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

Former student, GB cyclist and future Olympian Ryan Owens visited Redborne on the last day of term to give an inspirational presentation to the year 12 and 13 PE students. He provided an in depth practical case study of his life as an elite sportsman and tailored this around subject specific contemporary issues they have learnt about in their studies. British cycling is training and developing Ryan for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and we are extremely grateful to him for giving up his time for Redborne students to benefit from his experience.



## English

The school has received a copy of the *'Poetry Trials' South Eastern Anthology*, which features poetry submitted to a national Young Writers competition by several of our Year 9 students. This is a fantastic achievement, and the English Department is very proud of our long list of contributors in this anthology. A second set of entries for a new competition 'Spine Chillers' was sent off before Easter, and we look forward to similar success for our students. The anthology will be in the South School Library from 20th April, and we encourage aspiring writers to have a look and consider entering the next competition as well. For more information, please see Miss Borritt or Mrs Graves in the English Office.



Young Bond author, Steve Cole, visited Redborne on Tuesday 19th of April to talk about his spy novels. Over seventy year 9 students were involved in this exciting experience where he shared his ideas and the process behind writing a novel.

## Teachers for Tomorrow

On Wednesday 20th April, a group of successful 6th formers attended a lunch to celebrate completing the Teachers for Tomorrow programme. Year 12 and 13 students have spent the last 9 months working with teachers and classes in a range of subjects from dance to physics, supporting, and even leading learning in the classroom. Mr Gray presented the students with their certificates and gave an inspirational speech about the rewards of being a teacher. We look forward to seeing them running their own classrooms in the future!



## 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.

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## Whole School:

**May Day** falls on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** and the first half term ends on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Students return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

### 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](mailto: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.

## Year 10

### Duke of Edinburgh

Year 10 Silver DofE practice expedition **camp A; Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Monday 23rd May**

Letters and kit lists have been issued to participants.

### Dance

Year 10 'Find It' GCSE Dance video assessment is week commencing **16<sup>th</sup> May** (in lesson time TBC)

## Year 11.

### English

A/A\* Evening - An evening to celebrate students' continued achievement and effort in maths and English will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. Students have been invited to join the English and maths faculties in an evening of games, food and prizes.

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## Important ICT dates for your diary

Cambridge Nationals ICT exam **18<sup>th</sup> May** am

Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia exam **8<sup>th</sup> June** am

AQA Computer Science exam **8<sup>th</sup> June** am

Look out for breakfast and after school revision sessions.

## French:

There will be GCSE revision sessions period 5 and after school until 3:45pm on **16<sup>th</sup> May** with Mrs Shaw in room 25 and Mr Flynn in room 27. There will also be a breakfast revision session in the same rooms on the morning of **17<sup>th</sup> May**.

## German:

Tuesdays of A week – Year 11 listening sessions in room 28

## Dance

GCSE DANCE STUDY SKILLS -selected students **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May** P4

## Sixth Form

### English

**Year 12 Madame Bovary theatre trip** - On **13<sup>th</sup> May** a group of year 12 English literature students will watch a new production of 'The Massive Tragedy of Madame Bovary!' based on Flaubert's novel at the Royal & Derngate Theatre in Northampton. This much acclaimed and highly inventive production will be invaluable in informing students' year 13 coursework.

### French:

AS Speaking exam **5<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

A2 Speaking exam **9<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

There is a breakfast revision session for the AS students **6<sup>th</sup> June**, straight after the May half term.

### Spanish:

AS Speaking exams **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016**

A2 Speaking exams **12<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

### German:

AS speaking is on Wednesday **11<sup>th</sup> May** and there will be a breakfast session before this.

AS LRW on Thursday **19<sup>th</sup> May** will also be preceded by a breakfast session.

Every Wednesday in May - after school session for Y12 and Y13 room 23

Thursdays after school - Y12 revision session in room 24

Due to the Bank Holiday and meetings, there will be no Grammar Masterclass sessions in May.

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The AS and A2 German students who went on the History trip to Berlin had a fantastic time and were inspired by the trip. The German department is looking to run their own trip to Berlin in the Autumn term as it fits well with the sixth form curriculum.

## Dance

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May -AS DANCE THEORY EXAM 1.30PM - Last minute Revision in lessons prior to exam and during lunch.

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