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Art - Exceptional Performance- Jack Lynch Year 10 GCSE art for Joseph Cornell inspired project work.

Year 9 stage combat workshop in January was such a success it is being repeated on January 28th; students have signed up and taken letters home.

Upcoming events in February:

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:

Reminder: Please be considerate of our neighbours when picking up and dropping off students and not block access for local residents. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Battle of the Bands takes place in the Connolly hall on **Thursday 28th January**. Tickets are on sale at the school shop.

Ski Trip 2016 (12th – 20th February) – Ski fit is every Tuesday 3:10 pm – 4:30pm after school in south school gym with Mrs Jones. The final payment was due on Friday 15th January and the final letter is due out very soon.

There are a number of speaking exams taking place in languages over the next couple of months and students should be aware of their individual times. If they are unsure, please check with their language teacher.

Our **Careers Fair** is to be held on **Thursday 4th February**, 9:45 am to 3:10 pm in the Connolly Hall. The day will enable students to meet with delegates from employment and education in order to gain advice and information that will support them in making decisions in relation to them planning for their future.

It's going to be even bigger and more impressive than last time – we have had some fantastic offers of support. In addition to Bedford College and various apprenticeship providers coming, some of the 40 organisations present will include – Barclays, Center Parcs, the Foreign Commonwealth Office, Vauxhall, BBC 3 Counties Radio, Arcadia Group (Top Shop), Mercedes Benz, Bloor Homes, Millbrook, a local architect practice, solicitors, and surveyors, the Army, Navy and Central Bedfordshire Council.

The Careers Fair will:

- Promote industry and opportunities to tomorrow's workforce and
- Inform young people of the skills and qualities valued in recruitment and the development of staff.

[Student schedule for the day.](#)

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District Cross Country is taking place on **Wednesday 27th January**, students qualifying for the **County Cross Country** will be informed and it takes place on **Wednesday 10th February**.

As part of the **Year 10 charity week**, there will be a whole school non uniform day on **Friday 5th February**. Students are invited to make a £1 donation in order to be able to wear non-school uniform. The charities being supported by Year 10 are B-Eat (eating disorders charity), GOSH and SANDS (charity to support families of stillborn babies). There will also be a lot of events happening throughout the week including cake sales and a charity auction.

January 28th is the date of the regional final for **Poetry By Heart**. Redborne's in school winner, Eleanor Burrige, will be reciting two poems at the Quarry Theatre, Bedford, hoping to go on to the national finals. Her competition will come from all across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, and will include many pupils from independent schools. Good luck Ellie!

February 19th is the deadline for entries for the **Christopher Tower Poetry Competition**. This is a national competition for poets ages between 16 and 18, and both of our A-level Creative Writing classes have entered. More details are available at: <http://www.towerpoetry.org.uk/> or speak to Miss Clark in the English department.

English trips coming up:

- Year 13 visit to the University of Bedfordshire Library on 21st January.
- **Year 12 and 13** trip to the British Library for the "Write Here" creative writing workshop on **Tuesday 26th January** (11.30 – 13.30).
- **Public speaking competition** at Bedford School on **Wednesday 10th February**.

Film Trips:

- Trip to the **BBFC** on **Thursday 25th February**.
- **Studio tour** of Warner Bros Studios on **Friday 4th March**

Last day of half term is **Friday 12th February** with students returning for the second half of term on **Monday 22nd February**.

ICT – Able, gifted and talented students for Maths and Computer Science will be going to the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park after February half term.

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Year 9

February is a busy time for Year 9 in preparation for the start of the GCSE courses in the second half of the summer term. Reports will be issued to Year 9 on **Friday 5th February** with the options evening following on **Thursday 11th February** in the hall between 5pm and 8pm. This will be an opportunity understand the option process and to discuss with subject teachers possible choices. Students are expected to attend the evening and use the time to make suitable decisions. The option form will need to be returned by **Monday 22nd February**.

The **able, gifted and talented** co-ordinator, Miss Hounam will meet with all Year 9 students who have been nominated subject excellence students on **Wednesday 3rd February**.

Geography - On **January 29th** a group of 14 Year 9's will visit the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, where as well as touring the museum and viewing the exhibits with some items from Scott's ill-fated expedition to the Antarctic they will carry out some activities to learn about the threats to the Antarctic today. In the afternoon they will spend some time in the town centre making a film about the attractions of Cambridge as a place to visit.

Drama - Year 9 theatre trips in February. Redborne students will go to London to see "The Woman in Black" on **2nd February** and "The 39 Steps" on **24th February**.

Maths - Internal assessments for Year 9 will take place as follows;

9U Monday 22nd February – revision, Tuesday 23rd February - topic test, Wednesday 24th February - basics test and **9V** Tuesday 23rd February – revision, Wednesday 24th February - topic test, Friday 26th February - basics test

History - Some Year 9 students will be visiting the First World War battlefields in Belgium. They will have guided tours of significant sites such as cemeteries, battlefields and trench systems around the Ypres area and will be able to experience the things that they have studied in class first hand.

