

2024-2025

Newsletter

Spring 1



**Reddish Hall
School**



The Hive
At Reddish Hall

Part of the Acorn Group

Outdoor education:

Hello all, my name is Ethan, and I am the new Learning Outside the Classroom Lead. My role is to coordinate and oversee the enriching experiences that we offer each of our pupils here at Reddish Hall School. I am really excited to be working with your children and supporting them on their educational journey through the amazing hands-on and interactive activities that we offer each week. Since Christmas our programme has been full to the brim offer our students huge variety of educational visits and activities.



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Currently we split our programme into three different sections Enrichment, Curriculum and Outdoor Adventure. Some of our Enrichment trips have included visits to the Museum of Illusion and Doncaster Aircraft Museum, offering our students the opportunity to visit places which they may not have visited before.

Our curriculum trips also have been a huge hit this half term with trips to Chester Zoo for Science, the Etihad Stadium for Maths and Business, Bramhall Hall and Simply Books for English, Liverpool World Museum for History, Poole's and Speedwell Cavern for Geography. These opportunities offer us to take the topics they are studying in the classroom and place them into a real world environment.



The Anderton Centre:

The Anderton Centre's primary role is to operate as a residential and day visit activity centre, with a focus on working with young people and community groups.

The site is spread across 4 acres of woodland and has exclusive use of Lower Rivington Reservoir, the largest expanse of water between the Midlands and the Lake District and is often referred to as Lancashire's mini Lake District. The Anderton centre offers us a variety of activities during our sessions, including archery, leap of faiths and kayaking.



Archery



Leap Of Faith



Sit On Top Kayaking

The Anderton Centre as always has offered us an amazing opportunity for our young people to participate in Outdoor Adventure Activities promoting teamwork, resilience and respect. Also over the last half term our Primary Class have been completing their weekly swimming sessions, the growth and development within their capabilities within the water has been amazing and all the Primary staff are extremely proud of their development.

Next half term contains even more exciting activities which once fully confirmed we will have put on the Website for you to all see.





Post-16 Open Afternoon:

This Autumn half-term was Reddish Hall's annual post-16 open evening. It was fantastic to see our students networking with transition staff from college's, our students really did us proud again! This year we had loads of great college and post-16 providers in attendance including Stockport College, Cheadle College, Trafford College, Tameside College, The Manchester College, Pure College, Choices College (NHS Supported Internship), PINC, DISC, Worsley College, Eccles College, City Skills and Future Skills! Thanks to all the parents and students who attended and made it such a vibrant event.

If you have any feedback or additional questions about college or pathways after leaving Reddish Hall, please contact Emily Aris on emily.aris@reddishhallschool.co.uk

Apprenticeship Roadshow:

All of our Y11 & Y12 students attended the North West's annual apprenticeship roadshow this November. Our students saw a huge range of job sectors in our local labour market, with exhibitors including BBC, Barclays, Astra Zeneca & NHS. Our students interacted with employers from across the Northwest, whilst asking loads of great questions about the range of apprenticeships on offer. It was fantastic to see our pupils networking and practicing their interview skills with such confidence in this busy environment.



Transition Visits:

This autumn has been busy for careers in taking part in loads of transition visits for our 2025 leavers. Our students have been welcomed on college tours and taster days including The Manchester College, Stockport College, Digital Independent Specialist College, PINC, Cheadle College, Trafford College, Access Creative College & Marple Sixth Form to name a few! We can't wait to see all the amazing destinations for our Y11 & Y12's when they move on from Reddish Hall this year.



Nurture 4:

Nurture 4 in Life Skills as part of Money Sense, we walked down to the Cancer Research £1 charity shop in Stockport to promote making money go further, sustainable shopping, shopping on a budget and supporting a good cause whilst being environmentally friendly to reduce waste. The CYP were each given £5 to purchase Christmas presents. They enjoyed the task and each made some purchases.



