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

There have been a number of events that have taken place over the past few weeks of last term. You can read about these and see the photographs on the [news and events](#) section of the website.

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

I just wanted to thank all of Redborne staff who volunteered to help out on the two Bronze DofE camps. The students had a good time and learned a lot about themselves and teamwork. Despite a few learning curves all of the groups did well and are starting to get a bit excited/ nervous about the assessed expedition coming up in June. Camp A will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Camp B will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Remember the weather is going to be much warmer and students will need to pack sunscreen. Mr Schmidt



The following students have also completed their awards;

- Silver - Roseanna Till, Georgina Curtis, Rachel Clay, Francesca James and Molly Healy
- Bronze - Josie Woollard, and Cameron Roberts

## Art Show

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, there was a fantastic show of the art produced by the students at Redborne. It ranged from the Pop Art projects from Year 9 students right up to the A level artists in the sixth form. The quality of the work was outstanding and we wish all the students the very best for their results in the summer. Visit our [website](#) for more pictures of the event. Students can see more in Lesson Store.



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## Upcoming events in June:

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:

### Attendance

We would like to remind you that we expect 100% attendance wherever possible. If a student misses 1 day of school, they miss 5 hours of lesson time and it can be difficult to catch up missed work. We believe that a student is missing valuable teaching time if they miss school.

If however, because of exceptional circumstances, you wish to request leave of absence, can you please complete the leave of absence form which can be found on our website and return to the relevant pastoral support officer. **Remember that 90% attendance or below is classed as persistent absenteeism!**

### Reminder about nails and nail varnish.

An increasing number of students are coming to school wearing fake nails, many of these nails are brightly coloured and of extreme length. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that these should not be worn to school and ask that these are all removed before the end of the half term break. Nails should be of a sensible length and not unnaturally coloured. Mr Armstrong and Mr Trapp

### Exams

The summer exams are now in full swing, all the information and timetables are available on our [exams page](#) of the school website.

### Music

The Ampthill Proms is **1<sup>st</sup> July** and the Jazz Band is performing alongside the Ampthill Concert Orchestra and 2 West End Stars. See the poster at the bottom of this letter for more information.

We have our Summer Concert on the **6<sup>th</sup> July**. This will be at 7.00 in the evening and the hope is that we will hold this outside as an outdoor event if the weather is permitting. There will be the usual range of musical groups and also hopefully some catering (possibly a BBQ).

### Classics

On **Monday 17th July, from 5pm until 9pm**, we are delighted to announce that we be hosting our first Classics event open to schools, teachers, and the wider community.

With music and refreshments provided by other talented Redborne students, there will be talks from Dr Arlene Holmes-Henderson (Oxford), Prof Edith Hall (KCL), Dr Ursula Rothe (OU), and the hilarious Natalie Haynes (Author and Broadcaster).

There will also be a cash bookstall selling the work of our speakers. Reservations can be made [here](#). You can also find out more about Classics at Redborne by visiting the Classics' website <http://redborneclassics.wixsite.com/redborneclassics/news-and-events>

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## Careers News

### Looking for an apprenticeship?

Don't forget to sign up and register for alerts on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Need support applying? Contact the careers advisor for a meeting [stkarmstrong@redborne.com](mailto:stkarmstrong@redborne.com)

**Thinking about your future career? Not sure about the direction to take?** Have you logged into Fast Tomato recently? [www.fasttomato.com](http://www.fasttomato.com) Activation code RUSB Why not arrange a careers meeting to explore your results?

Don't forget for more careers support to follow us on Twitter @CareersRedborne

## Year 9:

**German Exchange Visit to Bavaria (Years 9 and 10)** - The flights for the German Exchange have now been booked and the dates are: **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017** to **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017**.

### Duke of Edinburgh

The Redborne Bronze D of E students have been working hard with their training and completing their activities. I would like to take a minute and remind students and parents that two of the three activities should have been completed before the practice camp.

#### Camp A

Assessed Expedition Monday June 19th and Tuesday 20th

#### Camp B

Assessed Expedition Wednesday June 22nd and Thursday 23rd

Any further questions or concerns please contact [Mr Schmidt](#).

## Year 10:

### Study Club

The study club is open in the library every evening from 3.10pm until 4.30pm. The club is staffed by trained sixth formers and year 10 students can revise for their mock exams in a purposeful environment.

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### Geography

The Year 10 Geography trip to Swanage is on 16th - 18th June. All the students are looking forward to their trip.

### Duke of Edinburgh

The Silver DofE practice expedition will be taking place on **Friday 9th-Monday 12th June**.

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## Year 11

### ICT

AQA GCSE Computer Science

Summer 2017 exam date – Wednesday 7th June AM

Last minute revision sessions: Tuesday 6th June after school in room 18 and Wednesday 7th June 8am in room 18.

OCR Nationals Creative iMedia

Summer 2017 exam date (retake) – Wednesday 7th June AM

Charlie Wells AMPHILL festival  
Amphill Park  
**PROMS**  
SAT 01-07-2017  
A NIGHT OF MUSIC THAT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD

STARS OF THE WEST END  
**JULIE ATHERTON**  
(MAMA MIA, AVENUE Q)  
**OLIVER TOMPSETT**  
(WE WILL ROCK YOU, WICKED, ROCK OF AGES)

AMPHILL CONCERT ORCHESTRA | REDBORNE JAZZ  
AMPHILL TOWN BAND | FIREWORKS FINALE  
LICENSED BAR & FOOD | GATES OPEN AT 6:00 PM

AMPHILLFESTIVAL.CO.UK/PROMS | AMPPARKPROMS | @AMPARKPROMS  
ADVANCE TICKETS: £18 ADULT | £40 FAMILY (2X2) | £8 CHILD | ON GATE TICKETS: £22 ADULT | £54 FAMILY (2X2) | £10 CHILD

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This is not a school trip, but a fantastic opportunity.



NASA Astronaut Mike Foale is coming to Milton Keynes.

Saturday 24th June 2017. Milton Keynes Christian Centre, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes.

Mike Foale flew in space on 6 Space Shuttle missions including extended stays aboard the Russian Mir Space Station and taking command of the International Space Station.

He performed a spacewalk to fix the Hubble Space Telescope making him the first British citizen to walk in space.

Mike Foale was resident on Mir at the time when a spacecraft collided with the station, puncturing the hull, damaging the solar arrays and putting the station in a life threatening spin. It was his calculations that rescued both the Space Station and its crew.

The Armchair Astronaut™ is sponsoring this event and we are eager for as many local students (and their teachers and parents/careers) as possible to benefit from this unique opportunity.

They will be able to meet and greet with Mike, hear about his career in NASA and as a record-holding astronaut during a live lecture presentation, participate in an audience Q&A and witness a live on-stage interview with Mike regarding his new book and upcoming Hollywood movie about his astronaut career.... and leave with both a photograph and autograph to preserve the memories.

We have negotiated a limited number of seats at the **student price of just £17.50 for the whole standard ticket package!** You will need discount code **"MKstudent"** to access these seats at this price. Students and their teachers/parents/careers can book tickets themselves direct from our Eventbrite page or website.

Further details about the event can be found at

<https://AstroMikeFoaleLive.eventbrite.co.uk?discount=MKstudent>.

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