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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.

Upcoming events in October:

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:

South School to Celebrate Achievement

We are looking at ways to use the covered way in South School to its full potential. It is used at break and lunch time by a lot of our pupils so we want it to become a welcoming, yet interesting, use of space. Our aim is to inspire our pupils with photos, posters, stories and motivational quotes from past and present pupils as well as celebrities, artists and writers. We would like to show our pupils that hard work really does pay off and they all have the potential of achieving!

So we are looking for the following if possible, please;

Stories of students, who take part in extra-curricular activities... maybe they are a budding gymnast or a Karate black belt? Maybe they have had a piece of work published, be it art or story writing? Maybe an ex student who has gone on to become a footballer or one who has taken part in or training to be at the Olympics? Any kind of achievement that may motivate our students to try harder and proof that hard work pays off.

We are looking for photos and small captions of information (with names) of anybody who is an inspiration for any reason to display around the covered way and we really would appreciate it if you asked your son / daughter if they were willing to share this information. We have so many talented pupils in this school and we really would love to have the walls and display boards filled with achievements. For more information or information for the display, please contact Miss Emerson by email stcharleneemerson@Redborne.beds.sch.uk

Redborne Racing

Redborne Racing - National Greenpower final - **Sunday 16th October**

Redborne enter the final in position 38 from over 200 cars nationally. The top 60 cars are invited to Rockingham Raceway to compete for their final position of the year and Redborne Racing is looking to reach the top 30. Parents and staff are more than welcome to come up to Rockingham on the day to enjoy the race day and help themselves to a coffee and cake from our hospitality table. Race 1 starts at 11.30, with race 2 starting at 3.00pm. Good luck to the team!

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School Shop

From Monday 26th September the school shop opening times will be changing to the following:

Monday-Thursday 10.00am to 3.30pm and Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm

Parents can visit the shop during these hours via signing in at North reception. Please note the school shop will not be manned before 10.00am. The shop will continue to open for students only at break time and lunchtime daily, it is advised for parents to avoid visiting during these times.

For more information please contact Miss Wood direct in the school shop on 01525 842654 or email stewood@Redborne.com

German Exchange (Years 10 and 11)

German students are to visit Ampthill - **Saturday 15th to Friday 21st October 2016.**

Parents' meeting regarding the above visit - **Tuesday 11th October, 6:00pm**, The Connolly Hall. Parental reply slips need to be returned to Miss Crossley.

Spanish Immersion Visit to Malaga (Years 9, 10, 12 and 13) - **Sunday 5th to Thursday 9th March 2017.**

The first deposit of £150.00 needs to be paid by **Friday 30th September 2016.** Students should collect a letter from their Spanish teacher or Miss Crossley.

German Exchange Visit to Bavaria (Years 9 and 10) - **9th to 16th July 2017** (Exact date to be confirmed).

The first deposit of £50.00 needs to be paid by **Friday 11th November 2016.** Students should collect a letter from their German teacher or Miss Crossley.

Careers at Redborne

Impartial careers advice is important, as is being able to access information to help you make informed choices and decisions.

Internet based quizzes help you can understand who you are and give you an insight into the world of careers and different opportunities.

To get ahead why not encourage your young people to explore the following sites?

Fast tomato <https://ft.morrisby.com/account/signup> essential for all students; helps them to think about their likes, dislikes, strengths and weaknesses. Students can register using the code RUSB.

Careersplanner <http://www.careersplanner.com/login> brings together key online resources and helps students plan options post 18. School exam number is 15101.

To keep up to date with developments in careers education don't forget to follow us on Twitter

@CareersRedborne and LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/redborne-upper-school-and-community-college> where you can also like us.

Lunchtime drop in session 1310 to 1350

In school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 0830 to 1530.

Katrina Armstrong, Careers Coordinator (01525 404462 Ex 2676 stkarmstrong@redborne.com)

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Year 9

Parent Portal Passwords

An important password and username letter allowing access to the parents' portal has been handed to all students. Please ensure that you ask your son / daughter for the letter. If you have any queries, please contact our ICT helpdesk on the parents' tab on the school website.

Art

Year 9 art club starts on Monday the **19th of September** when students have the opportunity to help create the set for this year's drama production, "The Chalk Circle". Students interested should sign up in the art department foyer.

School Sports Partnership

Alexa Goymer of the SSP has been going into PE lessons offering the opportunity to join the Leadership Academy programme. Students who are interested should have collected a letter and are asked to return the form to Alexa in the Partnership office (next to room 36 of Alex Centre) as soon as possible.