Nurture 1:

Pupils have enjoyed motor skills lessons with Austin where they have displayed great team building skills. Pupils have enjoyed learning about Greenland and have got create in these lessons by taking an imaginary trip to the northern lights, learning about polar bears, and creating their own ice bergs. The students have loved researching blue whales and have shown excellent listening and concentration skills when listening to the story of the lost whale by Hannah Gold. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the pantomime to watch sleeping beauty. We have also been learning about global trade and economy and enjoyed taking an imaginary trip to Charlies chocolate factory and then creating their very own chocolate brand that respected equality and fair trade.

Nurture Enterprise:

Our Nurture 5 group continued their enterprise project with the creation and selling of bespoke Christmas decorations. Our students help source, create and price all of the products, and all staff members enjoy supporting such a great business.

See below for their Christmas advertisement, and be sure to be updated of their next project.

Empire Christmas stall

Empire are here to help fill your Christmas stockings. Visit our stall in D31 to find out more. We have more products to come so watch out.

You can customise your bows with your name, pick the colour and image to go on them.

Keep your bottles simple with our reindeer and snowflake design or add your name for only an additional £2.

Price list

- All bows - £5
- Christmas cup and personalised - £7
- Standard personalised cup - £6
- Adult bow and cup bundle - £10
- Baby bow and adult bow bundle - £8

If you would like to order one, please contact Alice or pop into D31

Alice.Gardner@reddishhallschool.co.uk



Catering:

In catering Year 11 have been assessed in their knife skills to work through Their Level 1 catering qualification. They had to finely chop garlic to make an Aioli. Here is some peeled garlic being finely diced using the plank by Katie P. Bailey R is demonstrating It is safer to cut with a sharp knife rather than a blunt one and this is the correct way to sharpen a cooks knife using a Butchers Steel. Finley W is peeling a carrot before cutting into batons before serving with the aioli.



Science:

Our GCSE classes have been studying electricity this term, constructing series and parallel circuits and calculating current, resistance and voltages. Student's have also learnt how to wire a standard 3 pin plug, which is both a curriculum necessity and an important life skill.

Our Year 7 classes have been studying organisms , looking specifically at cellular life and the build up of the human body.

Year 8 have been working hard with a chemistry topic this term, studying their Earth topic, looking at properties of different rocks, and the structure of the Earth.

Year 9 have been exploring the topic of chemical reactions as part of their Chemistry topics, completing various experiments including different Acids and Alkalis.

This year is our first academic year offering additional science as a GCSE option. Our additional science class have been studying Bonding, Structure and the properties of matter. Students have adapted well to the challenge of Triple science, and have been learning lots regarding Ionic, Covalent and metallic bonding. They have applied their knowledge fantastically this term, and particularly excelled at balancing equations.



PE:

Our Key stage 3 football team participated in their first official match of the season, playing against Highfields school. The team showed great spirit in the match, and were narrowly defeated. All members of the team played a fantastic game, and we welcome the rematch coming up later in the year.

Many of our older students have had some boxing sessions organised for them within their PE lessons. The students have been enjoying these sessions and are demonstrating great discipline in learning a combat sport.

Humanities:

As always, it has been a busy half-term in Humanities at RHS!

Our Year 7 students have been delving into Ancient History, focusing on Roman civilization. They also went on an exciting hunt around Manchester to explore historical landmarks and uncover the city's significance in world history.

