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**News** - for all the latest [news and events](#) information, please visit our website page

There have been a number of events that have taken place over the past few weeks of last term. You can read about these and see the photographs on the [news and events](#) section of the website.

## Year 9 Charity work

The year 9 team are proud to announce that they have collected a substantial amount of food and toiletry items for the Bedfordshire Food Aid Network (BFAN). BFAN is a local organisation, which helps to provide food for the local community. Dr Sutton and his form 9PGS rallied together to raise funds and food for the BFAN as part of the year 9 fundraising initiative. Dr Sutton issued a challenge to his form where he would 'double' whatever his form brought in to support the charity. The form with help of their 6th form 'buddies' pulled together and managed to raise £138 worth of food for the food bank. Special mentions go out to Nirav Ramaloo, Vartolomei Constantin, Olivia Fowler, Hayden Stringer, William Demontfort and Jude Lewis. BFAN will be collecting the donations on the 15th of Dec.

## French

The French department is very pleased to have established a link with a school in Calvisson, a large village in the south of France between Nimes and Montpellier. A group of year 11 French students have been matched with French counterparts from the local lycée. The students involved are Philippa Price, Lauren Keane, Roshni Patel, Rosie Till, Emily Barrett, Chloe Edwards, Scarlett Reeder, Rachel Clay, Eliza Tyrrel, Joseph Bowyer and Michael Wetherill.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to the following students who have worked hard to complete their Duke of Edinburgh award:

Abbie	Saunders	Silver
Ellise	Alder-Chapman	Silver
Lola	Wiseberg	Silver
Ryan	McCaffrey	Bronze
Matilda	Marriott	Bronze
Jupiter	James-Reynolds	Bronze
Catherine	Johnson	Bronze
Sophia	Tilling	Bronze
Tristan	Wickins	Bronze
Harriet	Lockey	Silver

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## Upcoming events in January:

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 day of the spring term is **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.

## Year 9:

### Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze D of E 2016 – 2017 is well under way with a fully subscribed programme. Students are completing their volunteering, physical and skills activities while participating in after school training sessions. Students have now been placed in groups for their D of E and should be getting to know and plan their equipment with their group members. The practise camps and assessment camps will take place as follows:

### Group A

**Practise Expedition April Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

**Assessed Expedition June Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 2017**

### Group B

**Practise Expedition May Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Assessed Expedition June Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017**

Any further questions or concerns please contact [Mr Schmidt](#).

## Year 9 Geography trip to the Polar Scott Institute, Cambridge

On **Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>** we are taking a number of our high achieving year 9 students to the Polar Scott Research Institute in Cambridge. They will take part in a workshop examining the reasons behind the fate of Captain Scott and his team in 1912. In the afternoon they will then conduct some fieldwork into tourism in the city.

## Careers News

For up to date information about volunteering, apprenticeships, school leaver schemes, university and how to make the most of opportunities please follow [@CareersRedborne](#) on Twitter.

Options post 16? The next open event for Bedford College is **Tuesday 24 January 5:00pm- 8:00pm**.

Shuttleworth College have their open event on **Saturday 28 January 9:30-12:30pm**. Please register on line [www.bedford.ac.uk](http://www.bedford.ac.uk) to receive more information.

Looking for an apprenticeship? Don't forget to sign up for <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> and register for text alerts.

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## Year 11

### Art

Year 11 Art Study skills sessions will be running on **Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January.**

Details of each session will be posted out to parents along with an invite to their child's exhibition in the last week of term. Parents should contact [Mrs S Blackwell](#) via email should their letter and invite not arrive by post.

### German

The German department will be holding a Y11 G&T writing masterclass on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January** P3 and 4 for invited students. For more information, please contact Ms Neale.

### GCSE Year 11 Dance Study Skills Day

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January** P2-5 - All GCSE dance students will be learning their performance in a group piece during this session. This is worth 20% of their final GCSE Dance grade.

### Creative iMedia

The forthcoming Creative iMedia examination is on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

The examination is an important part of the Creative iMedia course and is worth 25% of the total marks.

Teachers are currently preparing students in class for the exam. They will be highlighting what needs to be revised and supporting them with different methods to do this.

The department has placed all relevant revision materials in the AAA revision folder of lesson store.

All students should bring suitable equipment to the examination – spare pens (black), pencil, ruler, etc.

Bringing the correct equipment is the students' responsibility.

If you have any questions about the exam, please ask them to see Mr Schmidt or Mr Fannon as soon as possible.

### Important Coursework dates

All year 11 coursework for ICT must be submitted by the **20<sup>th</sup> February.**

All year 11 coursework for Computer Science must be submitted by the **10<sup>th</sup> March.**

All year 11 coursework for Creative iMedia must be submitted by the **28th April.**

## Sixth form:

### Sixth form Presentation Evening

**Thursday 5th January 7pm Connolly Hall** - If you haven't yet confirmed your attendance please contact North School Reception.

### A-level ICT

Good luck in the forthcoming exam Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Unit 1 Fundamentals in IT

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## School Direct Initial Teacher Training

School Direct is an exciting, school based programme of initial teacher training. We are currently recruiting for September 2017 in the following secondary phase subjects:-

English

Mathematics

Modern Languages

Physics

Chemistry

Geography

Biology

History

Physical Education

Places are available at Redborne and in our partner schools across Central Bedfordshire, our training provider is the University of Bedfordshire. Applications must be made online through [UCAS Teacher Training](#) and applicants must select Redborne Upper School and Community College in the training provider field at the bottom of the page.

If you require further information please contact Jon Gunn, 01525 842608 or [stigunn@redborne.beds.sch.uk](mailto:stigunn@redborne.beds.sch.uk)

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## Maths Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian

To ensure that all students have the opportunity to purchase revision resources, we will be making a second order before the Christmas break. This will ensure that all students can purchase the resources at a reduced cost and have access to quality revision materials during the majority of year 11. The new 9-1 GCSE has not yet been examined and as a result there are no past papers available from the exam board, so revision resources will be essential.

We are able to purchase resources for the students at a price only available to schools (about half price). These resources are a revision guide tailored to the correct tier and exam board that includes an online code for just £3, a pack of 6 practice exam papers for £3 and a workbook of topic based questions for £3. In addition, we are asking that students make a suggested contribution of £1 in order for all students to gain access to an online subscription to MathsWatch, where students can watch explanatory videos to every GCSE maths topic (this works on PC, tablet or phone).

This is the first examined year of the GCSE 9-1 maths course and we feel that these resources will provide the best platform for success next summer. In lessons, we will continue to support student learning with tailored questions and exam preparation and we would hope that you can support us by encouraging your son or daughter to start preparing for these exams in their independent study. These resources are the best way to achieve that goal.

Students should also be reminded that they can also access support and resources at [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk), the maths department website [www.redbornemaths.com](http://www.redbornemaths.com) and the exam board website [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com).

Your son/daughter should either pay in cash or by cheque (payable to Redborne School). Payments should be passed to the maths CSA Miss Town who is located in the maths office at the end of the upper floor maths corridor. Please complete the tear off slip on the reverse of this letter and return with the appropriate payment. All payments should be made by Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Mr M Jones**  
Head of Maths

**Head of School**

**Mr S Gray**

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