14th and Year 8 placed 19th. They just missed out on one of the top ten prizes, but an outstanding effort nonetheless!

Huge congratulations from Mrs Clark and the English team!

### Stockport League Final Winners

A massive congratulations to the Year 10 Football team who finished the season in fantastic form, winning their last six games in a row. All pupils involved in the squad have shown great determination and desire to improve, and have committed themselves to training throughout the year. They are brilliant ambassadors for Reddish Vale.

A special thanks to all Staff, Parents and Pupils who travelled to Stockport Sports Village to watch the Final.



### Platinum Jubilee Events

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we hosted several activities, including a cake decorating competition for Year 7-8 pupils, flag design competition, afternoon tea themed lunch and cake sale, which raised donations for Re:dish charity.

Paigen & Paisley Allen in Y7 won the cake decorating competition, whilst Jessica Fairfield in Y8 won the flag design competition.







### **Science Club**

Science club meets each week after school on a Tuesday. They carry out different and exciting experiments that are usually not able to be done in normal lessons! This is done to explore how science affects the world around us and make it fun! So far this term, science club have made slime, elephant toothpaste, fed the farm animals, made candles and bath bombs and grew our own vegetables.

The club is aimed at year 7 and 8 pupils primarily but all are welcome to join!

### **Reddish Roaring Lion Project**

Our Year 9 pupils had the privilege of decorating a Lion as part of the Roaring Reddish Lions Project this term.

The brief for the design was based around Stockport County player, Connor Jennings and the charity he supports, Sarcoma UK.

The dedicated and committed pupils who have been inspired by the design brief are honoured to have created something for Connor Jennings, the charity and Stockport County.

The lion will now go on to be displayed at Houldsworth Village Life Leisure during the summer, where anybody can go to see it.



### **Climate Action Network**

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, two of our dedicated pupils, Ace and Blair, Year 9, went to Stockport Town Hall to debate in the Stockport Schools Climate Action Network in the Council Chambers.

They went on to win the debate with their idea of having eco-friendly period products readily available in schools and the Council have agreed to fund this.

They received some excellent feedback from councillors, campaigners and even the Mayor of Stockport! Well done Ace and Blair!

### **Manchester Bee Monument**

On 20<sup>th</sup> June, we had the privilege of hosting the Greater Manchester Police Manchester Bee Monument in school, which has been constructed of surrendered knives and guns to spread awareness of anti-violence and knife crime.

It is an incredible structure with an extremely powerful and important message behind it, and we are really proud to have had the opportunity to use it as a tool to educate our pupils.



### **Year 11 Leavers Celebrations**

This year, we were able to have a prom for our Year 11 pupils, as well as their leavers' assembly.

Pupils worked really hard in the run up to their exams, and we are extremely proud of their achievements. They have been an absolute credit to Reddish Vale and we look forward to seeing them again on results day!





### **Annie Jr**

Our pupils participated in our annual Performing Arts showcase, Annie Jr, this year.

It was a wonderful production and we received some incredible feedback from primary schools, who stated that "it was absolutely superb!" and "it was even better than the film."

Our Performing Arts department are looking forward to beginning work on a new production next academic year.

### **Stockport Grammar Science Competition**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, four of our dedicated pupils participated in the Stockport Grammar Science Competition.

Along with eight other schools, they completed three practical experiments, one Biology, one Chemistry and one Physics. After finishing the experiments, they then had to answer several questions. Throughout the day, the pupils were amazing and eventually won the competition. Well done to the four pupils that took part!



### **Ex-Pupil Aspiration and Resilience Session**

This term, we welcomed ex-pupil Holly McCormack into school to speak to our year 7 and 8 pupils about aspirations and resilience.

Holly has recently achieved a degree in politics from the University of Salford, stood as the South Reddish candidate in the recent local elections, and has been accepted onto a teacher training programme starting in September. Well done Holly!

### **Awards Evening At Stockport Plaza**

We hosted our Awards Evening at Stockport Plaza on 6<sup>th</sup> July, where pupils received awards for Attainment and Attitude to Learning in subject areas and 100% Attendance, in addition to Form Tutor Awards, Head of Year Awards, the Headteacher Award and our Special Awards in Performing Arts, Music, Sport and Enterprise.

It was a fantastic event and we were extremely pleased to welcome Steve Bellis, Stockport County Club President, as our Guest Speaker, who delivered a truly inspiring speech.



