

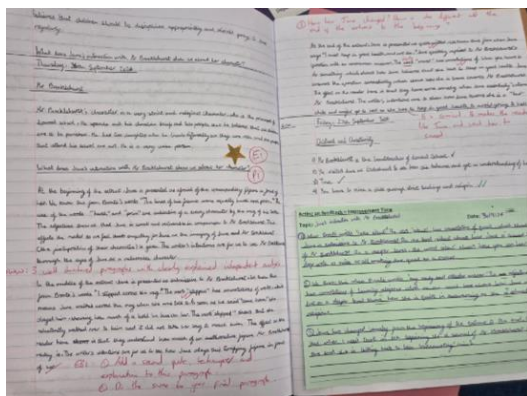
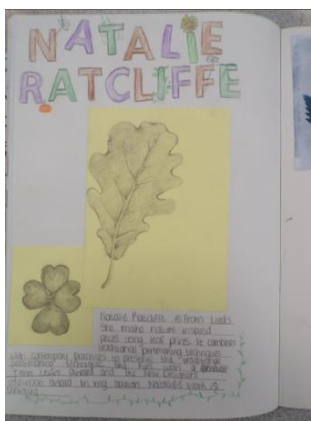


Headteacher Update

Dear parents, carers and the Reddish Vale community,

It has been a truly enjoyable first half term packed with events, hardworking pupils and staff, along with strong progress in many areas of school life. I would like to thank the Reddish Vale community in making me feel very welcome as a new Headteacher. Your support of our approaches (new and old) along with constructive feedback, have helped myself, my senior leadership team and my staff, in moving this school forward. Without your support, the rate of progress we can make as a school would be hindered. You are appreciated.

I would like to say a big well done to our Yr7 pupils. You have settled in brilliantly and I have enjoyed getting to speak with you during Cake with the Head and around the school building. I am confident you feel you have made the right choice in picking Reddish Vale High School as your secondary school. Keep up the good work and striving to be 1% better each day. Below is some of the fantastic work our new learners have been producing along with some of our older students across Yr8-10.



1% better each day is the message I have set out to all of our pupils and staff at the beginning of the school year. If we as a school and you as parents/carers, encourage our young people to be a little bit better each day, by the time we arrive at the end of the term or year, so much of what we do will benefit. So please, speak with your child and ask them how they are striving to be 1% better in their work/effort/attendance/punctuality/reading.

Following the inspection in June, I would like to update you on the progress we have been making against some of the areas for improvement identified. These are not the sole things we have been working on and we have been committed to raising standards in all aspects of school. We want to get better for this community, not just for Ofsted. This is the right thing to do in order to ensure your child goes to a 'Good' school;

Area for Improvement	What's been done?
Leadership	- Significant support from The Achieve and Learn Trust in the form of increased collaboration between departments, leaders

	<p>and those responsible for governance. Previous barriers to this no longer exist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved clarity on the roles and responsibilities of Senior Leaders to all staff. - Improved clarity on the direction of the school through a transparent Academy Improvement Plan (AIP) made available to appropriate people. - Post Ofsted open evening for parents carried out to ensure parents can have their voice heard.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support and collaboration with the local authority on our approach to attendance. - Local authority satisfied the approach taken is in line with best practice across Stockport. - Presentation to Stockport Secondary Heads on collaboration with authority on attendance. - Attendance of key groups improving.
SEND provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deployment of an external and objective school improvement partner (SIP) to review all aspects of SEND at RVHS. - Parental drop-in days have been carried out so parents can discuss their child with the SEND team face to face. - Development of One Page Profiles (OPP) continually improving to support teachers and pupils.
Quality of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved clarity on the aspects of teaching which are of focus. - High quality training on what and how, we will develop teaching and engage more learners prior to moving on. - All teaching approaches to be beneficial to all learners including those with SEND. - Deployed a second SIP to quality assure what is taking place in classrooms and to feedback to senior leaders on strengths and developmental areas. - Extensive time afforded to the professional development of teachers.
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Screened all of Yr7 to assess reading capability. - Deployed specific interventions for those in greatest need. - Collaborated with colleagues across Stockport and Tameside on approaches to reading - Developed further the Form Time Reading Approach across KS3

It is important that stakeholders in Reddish Vale High School have the chance to have their thoughts and opinions heard. At the recent Open Evening for prospective parents, I wanted to ascertain what their thoughts and concerns may be. Overwhelmingly, the feedback was fantastic and many historical and negative perceptions were changed. Below are a few quotes (via the feedback form and social media) from parents from within our community on how they now see our school;

Feedback Form

Things you liked about our Open Evening?	Things we could do better?	Do you have any additional comments (positive or negative)?
The fresh attitude of teachers	NA	No
Very organised	I was told some facilities weren't available ie swimming	Very tired looking school seems to be having improvements which is good staff were lovely and students very pleasant
Your guides were lovely - Helena and Melody	Nothing	No
Everything	None	Postive
The information provided by staff and pupils	Not sure at the minute	No
Interactive activities for children to participate and knowledge of students and teachers who were available to talk to	Nothing	Charlie was a fantastic pupil who showed us round
Learning about the extra curricular activities available and the opportunities the children are given.	Everywhere seemed to be quite busy, maybe sending families in different starting directions ?	We were very impressed with the dance groups and choir and also what was happening in the drama studio. Everyone was polite and friendly and I feel that the values of the school are what every young person should be taught. I do firmly believe that if we all work together and keep the lines of communication open that our children can all have better outcomes.
Everything	Nothing	No
All of it	None	None
Energy and enthusiasm of staff, the farm, pupil performances, activities in the classroom	Nothing!	N/a
The activities for the children to get involved	Open more than 1 classroom for each subject	No
Olivia our guide was amazing (9H) , kindness of staff and pupils	Headteacher address concerns over ofsted	Na
Everything	No	Darcey was our guide and she was wonderful. She is a credit to the school :)
Helpful and friendly	Nothing	Nope
Our guide Harry Corbett has been amazing guiding us round from 4-7 has been very informative and helpful	Great	Great
Performancea, pupils ans guides. Chilli wrap	Nothing	We really enjoyed the tour. I believe the Head Teacher. Total faith
Friendly staff, headteacher speech, student guides, activities, dancing and choir, sweets	Clearly signposted toilets for parents to use!	Olivia H in Year 8 was awesome as a guide

