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Now have I than swiche a condicioun,  
That, of all the floures in the mede, Than  
love I most these floures white and rede,  
Swiche as men callen daysies in our town.  
And whan that it is eve, I renne blyve, As  
sone as ever the sonne ginneth weste, To  
see this flour, how it wol go to reste, For  
fere of night, so hateth she derknesse!  
From **“The Legend of Good Women”**  
**Geoffrey Chaucer**



## FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

**Dear Parents, Members of the Old Girls' Guild, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils**

Continuity and change has been the theme of the academic year 2013-14 and there has been much to celebrate throughout the last 12 months as the girls continue to achieve highly in academic and extra curricular pursuits. We continue to provide exciting educational opportunities at Redland High School which pupils, of all ages, embrace with enthusiasm and verve.

A purposeful and busy learning environment is evident in the School at all times, whether during timetabled lessons or in the evenings and weekends at Sports fixtures and clubs, orienteering, Drama rehearsals, Music ensemble practising or in Art or Climbing clubs. Everyone is taking part of the facilities and skilled teaching available at Redland High School. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the many activities which have taken place during the year.

The teaching staff at Redland High are all skilled professionals eager to enthuse their pupils and inspire them, both inside the classroom and outside on trips, residential courses and expeditions. Redland High teachers give time, energy and patience to nurturing our pupils and inspiring them. It is sad, therefore, when long serving members of staff retire, as Mrs Cartwright and Mr Icke are doing this year. But be assured that new teachers quickly grasp the ethos of the School and wish to emulate their predecessors. Henry Brooks Adams wrote, "A teacher affects eternity. He or she can never tell where their influence stops" and I know this applies to all teachers at Redland because former pupils talk fondly of the School and their influential teachers; whether they left last year or 50 years ago, the memories are strong.

We celebrated 132 years of Redland High's history at the annual Commemoration Service in Bristol Cathedral in June. As the glorious voices of the Chamber Choir, School Choir and Junior Choir soared through the Cathedral we all reflected on the proud history of the School and its ongoing development.

Redland High School returns to its early days in September by once again admitting boys into the Junior School. Boys studied alongside girls in the Junior School until 1956 and now, in response to parental demand, we will be welcoming our first boys into the School for 58 years, into Lower Foundation. The new Early Years building has been constructed over the Summer, to be fully complete by half-term in October. Redland High Infants with QEH is already proving a popular enhancement to our educational provision and an exciting new phase of change and development for the future. The links will be beneficial to both Schools.

Life at Redland High School is certainly never dull and never insular and the magazine articles which follow reflect this. Each week at Redland High is wonderful, surprising and unique.

Breadth and depth of interest, academic excellence, a spirit of community, strong pastoral care and clear moral values have been at the heart of the School since its foundation in 1882. Successive Headmistresses may articulate them differently but they remain fundamental to Redland High School. It is a joy to be part of this community.

*Caroline P. Bateson*

Mrs Caroline Bateson  
Headmistress



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### Head Girl's report

We have all enjoyed being able to play a role in the Sixth Form Committee this year; assisting in the running of the Sixth Form and also the whole School. From managing the lunch queue to helping and speaking at the Commemoration Service and Prize Giving, we have been involved in many areas of School life and have thoroughly enjoyed it.

There have been many enjoyable experiences while I have been Head Girl. One of the definite highlights was attending the Commonwealth Day Observance Ceremony held in Westminster Abbey. The service was held in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh amongst other Royals and consisted of many differing performances in both poetry and dance as well as some wonderful speeches. The speakers included Lord Coe, Baroness Grey-Thompson and the inspirational campaigner Malala Yousafzai, who gave an incredible speech on the rights of women across the globe and the importance of education.

At the end of Year 12, as we began our new roles, we attended the Old Girls' Summer Lunch and last November, we attended the Old Girls' London Branch meeting. It was lovely to be able to talk to former pupils and hear about their stories of life at Redland, and we must thank Elizabeth Clarson for so kindly hosting the event at her home. Special mention must also go to Jan Yerbury who is retiring from her post of Chair of the Old Girls' Guild this year after many years of dedication in this role.

We were also lucky enough to attend the Girls' Schools' Association Head Girl Conference. We were taught all about the importance of leadership and working in a team in the morning and then in the afternoon we had to plan an educational gap year holiday before presenting it. The whole day was really valuable and taught us a lot about leadership.

This year the Sixth Form Committee has also organised some new events. Jazmin Coles, our Sports Captain, organised a Hockey match against QEH and I know that I can speak for the whole Hockey Team in saying that it was good fun. The Deputies and I have also organised assemblies in the Junior School about life in the Senior School and the Commonwealth Observance Ceremony and I hope these new ties with the Junior School will continue next year.

Finally, we all recently enjoyed the Leavers' Sixth Form Ball with QEH and are all looking forward to the Leavers' Dinner which, as I write this, is just a few weeks away!

Sadly our time at Redland High School is at an end. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time at Redland High and feel honoured to have been able to represent our School this year. We wish the very best of luck to the newly elected Committee, Head Girl and Deputy Head Girls.

Olivia Cheek  
Head Girl



## Excelling Across the Curriculum!

We are delighted that A Level results for the last two years have demonstrated that Sixth Formers at Redland High are continuing to excel right across the curriculum, with success in a wide mix of subjects.

In 2014, 75% of pupils studying Science subjects (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) achieved A\*/A grades while of those studying Languages, 65% of pupils were awarded top A\*/A grades.

There have also been celebrations among those girls taking the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) as all candidates in the last six years have achieved top A\*/A grades. The EPQ, a skills-based qualification that develops the independent research skills of students, is held in high regard by leading universities and we are in no doubt that offering this qualification has contributed to the high number of students receiving offers from their first choice of university.

This year approximately 70% of our students received offers from Russell Group universities, with 15% of the year group receiving Oxbridge offers – well done to all!



## SIXTH FORM



### Sixth Form Team Building

Last September girls from our new Year 12 headed off to Redwood for a day in the great outdoors. The trip formed part of the Back to School activities for the Sixth Form, helping the girls to get to know each other, form new friendships and to settle into life at Redland High Sixth.



