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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.

## Zigi Shipper visits Redborne

Zigi Shipper made a much appreciated 4th visit to Redborne on the 21st April to tell all 400 of year 9 about his experience of surviving the Holocaust. Zigi was their age, 14 when the war ended and is now an incredibly spritely 87! Students were brilliantly attentive and sat for just over an hour listening to him talk. They then had the opportunity to ask him questions for a further 45 minutes, and get a photo at the end. We are very grateful that he could come again this year thanks to the Holocaust Education Trust and the outreach work they do. These experiences are sadly becoming a rare privilege.



## Upcoming events in May:

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:

### Exams

The summer exams are getting closer and all students taking exams have received their individual timetables. All the information is available on our [exams page](#) of the school website.

### Art

The GCSE and A Level art exhibition is on Thursday 18th May from 6 - 7:30pm in the art rooms.

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## WisePay

We are able to offer you the facility to make payments to the school over the internet for uniform and school trips using an online payment package called WisePay. Over 90% of parents say they would prefer to pay for school items online because it's easier and more convenient than sending cash or cheques into school. The cost of manually processing cash and cheque transactions is very significant and it would be much better if the funds currently spent on this were used for pupil resources instead. We strongly encourage all our parents to make payments online as this is the safest and most secure option ensuring no lost cash or cheques or missed deadlines.

To log in and make an online payment please go to Redborne's website (not WisePay's web site) and click on to the [WisePay link](#). You will be taken to Redborne's payment pages and on the right hand side of the payment page you will see a Login Area. Enter your username and password and you will then see all the options available to your child.

If you do not have your login details or have any queries with regards to your log in please contact Sarah Yau at [stsyau@redborne.beds.sch.uk](mailto:stsyau@redborne.beds.sch.uk) or 01525 842621.

## Careers News

Further to the recent mailing to parents and carers; if you feel you can support the schools careers programme in anyway please email [stkarmstrong@redborne.beds.sch.uk](mailto:stkarmstrong@redborne.beds.sch.uk)

Pure Potential have a free booklet for students, parents, teachers and careers advisors all about Alternatives to University, such as apprenticeships, school leaver programmes and sponsored degrees. There is also lots of useful advice on successfully applying for these programmes, as well as pages from leading employers. You can download the booklet by visiting this page on the Pure Potential website:

<http://purepotential.org/school-leavers/free-booklet/>

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

Need support applying? Look out for the workshops in school or ask your tutor for a careers meeting.

Don't forget for more careers support to follow us on Twitter [@CareersRedborne](https://twitter.com/CareersRedborne)

## Year 9:

**German Exchange Visit to Bavaria (Years 9 and 10)** - The flights for the German Exchange have now been booked and the dates are:

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

Students should now start making contact with their German partners. Please be reminded of the next instalment dates: £100 by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** and £100 by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**. (Miss N. Crossley)

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## Duke of Edinburgh

The Redborne Bronze D of E students have been working hard with their training and completing their activities. I would like to take a minute and remind students and parents that two of the three activities need to be completed before the practice camp. For the practice camps students will need to arrive at Milton Bryan Scout Camp on the Saturday at 9am and will need to be collected on the Sunday around 1pm. Students may be a little late if they haven't completed their route planning prior to their last walk. Once again here are the dates of the practice camps:

### Camp A

Assessed Expedition Monday June 19th and Tuesday 20th

### Camp B

Practice Expedition Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7th

Assessed Expedition Wednesday June 22nd and Thursday 23rd

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

## Auuthor Visit - Mark Robson

Mark was born in Wanstead, Essex in 1966, but was raised for the most part of his school years near Carmarthen in West Wales. In 1982 he won a scholarship to join the RAF as a pilot and was an operational pilot in the RAF for over twenty years. During that time he flew for three years on the Victor air-to-air refuelling tankers, for four and a half years as a flying instructor on Jet Provost and Tucano training aircraft and for eight years at Brize Norton, Oxon, as copilot, captain and instructor on the VC10 aircraft.



Mark started writing his first novel in 1995 due to a throwaway line! He was bored in the Falkland Islands as the weather was too bad to do any flying and, in a fit of pique at Mark's waspishness with the inactivity, his navigator said "Oh for goodness sake do something useful. Go write a book or something!" Never one to back down from a challenge

Mark will be visiting the school library on **May 11<sup>th</sup>** and there will be an opportunity for the Yr 9s to be involved in a writing workshop. More information about the workshop will be given to students by their teachers.