Social Media

“Very impressed and my daughter loved it. Such great facilities and so much opportunity. Really glad we went”

“Fab evening, the school did amazing. Lovely friendly staff and pupils! And the Head explained he has lots of plans in place and was more the approachable”

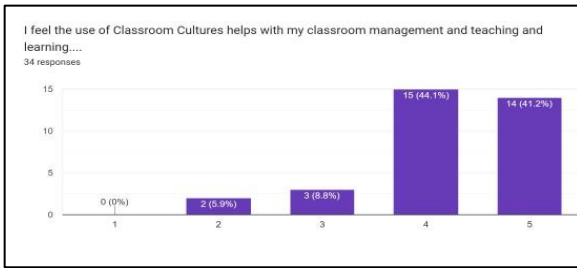
“We went tonight and found the staff so welcoming and the girls that took us round were so lovely and helpful. My son was impressed with the school and the sports hall”

“We were impressed by staff and students. Head seemed approachable and there seemed a family feel about the building – my son left feeling excited about the prospect of going there.”

Similarly, I wanted to gauge how my staff are feeling about the year so far. As a maths teacher, I am partial to a chart or graph. Please see below some feedback from my teaching and non-teaching staff body and what has been put in place to try and support them in their challenging and rewarding roles;

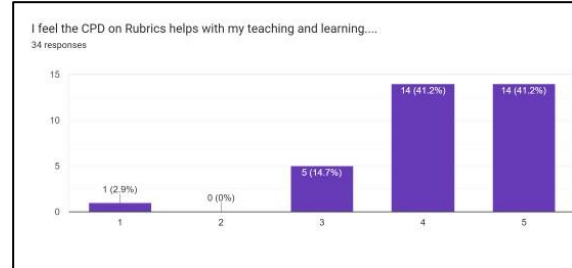


Well Being Survey Teaching & Learning – Teaching Staff



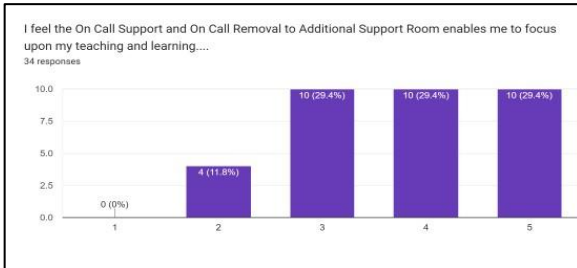
Strongly Disagree

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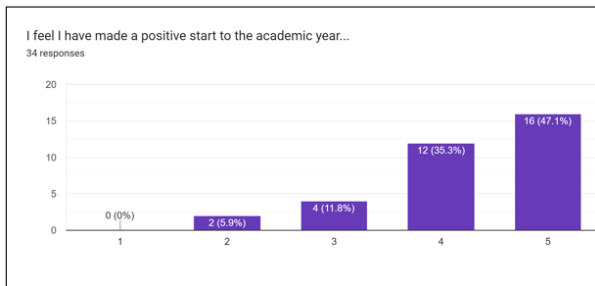
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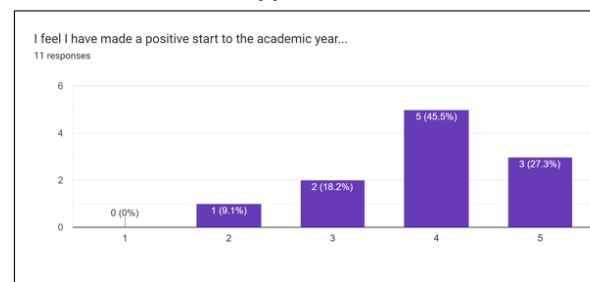
Teaching Staff



Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

Support Staff



Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

So, what's coming up?

In the next half term, we will be taking the thoughts and opinions of our students through the use of our student council; our wonderful and hardworking Yr11 will begin their mock exams. The Yr11 Study Skills parental evening (15/10/24) I know would have been extremely useful for those who managed to attend. I encourage all of our yr11's to start revision early for their summer exams. Little and often will make the difference; we have lots of upcoming educational and reward events and trips; **Imperial War Museum Trip, Urban change and regeneration trip, Criminology Lecturer guest speaker, Christmas concert, Berlin trip, cinema rewards trip** and of course everyone's, favourite, Christmas Jumper Day!



I would also like to reach out to the RV community a little more and begin to initiate RVHS Coffee mornings, where people are free to come and talk to us about what they think is going well and gain insight as to why we do things certain ways. In that same vein, I would like to initiate a RVHS Parents Association. Here, a group of people who are Reddish through and through, can support us in raising money for our school through a series of events which will go towards resourcing our school further and supporting local charities.

To finish, I would like to reiterate to you how privileged I feel to be the leader of this school and I have great confidence that as team or pupils, parents and school staff, we can make a real difference and “Positively Change Lives” for the young people of Reddish Vale.

Enjoy a restful half term break.

Darren Moroney

Acting Headteacher

Reddish Vale High School