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NEWSLETTER

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As we come to the end of another successful year at Reddish Vale, we would like to showcase to you some of the excellent work, extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities that have taken place throughout the summer term. We are extremely proud of the pupils and staff for all their efforts this academic year, and look forward to celebrating continued success and welcoming our new Year 7 pupils in September.

Trust Update from Ms Earle

As the new CEO, I have enjoyed spending time each week at Reddish Vale High School, getting to know the staff and students more. The Trust aims to support school improvement across all its schools, through collaboration and I am delighted to say that we are collaborating much more than before in departmental/subject areas, but also across support teams in our schools. We have appointed Tyler Boyle as our Trust Operations and Safety Manager recently. Mr Boyle will work with the Site Managers in both schools to ensure compliance and to look to make financial efficiencies through Trust procurement rather than at individual school level. This is the Trust's first step towards building a central support team and growth of the Trust to bring in more local schools.

A message from Mr Moroney

Dear Parents and carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new Acting Headteacher at Reddish Vale High School (RVHS). I have been made to feel incredibly welcome by pupils, parents and staff and can not wait to get cracking in September.

I have already had an insight into the incredible talent and hard work which goes on at RVHS by both pupils and staff. For the short time I have been in position, I have seen amazing events taking place such as the PRIDE festival, cultural diversity day, the school production of Shrek and the schools presentation evening at The Plaza theatre. Seeing the animals every day at the farm has taken some getting used to though, I have to admit! It is events such as this which really tell you what a school is all about. Reddish is about community and celebration of each other, regardless of background.

My job is to continue to develop events such as these whilst also ensuring the pupils are ready for their next steps. My aim is to ensure every single pupil learns deeply about the subjects they study so that they can go onto achieve the very best outcomes at the end of Yr11. Academic success makes our pupils powerful and gives them options. I want the pupils of RVHS to have as many high quality options as possible and I know I have the determination and the staff, to do this.

I look forward to working with you over the coming years and I know I can count on your support to secure the very best of futures for your children.

Enjoy a restful and safe summer break.

Darren Moroney



Destination Higher Education

Year 10 pupils had a wonderful time at the Destination Higher Education event at Manchester Metropolitan University on 9th May, where they created their own societies and presented them to University students.

The pupils were a credit to the school and worked extremely hard.

Andrew Gwynne Visit

On 24th May we welcomed Andrew Gwynne MP to Reddish Vale to speak to Year 10 citizenship pupils about his plans in regards to the local election which took place earlier in July, as well as hosting a Q&A session about all things politics.



Benfica Sponsored Run

Well done to all the pupils and staff who participated in the sponsored run on the 1st June, raising money to help their parents/carers to fund the upcoming sports trip to Benfica.

There will be more fundraising opportunities coming up for pupils to get involved in, including a sports raffle.

Stem Challenge Day

On Tuesday 12th June, 11 pupils attended a STEM Challenge Day at the University of Manchester, where they participated in various activities such as constructing a battery powered vehicle, using E-FIT facial recognition software to create an image of a thief and provide a medical diagnosis for a patient.

The pupils got really involved in the challenges and worked really well with pupils from other schools. A special well done to the 3 pupils who were part of the winning teams and won awards for their efforts.



Stockport Schools Netball League Winners

Congratulations to the Year 8 netball team who were crowned the winners of the Stockport Schools Netball League this term.

The girls worked extremely hard and are such a credit to the school and the PE Department.



Year 11 Prom

This term, our year 11 pupils enjoyed their school prom, which was hosted at The Village Hotel in Ashton.

We wish them all the best in the future and look forward to seeing them again on results day.



Duke of Edinburgh

On Friday and Saturday 21st and 22nd June, staff accompanied pupils on the Expedition section of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards.

The 2 day expedition covered a trek across Edale using their compass and navigation skills, followed by an overnight camping stay where they pitched tents and cooked food over campfires.

All the groups worked fantastically to navigate through the checkpoints and reach the end goal, completing their expeditions.

The pupils behaved brilliantly throughout the two days and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them.



Mock Election and Ballot Box Competition

This term the Citizenship department ran a ballot box competition ready for the whole school mock election. Congratulations to 8L who won with their suffragette design.

The mock election resulted in Labour winning with 47% of votes.

Senior Prefect Team

Congratulations to the Year 10 pupils who interviewed for senior leadership roles and a massive well done to Darcie and Thomas who were appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy, to Lily who was appointed as Deputy Head Girl and to those who were successfully appointed as Senior Prefects.

The pupils represented themselves exceptionally well and did themselves and the school proud.



Darcie, Head Girl



Thomas, Head Boy



Transition Day

4th July was Transition Day and it was a great day for all of our new Year 7's to enjoy some taster sessions and meet their form tutors and year team. A number of pupils also received an award at the end of the day for Kindness, Enthusiasm and upholding our school values of Respect, Aspiration, Determination and Independence.

They really enjoyed their day and we're excited to see them again when they start with us in September.



Shrek The Musical Jr

This term, many of our talented pupils participated in our annual show, Shrek Jr.

It was a wonderful production and we received some lovely feedback from parents, primary school pupils and staff.

"The show was fabulous! Such great talent!"



Awards Evening

We hosted our annual Awards Evening at Stockport Plaza on 9th 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 Maths.

It was a fantastic event and we were pleased to welcome Sean Anthony Sherwood, Keynote Speaker, Educational Professional and SAS Finalist (S6) as our Guest Speaker, who delivered a truly inspiring speech.



Pride Festival

On 10th July we hosted our annual Pride Festival for all pupils to enjoy. There was a variety of activities on offer, including face glitter, coconut shy, penalty shoot-out, pride merchandise stall and even an opportunity for pupils to splash their teachers with wet sponges!

It was a really lovely event and the pupils did an excellent job hosting the event with Miss Moore.

Sports Day

This term 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 participants!



Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Year 10 pupils enjoyed a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park on 15th July, where they were able to enhance their Art skills and use some famous artworks and sculptures as inspiration for their own drawings.

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

Chester Zoo

On Wednesday 17th July pupils in Years 7-9 visited Chester Zoo with the Science Department, where they saw and learnt interesting facts about a variety of different animals, including the elephants, giraffes, lions and jaguars. Everyone had a great day.



Alton Towers Rewards Trip

On Thursday 18th July, pupils with excellent attendance and attitude to learning went to Alton Towers as a reward for being excellent ambassadors of the school and regularly displaying our school values.

We hope they all had a wonderful time!



As we approach the long summer holidays, it is important to keep in mind that without regular practice, reading skills can decline. This is sometimes referred to as the summer slide.

Studies have shown that students can lose up to 2 months of reading progress over the summer break and the effects are cumulative and can soon add up.

The simplest way to beat the summer slide is to keep reading! Reading just 20 minutes per day with your child can be enough to prevent this loss and maintain their reading progress. This could even be split into two 10 minute sessions ensuring it is easily achievable and keeping even the most reluctant readers engaged.

Reading can be incorporated into everything you do and just 20 minutes each day equates to 1.8 million words in a year.

Tips to get you reading:

- Joint the local library
- Listen to audiobooks in the house or car
- Watch TV with the sound off and the subtitles on
- Read a book and then watch the movie version
- Reading flyers and leaflets for activities
- Bake and read the recipes

Key Dates for September

- Monday 2nd September – Staff INSET Day
- Tuesday 3rd September – Year 7 **only** Start
- Wednesday 4th September – All pupils return to school
- Friday 18th October – School closes for half term
- Monday 28th October – School re-opens for pupils and staff
- Friday 29th November – INSET Day for staff
- Thursday 19th December – School closes for Christmas