The day included a number of team building activities such as raft design, creating a camp and cooking over a fire which the girls had to build themselves.

The girls also had to sail the homemade rafts - with mixed success! But whether they remained safe and dry on the rafts, or took a sudden plunge in the pond, the smiles at the end of the day said it all.

### Street Dance with QEH

Last summer the Sixth Form Drama students ran an exciting new venture – a 'Street Dance' weekend for pupils at Redland High and QEH. The weekend was made up of a series of masterclasses in Street Dance and Hip-hop and culminated in a short open-air dance show and barbeque on the final evening.

The weekend was open to students from Years 7 – 10 at both Redland High and QEH. The event was organised by the Sixth Form students to raise funds towards taking their productions to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August and was part of a series of Street Dance workshops held with QEH.



### Commonwealth Day Observance

The Head Girl, Olivia Cheek, and her two Deputies, Amy Adair and Madeleine Tickell, plus Sports Captain, Jasmine Coles, were delighted to attend the annual Commonwealth Day Observance - Britain's largest annual inter-faith gathering.

The celebration was attended by Her Majesty The Queen and Their Royal Highnesses The Duke of Edinburgh, The Prince of Wales, The Duchess of Cornwall and The Earl and Countess of Wessex. It is a celebration of the Commonwealth's rich diversity and an opportunity to promote understanding on global issues, international cooperation and the work of Commonwealth civil society organisations. This year's Observance celebrated the 2014 Commonwealth theme 'Team Commonwealth'.

Speakers included inspirational campaigner Malala Yousafzai, one of Great Britain's most successful Paralympians Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson and Olympic gold medalist Lord Sebastian Coe.

The critically acclaimed MOBO award winner and BRIT nominee Laura Mvula performed and a poem - specially commissioned for Commonwealth Day - was read by South African writer and performance artist Phillippa Yaa de Villiers.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the inspirational day and also managed to meet the Chair of the Old Girls' Guild, Jan Yerbury, beforehand for lunch.

## Bristol Sights Secure Victory for Enterprising Students

The Business Enterprise scheme was popular again this year, with two Sixth Form teams competing for the School trophy. The competition requires the girls to develop a business, from the initial product development through to selling their products and managing their finances.

This year the winning team was 'All Season', who saw their calendars fly off the shelf during the months before Christmas, beating their rivals 'House of Bear'. The calendar featured drawings and paintings of various iconic landmarks in the city, all of which were produced by girls in the Sixth Form. They also produced a second calendar specifically for parents of the Redland High Junior School, featuring photographs of the Junior pupils.

Both teams had to present their companies to a panel of judges which included Emma Cooper, Director of Bishopston Voice. The judges were full of praise for both teams, impressed by their team work and business skills, but in the end All Season were awarded the trophy.

Six Year 12 students also took part in the regional heat of the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) BASE (Business Accounting and Skills Education) competition. The girls had to produce a SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunities and threats) analysis on an unseen case study. They worked together to discuss, analyse and present their findings to a large, attentive audience of strangers in a crowded conference centre.



## Sixth Form Decision-Making Winners

Two teams from Year 12 and 13 took part in the annual Sixth Form Decision-Making Competition. The competition started with a short lecture about Bristol's current transport infrastructure, its problems and the options for future management of transport the city.

Each group had to choose a management strategy they would implement in Bristol and create a poster to explain it. It was vital to weigh up the sustainability of each strategy both economically and environmentally before embarking on a decision. We realised that cheaper strategies were more likely to be implemented under the current economic conditions. Each group then had to present their chosen strategy to three judges, two university lecturers and a schoolteacher. The winning Redland High team chose a controversial tolling strategy for cars on main roads in the centre, which would create income to promote more efficient, cheaper buses and safer cycling.

The teams are grateful to the Geographical Association for hosting the annual competition. It allowed all the teams to put their geographical knowledge into practice, building extremely valuable and transferable skills. We are delighted to have won this year and to have come runners up too!

### Year 13 Winning Team

## Modern Language Debates

Once again our linguists have been busy participating in the language debates held at Clifton College. These debates are an excellent opportunity for pupils to show not only their language skills but also their passion, defending their ideas in a wide range of topics such as immigration and addiction to the screens. It was a fantastic evening and the teams performed very well. Particular congratulations to Olivia Colbeck and Alice Ayres who won the Spanish debate against Clifton College.



**Geographers Out and About**

Our Geographers attended a series of lectures including a number organised by the Geographical Association, on a variety of subject such as 'Why do Rivers Flood?', the Stromboli Volcano and the 2011 census. 'Rich People, Poor People and Environmental Concern', by Dr Malcolm Fairbrother, was extremely thought provoking, particularly when the audience members were asked whether they would be willing to sacrifice some of their salary if it meant we could address poverty.

Year 12 Geographers set off to Danywenalt National Park for a mixture of pure physical and human work. This was an excellent opportunity for pupils to witness living geography, to measure, record, apply and question their knowledge to see if the theories and models learnt hold true.



**Government and Politics**

A group of Sixth Formers have been spending time in Westminster, as part of their Government and Politics studies. During the year they have sat on the Judges' chairs in the Supreme Court, had a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament and have taken part in an activity on the role of the MP. This encouraged the students to think about the dilemmas faced by MPs who are torn between party loyalty and their duty as their constituents' representatives.

The students also attended a day of conferences, speeches and political debates which was an excellent opportunity for them to listen to senior and experienced politicians express their views and opinions. Amongst the speakers were Andrew Mitchell, Alan Duncan, David Blunkett, Simon Hughes and Tony Benn.





## A Visit to Auschwitz

In March, Katie Hurse and I were selected to visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp as part of the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' programme. This programme aims to allow Sixth Formers to learn about the events at Auschwitz first hand, by visiting the site and speaking to survivors, and then passing on this knowledge to their community. We were both very grateful to have been given this opportunity, and were greatly anticipating the learning experience. First, however, we attended an introductory seminar in Birmingham.

