REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

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Weekly Newsletter: Friday 12th September 2025

Redwood Park Academy's Vision

Our vision is that all pupils at Redwood Park Academy will be confident communicators, who are growing to be more independent, so that they are happy and healthy young adults who make positive contributions to their community.

Kindness | Communication | Ambition

Class of the Week: Spinnaker Class

Spinnaker class have come back to school after the summer holidays with an amazing ready to learn attitude. This week has been dedicated to building positive relationships with each other and the staff in the room and learning the routines which students have quickly settled into.

Our topic this term is 'Time Traveller', we started on Monday creating our own time machines with all of our important items in. We looked at what a timeline is and how humans develop along this timeline. In Maths we have been exploring number and place value, using resources such as number lines, counters and number squares. In English we have started looking at the story of Beowulf. Students have listened to part of the story and started using adjectives to describe Grendel.

Students have enjoyed getting back to their PE lessons, they took part in team games on Tuesday and swimming on Wednesday. Spinnaker Class have communicated that they have really enjoyed maths, although it was hard they liked the challenge. They have also shared that art was fun, building 3D structures out of paper.

Message from Maria, Head of School

It has been a fantastic start to the Autumn Term at Redwood Park Academy. The pupils have arrived back with enthusiasm and are settling into their new classes – making relationships with staff and friends.

We would like to wish all our new families a warm welcome to the Redwood Park Community. Our Year 7 pupils have been enjoying exploring the school environment and we have all been so impressed about how confidently they have settled in and engaged with their learning.

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible next Thursday at our coffee morning. I promise to bring a good selection of cakes!

Maria

Forthcoming events

Thursday18th September Coffee Morning: 9:30-11:00

Friday 19th September Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 3rd October Harvest Festival

27th – 31st October Half Term

Wednesday 5th November Future Pathways & Parents Evening

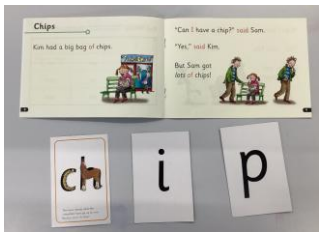
Subject of the week: Phonics

One of our main emphases this year is phonics, the building blocks of sounds that help children to become fluent and confident readers.

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read by helping them connect letters and letter groups to the sounds they make, so they can use those sounds to read and spell words.

We are embedding Read Write Inc phonics program into our school, and pupils are enjoying starting their day practising the phonemes they have learnt, and reading tricky words!

By using “Fred talk”, pupils are able to identify phonemes in the words they read and this enables them to decode more complex words, therefore supporting reading independence across the curriculum. This also increases independence when writing and spelling as pupils are able to use these grapheme building blocks to help them identify sounds in a word and accurately spell more complex vocabulary.



Read Write Inc. Phonics

Signs of the week

Core signs: Greetings

Good Morning

Good afternoon

Our Values

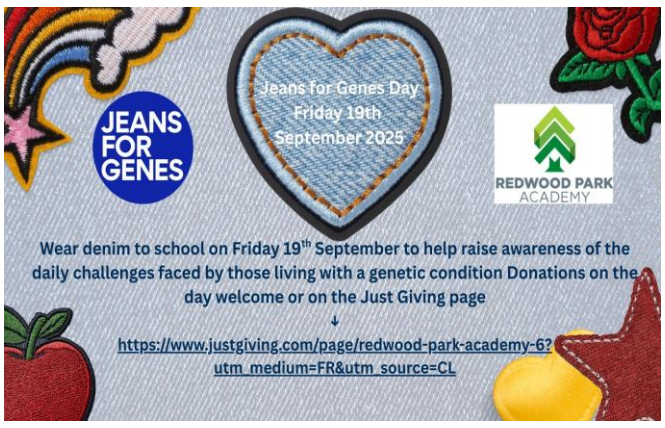
Kindness

We are kind, helpful and considerate.

Communication

We communicate to express our needs and connect with others.

Ambition

We are ambitious; we do our best to be our best.

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