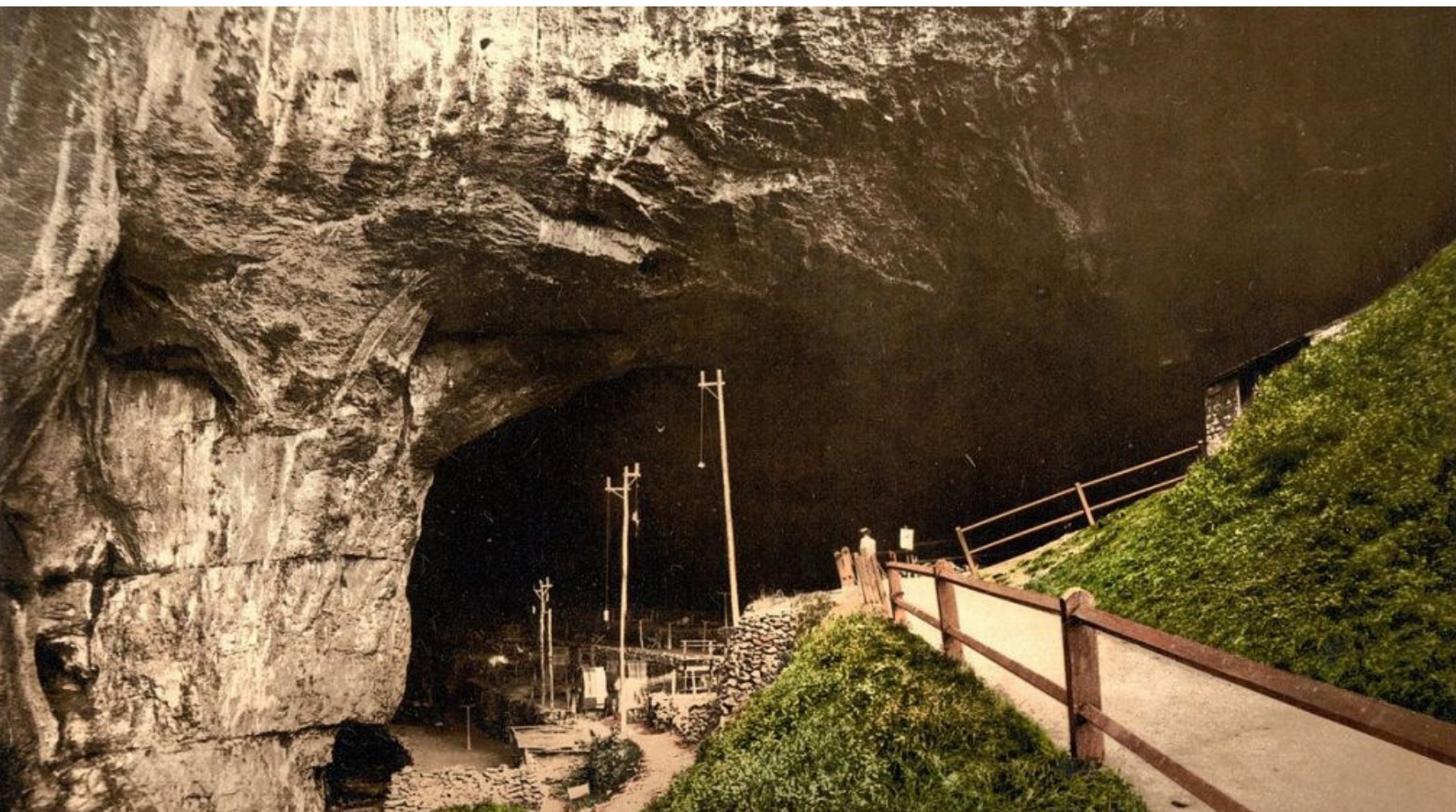
Year 8 students have been immersed in the Tudor and Stuart eras. They had the unique opportunity to experience life in Tudor times, complete with a Tudor meal, during their visit to Ordsall Hall in Salford.

Our Year 9s began their study of the 20th century, concentrating on World War I and the Women's Suffrage Movement. They also visited Peak Cavern, where they were able to witness some remarkable geological landforms up close.

Year 10 students have wrapped up their study of the development of dictatorship, learning how German democracy transformed into a dictatorship, culminating in the most significant human conflict in recorded history.

Finally, our Year 11s are focused on completing their specification and preparing for their upcoming exams.