There we heard from Holocaust survivor Kitty Hart-Moxson, whose story gave us a lot of background information and context to conditions for those in the ghettos and in Auschwitz camp itself. We also heard stories of amazing bravery, including that of Kitty's mother, who dared to approach the camp commander in order to save her daughter, but also amazing cruelty. We were later placed in the groups we would eventually travel to Poland with and got to know our adult educator who would guide us on the trip.

On the day of the trip, we left Bristol at two in the morning to catch the seven o'clock flight to Warsaw – with only one day to spend in Poland, we needed to make the most of it. Our first stop was the town of Oświęcim, or Auschwitz, where we visited the site of the old Great Synagogue, and learnt about the area's Jewish history – before the war approximately 50% of the town population had been Jewish. We also heard a talk by a rabbi, who taught us a few facts about Judaism before we moved on to the Auschwitz I, the first camp and a converted army barracks.

The many tourists on the site gave a very surreal air to proceedings, and made one feel slightly disconnected from the history and events of the place. This feeling was quickly dispelled, however, by the viewing of the famous collections of suitcases, shoes and various other household and personal objects of the victims of the camp, as well as an entire corridor of photos of the victims. Our final stop at this camp was the makeshift gas chamber, the last one intact after the Germans had blown up the rest. This was certainly the most harrowing experience of the trip for me, and set the tone for our next stop, the infinitely more eerie Auschwitz-II-Birkenau.

This camp was far less intact than Auschwitz I, having mainly consisted of wooden buildings which had long since decayed, leaving only brick chimneys and concrete fence-posts stretching into the distance. At its peak, this camp held approximately 150,000 prisoners at any one time. We visited the destroyed gas chambers as well as the prisoner processing centre. By this time it was approaching evening, and the rabbi led us in a very moving ceremony remembering the dead. This included poetry readings and a Hebrew prayer, as well as the lighting of candles to be left in the camp. We then made our way home.

A week later, we drove up to Birmingham one last time for our follow-up seminar. Here we were given ideas for how we could spread our new knowledge and experience around our communities and shared our feelings about the trip. All told, this experience was both very sad, but also very enlightening and historically interesting.

**Anna Freudenstein, Year 12**



### Women in Engineering

At the start of the academic year two other keen scientists, Miro Huang and Michelle Zhao, and I joined an engineering competition. The aim of the EES competition is to come up with a well-researched and innovative solution to a problem, which is then delivered in a report and through a presentation. Our problem was to find a way to produce tiny micro bubbles of air (under 100 microns across) in a continuous flow of water. We chose to use ultrasound to split up large air bubbles into smaller fractions as ultrasound creates compressions and rarefactions in water, which in turn create pressure fluctuations called cavitations. When these cavitations burst they release a shockwave of energy that would break up our air bubbles.

We were all excited finally to be testing the theory we had spent all term perfecting, though a little nervous that our work would come crashing down around our heads. Our huge industrial scale model struggled to get all the way from Portishead to Gloucester and then there was no place to put it for our three-day stay. In fact by the time we had resolved all these problems it was the second day, but we had definitely exercised our problem solving skills early on!

Throughout the second day we took measurements and videos, developing our ideas as we went along. While the rotating flow and baffle plate broke the 2mm bubbles up to about 1.5 millimetre fractions at the end of the machine, disappointingly the ultrasound failed to have an effect. We were not put off though, believing this was merely because the water had too high a flow rate and also that too much of the ultrasonic wave was reflected off the outside tube. We went back to the basics, experimenting again with a still basin of water and slower bubble rates.

We learnt some amazing skills and met new and fascinating people. The project has been one of those experiences where you push it in your own direction, learning about the practical world of engineering along the way too. I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in Science or Maths; it has been great fun!

**Isabella Bentley, Year 12**

### UK-German Connection Youth Ambassador

This year I had the really exciting opportunity to be a Youth Ambassador for the UK-German Connection. This is an organisation set up in 2005 by the British Foreign Office and their German counterparts to promote inter-cultural understanding between the young people of both countries. The focus is basically to educate people about popular culture in Germany and hopefully show the similarities!

I had heard about this opportunity previously as Madeleine Taylor-Laidler from Redland High had been chosen the year before and I had also been to Germany with the UK-German Connection to stay with a host family for two weeks in the summer (another amazing experience I would recommend!)

All the selected applicants were invited to a 3-day seminar in London to talk about our aims for the year and set up links with the other ambassadors, both from all over the UK and across Germany. It was a little nerve-racking arriving in the imposing old East-German embassy but actually all the ambassadors were in the same position and we quickly made friends. The seminars encouraged us to spend time both in regional groups and inter-cultural circles so that we could explore first-hand the different traditions and festivals.

This seminar helped me develop ideas for promoting Germany within Redland and I left eager to start my work! During the year I ran a lunchtime club about 'Weihnachten' (Christmas) with Year 5 and 6 pupils where we sang carols in German and talked about St Nikolausstag whilst decorating biscuits (of course food has to be involved in Redland somehow...!)

With girls in Year 10 and upwards I started a music exchange with a German pupil Sarah who is based in Walterhausen in Thuringen. The girls from Redland had to bring in a single song from a British artist which they wanted their German counterparts to have and the Germans in Sarah's school did the same for us.

**Madeleine Tickell, Year 13**



## Higher Education

One of the most important elements of any Sixth Form is how it prepares its students for Higher Education and as competition for places at good universities becomes more intense, the importance of this aspect of Sixth Form life has increased significantly.

In June we held a Higher Education Fair, attended by representatives from some of the best universities including a number from the Russell Group. This year we have also continued to run extension lessons for Oxbridge candidates, preparation for aptitude tests, help with applications to American universities and interview practice.

So it was no surprise to see figures from the Department for Education, as published by the Bristol Evening Post on 30 June 2014, confirming that Redland High sends a higher proportion of leavers to Russell Group Universities than any other girls' school in Bristol!