Year 10

Maths

Tuesday 29th November - Year 10 Maths Trip – open to top set students

Deadline for replies Friday 23rd September, letters from your maths teacher or Miss Lake

We are offering the opportunity for your son or daughter to attend an educational visit to 'The Curious Coincidence of Maths in the Day-Time' show at the Gielgud Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London. Students will hear from outstanding speakers and mathematicians during an interactive lecture show using the set of the smash-hit West End Production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. There will be prime number patterns, proofs and fractals. Students will also discover the maths ideas that influenced the music, set design and incredible visual effects in the National Theatre's stage production.

Art

GCSE and A' Level art club is on every Wednesday and is a good opportunity for students to stay on top of their homework.

Year 11

Maths

Year 11 students have been given a letter about revision papers to help with the new GCSE course. A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

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Study Club

At Redborne we appreciate how challenging the examination years can be for students; juggling organisation, tough homework and starting revision. So, to help the students out, we have created the study club.

A team of trained sixth formers provide guidance to the Year 11s helping in a range of different ways including:

- tackling particular topics the student may be struggling with in lessons
- supporting homework
- planning and preparing revision
- learning from mocks
- using SAM learning

The group runs from 3.15pm until 4.30 pm from Monday to Thursday in the library and starts with refreshments. At 3.30 the support starts and Mrs Randhawa supervises the whole event.

As you can imagine, places at study club are limited and so we ask that students commit to specific days that they will attend every week, ideally two evenings per week, but this is open to discussion.

If you wish to take advantage of this support, please email me stdanmcguigan@redborne.beds.sch.uk to discuss availability.

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Sixth Form

Maths

Friday 25th November - Year 12 Maths Trip – open to all mathematics students

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Senior Maths Challenge

Students in years 12 and 13 have the opportunity to take part in the UKMT senior maths challenge. The paper is 90 minutes long and sat on Tuesday 8th November. If your son/daughter would like to take part they need to tell their maths teacher or Miss Lake.

National Cipher Challenge

We are offering students the opportunity to get involved in the National Cipher Challenge run by the University of Southampton. This will run on a Thursday evening in the mathematics department and is open to year 12 and 13. More information to follow during maths lessons or see Miss Lake if you are interested.

Berlin trip (Years 12 and 13) - Thursday 3rd to Saturday 5th November 2016.

The final deposit of £150.00 is now due. A parents' meeting regarding the above visit will take place - date to be confirmed.

Art

GCSE and A' Level art club is on every Wednesday and is a good opportunity for students to stay on top of their homework.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) - Students in year 13 Students must attend all supervised lessons (two per fortnight) and any known absence prior to a timetabled lesson should be agreed with the supervisor. Please keep an eye on the next major deadline: Mid-project review which is due on **15-19th November 2016**. An advanced date for your diaries is **Monday 20th March 2017** when students will showcase their projects at the EPQ presentation evening.

Physics

There is an interesting lecture coming up at the Open University that might potentially be of interest to year 12 and 13 physics students (would need to make own way there). This is not a school trip, nor will they be supervised, but instead perhaps something that they might want to do independently, especially if they are interested in studying physics at university. The details of the lecture and the contact web address are below.

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IOP: Atoms, patterns and powders at Diamond Light Source

When: Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 19.30

Where: Berrill Lecture Theatre, The Open University, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA

Speaker: Dr Claire Murray, Diamond Light Source

Hosted by: Raymond Mackintosh

Abstract: Diamond Light Source (Diamond) is the UK's national synchrotron science facility, based in Oxfordshire. It speeds up electrons to near light speeds, producing a light 10 billion times brighter than the Sun. Scientists use this light to study a range of materials from viruses to jet engines. On beamline I11 we use the light for diffraction experiments to study very fast and very slow changes in powders. But what is diffraction? And what does it tell us? Come along to learn about diffraction, beamline I11 and the science we do at Diamond.

<http://www.open.ac.uk/science/physical-science/seminars-lectures/iop-lecture-series>

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Nick Raper Tennis Coaching

LTA Mini Tennis Programmes from Ages 6 - 11

Starting September 2016 at Redborne Upper School

Day	Group Type	Age	Time
Thursday	Mini Orange	9U	5:30PM
Thursday	Mini Green	11U	6:30PM
Saturday	Mini Orange	9U	1:30PM
Saturday	Mini Green	11U	2:30PM
Sunday	Mini Red	8U	9AM
Sunday	Mini Orange	9U	10AM
Sunday	Mini Green	11U	11AM

Autumn Term 1: 22 September - 23 October

Autumn Term 2: 3 November - 18 December

The end of the term 2, children will have a end of term tournament.

All coaches are DBS checked and Insured. Equipment is provided, if you have any queries about purchasing a tennis racket please feel free to contact us.

Please contact Nick and Chantel to register your child or for more information
email: nrtenniscoaching@gmail.com Or call: 07877861112



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