Looking ahead to next term, in addition to following the curriculum, we're thrilled to announce that we will be welcoming the MP for Stockport, Mr. Navendu Mishra, to our school. He will be interviewed by our student councillors and a panel of Stockport students, giving them a valuable platform to raise questions and discuss local issues.

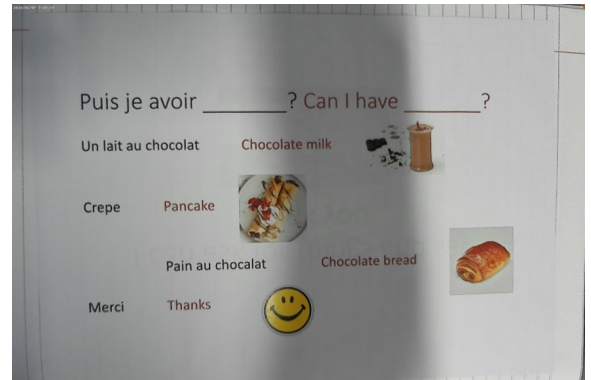




Subjects

French:

Our Year 8 students planned a trip to France, learning about the Geography and tourism of the country. This project involved choosing how they would travel, where they would stay, what activities they would do, how much it would cost and far they would travel. They also furthered their knowledge of French speaking by researching useful phrases to learn before they went on their French holiday.



ASPIRE:

Last half term our ASPIRE lessons focused on a range of issues; Y7 exploring their experience of community, expanding into studying society on a local, national and global level including active citizenship. Y8 learning about the UKs criminal justice system; policing, courts, rehabilitation, and the impact of criminality on communities. Y9 focussing on specific issues relating to county lines, knife crime, joint enterprise law and organised crime. Y10 studying the circumstances influencing criminality, exploring the social supports that can help reduce risk of criminal behaviour as well as the use of power for positive change. Y11 will focus on financial processes that are protective - earning, saving & financial security. In this unit, KS4 will also cover extremism & radicalisation

AUTUMN - HT 2 Community Cohesion & Crime	MY WORLD	UK LAWS	CRIME AWARENESS.AVOIDANCE	POVERTY & DEPRIVATION	FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE
	MY COMMUNITY	POLICE POWERS & DUTIES	CCE & COUNTY LINES	RISKS OF CRIMINALITY	TAXES & FINANCIAL SUPPORT
	WIDER UK SOCIETY	CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	KNIFE CRIME	CAUSES OF CRIME	SAVINGS & DEBT
	ACTIVE CITIZENS	DETERANCE & PUNISHMENTS	JOINT ENTERPRISE LAW	THE POWERFUL & POWERLESS	LOANS & MORTGAGES
	GLOBAL CITIZENS	CONSEQUENCES OF CRIME	ORGANISED CRIME & GANGS	PROTEST & DIRECT ACTION	INVESTMENT & GAMBLING
	CITIZENS FOR THE FUTURE	REHABILITATION	EXTREMISM	RADICALISATION	SCAMS & FRAUD

Computer Science:

Year 10 students from Computer Science and ICT visited the Northwest Computer Museum in Leigh. The museum includes examples of key developments in the world of home computing, a suite in which to learn how to code using BBC Basic and a VR experience room. The students learnt about the history of home computers and games consoles, had a chance to play on retro games and arcade games, including the original space invaders, and learned how to write a few lines of code in BBC Basic. They also got to visit a jungle using VR. Everyone really enjoyed the visit and another trip there is being planned for this term.

Life skills:

Our new Life skills curriculum has been successful this term, with students engaging well with the key life skills being taught. Students have been enjoying learning how to sew, crafting multiple sewn plush toys demonstrating great craftsmanship with their stitching. The student’s designs have all been high quality and extremely creative.