Year 10

Maths – Problem solving day for most able students in year 9 and 10 on **26th January**. Internal assessments for Year 10 will take place as follows; 10X and 10Z Friday 29th January and 10Y **Thursday 28th January**.

A number of Year 10 students will be involved in the Intermediate maths challenge on **Thursday 4th February**.

Immunisation will be taking place for Year 10 on **Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February**. College students will all have their immunisation on Monday as they are in college on Tuesday. The schedule is available here.

The Year 10 **Progress checks** will be issued on **Friday 12th February** in the usual way.

Biology - There will be a Year 10 Biology trip to the Dominion theatre on **Friday 26th February**.

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Year 11.

Year 11 Parents evening is on **Wednesday 27th January** 5pm – 8pm.

Students who wish to **apply for a place in the Sixth Form** starting in September 2016 need to return the application form that was issued on Friday 22nd January. Forms are available from their form tutor. Full details on how to complete the form are given on the form and the deadline for return of applications is 3.10pm on **Monday 1st February**.

Art - Before school breakfast club starting at 7.40am for Year 11 students is on Wednesday week A and Monday week B. This is directly before students art lesson P1 and enables them to have an extended lesson on their exam project. After school sessions are on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week until 4.30. Some of these sessions follow on from art lessons taking place P5 and again enable student to have an extended lesson.

Maths - Some Year 11 students will be involved in the Intermediate maths challenge on **Thursday 4th February**. Revision sessions for Year 11 are every Thursday after school for any students. See the Maths department website for more information.

ICT - Important dates for your diary;

- All coursework for ICT, Creative iMedia and Computer Science must be submitted by the **14th March**.
- Cambridge Nationals ICT exam **18th May** am
- Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia exam **8th June** am
- AQA Computer Science exam **8th June** am

Sixth Form

Year 12 Students are currently being asked to complete and return a 'Year 12 into 13' form giving details on their subject plans for Year 13. Full details about what to do are given on the form. The deadline for the return of this form is 3.10pm on Friday 29th January.

English - On the **26th January**, the Creative Writing department is running a trip to the British Library, in order for Year 12 and Year 13 students to take part in a 'Write Here!' workshop where they produce original creative pieces in one of the most prestigious literary contexts in the UK.

Sixth form Creative Writing student, Martin Lindill, is organising a writing competition celebrating World Book Day. Alongside other celebrations in school, students are invited to submit a piece of fiction, poetry, script or non-fiction prose to be judged by a panel made up Miss Clark, Miss Borritt and Mrs Randhawa. All entries should be submitted via email to 11MLindill on the school email system. The theme for World Book Day, and the competition, is 'Imagination.' Deadline: February 18th.

AS theatre studies students will be taking part in rehearsals in the week commencing the **1st February**, with practical exams taking place on **10th and 11th February**.

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Drama - Year 12 theatre trip to see "The 39 Steps" on **24th February**.

Maths - Year 12 intervention sessions after school on Thursday every week in room 40 with Mr Kelly

Geography - Year 12, as part of their Geography AS course are required to carry out primary data collection for their geographical skills exam. They have already completed a physical geography investigation in the Lake District and will visit Luton town centre on **22nd and 23rd February** in order to look at the influence of population change on different parts of Luton and how this changes their characteristics. Here they will use a variety of data collection techniques including poetry writing to gather information on the features of different parts of the town.

March

Art - During Year 10 Parents evening scheduled for **Wednesday 23rd March** in the art department classrooms there will be an exhibition of all Year 10 students' work in the department foyer with refreshments.

April

English - On **April 29th**, Redborne will once again host a selection of Year 5 and 6 students from our local middle schools for a Creative Writing conference day. Miss Clark and Mrs Shibli will be leading activities along with students from our own Creative Writing and English departments who will be leading sessions and supporting their younger peers. This event was highly successful last year, and we look forward to welcoming students from Alameda, Woodland, Fullbrook and Sir William Ransom (Hitchin).

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Vacancy:

SENIOR SCIENCE TECHNICIAN / CHEMISTRY TECHNICIAN

Required as soon as possible

Level 4

Point 21 – 28 (depending on experience)

£19,742 - £24,472 pro rata

Actual salary range will be £17,945 - £22,245

Term Time only plus 5 Training Days + 2 weeks during the school holidays

37 hours per week

An experienced Technician is required to provide technician support to teaching staff and students and assist the Head of Faculty with administrative tasks. The successful candidate will line manage a team of technicians. The ability to provide A Level Chemistry lessons and an understanding of health and safety issues would be an advantage. There may be a possibility of a Level 2 Chemistry Technician post, hours negotiable. For an informal chat and /or a look around the Department please contact Lynne Harrison the current post holder.

These are permanent positions 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 committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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