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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.

French Trip

On the 9th of November, the sixth form French students went to the British Film Institute in London for a study day on French cinema.

We met at Flitwick train station at 8.30, and due to problems on the train line we arrived at the talk for 10.30. The talk started by covering an overview of French cinema history, and then we looked at important films in more detail, including "Les Choristes", which is our chosen film for A level, "Un Long Dimanche de Fiançailles" and "les 400 Coups". The speaker, delivering the talk entirely in French, took us through different camera shots and directorial styles, getting us to think about use of colour, music, and imagery. These are key skills for the A level, so was extremely useful. The talk was interactive with many students sharing ideas, and we were given a booklet to fill in, which included technical vocabulary.

After a lunch break around Southbank, we came back for a more relaxed afternoon, watching "Au Revoir Les Enfants" which we had discussed earlier in the day. It was the moving story of the friendship of two young boys, one Catholic and the other Jewish, in occupied France, and many of the themes and techniques discussed earlier in the talk allowed us to see the film in a new way. The talk ended at 15.30 and after a successful and enjoyable day, we returned home by train.

Art

Special Effects (FX) in Art - The art department would like to extend a huge thank you to the students that took part and the parents that allowed them in the most recent art workshop. The art department had a guest artist Cleo Young from 'Pure Ambience' in Bedford to demonstrate special FX makeup, the application, technique and materials needed to create realistic rendering of bruising and skin disorders. The session was setup to support students GCSE and A Level course work. The students who partook in the event were an absolute credit to the school. It was very pleasing to hear the following day from other students how students were tweeting and messaging one another the outcomes of their Special FX session.

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Upcoming events in December:

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:

The last day of term is Friday 16th December. Years will leave following their final assembly. Assembly times are as follows; Sixth Form - 11:05, Year 11 – 11:35, Year 10 – 12:10 and Year 9 – 12:40. All students return to school on **Tuesday 3rd January.**

Reminder to parents regarding medical conditions

Please keep us updated about any changes or additions to your son or daughter's medical conditions. Relevant details should be passed to north school reception or emailed to stljeffrey@redborne.com

Bespoke Curriculum

Bespoke students are representing Redborne School in entering the Xmas Tree Festival at St. Andrews Church, Ampthill on **December the 3rd and 4th.** We will be decorating a tree to show the wealth of subjects on offer here at Redborne. There are several categories for best tree (there are usually about 40 trees in total). Trees will be available to view (entrance £2.50 per adult / over 14 with under 14 free) on Saturday 3rd December from 10am until 4pm and Sunday 4th December 11am until 5pm at St Andrews church Ampthill.

Dance

Tuesday December 6th & 13th (after school) the UOB third year students will be coming in to work with the Redborne Dance Company. Having spent November working with the professional dance artist Effie McGuire Ward on a Contemporary piece the Dance Company will now be creating a commercial / hip hop piece with the undergraduate students.

Year 11

Maths

To ensure that all year 11 students have the opportunity to purchase revision resources, the maths department will be making a second order before the Christmas break. This will ensure that all students can purchase the resources at a reduced cost and have access to quality revision materials during the majority of year 11. The new 9-1 GCSE has not yet been examined and as a result there are no past papers available from the exam board, so revision resources will be essential. You will find the letter that you should have received about these resources at the bottom of this information letter.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas.

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Maths Letter

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We are able to purchase resources for the students at a price only available to schools (about half price). These resources are a revision guide tailored to the correct tier and exam board that includes an online code for just £3, a pack of 6 practice exam papers for £3 and a workbook of topic based questions for £3. In addition, we are asking that students make a suggested contribution of £1 in order for all students to gain access to an online subscription to MathsWatch, where students can watch explanatory videos to every GCSE maths topic (this works on PC, tablet or phone).

This is the first examined year of the GCSE 9-1 maths course and we feel that these resources will provide the best platform for success next summer. In lessons, we will continue to support student learning with tailored questions and exam preparation and we would hope that you can support us by encouraging your son or daughter to start preparing for these exams in their independent study. These resources are the best way to achieve that goal.

Students should also be reminded that they can also access support and resources at www.mymaths.co.uk, the maths department website www.redbornemaths.com and the exam board website www.edexcel.com.

Your son/daughter should either pay in cash or by cheque (payable to Redborne School). Payments should be passed to the maths CSA Miss Town who is located in the maths office at the end of the upper floor maths corridor. Please complete the tear off slip on the reverse of this letter and return with the appropriate payment. All payments should be made by Thursday December 15th.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Jones
Head of Maths

Head of School

Mr S Gray

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