

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils, staff, parents and carers for their support during what has been a positive and productive start to the academic year. It has been wonderful to see our school community settle so well into the new term. Across the school, pupils have shown commitment to their learning, engaged positively with school life and embraced the many opportunities available to them. We remain focused on ensuring every pupil achieves their very best, both academically and personally, and we continue to challenge and support all pupils to strive for excellence.

A key priority for us continues to be improving attendance. We know that excellent attendance is one of the biggest factors in achieving academic success, and we are committed to recognising and rewarding pupils who attend regularly and make improvements to their attendance. This term, our Year 7 pupils who achieved 100% attendance or showed significant improvement in their attendance were invited to our Year 7 Halloween Disco, which was a fantastic celebration of their efforts.

In addition, our weekly attendance rewards continue every Friday lunchtime, giving pupils regular opportunities to be recognised for their commitment to attending school. There are also many exciting rewards available throughout the year. Pupils who achieve 100% attendance from September to December will receive a Bronze 100% Attendance Badge and Certificate, be entered into a prize draw to win an Amazon voucher, and receive RADI points. Alongside this, pupils can enjoy rewards such as Common Room time for the form group with the best attendance each week, Freddo Fridays, our pop-up hot chocolate station and many more incentives designed to celebrate excellent attendance.

Another highlight this half term has been welcoming pupils from local primary schools, (Westmorland, White Hill, Broadstone Hall, Abingdon) to Reddish Vale High School. It has been a pleasure to showcase our school farm to the pupils which continues to be a unique and much-loved feature of our school, and it has been fantastic to see the excitement and enjoyment it brings to visiting pupils.

Our Open Evening was also a tremendous success and, dare we say, perhaps one of our best yet! The atmosphere throughout the evening was exceptional, with hundreds of families visiting to learn more about our school. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the staff and pupils who worked so hard to create such an engaging and interactive experience. The positive feedback we received was overwhelming and reflects the pride we all have in our school community. We look forward to seeing all of our new pupils in September 2027.

As we move towards the second half of the autumn term, our focus remains firmly on academic improvement and achievement. We will continue to challenge pupils to work hard, aim high and take advantage of every opportunity available to them. With continued support from home, we know our pupils can achieve great things. With this in mind we wish our Yr11 pupils well in preparation for their upcoming mock exams. We hope you use this half term break to rest up and get some high-quality revision under your belt.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back refreshed and ready for another successful half term.

Kind regards,

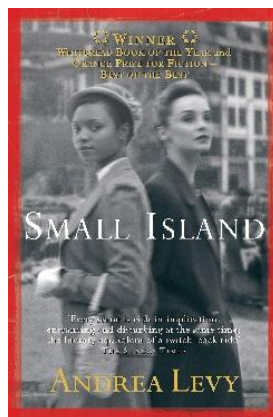
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Department in Focus - English

Across the English department, we continue to deliver an ambitious, engaging and inclusive curriculum that supports pupils to develop their knowledge, confidence and critical thinking skills.

Year 7 are studying *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and are already beginning to demonstrate progress in their assessments, while Year 8 are enjoying *Romeo and Juliet* and Year 9 are engaging enthusiastically with *Small Island*.

Our KS3 pupils have made a positive start to Reading Plus, strengthening their reading fluency and comprehension, while our recent Literature booster session was a real success.



Year 10 are exploring protected characteristics and are currently delivering their GCSE Spoken Language speeches, developing their confidence, oracy and ability to communicate ideas effectively.

Year 11 have completed their study of the *Worlds and Lives* poetry cluster and are now building the analytical skills and exam confidence needed to approach AQA English Language Paper 2 successfully.

Beyond the classroom, we have continued to celebrate the power of language and literature: our wonderful librarian, Ms. Green organised a poetry workshop for Year 9 pupils, and we marked World Poetry Day by exploring poetry in every subject. Our year 8's are currently learning The Prologue from Romeo and Juliet, and have participated in a recital competition this week.



Reece from Young Identity delivered an engaging assembly and workshop for National Poetry Day.



Year 8 winners of the Shakespeare recital competition.

Together, we are continuing to build a culture where reading, writing, discussion and curiosity are valued, where every pupil is supported to achieve their potential, and where a shared commitment to excellent teaching and learning drives progress across the department.

Parent Partnership

The RVHS Parent Partnership are a newly established parent-led organisation created to support Reddish Vale High School. The Parent Partnership and school organised a Rainbow Run in June 2026, raising over £2800 within the first six months of forming.

There are many more initiatives and ideas in the pipeline so if you would like to get involved, they can be found on Facebook at **RVHS Parent Partnership**.



Primary School pupils enjoying a visit to our school farm.



Prospective families enjoying our Open Evening activities.