



# REDHILL NEWS

September 2018

## OUTSTANDING GCSE RESULTS



Redhill pupils achieved excellent results in the GCSE exams this summer across a wide range of subjects. The majority of exam qualifications have become increasingly difficult with new specifications and grading in subjects; but Redhill pupils responded magnificently to the challenge and recorded very good grades.

Core subject areas achieved some very high results with 84% of Redhill pupils leaving with a standard pass in English and 80% of pupils achieved a standard pass in Mathematics. A striking 81% of our pupils also achieved two standard grades or above in science subjects. The percentage of pupils gaining a standard pass in both English and Mathematics was 75%.

Results for Triple Science are excellent with 53% of the grades awarded in Biology, Chemistry and Physics being a 7 to 9 grade. The DFE gold standard English Baccalaureate was highly impressive with 45% of Redhill students gaining this qualification. This figure again puts Redhill significantly above the national average for pupils gaining the English Baccalaureate.

The top 12 pupils in the school this year achieved between them 44 Grade 9's and 47 Grade 8's and 31 grade 7's overall. Our highest achieving boy, Ryan Prins achieved a brilliant 8 grade 9's and 3 grade 8's in his range of subjects. Naomi Tromans and Anna White, our top achieving girls, gained between them 13 grade 9's and 7 grade 8's in their subjects.

Headteacher, Chris McGrail, commented, "These are brilliant results. We are delighted with the fantastic achievements of our pupils this year. A large number of students have achieved top grades in their subjects and are now going onto the courses they have chosen. I am very proud of every pupil who has left us this year to pursue the next stage of their education."

## KINVER CAMP

During the last week of the summer term the whole of Year 7 went to Kinver Scout Camp. Classes 7C, 7D, 7E and 7F left on Monday 16th July and arrived back on Tuesday afternoon. The other year 7 classes, 7H, 7J, 7K and 7L left on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July and arrived back on Wednesday afternoon.

Demi Paskin-Fox has reports on her day and a half she spent at Kinver camp.



### Life Skills

Year 7 had a fantastic time when we went to Camp Kinver in July. We were not only able to have fun but we also learnt life skills. When we arrived, we were taught how to construct our tents. This was fun but hard work.



### Camp Fire

Towards the end of the day we were all allowed to sit around the camp fire and toast marshmallows. It was a shame there was no hot chocolate.



### Activities

The main fun was the activities we were able to take part in. We were taught to construct dens, we had a go at shooting, and took part in a treasure hunt. We all had such a good time and didn't want to leave.



### Memories

We all woke up in the morning, had breakfast and did more activities before going home. The Zip Wire was scary but mainly exiting. This was definitely a very exiting trip and I'll never forget it.



## ASPIRE TO BE DAY



Year 8 Aspire To Be Day was a great day for all of our year 8 pupils to be able to discuss their future with some of the school's ex-pupils. The day brought many pathways for our students to consider whether they have a career in mind or are totally undecided.

A year 8 pupil said that it was "very inspiring to see what opportunities there are when you finish the school, and it was lovely to see where other people have chosen to go."

The day was great fun and gave pupils a taster of, not only what they would like to consider in the future, but some interview skills too.

Thank you to Mrs Elwell and Mrs Grinnell for organising the event, it was a lovely day for all of us and thoroughly enjoyable.

Mariann Bayliss

## YEAR 10 VISIT HALESOWEN COLLEGE



Making pasta on the catering course

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 240 Year 10 Redhill School Pupils had the opportunity to spend a day at a local Post-16 education provider, Halesowen College. Once we arrived, we had the opportunity to hear about the different pathways which are available to pupils, A-Levels, Vocational Courses and Apprenticeships. We were greeted by Halesowen College Student Ambassadors, the School Liaison Team and Careers staff, this allowed for a vibrant level of discussions about college life and post-16 opportunities to develop.

Pupils attended 3 different sessions delivered by experienced college staff, allowing pupils to get a flavour for college life. It was equally positive that the lecturers in many subjects discussed how they had entered into the profession, academic area and vocation they were delivering, which again allowed for pupils to consider their futures.



Ready for Take Off?  
Travel and Tourism

The Year 10 pupils were a credit to the school in their behaviour, engagement and enthusiasm for the variety of subjects and pathways which they were able to experience on this day. It is important that Year 10 pupils begin to look at Open Evenings for a variety of providers in the area, there will be a Post-16 evening held at Redhill School on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Mrs Elwell



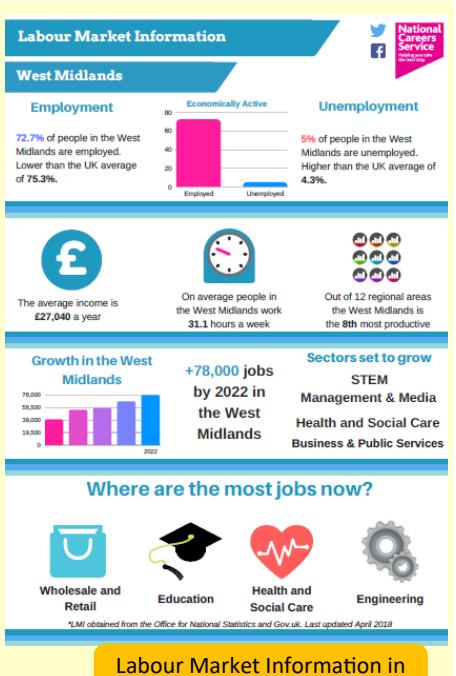
Graphics taster session

## IAG DAY YEARS 8 & 9

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, year 8 and 9 spent the day looking at Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG), the changes in the curriculum and its importance in their lives.

Pupils worked in their tutor groups completing a series of careers based lessons. These included an introduction to Gatsby Benchmarks for strong careers guidance, mock interviews and Fast Tomato, a careers software research programme.

There was a positive attitude in lessons as pupils considered their futures and how their time at Redhill can support them on this journey. They all completed a work booklet and Barclays Life Skills leaflet, which were taken home to continue these discussions with their friends and families to help support pupils in the adapting jobs market.



## ANYONE FOR A STRAWBERRY?

A group of students were invited to go strawberry picking at the end of the summer term, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The strawberries along with cream and scones were then sold to pupils and staff with all proceeds going to Breast Cancer Care.

Mrs Bridgwater also baked a delicious cake to sell which added to the fantastic total raised of £110.

Well done to everyone who Supported the event.

Mrs Edmunds



## WORLD HOVERCRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Serena Hackett attended the Hovercraft World Championships in Saalburg, Germany, during the first week of the new school term. She did extremely well, finishing sixth in the world. Serena is 12 years old and has the lowest powered craft in the field, with everyone else above her aged 13-15 years of age.



Serena had to overcome several problems during the event, a complete engine change, a top end engine change and repairs to the hull of the hovercraft, but she kept going. The future looks very positive for Serena in her sport.

Well done Serena, we wish you all the best for the future.



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