

REDHILL REVIEW

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From the Headteacher

It is not often that a member of staff wins a national award so we were all delighted and impressed when Mrs Barfoot recently won the German Teacher of the Year Award (see opposite). This super achievement reflects her hard work, popularity with students and real dedication to the teaching profession. Our warmest congratulations go out to her.

You will also notice two other new initiatives in the newsletter – the launch of the Redhill Academy and news of our new House system. The Redhill Academy is a comprehensive programme of after-school activities designed to offer all students the opportunity to excel. Our new House system has got off to a great start with the first competition being It's a Knockout. Students of all ages have been involved in highly competitive matches with Africanus House presently holding a slender lead.



Austria Tour

The 5th-12th July 2009 saw the Music Department lead a very exciting music tour in Austria. The Staff along with 36 students enjoyed seeing the sights of Salzburg and surrounding areas along with taking part in two very successful concerts. Concert Band, Choir and soloists performed a variety of music to Austrian Audiences at Bandstands in Zell Em See and St Gilgen. Unfortunately our open air concert at Mirabella Gardens was rained off, but we did not let this ruin our high spirits and went for a spot of retail therapy in the largest shopping mall in Salzburg.

Students also indulged in some Austrian heritage, visiting Mozart's birthplace and residence, The Salt mines and Liechtensteinklamm (a gorge) and a Sound of Music tour. All students and staff had a fantastic time and we are looking forward to our next music tour. Thank you to everyone involved.

Annual Christmas Concert We would like to remind all parents about our Annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday 8 December 2009 at 7.00 pm at St Paul's Church, Daybrook. Ticket prices are £4 Adults and £3 Concessions and are limited to two per pupil. Tickets will be available from Student Reception from Tuesday 1 December 2009.



German Teacher Award

Redhill School is very proud to announce that one of our staff has recently won a national award for the quality of teaching and outstanding contributions to the development of a subject area. On Thursday 17 September, Mrs Barfoot went to Manchester Town Hall to be presented with the German Teacher of the Year Award. The Award is given every year to excellent teachers of German who have made an outstanding and dedicated contribution to German teaching at their school.

Mrs Barfoot thoroughly deserves this recognition for her innovative approaches to language teaching and the many exchanges, bilingual projects and curriculum projects she has been involved in. She is also very active in local outreach activities. The award was presented by the Cultural Ambassador of the Germany Embassy at their Sommerfest event. The certificate is now hanging in her classroom. Mrs Barfoot is still a little embarrassed by the publicity but we don't care! As a school we are very proud of her achievement. Well done.

Smith House Charity Event

All students in Smith House are involved in a 'Pencil Case Appeal'. Students can donate items of stationery into a pencil case and these can be dropped off in a box outside the Smith House office. The pencil cases will be sent to a Birunda Primary School in Kenya.

Thank you to all staff and students for supporting this worthy charity.

Ms Jackson, Head of Smith House

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Last week saw the launch of the Redhill Academy. This is a programme of after-school activities at Redhill School. The aim is to offer students the opportunity to develop their own individual talents and reach their full potential.

Setting high expectations of achievement for all.

Redhill Academy Ethos

The Redhill School is a highly successful Foundation School specialising in the Performing Arts and Science.

The ethos of the Redhill Academy after school programme mirrors that of the school in making learning challenging, engaging and enabling all students to reach their potential.

The Redhill Academy also aims to raise student aspirations, providing an inclusive provision for all students, where they are treated with respect and given equal opportunities within a fun educational environment.



Have your say!

We always like to take on board student ideas and value your input and feedback. We are actively seeking your opinions on the activities within the programme, and for you to come up with some ideas of new sessions you want to see run. So pass on any great ideas you have.

What do I need to do if I want to join an activity?

There are a wide range of activities within the Redhill Academy. The first thing to look for is the year group the session is aimed at. Some are specific to an age category, others welcome all years to their groups.

Each activity in the programme is run by staff within a specific faculty. If you wish to attend any of the sessions you should approach your classroom teacher or any member of that faculty to let them know you are interested.

Below is a full timetable of activities, with the year group the session is aimed at.

Planned for Spring Term 2010

We are constantly looking to bring new and interesting extension activities to the academy programme.

The following ideas are already in the planning stage for Spring Term 2010.

- Beginners Mandarin Chinese
- Gifted and Talented Professional Acting Workshop
- Computer Club for Girls
- Redhill Allotment
- GCSE & A level Revision Masterclasses.

There are many more activities that will be added over the coming year, so look out for the refreshed timetable of events in forthcoming newsletters.