BRISTOL STATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	BRISTOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS	BAVING STATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	NORTH SOMERSET STATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	SOUTH GLDS STATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES
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## UK-German Connection Summer Courses

In August 2013, Joanna Rogers took part in a UK-German Connection Programme, aimed at showing how interesting and diverse both countries are. She spent two weeks with a host family in Germany.

"Both within the host family and the school, I was able to participate in lots of new experiences. One of the excursions organised by the school which I attended was a tour around the town of Hamelin with the Pied Piper, a funny yet informative trip. As we were a five hour coach journey away from Berlin, the school organised an overnight stay in a hotel, so that we could see some of the Berlin sights. I thought it was an amazing city with loads to see and do and I would love to return.

With my host family, I visited Hamelin town and was able to find some ceramic rats around the town which were all part of a trail, just like the Gromits around Bristol this summer. We also went to a safari park, which was an exciting experience as we were able to see the animals in a more natural habitat than in a zoo. Overall I was able to experience lots of new and exciting things, which I will never forget."

**Joanna Rogers, Year 13**

## History Lectures

History students are encouraged to complement their A Level studies by attending Bristol University lectures, and this year's Historians have been making the most of the wide range of topics available.

The discovery of the bones of the Yorkist King Richard III in a car park in Leicester last year captured the interest of the whole nation. It was therefore with particular enthusiasm that the Year 12 Historians attended a lecture given by the Historian Chris Skidmore on the Tudor period.

'The Landscape of Italian Colonialism' covered events of 19th and 20th century Italian History and was eagerly attended by the Year 12 students who were busy preparing for their Italian History exam. The lecture was challenging at times but was extremely stimulating, touching on a number of important concepts.

Students were introduced to Elizabeth I as they have never seen her before, with Professor Hutton's lecture on her life, with a focus on her personality and the effect this had on her reign. With sections entitled 'Elizabeth the frustrated virgin' and 'Elizabeth the Egotist', the lecture was fascinating and full of unusual insight.

## Ethical Banking – Philosophy Club

A group of Sixth Form Business and Economics students from QEH attended Redland High's Philosophy Club to hear Tom Owen, Business Development Manager at Triodos Bank, lead an impassioned and informative session on the ethical issues raised by banking. He faced some challenging questions from the QEH and Redland High students and the discussion covered a wide variety of topics such as transparency, competition, ethical investment in a free market and the tensions between making profit and doing good. It was a fascinating insight into the way banks operate!





**Sian set for Rambert**

Congratulations to Sian Gilling who has accepted a place at Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance to study towards a BA in Ballet and Contemporary Dance. Sian, who has been dancing since she was only two and a half years old, discovered that she had been successful in achieving a place at the prestigious dance school after attending an audition in London which consisted of a group dance class, a solo piece (which Sian choreographed herself) and a physiotherapy check. This is a really fantastic achievement as Rambert holds auditions worldwide but only offers 48 places per year.



**Redland Girls Tackle Global Problems**

This year's delegates from Redland High represented Luxembourg and Syria in the annual Model United Nations conference. Syria has been the focus of much media coverage this year and putting forward the views of the Syrian government regarding stability in the Middle East, while also endeavouring to build compromises and conciliations, proved to be challenging for our Syrian delegation. Luxembourg, while having one of the smallest populations in the world, controls 6% of the world's banking and also has a current seat on the UN Security Council so was a significant voice during debating. Topics discussed ranged from environmental issues to organ donation and child labour. We were left with the distinct opinion that if our negotiators had been at the real United Nations they could have made a credible attempt at solving some of the world's problems! To read a student's account of her experience please turn to page 77.



**Harry Crook Foundation**

Jessie Nixon made her directing debut at the 2013 Edinburgh Fringe Festival to rave reviews and became one of the festival's youngest ever Directors at just 17 years old! She was supported by the Harry Crook Foundation who awarded her the Prize for Enterprise and Innovation, worth £1000.



**John James Tools of the Trade Award**

Congratulations to Rachel Brierley-Ambrose who was awarded the John James 'Tools of the Trade' Award for 2013/2014. The Award, worth £1500, is given by the John James Foundation to support Sixth Formers in their future university or career plans. Rachel used the money to fund a Classics Summer School and a tour to Rome prior to beginning her undergraduate degree in Classics next September.

**Gold CREST Awards**

Four students from Redland High have joined the select number of Sixth Formers in the UK to receive the prestigious Gold CREST (CREativity in Science and Technology) Award. Gold Awards allow the most able students to conduct some real research and typically requires around 70 hours of work. Aisha Zahid worked at Bristol University's Chemistry Department over the summer conducting sugar based engineering research. Isabella Bentley, Miro Huang and Michelle Zhao were also awarded Gold Crest Awards for their participation in the competition.

**Leavers' Destinations**

The information on the following two pages is believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

**Ubah Abdi**

Cardiff University – Social Science

**Marnie Calwell**

University of Nottingham – Geography (2014)

**Chloe Chan** Central St Martin's, London  
– Art Foundation Course

**Elizabeth Clarke** University of Edinburgh  
– Religious Studies

**Amy Connor**

Cardiff University – Physics

**Laura Dun** Queen Mary, University of London  
– Business Management

**Christina Duval**

Plymouth University – Physiotherapy (2014)

**Emily Ellis** Swansea University – American Studies  
and Politics

**Evelyn Farnham** University of York – Biology with a  
year in industry (2014)

**Hester Feiler**

University of Manchester – Music

**Lily Garbutt** Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts  
– Acting BA (Hons) (2014)

**Rebecca Gardner**

University of Leeds – Psychology

**Katherine Godfrey**

University of Sheffield – Medicine

**Lilith Green** University College London (UCL)  
– Modern Languages

**Jasmine Griffiths**

Falmouth University – Theatre

**Jennie Han**

Christ Church, University of Oxford – Medicine

**Claudia Hart** Arts University, Bournemouth  
– Art Foundation Course

**Alice Hawker**

University of Nottingham – Nutrition

**Victoria Hebden**

University of Manchester – Geography (2014)

**Amy Hillier**

Swansea University – Biology (2014)

**Safa Iqbal**

University of Bath – Biology (2014)

