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Year 11 Football team

The Year 11 boys' football team finished runners up in the district cup, narrowly losing 2 - 1 to Samuel Whitbread. They had a very good final season at the school, getting to the last 32 of the National Cup and showing lots of talent on the way. They produced their best performance in the semi-final, beating St Thomas More 8 - 1.

Geography

May 3rd/ 10th A* Geography Study skills

We invited 30 of our highest achieving students to attend two sessions aimed at refining the skills needed to get an A* in geography GCSE. With almost 100% attendance, the students were positive about the session which included using model answers and learning how to pick out the key features of different types of exam question. Good luck to all of our students in their two GCSE exams in May and June!

French

On Tuesday 17th May, a group of year 11 French students spent the morning prior to their GCSE listening and reading examinations by partaking of a French breakfast which included brioche, pains au chocolat, croissants and hot chocolate. It is hoped that this unique French experience will have given them even more of an appetite when answering those papers.



Upcoming events in June:

All upcoming events can be found on the [school calendar](#) and [important dates](#) for each year group can be found on our website.

Whole School:

The first half term ends on **Friday 27th May**. Students return to school on **Monday 6th June**.

Auditions for the Whole School Drama Production

If students would like to audition for the forthcoming production of "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" they will need to turn up to the drama studio at 3.20pm on either **Weds 8th June** (for Yr9 and Yr10) or **Thurs 9th June** (for Yr11 and Yr12). Students should refer to the posters around the school for more information about the play and its style. If a student can't make their allocated audition date then they are welcome to attend the other day. There are plenty of acting and singing roles to audition for and I very much hope to see you there. Any questions, please see Mr A. Francis

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Music

This year's summer concert and Jazz Café have been combined to become the Summer Festival Concert. It is being held in the Connolly Hall on Thursday 7th July. This follows the Jazz Band's appearance at the Ampthill Proms on Saturday 2nd July.

The Purple, who were the winners of the Redborne battle of the bands appeared at the O2 in Islington on Saturday 21st May.

Revision resources for years 10, 11, 12 and 13

Heads of subject have been busy streamlining revision resources for students preparing for exams. There is an updated folder in lesson store, entitled **AAArevision**. Within this area, each subject has subdivided its resources to include specifications, exam papers or links and useful resources. Please encourage your child to check here for their resources and to use them!

For maths, the link to our school website is there. The past papers on here are primarily aimed at year 11 upwards, with mark schemes provided all in one place. This will be in addition to the many papers given in lessons.



All year 11 students also have access to SAM learning-a useful site for independent learning. The site is password protected. If your child cannot recall their log in, please e mail in and I will send it back to you. stnbrennan@redborne.com

All students should be revising at home as well as in school. Please continue to encourage your child to attend in-school revision sessions and to use their time at home revising work, and completing and marking past papers. Many thanks for your continued support.

German

There will be a German exchange meeting for parents (date and time to be confirmed by Miss Crossley) All students going on the exchange MUST check their emails on a regular basis.

As a general note from all in Languages – Good Luck to all year 11, 12 and 13 who are sitting languages exams!

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Year 10

Dance

Year10 GCSE Dance Workshop -**Monday 20th June Periods 2 and 3.**

Two-Thirds Sky Dance Company will be working with the year 10 students on ways to develop and improve their Contemporary dance skills. The theme this year is 'Dynamic Partner-work' and explores fluidity and trust through physical support. The sessions will be led by professional dancers, (some amazing performers/teachers who have worked with the likes of Richard Alston, Diversity and Akram Khan). The content shares creative approaches to lifting and catching and explores with pupils both safe techniques as well as choreographic possibilities.

Geography

June 17th- 19th Year 10 Field trip to Swanage - We will be running our annual trip to Dorset and taking 28 of our year 10 geographers for a weekend in some of the most stunning scenery and landscapes in the country. With a packed programme including walks to Durdle Door and Old Harry Rocks, some creative geography on the sand dunes at Studland as well as sandcastle building and rounders, we look forward to some sunshine!

Year 11.

Important ICT dates for your diary

Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia exam **8th June** am

AQA Computer Science exam **8th June** am

Look out for breakfast and after school revision sessions.

German

G & T grammar masterclass begins again on Monday 6th June. This will be every Monday afterschool (until about 4pm) up until the Y10 mocks begin on 27th June

Year 11 study leave sessions are as follows: Monday 6th June P3, Tuesday 7th June P3 and P4 and a breakfast session from 8am on Wednesday 8th June (the day of the exam)

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Sixth Form

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award- Year 12 Practice Expedition- Yorkshire Dales

1st -5th July 2016 - Please ensure students arrive prepared for their expedition including correct equipment, clothing and sufficient food.

Students will be meeting at 7.45am in South School car park on Friday 1 July. We will travel up to the Yorkshire Dales and do an acclimatisation afternoon once we arrive. Students will be walking from the 2 to 4 July around the Yorkshire Dale, improving their navigation, camp craft and awareness of the terrain. We will be travelling back on Tuesday 5 July and will aim to arrive back around 3pm. Please ensure students are collected from school. See Miss Caunt for more details.

German

Year 13 – in addition to the study leave sessions (these will be announced to the group) there will be a breakfast session before the exam on Thursday 16th June from 8am.

KS5 German trip to Berlin – letters will be available shortly and deposits will be required as soon as possible so that flights can be booked.

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