

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and successful term, I want to reflect on the achievements, progress and spirit that have defined our school community over recent months. This term has shown, more clearly than ever, how deeply our values of Respect, Aspiration, Determination and Independence are lived out by pupils and staff every day.

Our recent Ofsted inspection was a significant moment for us. Although the report is not yet published, I am delighted to share that the inspection was a positive one. The feedback we received highlighted the strength of our school culture, the ambition of our pupils, and the commitment of our staff. It is clear that our values are not just words on a wall — they are shaping the way our school grows and moves forward. I look forward to sharing the full report with you as soon as it is released.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Year 11 pupils. Their approach to GCSE exams demonstrated determination and independence, and early indicators suggest that our expected results will reflect the strong academic progress they have made. They have shown what can be achieved when young people set high aspirations and work with purpose. We are incredibly proud of them.

Year 10 have also made an excellent start to their final year of secondary school. Their attitude, maturity and willingness to push themselves embody the respect they show for their learning and for one another. They have laid strong foundations for Year 11, and I am excited to see how they continue to grow.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to be welcoming our new Year 7 pupils in September. Their transition activities have been full of enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence. We cannot wait to see how they bring their own strengths to our school community and begin their journey living out our values.

None of this progress would be possible without the exceptional dedication of our teaching and support staff. Their professionalism, care and commitment to our pupils is extraordinary. They model **Respect**, nurture **Aspiration**, inspire **Determination** and encourage **Independence** every single day. I want to thank each and every one of them for their hard work this term.

To our families, thank you for your ongoing support. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and together we create a community where pupils feel safe, supported and able to thrive.

And to all our pupils: thank you. You contribute so positively to our school community, and you live out our values in the way you learn, the way you treat one another, and the way you represent our school. You make us proud.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage everyone to enjoy a well-earned rest. Please take care, stay safe, and look after one another. We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed, re-energised, and ready for another successful year.

Kind regards,

Mr D. Moroney
Headteacher

Key Dates for the new term

Please find the key dates for the new term below.

- Tuesday 1st September – Staff INSET Day (no pupils to attend)
- Wednesday 2nd September – Year 7 **only** Start
- Thursday 3rd September – All pupils return to school
- Friday 11th September – Year 7 and Year 11 school portraits
- Thursday 24th September – Year 7 Tutor Evening
- Thursday 1st October – Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening
- Thursday 15th October – Open Evening
- Friday 16th October – Staff INSET Day
- Friday 23rd October – School closes for October half term
- Monday 2nd November – School re-opens
- Thursday 5th November – Year 7 Parents Evening
- Friday 18th December – School closes for Christmas

Instagram

We're excited to announce that we're now on Instagram. Follow our account for the latest news, events, and updates - @ReddishValeHS



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ONLINE SAFETY

Have a great summer. Stay safe online.

The internet can help us learn, connect and have fun—
but it's important to stay **smart, secure and kind**.

TOP TIPS FOR A SAFE SUMMER ONLINE

 THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE Personal information, photos or your location can stay online forever. Think: Would I be OK with everyone seeing this? 	 KEEP YOUR ACCOUNTS PRIVATE Use privacy settings to control who can see your posts and stories. Only accept friend requests from people you know. 	 BE KIND ONLINE Treat others with respect. Don't engage in gossip, rumours or mean comments. Remember: Your words have power. 	 WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS AND FAKE ACCOUNTS Be cautious of links, "too good to be true" offers and people you don't know. If it feels off, trust your instincts. 	 MANAGE YOUR SCREEN TIME Balance your online time with real-life activities, rest and time with friends and family. Take breaks—your mind matters. 	 GET HELP IF YOU NEED IT If something upsets you or feels wrong online, talk to a trusted adult. You are never alone. 
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BE SMART. BE KIND. BE SAFE. ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!



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Talk to a trusted adult at home or school.
You can also visit: [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk) | 0800 1111



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QUICK FACTS

-  **90%** of teenagers use the internet every day.
– Ofcom (2024)
-  **4h 44m** is the average time teenagers spend online daily.
– Ofcom (2024)
-  **1 in 5** young people say they have experienced online bullying.
– Childline (2023)
-  **67%** of teens worry about their data or privacy online.
– Pew Research (2023)
-  **REMEMBER**
If you see something that worries you online, report it, block it and talk about it.

School Farm

The farm has had another successful term with pupils being involved in a practical recycling project, repurposing a broken broom head into a boot cleaner and putting up new hay racks for the sheep and alpacas. They have also been adding some fantastic photographs to our growing farm collection, which will soon be printed and displayed around the farm unit. Photographed here is Heidi, one of our much-loved sheep.

As well as this, we welcomed an APHA (Animal and Plant Health Agency) officer for a routine farm inspection. We are delighted to report that she was extremely pleased with the high standards maintained across the farm, including our animal care, storage, labelling, and hygiene practices.



Y10 RE Pupils Visit St Elisabeth's Church

Our year 10 RE classes learnt so much visiting St Elisabeth's Church on 26th June. They had a fantastic question and answer session with Revd Amy Cornell followed by a tour!

They then cooled off with an ice cream from Ozzy's. It was great to also support a local business before heading back to lessons!

National School Sports Week

To celebrate National School Sports Week, we hosted a variety of Pupils vs Staff matches in rounders, netball, basketball, cricket and pickleball!

There was plenty of friendly competition, fantastic teamwork, and lots of laughter as the pupils and staff went head-to-head.



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr

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

It was a wonderful production and we received some really positive feedback from parents and carers who mentioned that "it was such a fabulous show, everyone was fantastic and you can tell just how much hard work was put in!"

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.





Awards Evening

We hosted our annual Awards Evening at Stockport Plaza on Thursday 9th July, where pupils received awards for Attainment and Attitude to Learning in subject areas and Excellent Attendance, in addition to Form Tutor Awards, Head of Year Awards, the Headteacher Award, The Trust Award and our Special Awards in English, Maths, Science, Performing Arts, Music and Sport.

It was a fantastic event and we were pleased to welcome David Smith-Milne, CEO and Founder of Place Capital Group as our Guest Speaker, who delivered a truly inspiring speech.



Pride Festival

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

It was great to see so many pupils and staff getting involved and supporting the event.

Culture & Diversity Week

As part of Culture & Diversity Week in school, some of our pupils participated in student-led Bollywood and Morris Dance Workshops, cheerleading workshops, food tasting and had the opportunity to learn a new language.

As well as this, on 15th July Miss Lees and some of our dedicated pupils hosted a Culture Fair in school, celebrating different cultures and religions at Reddish Vale.

The week of activities offered plenty of opportunity for pupils to learn about different languages, traditions, clothing and food.



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 variety of awards including subject awards, attendance awards, RADi awards and year team awards.

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.

Rewards Trips

On Thursday 17th July, pupils with excellent attendance and attitude to learning went to Gulliver's World and Blackpool Pleasure Beach 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:

- Join 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
- Read flyers and leaflets for activities
- Bake and read the recipes