Timetable of Activities – Autumn Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Graphics course work catch-up (Yrs 10 & 11)	Senior Choir	Food course work catch-up (Y11). Alternate weeks to Thursday	Science Surgery (All yrs)
Clarinet Choir	Aim Higher Art (Yr 11)	French Revision Masterclass (Yr 11)	Psychotherapy (VIth form)
Art Open House (Yrs 10, 11 & VI frm)	'Take off' Literacy Support	'Take off' (Literacy Support)	'Take off' (Literacy Support)
Drama Clinic (Yrs 10 & 11)	Elite Sports Programme (Every other week. Gifted and Talented)	Maths Clinic (All yrs)	Food course work catch-up (Yr 11). Alternate weeks to Wednesday
Cheerleading	Musical Production (Yrs 10 & 11)	Guitar Club	Electronics (All Yrs)
Health & Social Care coursework catch-up (Yr 11)	Duke of Edinburgh Gold	School Production programme design & marketing	Formula 1 for Schools (All Yrs)
Calendar Cooks (Monthly Yr 7 & 8)	English Keystage 4 Clinic	Musical Production (Yrs 10 & 11)	Concert Band
GCSE Statistics (Yrs 10 & 11)	Health & Social Care coursework catch-up (Yr 11)	Gifted and Talented Art Club (Production set)	Humanities Club (BBC News Competition, monthly all yrs)
Netball (Yrs 7 & 8)	Textile Club (Yrs 7-9)	History of Art (Yr 13)	Aim Higher Art (Yr 10)
Girls Football (Yr 9)	'Wickets' Bridge to success (Yrs 7 & 8)	Christmas Production rehearsals (Yrs 7-9)	Year 11 French revision (alternate weeks to Wednesday session)
Spinning (Yr 10)	Double Club Bridge to success (Y8)	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (9/10)	Yr 7 Drama Club
Rugby (Yr 7)	Film Club (VI form)	Duke of Edinburgh Silver (Yr 10)	MFL Leaders
BTEC Business coursework catch-up (Yr 11)	Hockey Training (All Yrs)	Junior Choir (Yrs 7 -9)	Christmas Production rehearsals (Yrs 7-9)
	Badminton Coaching (All Yrs)	Girls Football (Yrs 7,8, 10 & 11)	KS3 Puzzle Club
		Basketball (Yrs 10 & 11)	Double Club Bridge to success (Y8)
			Netball (Yr 11)
			Rugby (Yrs 8 & 9)

It's a Knockout!!!

This term has seen the first ever Redhill inter house It's a knockout competition.



Students from year 11, 10 and 9 have had the honour of representing their house by taking in part in a number of different physical, tactical and problem solving activities.

Everyone involved has represented their houses well, displaying excellent standards of fair play and sportsmanship.

Competition has been fierce with results coming down to half points separating the teams.

All of the points awarded so far will contribute to the overall house 'it's a knockout!' cup, the winners of which will be decided after years 7 and 8 have competed.

A big thank you to everyone who has competed so far and good luck to those who have yet to compete!

Results so far.

A. Holman

	Yr 11	Yr 10	Yr 9
Afrikanus	27 points	24 points	23.5 points
Green	17 points	24 points	23.5 points
Knight	22 points	20 points	14.5 points
Larwood	14 points	19 points	23 points
Lawrence	15 points	20 points	19 points
Paul Smith	20 points	19 points	22.5 points

Student Leadership appointments

Congratulations to all those students who we appointed to new house student leadership roles at the end of last term.

For each of the 6 new Houses leadership roles were advertised and students from Yr 11 and Year 12 had to apply in writing and go through a thorough interview process with members of staff.

The following appointments were made.

	Africanus		Green		Knight		Larwood		Lawrence		Smith	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
House Captain	George Sawyer	Lucy Bell	Pratik Vjas	Kirsty Mason	Daniel Widdowson	Sopie Macmillan	Ammar Kahla	Annie Hodgkinson		Laura Bray	Luke Swann	
Deputy House Captain	Harry Georgiou	Rebecca Walker	Jack Pitman	Laura Harvey	Mani Landa	Amy Longstaff	Ryan Stott	Selina Hei Tong Chan	Sonny Singh	Lauren Holmes		Daniella Hickey
Sports Captain	Aidan Brown	Rebecca Dave	Joe Meakin	Amber Wildgust	Daniel Phillips	Malissa Sallis	Nathan Chafer	Sophie Baldwin	Matt Hopewell	Lucy Harvey	Tarl Jackson	
Deputy Sports Captain	Josh Shannon	Charlotte Marshall	Sam Peters	Mercedes Assad	Kyle Walton		Reece Bull	Rio Henley		Gemma Woodhouse	Joshua Byfield Symons	
Performing Arts Captain	Matt McAdam	Sian Brooke	Joe Burton	Narisha Lawson	Daniel Gibson	Bernice Willimas	Ben Foster	Leila Newton-Fox	Lewis Spink	Any Wood		Elizabeth Felstead
Deputy Performing Arts Captain	Jamie Sharp Chatterton	Jade Berry	Dylan Cutts	Chloe Foster	Hayden Johnson	Rebecca Wigston	Jacob Gaunt	Laisha Johnson		Georgia Foy Louise Wilkinson		Ka Man Shing
Media, Communication & House Charity			Chau Allen	Izzy Burton		Keila James						