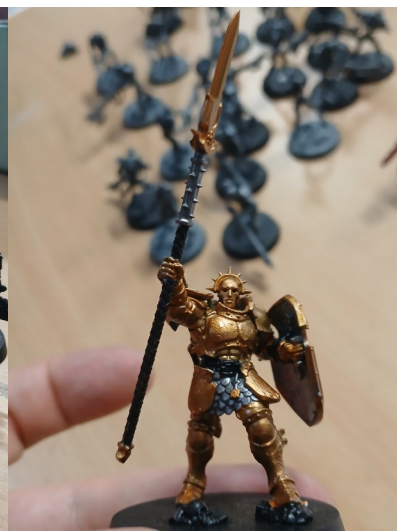
Science club:

Our weekly science club is starting their Desert island STEM challenge this term. During the term, they will be completing different science challenges around the theme of surviving a Desert island. These challenges include: testing rope strength, Coconut water filters and even fish dissections. If students complete all 8 practicals they will survive the Desert island, and receive a Crest award. Good Luck Science club!



Warhammer club:

Reddish Hall's newest club is a weekly Warhammer club. Student's use their Friday Options time to build and paint Warhammer miniature models. Students are welcome to bring in their own models, or help construct the schools collection of Space marines, Xeno's or space marines. The students have been enthusiastic around the club and have demonstrated great patience and attention to detail. Even the staff have started to get involved. See below for some of their amazing creations.



Afterschool clubs:

Reddish Hall offers multiple afterschool clubs for students to participate in where they can experience new sports and build their motor skills and teamwork.

Badminton club: Wednesday afternoons offer the students the opportunity to play badminton in our main hall. The students enjoy this activity greatly and is often attended by many staff as well.

Football club: Thursday afternoons involve students practicing their football abilities, performing training drills provided by our football coaching team.

Table tennis club: Tuesday afternoons now involve our newest club, where students get the chance to improve their fine motor skills with games of table tennis.

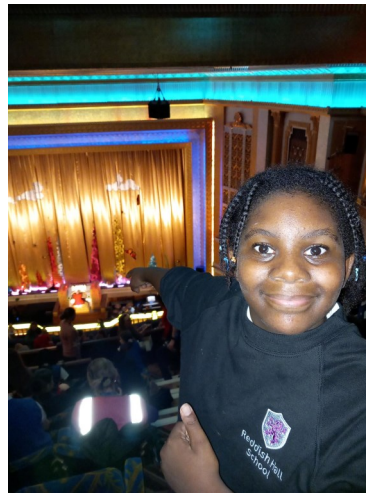
Students in the Theatre:

Year 10 student Cassie took part in The Royal Exchange Careers in Theatre Week. With other young people aged 14-18 from across Greater Manchester she took part in workshops with artists from all across the theatrical industry including: costume, lighting, production, sound design and marketing. The week culminating in Cassie presenting her idea for a production to a theatre of professionals from the industry!



Reddish at the Theatre:

As part of our end of term celebrations. Student's were given the opportunity to visit the theatre and watch a Pantomime. Sleeping beauty showcasing at the Stockport Plaza, was really enjoyed by students of all ages. They enjoyed the humorous performances by the cast, and really enjoyed the special effects of the dragons appearance. The Christmas pantomime has become one of the most popular time of the year for a lot of our students.



Reddish in the community:

Students at Reddish was busy this term collecting donations and creating charity boxes for "The Wellspring" in Stockport, a non profit organisation set up to help homeless people. See below for their response and pictures of our boxes.



The Wellspring Stockport · Follow

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Thank you to Reddish Hall School for you lovely donation! ❤️

The children each decorated their individual boxes at school then filled them with toiletries, dog treats and chocolates 🍫

If you work in a school or with young people and you want to run a similar activity, please get in touch with janet@thewellspring.co.uk who can help with ideas and logistics!



Christmas visitor:

Reddish Hall had a special visitor this term. The Grinch visited both the Hive and Reddish hall school. Students and staff enjoyed meeting the Green character, and he wasted no time in causing mischief across the school.



