

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our third week of the new academic year, I would like to take a moment to thank our pupils, families and staff for ensuring such a positive and successful start to the term. The atmosphere around school has been fantastic, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils returning with enthusiasm, determination and a real desire to achieve their very best.

I would particularly like to commend our new Year 7 pupils, who have settled into life at Reddish Vale exceptionally well. Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and they have embraced the transition with confidence, maturity and positivity. We have been delighted to see new friendships forming, strong engagement in lessons and pupils already becoming valued members of our school community.

As we move further into the school year, I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. One area where we can make a significant difference together is attendance. Every day in school matters, and good attendance remains one of the most important factors in ensuring pupils achieve their full potential academically, socially and emotionally. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives punctually, ready to learn.

This week, our pupils benefited from an excellent Careers Fair, which provided Year 10 and Year 11 pupils with valuable opportunities to speak with employers, training providers, colleges and other organisations. It was inspiring to see so many pupils engaging positively with visitors, asking thoughtful questions and beginning to explore the many pathways available to them beyond school. Events such as these play an important role in helping young people make informed decisions about their futures. A further well done to our Year 11 pupils who continue to show a commitment to their futures through consistently attending their P6 revision sessions. Good work, Year 11.

This week, we were also pleased to welcome Year 7 families to our Tutor Evening. This was a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's form tutor, discuss how the transition to secondary school has been progressing and celebrate the positive start that pupils have made over the past three weeks. We are grateful to those families who attended and for the positive conversations that took place throughout the evening.

The year has started strongly, and I look forward to working together throughout the months ahead to ensure every pupil continues to thrive and succeed.

**Kind regards,
Mr D.Moroney**

Department in Focus - Geography

Geography at Reddish Vale is an ambitious and engaging subject that inspires pupils to understand the world around them and their place within it.

At Key Stage 3, pupils follow the Ark Mastery Geography programme, developing a strong foundation of geographical knowledge, concepts and disciplinary skills across a broad range of physical and human geography.

At Key Stage 4, pupils study AQA GCSE Geography, building on this knowledge through rigorous examination preparation, geographical enquiry and real-world application. Fieldwork is a particular strength of the department, with pupils recently investigating sand dune succession and management at **Ainsdale Beach**, before exploring urban regeneration and redevelopment at **Salford Quays and New Islington**.



These experiences allow pupils to take geography beyond the classroom, collecting and analysing their own data, evaluating geographical processes and applying their learning to authentic places and contemporary issues.

Year 8 – PGL Trip

This week saw some of our pupils attending their PGL residential trip. It was a fantastic 3-day trip, packed to the brim with fun and adventures. The pupils were a credit to the school, working brilliantly in their teams, making new friends, overcoming their fears on activities such as the Quick drop and making wonderful memories.