It is great to have so many students involved in leadership roles within the school working alongside staff and students for the good of the school. Well done and good luck to our newly appointed Captains in your new role.

Paul Sherlock

A near miss!

The Y10 boys' football team reached the Forest Bowl semi-final, beating Wheldon School (last years finalists) 4-2 after an excellent performance. In the semi final the team played **National** finalists Trinity - we were without 3 of our strongest players and sadly lost 2-0. So near to playing at the City Ground in the final....

J. Tyler

Music Department News

Rock and Pop Night

On Thursday 22nd October we had our Rock/Pop night. It was a great evening and the students really did themselves proud. The music department had a real buzz about it the two weeks before as students were borrowing drum kits and stereos and asking for rooms to rehearse in. There were dancers in our corridors and music coming out of every room! All the hard work and effort really paid off. Students from all year groups took part and we were amazed at some of the younger ones who were so brave and stood up and sang their hearts out, as well as hearing our older students who are maturing in their performing skills so much.



The money raised for Rock night will be going towards our grand piano fund as our current grand piano is very poorly indeed now as she is a frail old lady who the piano tuner has finally given up on! We still have a long, long way to go though! We are currently rehearsing for our Armistice events in the local community and of course, for our Christmas Carol Service at St. Pauls Church in Daybrook.

M. Johnson & E. Morley

Beatles Museum + Lipa

On the 2nd October we took 30 GCSE Music and Btech Performing Arts students to Liverpool to visit the Beatles Museum and for an open day at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA). The days focus was building a career in the Performing Arts and who better as an inspiration than the Beatles themselves. The students enjoyed visiting the museum and learning of how the Beatles became as famous as they are today and coming within a few metres of their original instruments and costumes.

In the afternoon the students visited LIPA for an open day. LIPA is a higher-education institute that was set up by Paul McCartney and offers Diploma and Degree courses in Music, Music Technology, Performing Arts and Drama. After an interesting talk about the entry and audition process our students got to meet some of LIPAs students and talk to them about how to progress onto a future in the Performing Arts. Students were also given a tour of the state of the art building and sound studios.

Spotlight!

Macbeth

A cast of students from Redhill performed Macbeth at the Mansfield palace theatre on October 21st. They rehearsed from July to get their show ready and did a great job. The cast included students from years 8 to 11 and they worked very hard to put on a strong performance to three other schools, parents, directors and professional actors in a professional theatre. The Shakespeare Schools festival takes place each year across the UK and offers schools a chance to create and perform Shakespeare's plays to a high standard. We hope to take another show next year so keep a look out for auditions in the summer term! Well done to everyone involved you did a wonderful job and deserved your fantastic review!

Miss Johnson

Review from Penelope Middleboe, Deputy Director of Shakespeare Schools Festival

I wanted to thank you in writing for an exceptional Macbeth last night. It lifted everyone's spirits to see a show of such a high standard.

As I said in my appreciation it looked absolutely beautiful. The combination of costumes/ lighting/ and skilful direction created tableaux of an almost film-like quality. I was particularly impressed with the focus, commitment and projection of your talented cast. They understood the story and the world and presented it to us with aplomb.

The range of ages and sizes created a credible world that gripped the audience from the opening. I loved the way you used your courtiers to people the castle as well as to provide the internal architecture. I've never seen anything quite so simple and effective. Highlights that stand out for me were Lady Macbeth's first speech with her ladies-in-waiting who became an abstract chorus commenting on her dark desires; the way you shared out Macbeth's "is this a dagger..." speech between the courtiers lying in a circle around him on the floor and the witches; and Macbeth's "out out brief candle" speech with the slow-motion battle behind.

The playing card motif was effectively carried throughout and, as I said, the witches had a dignity and a morality that was striking.

Thank you and all your cast for their commitment and dedication. I would encourage them to apply for the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain (as and when they are old enough).

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