**Amy Kennedy**

Applying for Drama School

**Alexandra Lloyd**

City of Bristol College – Graphic Design BTEC (2014)

**Anna Manley**

University of Birmingham – Medical Sciences (2014)

**Amy Parkyn** Liverpool Hope University – Business  
Management and Marketing

**Helen Parrott** Kingston University – Sport Analysis and  
Coaching

**Jessica Playle**

Newcastle University – Geography (2014)

**Imogen Purvis**

University of Nottingham – Veterinary Medicine

**Isabel Rennolds**

York St John University – Physiotherapy

**Sophie Roberts**

York University – Psychology (2014)

**Thea Rogers**

Cardiff University – Zoology

**Tegan Smith**

Falmouth University – Film

**Katrina Sodzi**

Newcastle University – Medicine

**Johanna Squires** Brighton University – International  
Events Management (2014)

**Paris Swenson**

Swansea University – Biology (2014)

**Hannah Thorn** University of the West of England  
(UWE) – Primary Education

**Naomi Wardrop**

Cardiff University – Medicine

**Juliet Whittam** City University, London – Radiography  
(Radiotherapy and Oncology)

**Isabelle Whyte**

University of Sheffield – Economics BSc (2014)

**Mina Yazdani** University of the Arts, London  
– Fashion Design Technology

**Amy Adair**

Falmouth University – Fashion Design

**Saliha Ahmed**

University of South Wales – Graphic Communication

**Antonia Antonio**

Bristol School of Art – Art Foundation Course

**Emma Beeston**

Weston College – Art Foundation Course

**Emma Bewley**

Imperial College, London – Civil Engineering (2015)

