

Dear parents, carers and pupils of Reddish Vale High School,

As we come to the end of another busy academic year, I wanted to take a moment to pause and reflect on what we've achieved together as a school community.

This year has brought its challenges, but also so many moments to be proud of. I have seen pupils supporting each other on a daily basis, taking new opportunities, and showing determination and good humour even when things got tough. From our Yr7s settling in so well, to our Yr11s facing their exams with maturity and grit – you have all made us incredibly proud.

As well as seeing the rate of progress being made within our classrooms, some of my highlights have been seeing our pupils shine outside of the classroom too – whether that's our Yr7 Stockport football champions, our netball National Cup semi-finalists, our wonderful performances of Beauty & The Beast to name but a small few. Similarly, the work some of our incredible pupils do for our local community and charities is inspiring and something to be proud of.

To our parents and carers, I want to say a sincere thank you for your continued support. I know it isn't always easy raising teenagers – thank you for working with us, for the encouragement, for showing up to meetings, performances and fixtures along with the gentle nudges to get homework completed! Your support makes a huge difference.

To my hardworking staff – thank you for your relentless drive to educate and support our pupils. I know our pupils appreciate your patience and dedication. I feel incredibly lucky to lead you as a group of people.

To our Yr11 leavers; you will be missed! We wish you all the very best with whatever comes next. You will always be part of Reddish Vale High School.

Over the summer, I hope everyone can find time to rest and recharge. Spend time with friends and family, try something new, keep safe and come back ready for another year of learning and developing together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September. Until then, enjoy the summer and the plans you have made.

Best wishes

Darren Moroney
Headteacher

Launching This Summer: 'What To Do When' Social Media Campaign

What To Do When is a 6-week series of social media posts aimed at building your knowledge and confidence in protecting your children from online sexual abuse. Each week will signpost you to advice, information and tools from CEOP Education and partner organisations, to support you with what to do in a range of different scenarios.

What To Do When starts week commencing 21st July with posts each Monday and an 'In Case You Missed It' post each Thursday.

How can you get involved?

Follow them at ceop-education on LinkedIn, @CEOPeducation on X and at CEOP Education on Facebook, and like, comment and share their posts.

Reflection Room (RR) – An Insight for Parents/Carers

RR is a supportive and structured space designed to help pupils refocus, reflect on their behaviour, and re-engage positively with school life. Rather than a place of exclusion, the RR serves as a calm, purposeful learning environment for pupils who need additional support in managing their actions. Carefully overseen by experienced staff, including a dedicated Reflection Room Manager, the room offers a full curriculum-aligned day combined with behaviour coaching and reflective tasks tailored to each pupil's needs.

Throughout the day, pupils follow a clear and constructive timetable that mirrors the academic expectations of their peers, covering core subjects English, Maths, and Science. This is complemented by one-to-one mentoring and behaviour-focused discussions aimed at encouraging personal growth and better choices.

With a maximum of ten pupils at any time, the RR ensures focused support in a respectful, small-group setting. Looking ahead, the school remains committed to evaluating the room's impact and adapting the approach to further strengthen pupil wellbeing, reduce repeat referrals, and maintain a positive learning environment for all. In addition, there will be further tailoring of the curriculum for 2025/26 through collaboration with the Assistant Headteacher responsible for teaching and learning.

Nut Food Items

Please may we ask that from September, pupils do not bring any nuts or nut food items into school, this is to protect members of the school community with airborne nut allergies.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



School Farm

The farm has had another successful term with pupils being involved in fitting new wheels on the wheelbarrows, securing the gate post, and planting flowers and veg outside reception. We're really proud of their efforts and can't wait to see what they do in the new academic year.

Art Journal Club

This term Miss Lowndes and Mr Moss have been running an art journal club with some of our pupils and their amazing creations are currently on display at The Heatons Library for the duration of the summer holidays.



Attendance Rewards

This term we have celebrated excellent and improved attendance with a variety of rewards including freeze pop Friday, prize draws, Uber Eats vouchers and more.

Remember, you have to be in for a chance to win!



Benfica Sports Tour

This term pupils enjoyed a sports trip to Benfica, where they participated in football training sessions with S.L Benfica coaches, had a behind the scenes tour of Estádio da Luz, watched a football game and enjoyed some sightseeing. It was a great opportunity for our pupils who thoroughly enjoyed it.

Stockport League Final

Congratulations to our Year 7 football team who became Stockport league champions this term. They beat a very talented Priestnall 4-2 in the final on 20th May. The standard of play was extremely high and both sides demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout. Well done to all the team on their first silverware for our school.



Art Exhibition

On 21st May the art department hosted an exhibition showcasing the year 11's GCSE Art and textiles coursework. Some of our dedicated pupils sang throughout and it was a lovely event overall.

The talent showcased through our pupils' work was incredible.

Duke of Edinburgh

This term Year 10 pupils participated in 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.



Year 11 Prom

This term, our year 11 pupils enjoyed their school prom, which was hosted at The Etihad Stadium.

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





MOSI Trip

On 10th June pupils enjoyed a trip to the Science and Industry Museum.

It was a great opportunity for pupils to learn about the development of science, technology and industry through interactive exhibitions.

The pupils had a great time and were a credit to the school throughout.

Senior Prefect Team

Congratulations to the Year 10 pupils who interviewed for senior leadership roles and a massive well done to Ava and Freddie who were appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy, to Danieli and Logan who were appointed as Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy and to those who were successfully appointed in Senior Prefect roles.

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



Transition Day

3rd 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 awards at the end of the day for 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.

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!



Beauty & The Beast Jr

This term, many of our talented pupils participated in our annual show, Beauty & The Beast Jr.

It was a wonderful production and we received some really positive feedback from local primary schools, parents and carers who mentioned that "it was fantastic."





Culture Fair

On 9th July Miss Lees and some of our dedicated pupils hosted a Culture Fair in school, celebrating different cultures and religions at Reddish Vale.

It was a lovely way for pupils to learn about different languages, traditions, clothing and food.

Awards Evening

We hosted our annual Awards Evening at Stockport Plaza on Thursday 10th 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, The Trust Award and our Special Awards in English, Performing Arts, Music, Sport and Science.

It was a fantastic event and we were pleased to welcome Ken Knott, CEO of Stockport County FC as our Guest Speaker, who delivered a truly inspiring speech.



Pride Festival

On Friday 11th 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 Ratcliffe and Miss Lowndes.

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Year 10 pupils enjoyed a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park this term, 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.



Alton Towers Rewards Trip

On Tuesday 15th 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 1st September – Staff INSET Day
- Tuesday 2nd September – Year 7 **only** Start
- Wednesday 3rd September – All pupils return to school
- Friday 17th October – INSET Day for staff
- Friday 24th October – School closes for October half term
- Monday 3rd November – School re-opens
- Friday 19th December – School closes for Christmas