## Year 10:

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## Year 11

### Drama

#### GCSE Drama Exams

Our drama GCSE performance exams are on Friday 5th and Monday 8th May.

Students are to leave lessons half an hour before their performance time and prepare with their performance group in the drama hut. They then make their way to the studio for their performance to the examiner.

The timetable of performances is on the door of the drama office and students have been made aware of the process.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Francis ([sttfrancis@redborne.beds.sch.uk](mailto:sttfrancis@redborne.beds.sch.uk)) if you have any questions or concerns.

### ICT

Edexcel GCSE ICT

Summer 2017 exam date -Tuesday 17th May AM

The revision booklet has been handed out and you can purchase your discounted revision guide at the school shop. Easter homework has been set on Show My Homework

AQA GCSE Computer Science

Summer 2017 exam date – Wednesday 7th June AM

The revision booklets will be distributed this week. Remember to use sources such as BBC Bitesize, SAM Learning and the Dynamic Learning website.

Cambridge Technicals Level 3 IT

Unit 1 - Fundamentals of IT (retake) - Monday 15th May

OCR Nationals Creative iMedia

Summer 2017 exam date (retake) - Wednesday 7th June AM

### Physics

The core physics exam is on **24th May**. There will be physics preparation after school the day before (23rd May) in room 66 until 5pm.

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## English

The English faculty will be running optional revision sessions for year 11 GCSE students. Please make a note of the following dates and look out for an in-touch message with full details closer to the time.

After school English club is also running every Wednesday between 3.10pm and 4.10pm in room 10 for students who would like support with GCSE exam revision.

## English literature

Friday 19th May

Monday 22nd May

Tuesday 25th May

Friday 26th May

## English language

Monday 5th June

Tuesday 6th June

Friday 9th June

Monday 12th June

## Sixth form:

### Drama

#### Drama trip

On 11th May, Yr 12 drama students and selected Yr 10 drama students will be attending a trip to see "Metamorphosis" at Stantonbury Campus Theatre in MK.

Details remain the same as in the letter which all students involved have received (you have all paid, as well!)

As a reminder, students will leave Redborne (south school bus bay) at 6.30pm and we expect to return by 10.15pm.

### Physics

**Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 19.30** there is a physics lecture in Milton Keynes at the Berrill Lecture Theatre, The Open University, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. The subject is about: The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN. The speakers are usually very good and this would be appropriate for any A level or science G&T GCSE student. This is not a trip and there will not be a guaranteed teacher present, but an interesting opportunity for anyone interested in this area of physics.

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## REDBORNE UPPER SCHOOL JAZZ CAFE

Wednesday 10th May 2017, 7.00 pm

Connolly Hall

*An evening of relaxing  
and enjoyable music with  
sets from*



Tickets from the school shop @ £4 each

Redborne Jazz Band & Conscia Jazz Quartet



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## General Kitchen Assistant

**Term time only**

**16 hours per week**

**Occasional overtime hours**

**Required from September 2017**

**Level 2A**

**Point 10 - 13**

**£15613 - £16491 pro rata**

**Term Time Only**

**Actual starting salary for 16 hours post will be £5853**

A General Kitchen Assistant is required for September 2017. The successful applicants will work alongside experienced kitchen staff in the preparation and serving of school meals at Redborne Upper School. The successful candidate will be required to demonstrate a good understanding of food preparation, and to hold or be prepared to obtain the required certificates in food safety. Good communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team are important. Experience is desirable but not essential as full training will be given.

**If you would like an informal discussion, please telephone the Catering Manager on 01525 842663 or the Business Manager on 01525 842605.**

This is a permanent position and all offers of employment are "conditional" until Disclosure and Barring checks have been completed, qualification checks and satisfactory references have been received.

*Redborne is a successful school on a spacious and pleasant campus near the market town of Ampthill in Bedfordshire. We achieve excellent examination results with over 80% of students typically gaining Maths and English at grades A\* - C. 'A' Level results are also very good with over 59% at 'A\*', 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99.9%. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to university and each year a number of students get into Oxbridge; this has totalled 13 in the last 3 years. The school is well regarded and oversubscribed situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. The campus includes a state-of-the-art 400 seat theatre and we have plans for further expansion to take the school to a capacity of 1,750, with 500+ in the sixth form. Following a Section 8 inspection in May, 2015 we retain our "outstanding" status. Redborne is also a National College Support School and a Leading Edge School.*

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