**Rachel Brierley-Ambrose**

Gap Year – Applying for Classics

**Lorna Carreyett**

Gap Year – Applying for Veterinary Science

**Emily Chandler**

Gap Year

**Olivia Cheek** University of Edinburgh – Biological Sciences (Neuroscience)

**Lydia Cleary**

Gap Year – Applying for Law

**Rebekah Coates** University College London (UCL) – French and Italian (2015)

**Louise Coggins**

Gap Year – Applying for Primary Education

**Jazmin Coles**

Gap Year – Applying for Sports Coaching

**Maya Concannon**

Edinburgh University – French and Linguistics

**Megan Davies**

Bristol School of Art – Art Foundation Course

**Rebecca Dufty**

University of Exeter – Liberal Arts with study abroad

**Jocelyn Eccles**

Working in a doctors' surgery

**Demelza Emmerton**

University of Sheffield – Medicine

**Rachel Gaitonde**

University of Southampton – Geology

**Georgia Gibson-Perry**

University of Liverpool – Law

**Isabelle Gillespie**

University of Reading – Psychology

**Sian Gilling** Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance – (see page 10)

**Georgina Graham-Williams**

Gap Year – Applying for Drama School

**Georgina Harrop**

University of Gloucestershire – Advertising

**Katie Hayward**

Nottingham Trent University – Fashion Management

**Natalie Heffner**

Nottingham Trent University – Marketing

**Flora Jetha**

University of Exeter – Business and Management

**Matilda Johnstone**

Bristol School of Art – Art Foundation Course

**Gloria Lau**

University of Cambridge – Medicine

**Daisy-Kate Lowes**

Weston College – Art Foundation Course

**Rachael Mayne**

Plymouth University – Business Management

**Olivia McBride**

University of Birmingham – Law with French Law

**Jessica Melksham**

Weston College – Education and Teaching

**Lily Moore**

University of Leeds – French

**Caitlin Murphy**

University of Leicester – Psychology

**Jessie Nixon** University of York – Theatre: Writing, Directing & Performance

**Demetra Papa-Adams**

Gap Year – Applying for Drama School

**Vaishali Raval** University of Warwick – Philosophy, Politics and Economics

**Victoria Reid**

University of Leeds – Politics

**Sophie Roe**

University of Birmingham – Medicine

**Joanna Rogers**

University of Chester – International Business

**Zoe Shortman**

Swansea University – Classical Civilisation

**Mehreen Siddique**

University of the West of England (UWE) – Law

**Lucy Slade**

Bristol School of Art – Art Foundation Course

**Isabel Suchy**

University of Leeds – History and Social Policy

**Madeleine Taylor-Laidler** University of Cambridge – Modern and Medieval Languages

**Madeleine Tickell**

University of York – History

**Pollyanna Wardrop** University College London (UCL) – Anthropology with a year abroad

**Lucy Williams**

Durham University – Physics and Astronomy

**Aisha Zahid**

University of Nottingham – Medicine

**Lydia Zapata**

Gap Year

**Isla Zeinali**

Sheffield Hallam University – Business Economics

**Shero Zhang**

University of Birmingham – Business Management

# ADVANCED (A2) LEVEL RESULTS BY SUBJECT 2014

Subject	Year	A*	A	B	C	D	E
<b>Art &amp; Design, Fine Art</b>	2014	2	9	3			
	2013	2	1	5			
	2012	2	4				
<b>Biology</b>	2014	5	3	2			1
	2013	3	5	4	4	3	1
	2012	1	2	4	2	1	
<b>Business Studies &amp; Economics</b>	2014			6	4	3	2
	2013		1	3			
	2012		3	1	1		
<b>Chemistry</b>	2014	4	2	1	1		
	2013	1	5	1			1
	2012	1	1	2	2		2
<b>Classical Civilisation</b>	2014		1	4	1		1
	2013			2			
	2012		1		1	2	
<b>D&amp;T (Product Design)</b>	2014		2	2	3		
	2013				1	1	
	2012		2				
<b>Drama and Theatre Studies</b>	2014		1	3	1		
	2013		1	2	3		
	2012		1	2	1		
<b>English Literature</b>	2014	2	2	2	1		
	2013		1	2	1	1	1
	2012	1	3	2	1	1	
<b>French</b>	2014	3	4	2	1		
	2013	1	2	1			
	2012	2	3		1		
<b>Geography</b>	2014	2	5	1	1	2	
	2013		1	7			
	2012	1	1	2			
<b>German</b>	2014	2		1	1		
	2013				1		
	2012						
<b>Government &amp; Politics</b>	2014		2				
	2013			1			
	2012		1			2	2
<b>History</b>	2014	2	2		1		
	2013	1	2	1	2		
	2012	2	2	1	1		
<b>History of Art</b>	2014			1	3		
	2013						2
	2012						
<b>Home Economics</b>	2014						
	2013			2	1		
	2012						
<b>ICT</b>	2014			1	1	2	
	2013			1	1		
	2012						
<b>Latin</b>	2014		1	2	1		
	2013		1				
	2012						
<b>Mathematics</b>	2014	5	2	5	1	1	
	2013	1	1	2	2	3	
	2012	1	1	2	2		1
<b>Mathematics - Further</b>	2014						
	2013	1		1			
	2012						
<b>Music</b>	2014				1		
	2013	1					
	2012						
<b>Physical Education</b>	2014			1			
	2013		1	3		1	
	2012						
<b>Physics</b>	2014	2	2	1			
	2013	1		1	1		
	2012		1	1			
<b>Psychology</b>	2014		2	2	5	2	1
	2013		2	4	3	2	1
	2012	1		1	2	1	2
<b>Religious Studies</b>	2014			3	1	1	
	2013		1	1		1	
	2012	2	9	2	2		
<b>Sociology</b>	2014						
	2013						
	2012	1					
<b>Spanish</b>	2014		2	1			
	2013		2				
	2012						

# GCSE RESULTS BY SUBJECT 2014

Subject	Year	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>Art (Fine), Art &amp; Design &amp; Textile Art &amp; Design</b>	2014	5	14	2				
	2013	15	7					
	2012	14	13	1	1			
<b>Biology</b>	2014	11	6	3	1			
	2013	11	6	2	1			
	2012	16	5	7				
<b>Chemistry</b>	2014	8	7	5	1			
	2013	9	7	3	1			
	2012	16	5	5	2			
<b>Chinese</b>	2014							
	2013	1						
	2012	1						
<b>Classical Civilisation</b>	2014	1	3					
	2013	3		1	2	1		
	2012	2	2	3	2			
<b>Drama</b>	2014	3	10		2	1		
	2013	1	8	3	3	3		
	2012		6	9	5	1		
<b>Design &amp; Technology Including Food &amp; Textiles</b>	2014	3		1	1	1		
	2013		3					
	2012	5	9	3	2			
<b>English Language</b>	2014	20	18	10	2			
	2013	19	14	8	2	1		
	2012	23	26	14	3			
<b>English Literature</b>	2014	22	11	10	6			
	2013	15	15	10	4			
	2012	33	22	10	1			
<b>French</b>	2014	10	6	7	7	2		
	2013	9	8	4	6	2		
	2012	21	16	7	7	2	1	
<b>Geography</b>	2014	8	7	3	2	2	1	
	2013	8	7	5	2			
	2012	18	12	10	1			
<b>German</b>	2014	7	4					
	2013	6	3	2	1			
	2012	10	1	1				
<b>History</b>	2014	4	9	2	1	1		
	2013	6	2	2	7			
	2012	9	11	8	3			
<b>ICT</b>	2014		1		3	1	1	
	2013		1	3	1			
	2012	9	6					
<b>Latin Language</b>	2014	8	1	1	1			
	2013	2						
	2012	16	3					
<b>Latin Literature</b>	2014	4	3	2				1
<b>Mathematics</b>	2014	5	17	12	13	3		
	2013	9	7	18	9	1		
	2012	18	19	16	13			
<b>Music</b>	2014	1	3	2	1			
	2013		2					
	2012	1	1	1				
<b>Physical Education</b>	2014		1	1				
	2013		1	1		2		
	2012	1	1					
<b>Physics</b>	2014	10	9	1	1			
	2013	10	5	3	2			
	2012	17	5	5	1			
<b>Religious Studies</b>	2014	3	10	9	2	1	1	
	2013	9	2	4	2	1		
	2012	3	12	10	4			
<b>Religious Studies - Short Course (1/2 GCSE)</b>	2014	3	4	3	3	3		
	2013	7	6	3	1	2		
	2012	4	7	10	4	2	1	
<b>Science - Additional</b>	2014	2	10	4	8	5		
	2013	2	6	9	7			
	2012	9	10	12	7			
<b>Science - Single Award</b>	2014	5	7	11	6			
	2013	2	7	10	4	1		
	2012	7	10	9	10	2		
<b>Spanish</b>	2014	8	1	1				
	2013	4	1		1			
	2012	7		2				



**Dear Parents, Members of the Old Girls' Guild, Governors,  
Friends, Staff and Pupils**

How can it possibly be only a year ago that I was mapping out my thoughts for my 2013/2014 Day's Eye welcome letter? With no two days ever the same and the Junior School calendar constantly swelling in activities and events, time flies by at Redland High. However, time is still devoted to ensure that caring relationships are fostered between all the pupils, staff and parents to create a positive, productive and purposeful school setting.

As I write this letter we have just been awarded planning permission for the new building in the Junior School, which signals the start of an exciting development. September sees the start of 'Redland High Infants with QEH' with boys enrolled in the Infant School. They will stay at Redland High until the end of Year 2 after which they will transfer seamlessly to QEH. A new bespoke modular building will be installed over the summer months and is due to be officially opened in the Autumn Term, thus putting life into a new building as well as 'Life into our Learning.'

There have been many other new initiatives in the Junior School including link days with QEH for each year group and our very popular weekly Woodland Encounters trip to Leigh Woods for our youngest pupils. Our huge myriad of clubs and extra-curricular activities ensures a busy week for all the pupils after which they can then embrace a sense of relaxation with their family at the weekend.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 girls who have gained entrance into our Senior School. Moving on is an exciting time and we look forward to hearing of your achievements and successes as you progress through Redland High.

With moving on in mind, Mrs Anne Cartwright retired at the end of the Summer Term after an overwhelming commitment and service to the School for 34 years. We all wish her well and she will be sorely missed.

