



NEWSLETTER

March 2023

As always, at the end of term, we would like to highlight some of the excellent work, extra-curricular activities and external visits that have taken place throughout the school term.

We are extremely proud of the pupils and their efforts this term, and look forward to continuing to offer exciting opportunities, trips, clubs and events next term.



University of Oxford Trip

On 19th January, some of our Year 10 and 11 pupils visited the University of Oxford.

They have had a fantastic day exploring some of the University colleges, Q&A's with pupils, and an academic taster session on Classics. A great insight into University life!

Giving Back

This term, our Food Technology department introduced a new scheme for our local community, called "Giving Back", where they used donated food items to make grocery packages for anybody in the community.

The school opened on Saturday 9th February and anybody was welcome to come along to the event and receive a food package. It was a lovely opportunity to give back to the local community.





Scholar's Programme

This term, pupils in Year 8 and Year 10 completed their Scholar's Programme and attended a graduation for the programme at the University of Manchester.

The programme challenges pupils to complete an assignment, which is graded against University classifications. Many of the pupils passed with high grades and 6 pupils achieved a First.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we are extremely proud of all of their achievement.



Raising Pupil Aspirations

On 30th January, pupils visited the Etihad Stadium where they met three judges, learnt about the journey of becoming a judge and participated in a Q&A and mock trial, with Charlie as the judge.

All of the pupils had a wonderful time and it was an amazing opportunity to raise pupil aspirations.

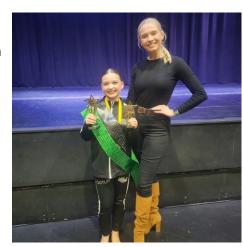


Pupil Success in Dance

We are extremely proud of Caitlin W-R in Year 7 who won a variety of awards in her dance competition in January.

She achieved 1st place in Tap and Song and Dance solo's, 3rd place in Commercial and Contemporary solo's, highest scoring solo for ages 11-12 and highest soloist of the competition.

We always enjoy hearing about the achievements that pupils gain outside of school, whether it be for sporting competitions or additional skills they have developed outside of school.





National Justice Centre Trip

On Thursday 9th February, 30 Year 8 pupils visited the Manchester Civil Justice Centre where they met and had the opportunity to ask questions to a High Court criminal judge.

Pupils had also been preparing for a mock trial about hate crime and took on various legal roles such as the judge, jury and barristers, including the wigs.

The pupils performed the mock trial with maturity and sophistication, and after a lengthy debate, found the defendant 'not guilty'.

Year 7 Residential to PGL Winmarleigh Hall

This term, Year 7 pupils enjoyed a residential trip to PGL Winmarleigh Hall, where they participated in a variety of exciting outdoor and team building activities such as canoeing, abseiling, archery and more!

The pupils had a lovely time and were a real credit to the school.





Ambassador Training

This term, student ambassadors in careers, community and charity, personal development, sport, performing arts, literacy and numeracy received their ambassador training.

The Senior Prefects shared what it means to be an ambassador and spoke about all of the skills they can learn and develop through being a student leader.

Comic Relief

On Friday 17th March, our Community and Charity Ambassadors hosted a cake sale, raising money for Comic Relief. In total, the pupils raised an amazing £107.10!

They did an amazing job organising the event and we are extremely proud of them and their dedication to raising money for a good cause.





Andrew Gwynne MP Visit

Andrew Gwynne has recently visited our year 10 Citizenship pupils as part of their GCSE course to discuss his role as a local MP. Pupils were given the opportunity to ask questions regarding his role as an MP, his role in the Shadow Cabinet, his viewpoints on current affairs, and the workings of Parliament. Pupils asked excellent questions and gained a greater understanding of each of these areas, and enjoyed the opportunity to interact with a politician. Well done to all Year 10s involved!

Wonder Dome

On 20th March, the mobile planetarium 'Wonder Dome' visited school and some Year 8 pupils enjoyed a session learning about our solar system.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to expand their knowledge and they really enjoyed the experience.



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Manchester City Tour

On 21st March, a group of Year 9 geography pupils visited the Etihad stadium, where they had a tour of the grounds and learnt about the development and future plans for the stadium and surrounding area.

It was an insightful visit and the pupils were exceptionally well behaved throughout.

Jeremie Frimpong visits Reddish Vale

On 24th March, we invited Footballer Jeremie Frimpong into school to deliver an inspiring talk to our Year 11 pupils in anticipation of their upcoming GCSE exams. He explained to the pupils that if they work hard and have lots of determination, they can pursue any dreams they have, as Jeremie is an example of this, himself.

The pupils left the session feeling inspired and ready to face their GCSE's.



Evening of Dance

Pupils from across all year groups in school participated in our Evening of Dance Performances on 29th and 30th March. Pupils involved ranged from Extra Curricular Clubs, RVHS Boys Dance Group and GCSE and BTEC pupils.

The pupils worked really hard to complete their dances and were really excited to perform to the local primary schools in the matinee show and then friends and family in the Evening Performances.

The Dance Department are extremely proud of all their efforts.





Primary Dance workshop

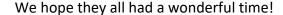
Our Performing Arts Department have been working with St Joseph's Primary School this term, delivering musical theatre to their year 5 pupils.

These pupils visited Reddish Vale on 29th March, where they performed their routine in our school theatre.

It was a wonderful opportunity to work with one of the local primary schools.

Cinema Rewards Trip

On Friday 31st March, pupils with zero behaviour points and excellent attendance went to the cinema as a reward for being excellent ambassadors of the school and regularly displaying our school values.







Reward Assemblies

As always at the end of every term, the rewards assemblies took place. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the pupils' hard work and success with a range of awards including subject awards, Tutor and Head of Year awards, excellent attendance and excellent learning habits awards as well as those pupils that have gained their Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum badge membership.

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate the pupils who achieved an award and thank them for being such excellent ambassadors of our school.

Summer Term Dates:

Summer Term 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023	School opens for staff and pupils
	Monday 1 st May 2023 Bank Holiday	School closed for staff and pupils
	Friday 26 th May 2022	School closes for half term
	Monday 29 th May 2023 to Friday 2 nd June 2023: Half Term	
	Monday 5 th June 2023	School opens for staff and pupils
	Thursday 20 th July 2023	School closes for Summer

