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REDHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Poet Mark Gist's Online Workshop



Some Year 7 and 8 students attended a live virtual workshop with Poet Mark Grist. They were encouraged to think originally and make their descriptions stand out from typical metaphors and imagery. They wrote fantastic ideas, some of which Mark read out, and finished by writing a 6 line poem each! Ben's poem features on the back page.

Business Studies collaborates with 'The Tree Council'

Year 9 planted trees on Friday 21st January as part of their collaboration with The Tree Council and a wider plan to encourage wildlife and greenery on our school site. The Council's aim is to inspire teachers and pupils around the country to get outdoors and connect with nature by learning, planting and caring for trees. We now have two apple trees, two quince trees and a plum tree behind the rubber crumb! Hopefully in the summers to come we have some lovely fruit.



Congratulations Jenson!



From Year 7 to Year 11 (above), Jenson's ability and success in football has taken off! We are over the moon with his efforts and achievements in football. Jenson has signed a scholarship at West Bromwich Albion for the next two years.

Fingers crossed that this will end up in a professional contract at the end of it! This is a huge achievement and reflects his hard work. We can't wait to see his progress.

LGBTQ+ Fusion Guest Speakers

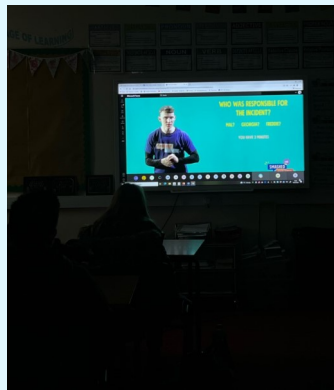
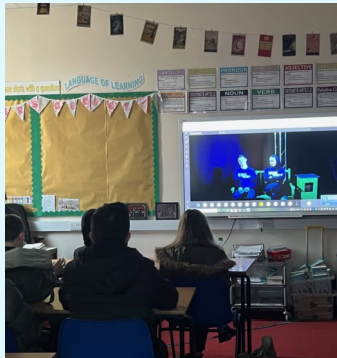
Two representatives of WHAT and LGBTQ+ Fusion came to speak to our LGBTQ club about the range of support that is available with their services. They have a variety of social media and telephone contact methods, as well as a centre in Stourbridge for face to face meetings. The students really appreciated the information and their open conversation about seeking help and advice.



Year 8's Alcohol Education Theatre Performance and Workshop

On 19th January, Year 8 attended a live online theatre performance and workshop about underage drinking and peer pressure as part of PSHE. They had the opportunity to ask and answer questions on the live chat and interact with other students and schools.

Thank you to the 'Smashed Project' for speaking with our students and raising such important points about safety, friendship and awareness.



Olivia's Swimming Success

Olivia in Year 7 has been committed to her talents in swimming. She trains six days a week for Stourbridge and Birmingham teams and recently competed in a county competition!



Her favourite stroke is front crawl. This ethic is very admirable and we encourage her to do her best and enjoy such a wonderful talent!

Students' UCB Chef Academy Programme



Congratulations to the Year 10 and 11 students who have dedicated their Saturdays this month to the UCB Chef Academy Programme! They are participating in a seven week course to learn new culinary skills. In their first week, they made scones and their second week was cookies, rocky roads and brownies! We look forward to their graduation on the 19th February. This is a fantastic opportunity for them all.

'I feel this opportunity has given me and the other students a new experience, carrying out practical skills in food in a semi-industrial setting, using larger equipment. This has been a great experience to meet students of the same age from other schools and have a taste of a post-16 provision. The staff who support the sessions are great and friendly.'

Hania, Year 11



Youth Speaks at Pedmore School

Mrs Parker, Miss Jones and Mrs Bradburn are so proud of the students who entered the Youth Speaks competition this month, they've worked very hard. Congratulations for their bravery, confidence and brilliant performances - they really did represent Redhill fantastically.



Year 7 Football Tournament



'When we got onto the rubber crumb, we started warming up and training. It wasn't long until the other schools got there and it didn't take long for everyone to get settled.



Everyone started off by listening to one of the coaches, who welcomed everyone and told us who couldn't make it that evening. All of the schools who we played were brilliant and so were we, but this time they were just that little bit better than we were. All of us worked really hard and did our absolute best on the pitch and can't wait for next Tuesday'— Charley

(Well done to Cheyenne who was also in the team but not in the photo)

Year 7

Fantastic COVID Provisions in School



As a school we have pulled together wonderfully to accommodate for the difficult circumstances with the occasional shortages of staff. The site and IT Support teams have created communal classrooms in the hall and gym to ensure that students can stay in school and receive the best possible education in spite of these times. Students have worked hard on Chromebooks in these lesson times and we credit them for their adaptability and perseverance.

Year 7 and 8 Went to the Panto (oh no they didn't!)



Year 7 and 8 went to see the Pantomime on 27th January and it was lovely how much they supported their peers who were part of the cast. Well done to the students who performed in the Pantomime, you were all brilliant! These dedications to extra curricular commitments reflects strongly on your hard work and involvement in the community.



Thank you to Mrs Wagstaff for all of the organisation and to the staff who attended for their support.

Annie! Rehearsals

The cast of Annie has been working hard in rehearsals, blocking scenes and beginning the fun dance rehearsals!



Creative Writing Club Entries



Introduction to James P's Story

Hi, I'm Ben Brown. This is the story of how me and my friends became ... um, well ... we haven't come up with a name yet. Anyway, we are going on an adventure. Wanna tag along? The bell rings for the end of the day. We rush out of the school and begin to our meeting spot.

'Hey, Ben!' called Nick from the hill.

'Hey, Nick!' I shout back. Just then, I feel something grab my arm.

'Don't forget me!' Instructed Piper.

We head home after getting a snack from the essentials shop. We head our own ways and enter our houses after saying 'bye!'.

- James P, Year 8

Ben's Workshop Poem

My Poem About my Grandad

My grandad was a kindly soul
Very funny, but very wise
We all loved him dearly
Even though he was really
Annoying sometimes (all the time)
But when he passed away
I cried and cried all day
He died at the age of 74 and he was still
fighting
He was a great man, my grandad.

Ben, Year 8



An Extract From Larissa D's Descriptive Piece

They have not been seen for a long time... these two soulmates, lost, separated by the vacuum brought by death ... a fate that cannot be avoided. Venus and Saturn, always kept at bay due to invincible obstacles, Earth, Mars and Jupiter. The image of these celestial stars was also reflected in our world, or sinful mortals, suffering protagonists being two best friends, Mihai Eminescu and Jon Creanya. Although they were not far from each other, the real distance between them was immense, because, on the soul side, they were like two strangers, away from any persistent emotions.

The two spent their childhood without each other's company. They lived their lives like an empty carcass, because the essence of them was not present, the core ... because they could only be whole next to each other.

- Larissa D, Year 8



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