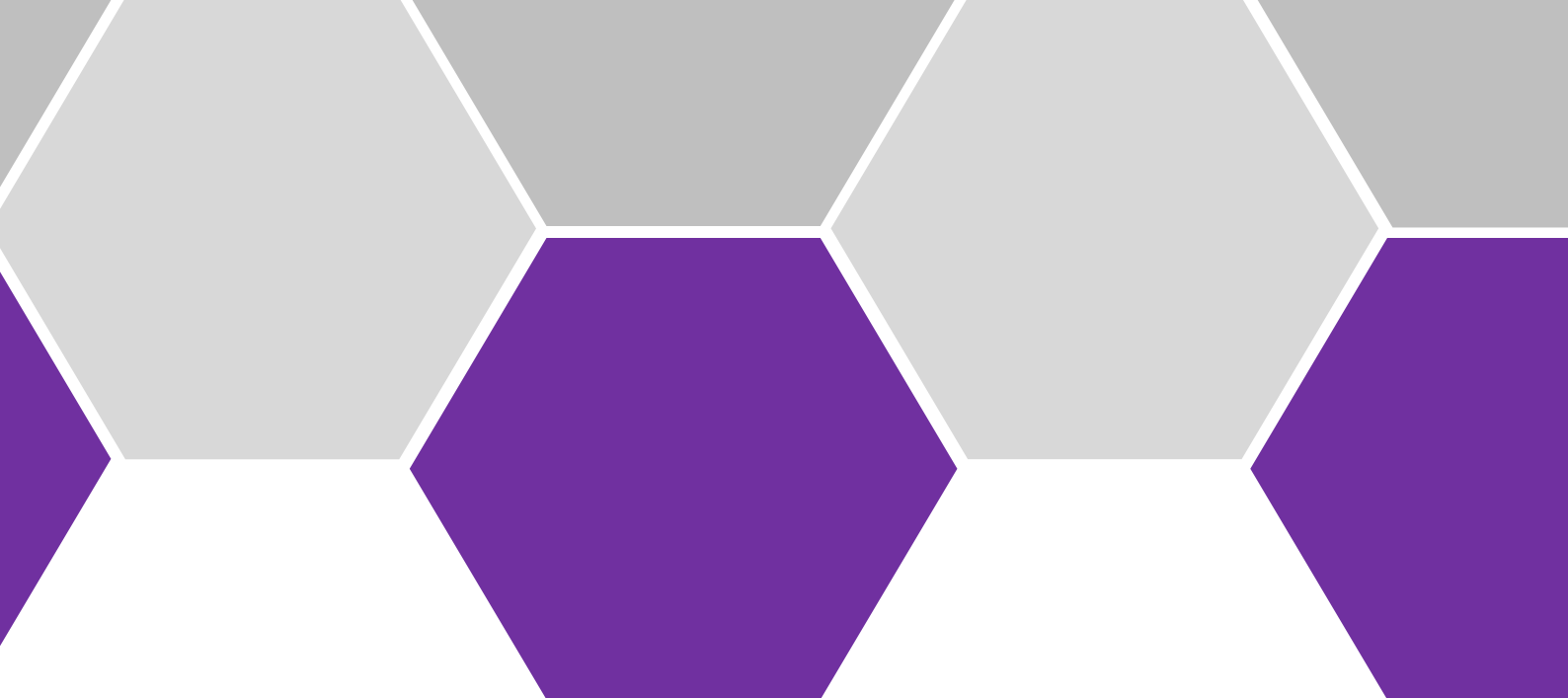
Term dates:

Spring term

INSET DAY	Monday 6 th January 2025
TERM BEGINS	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
TERM ENDS	Friday 4 th April 2025
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April

Summer term

TERM BEGINS	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 5 th May 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 25 th July 2025
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	Monday 28 th July - ? September 2025



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