### **Year 10 Work Experience**

This term, Year 10 pupils participated in work experience placements, where they were able to get a taste of the world of work so that they may begin to appreciate the demands which will be made upon them when they enter employment after they have completed their education.

The pupils gave some positive feedback about their work experience, explaining that it was really helpful and that they were able to gain further insight into their future pathways.





### **Transition Day**

Transition Day for our new Year 7 pupils took place on 7<sup>th</sup> July and the pupils met their form tutors and participated in a range of taster sessions throughout the day.

We also invited families into school during the evening for a Transition fair and a welcome talk, providing additional information about our school and what to expect in September.

We look forward to welcoming everybody properly in September!

### **Transition Book Fair**

At our Y6 transition event, we hosted a book fair with over 200 titles to choose from with prices starting from as little as £2.99!

In addition to this, in their goody bags, all Y6 students that visited Reddish Vale on their transition day were gifted a novel 'Crater Lake' by Jennifer Killick for them to keep and enjoy.



### **History Trip to London**

Year 9 and 10 pupils enjoyed a History trip to London this term, where they visited the London Dungeons, British Museum, Tower of London and much more!

The pupils had a lovely time exploring the historical sights of London and were an absolute credit to the school throughout the trip.

### **Pond Dipping Trip**

50 Year 7 pupils were chosen by their Science teachers to attend 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** – pupils were observing organisms found within the ponds ecosystem.
2. **Woodland trail** – pupils were looking for any distinctive leaves and plants.
3. **Quadrats** – pupils sampled a section of grass and counted various flowers within this.
4. **Transects** – using quadrats and a 10m section of grass pupils sampled various flowers within this section.



### **Mock Trial**

Year 10 Citizenship students attended Manchester Metropolitan University to participate in a mock trial this term. The defendant was put on trial and found guilty of murder under the principle of joint enterprise.

The jury members voted unanimously on this, but both the prosecution and defence put forward excellent cases. Well done to everyone involved!



## Careers Fair

On 11<sup>th</sup> July, we invited local colleges and businesses into school for a Careers Fair.

Pupils were able to speak to professionals about what they offer and ask questions which helped them gain valuable information about their future education and career choices.



## Pride Festival

We hosted our Pride Festival on 13<sup>th</sup> July for all pupils to enjoy. There was a variety of activities on offer, including face glitter and pride face paint, karaoke, vintage clothes stall, pride merchandise stall and even an opportunity for pupils to splash their teachers with wet sponges!

It was a really lovely event and the LGBTQ+ 'Fruit Bowl' club did an excellent job hosting the event with Miss Moore.



## Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Year 10 pupils enjoyed a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park on 15<sup>th</sup> July, where they were able to enhance their Art skills and use some famous artworks and sculptures as inspiration for their own drawings. They looked at work by Robert Indiana and Jason Wilsher-Mills, as well as many more.

The pupils really enjoyed drawing some of the artworks and exploring the different works, and were a real credit to the school throughout.



## Sports Day

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

We are extremely proud of all pupils who participated and were a credit to the school and congratulations to all our winning form groups!

## Rewards

This term, 195 of our students with zero behaviour points and 100% attendance (apart from Covid) and also our Gold and Platinum badge members were rewarded with a visit from the ice cream van for being excellent ambassadors of the school and consistently displaying our school values.

Over 500 pupils also visited Alton Towers on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July as part of our end of year rewards for making positive choices, displaying our school values or showing a real improvement.



### **Reddish Vale Dance Company**

Over 40 pupils auditioned to be a part of our school Dance Company and we were astounded by the amount of talent that was showcased.

Huge congratulations to all of the pupils who were successful in gaining a place!



### **PE Trip to Madrid, Spain**

The PE department is very excited to announce that they are holding a school trip to Madrid, Spain in 2023.

During the trip, pupils will embark on coaching sessions at Veldebebas training facilities, completed by Real Madrid full time staff members, as well as have the opportunity to visit the Bernabeau, Metropolitano Stadium and partake in a cultural tour of the City.

### **Stealth Cheer**

A huge well done to Stealth Cheerleading Company who went to their first UKCA championships this term, coming away with numerous trophies.

Stealth Cheer lead sessions in the PE department every Wednesday after school between 3-4.15, and all pupils welcome to join.

Well done to ex-students Ellie and Lilly setting up stealth cheer!



LAST DAY  
of  
SCHOOL!  
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!