



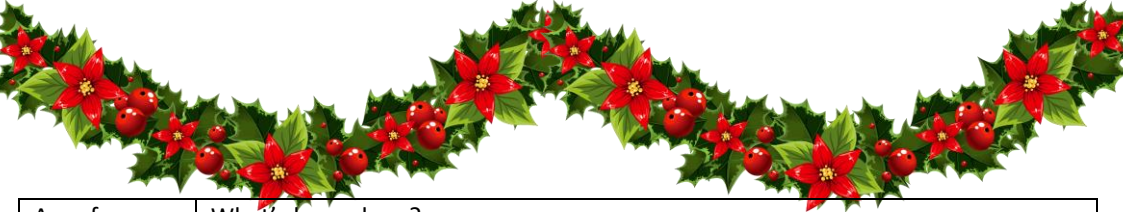
Dear parents, carers and the Reddish Vale community,

This past term has been another successful one for our pupils and staff packed with hard work, dedication and enjoyment. We as a school community have steadily been making progress in all areas of school so that our pupils can have the best experience possible and deepen their learning in every subject.

When I set out in September as the new Acting Headteacher, I talked to all of our pupils and told them what I believed they deserved. I believe they deserve exciting school experiences and trips, something I know we are delivering strongly on which you can see some more detail on, later in this bulletin. I believe every pupil has the right to the highest quality education. Again, something I know we are working extremely hard to deliver on through extensive teacher training and practice. I also said that every pupil should feel safe and happy. Now, I know sometimes some children may say or do unkind things towards another, but as parents, please be rest assured we have extensive pastoral and safeguarding teams to support your child when needed, we are here to help and listen.

When speaking to the pupils, I also went on to say what I expected from them. I expect each pupil to work hard and be nice; be focused on themselves (and avoid any drama) and lastly but most importantly, demonstrate resilience. The pupils of Reddish Vale have really demonstrated that they can live up to these expectations and so, to them, thank you. You've been great.

Following input from parents and carers, I would like to continue to keep you updated on the developments on specific areas for improvement following the inspection in June. 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? |
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| Leadership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant support from The Achieve and Learn Trust in increasing the staffing capacity in both teachers and support staff. - Significant support from The Achieve and Learn Trust in the form of increased collaboration between departments, leaders and those responsible for governance. Previous barriers to this no longer exist. - Significant support from the Achieve and Learn Trust providing HR, recruitment and finance support. - 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 that 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. - Extensive recognition for those pupils with excellent and improving attendance through rewards and trips. |
| SEND provision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restructuring of the SEND department to increase the capacity and staffing so that more needs than ever can be met. - 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. - Further development of One Page Profiles (OPP) continually improving to support teachers and pupils. |
| Quality of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers giving up their free time to voluntarily take part in Further Professional Learning (FPL) sessions so that they can become even better in their roles. - 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. |



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| Reading | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Increase in the breadth and depth of reading interventions to so that more pupils than ever before can be supported with their reading where needed.- 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. |
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As 2024 comes to a close I would like to thank all parents/carers for the support you have shown the school this calendar year and this academic term. The need for the relationship between pupils, home and school to be honest and cohesive, is crucially important. By working together we can and will “Positively Change Lives” for our young people.

I hope you all have a restful break and enjoy this Christmas season.

Darren Moroney
Acting Headteacher
Reddish Vale High School

Please look out for Period 6 information on the school website over the school break.

School Farm

The farm has had a very successful term with many pupils getting involved in making, fixing, painting, cleaning and upgrading various facilities for the animals, and re-purposing materials from other areas of school where possible in an effort to be more environmentally friendly.



Suffragette Square Competition

A huge well done to our dedicated pupils who won the Suffragette Square competition in Stockport. Their artwork has been made permanent on the mural in the square outside Red Rock to celebrate inspirational women from past and present.



Careers Fair and mock Interviews

This term we hosted our annual Careers Fair, where our Year 11 pupils had the opportunity to gain valuable information about their future education and career choices. They have also participated in mock interviews to prepare them for applying for jobs in the future.



Black History Month

We are delighted to have seen such wonderful pupil engagement in our Black History Month activities. 160 pupils were invited to listen to inspirational speakers Herman Dange and Molly Kennedy and several pupils also attended a Dancehall workshop. A big thank you to Miss Lees for organising amazing opportunities for our pupils to celebrate Black History Month.

Black History Month Lecture

This term, a group of pupils visited the University of Manchester to see British Historian and Writer, David Olusoga.

The pupils left feeling inspired by his speech.



World Mental Health Day

Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Prefects and Community & Charity Ambassadors hosted a successful World Mental Health Day cake sale on 10th October with proceeds going to a local Mental Health and Wellbeing charity.



Year 7 Bake Off

This term, one of our Year 7 Inter-Form activities was a Halloween themed bake-off competition and we hosted a bake sale where their cakes were sold to the whole school.

It was lovely to see so many pupils getting involved and baking some really creative cakes.



Digital Her

On 11th October some of our pupils attended the Digital Her industry insight event at [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com). The pupils were amazing and came away feeling inspired to pursue a career in Tech.

Astroturf Grand Opening

On 31st October we were delighted to welcome Stockport County FC Manager, Dave Challinor, Club Secretary for Stockport County ladies Jane Morley, representatives from the Football Foundation, Manchester SA, Stockport Council and former Reddish Vale PE staff into school to participate in the unveiling of our brand-new state of the art 3G Astroturf.