Redland High is recognised for having a real sense of home from home and this very special ethos gives pupils a sense of security and quiet confidence to do the best that they possibly can. The School magazine is a wonderful reflection of our pupils' work, activities and experiences. I do hope that you enjoy reading it and that you will share it with your friends and family.

Yours sincerely



Joe Eyles  
Head Teacher, Junior School



# CREATIVE



**Annual Poetry Competition**

The theme for this year’s annual Poetry Competition was ‘Water’. The standard of entries was extremely high this year, leading to some debate among the judges, but finally we agreed on the winners.

**Girl born of Ice**

She was born from ice  
 In a blizzard one day,  
 With a frozen exterior pushing  
 people away.  
 Cold skin like crystals,  
 Breath like a gush of frosty air,  
 But inside she was melting-  
 On the outside she didn’t care.  
 Lonely and desperate,  
 She didn’t know how  
 To break free from isolation,  
 And break free from it now.  
 She tried making friends  
 But they froze from her touch.  
 She tried letting them in  
 But she’d too tight a clutch.  
 She spent lots of time trying  
 But soon realised  
 They were scared of her figure  
 And her glazed broken eyes.  
 So back to the blizzard  
 Where she’d lain from day one,  
 Alone and silent  
 Knowing no one would come.

**Ellen Ferguson, Year 9**



*Lucy Slade, Year 13*

**Monologue for a Drowning Man**

If your heart is the ocean, my love  
 Then I am happy to drown  
 But this doesn’t appear to be your  
 heart,  
 Or a metaphor, so –  
 Oh.

We moved away from the sea  
 When I was maybe ten;  
 And I’ll say it: I didn’t miss it.  
 Not like in the poems, the sea fever –  
 I like the trees better, the solid ground.  
 I still do.  
 The water ate our family alive, after all.

Bubbles rise up in their path, winding –  
 But from where I can’t see.  
 Not any more,  
 It is so dark beneath me now,  
 And my ribs feel like they are binding  
 And my lungs are too tight in my chest  
 And I think

I remember my sister under wavering  
 water  
 Drowned in the reed-beds; aglow in  
 the sunlight  
 A burnt autumn day turned bloated,  
 adrift  
 Eaten by strange grief in the shallows.  
 The water is chasing us down.

“Water of life!” I think  
 I think of irony; I laugh; I breathe in  
 (that’s) hysterical  
 (I’m) hysterical

I want –  
 I don’t –

**Anna Freudenstein, Year 13**

**Not a Drop to Drink**

What if everything was different?  
 What if we were 70% Support?  
 What if we replaced the water in the  
 world with Wellbeing?

Oceans of Love dividing nations  
 People drowning in Decency  
 Two atoms of Hope and one of  
 Optimism,  
 The new H2O

Swim in the Spectacular  
 Water your plants with Wonder  
 And put out fires with hoses full of  
 Harmony.

So come on, pour yourself a glass,  
 Get your shoulders under,  
 It’s not that hard,  
 Just imagine,  
 Stay afloat.

**Harriet Ellis, Year 11**



*Rachma Abdi, Year 12*

**The Worst Day Ever – a short story based on Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo**

Charlie soaked my coat with his tears as we boarded the train. I was fighting not to cry myself. This was the last time I would see London and mother, no, I'm not going to think of mother. I gave Charlie my best handkerchief; after he calmed down we played noughts and crosses. When we ran out of paper we raced raindrops down the window of the train. After a bit I was falling asleep too and I soon found out that was the worst mistake I ever made.

I woke up with a start. I blinked, the train was deserted! I shook Charlie yelling, "Charlie, Charlie wake up, we're the only ones here!"

"Am I having a bad dream?" mumbled Charlie.

We jumped onto the platform. It was pitch black, then I saw someone running towards us. I yelled "Charlie, jump on my back, we have to run fast!"

I ran through many doors looking back every few seconds, the station smelled of stale beer. When I thought we were safe I put Charlie down. Suddenly bombing shook the station. "Is that how Dad died?" asked Charlie.

"Yes unfortunately" I whispered. I tried to open the door, it had locked!

"What are your names?" someone hissed in my ear.

"We are Jemima and Charlie" I gasped, my voice shaking.

"I am Reagan Smith, I've been looking for you two."  
"But how do you know about us?" I asked.

Reagan laughed quite loudly actually. "You're all over the radio, people think you are dead. Come on, we have to get you back to Devon to keep you alive."

"So we are in London" I asked. "Yes," said Reagan.  
"The train came back and you never got off. There's a midnight train soon and we will get you on it."

In a few hours we were on the train and this time we didn't fall asleep. We soon found the town hall. When the teachers saw us they were very happy."

At last we were in our beds and we were staying with a lady called Mrs Brown. She had fair hair down to her shoulders and emerald green eyes and looked about 40. She lived in a small cottage surrounded with grass and flowers. I fell fast asleep that night. We never saw Reagan again but maybe one day we will.

**Ella Wilson, Year 5**





*Gabriella Nobbs, Year 12*



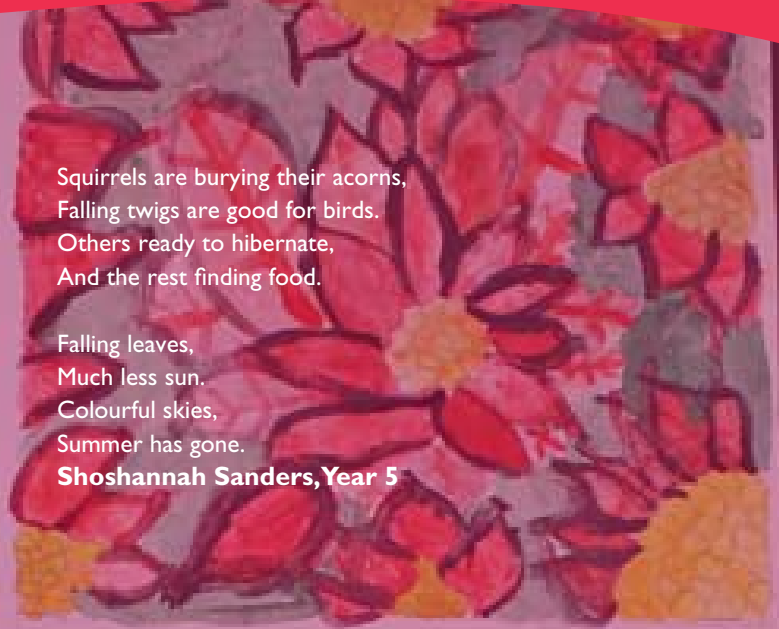
*Mehreen Siddique, Year 13*

**Autumn**

Autumn is coming,  
Time to have some fun,  
Splashing in puddles,  
Less of the sun.