The unveiling consisted of a meet and greet with the school's football team captains and vice captains, precession to the Astroturf, ribbon-cutting ceremony and speeches. The Years 7, 8, 9 and Girl's football teams then had the opportunity to use the Astroturf for the very first time.





Football Boot Donations

Following the 3G Astro turf grand opening, Chris Woods and Abbey Hey FC kindly donated over 40 pairs of football boots to our school for pupils to borrow when using the Astro turf. This is a fantastic gesture and means that even more pupils can access our new facility and participate in sport.

Children in Need

This term, our Community and Charity Ambassadors hosted a Cake Sale, Splash the Teacher and Penalty Shoot out to raise money for Children in Need. Overall, the pupils raised £178! Well done and thank you to our wonderful Ambassadors.



Imperial War Museum

63 of our Year 9 students attended a Remembrance Day visit to the Imperial War Museum on 11th November. All students were respectful, well-mannered and enjoyed walking around the exhibit.

Etihad Stadium Trip

On 22nd November, some of our pupils visited the Etihad Stadium to look at urban regeneration. A special shout out to the students who were brilliantly behaved and to Mr Bence for organising the very successful trip.



Ex-Year 11 Certificate Evening

We invited our Class of 2024 back into school on 27th November to collect their GCSE certificates and have the opportunity to catch up with their teachers and friends from school. It was lovely to see the pupils again and we wish them all the best in their futures.



Shrewsbury Prison

On 28th November 48 Year 8 pupils visited Shrewsbury Prison, where they had a guided tour and learnt all about what life was like for prisoners, officers and visitors. The pupils were exceptionally well behaved and found the visit really informative.



Business Breakfast

This term, we invited our first visitor in for Business Breakfast, Sarah from the Coffee Bean Dream, who gave a fantastic insight into setting up your own business, as well as showing us how her mobile coffee business runs from the van.

What an inspiring morning for our pupils!

Netball Success

Congratulations to the U14 girls playing in the Sisters in Sport Netball competition. The girls have played with determination throughout and it was an extremely tense and close game in which the winning goal was scored with 8 seconds to go to go, getting them through to the semi -finals of the competition.



BIG Award

We have achieved the BIG Award Excellence in challenging bullying for the third year in a row - what a huge success! Here is a snippet from the official feedback we received:

"The staff, students and parents work together to ensure that the students can learn and associate in a safe, caring environment. They have Y10 and Y11 students trained as peer mentors to help younger students if they have any issues. The school is an excellent example of how the criteria we set out to achieve the award, can be facilitated effectively and imaginatively."





Stockport Cup

Congratulations to the Y8 football team who have made it through to the quarter finals of the Stockport Cup. The pupils have shown great character throughout and we wish them the best of luck in the remainder of the competition.



Attendance Rewards

Regular school attendance is key, and this term we have had a big drive on attendance and offered many rewards for pupils with excellent attendance., including a film in the theatre, disco, bacon butty breakfast, vouchers and many more!

Music and Dance Showcase

On Tuesday 10th December our wonderful Performing Arts pupils performed in the Music and Dance Christmas Concert, where they showcased their incredible talents. There were performances from the Year 7 vocal group, upper school vocal group, soloists, duets and trios, as well as performances from the school rock band, and many wonderful dance routines.

The pupils were absolutely outstanding and we are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them!



Christmas Fair

On Tuesday 17th December we hosted our Christmas fair, organised by our Year 11 student leadership team. There was a variety of stalls, including a hot chocolate stall, cake sale and tombola.





Rewards Trips

On Wednesday 18th December, many of our Y7-10 pupils with zero behaviour points and 100% attendance went to the cinema as a reward for their excellent conduct.

Year 11 also pupils visited the Manchester Christmas markets as a reward for being excellent ambassadors of the school. The pupils had a lovely time and it was a wonderful opportunity to get into the festive spirit!



Christmas Hampers and Gift Donations

In the run up to Christmas we were extremely grateful to local businesses and members of our school community who kindly provided food and gift donations, enabling us to provide a large number of our families with food hampers and Christmas gifts, we are extremely grateful for their support.

We would like to say a special thank you to Paul Cheetham Karcz, Sedulo, Manchester Cash for Kids and the Toy Appeal for their very generous gift donations.



Reward Assemblies

As always at the end of every term, the rewards assemblies for all year groups have taken place. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the pupils' hard work and success with a range of awards. These include subject awards, tutor and Head of Year awards, attendance awards and pupils that have gained their Bronze, Silver or Gold badge membership will receive their respective badges.

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



Re:dish

the Community and Charity Ambassadors have visited Re:Dish, our local community Charity and food bank to drop of the hot chocolate mug parcels they created from the funds they raised in the last cake sale. They created 50 Hampers that will be gifted over the Christmas period to people who visit and use the food bank. These students are a real credit to our school community.



Berlin

At the end of this term, pupils visited Berlin with History and Languages. They have seen various famous landmarks such as the Brandenburg Gate and also visited the Christmas markets.

School Calendar Dates

- Christmas Holidays School Closure 1.00pm on Thursday 19th December 2024. Break time will be extended with additional food offered for Lunch.
- School Reopens on Monday 6th January 2025
- Staff INSET Day Wednesday 15th January 2025
- Year 10 Parents' Evening 16th January 2025 4:00-7:00pm
- Year 8 Parents' Evening 13th February 2025 4:00-7:00pm
- Pupils finish for half term Thursday 13th February 2025 3:00pm
- Staff INSET Day Friday 14th February 2025