We wake up in the morning  
And the dew has fallen.  
We go to School:  
When we get home it has darkened.

The ground looks different,  
Very red and brown.  
Trees are getting bare,  
Greyer gets the town.



Squirrels are burying their acorns,  
Falling twigs are good for birds.  
Others ready to hibernate,  
And the rest finding food.

Falling leaves,  
Much less sun.  
Colourful skies,  
Summer has gone.

**Shoshannah Sanders, Year 5**



**Her Name is Autumn**

As autumn comes  
The leaves fall down  
All the way  
Through the town

As the  
World turns cold  
I feel as if  
I'm very old

As the  
World gets dark  
People stop  
To try to lark

As the  
World gets cool  
The trees  
Grow very tall

As autumn  
Has her days  
She says,  
"I have other ways"

As autumn leaves  
The world turns grey  
As if the world  
Was made of clay

As autumn goes  
The trees aren't sappy  
As winter comes  
The children get happy

**Scarlett Naraidoo, Year 5**



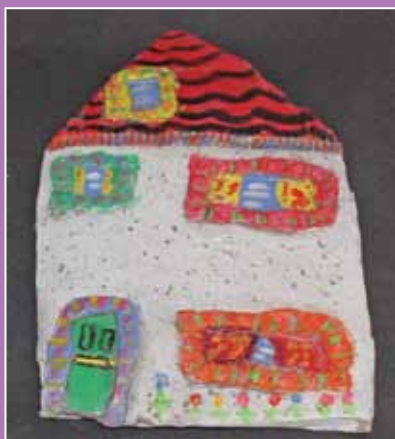
Background Artwork, Year 5



**Morning Poems – Year 4**

Dogs barking,  
Cats running,  
Wind whistling,  
Birds chirping,  
Trees swaying,  
Baby's crying,  
Kids scooting,  
Dad's cycling,  
Mum's reading,  
Toddlers laughing,  
Baby's eating,  
Brothers drinking,  
Grandma singing.

**Maisy Longbottom**



*Isabelle Halsey, Year 3*

Dad shouting,  
Sister eating,  
Milk spilling,  
Sister screeching,  
Mum thinking,  
Cheerios dropping,  
Cars beeping,  
Tap dripping,  
Window slamming,  
Children laughing,  
Shadows creeping,  
Lawnmower buzzing  
and clock ticking.  
**MORNING!**

**Emma Johnson**



*Louisa Halsey, Year 1*



*Inayah Yaseen, Year 3*

Alarm clocks ringing.  
Toasters popping.  
The sun rising.  
Dogs walking.  
Toast crunching.  
Hot chocolate  
microwaving.  
People snoring.  
People cycling.

**Inessa Couzin**



*Sophie Uglow, Year 3*

Alarm clock ringing,  
Curtains flapping,  
Rice krispies popping,  
Sister wailing,  
Dog eating,  
Bacon cooking,  
Dad snoring,  
Mum munching,  
Eggs cracking.  
Morning.

**April Howe**

**The Sun**

The sun is a golden fireball,  
Giving us light and warmth,  
The sun is a juicy orange,  
Making life happy for all,  
The sun is queen of planets  
Bright as bright as bright  
The sun is a crispy cheeseball  
Living at such a great height!

**Isla Reavley, Year 4**



*Amber Wabe, Year 1*

**The Sun**

The sun is a golden sunflower,  
The sun is a pretty candle glowing  
The sun is one big beautiful buttercup,  
I like the sun because it warms me up,  
I think the sun is a big ball of glittery  
butter,  
The sun is full of money,  
With a big pot of honey,  
When the sun comes out to play it  
means it will be a golden day,  
How you shine so bright all day,  
I wish you would stay forever.

**Elodie Carr, Year 4**



*Ella Law, Year 1*

**Year 7 Poems About the Weather**

**Weather**

Weather affects me in lots of different ways,  
 Like the snow, the rain, and the sun and its rays.  
 Every time I open my blind  
 I wonder what weather I'm going to find.  
 A sunny day makes me happy and bright,  
 I love the sun: it makes everything light.  
 The rain however is a different story  
 It gives us floods and makes everything gory.  
 However the fun begins when it starts to snow,  
 School is cancelled and it's "Go, sledge, go!"  
 Even though I hate fog and hail  
 But I love it when it's blowing a gale.  
 Really I think you can see it's true  
 The weather affects both me and you.

**Lily Young**

**How Weather Affects our Lives**

Our lives are affected a lot by the weather  
 Whether your name is Tom, Anne, Dick or Heather.  
 Now you will hear 5 things it can do  
 To help you and your friends always get through.  
 The first thing is it helps you decide what to wear:  
 Maybe a jumper and jeans with a clip in your hair.  
 The next thing it does is help you decide where to go.  
 A beach perhaps? Or a ski slope with snow?  
 The third thing it does is decide what you eat:  
 A cool ice-cream or hot lasagne? What a treat!  
 Number four, it really affects your mood.  
 Is it raining? Oh no! Wait, it's sunny? That's good!  
 And last but not least it affects our transport:  
 If it's sunny we'll walk, if not take a vehicle of some sort.  
 Thank you for reading, now your knowledge is perfected  
 About weather, and how our lives are affected!

**Layla Qazi**

**Year 12 Flash Fiction (where all stories must be 100 words)**

**Lucy-Anne**

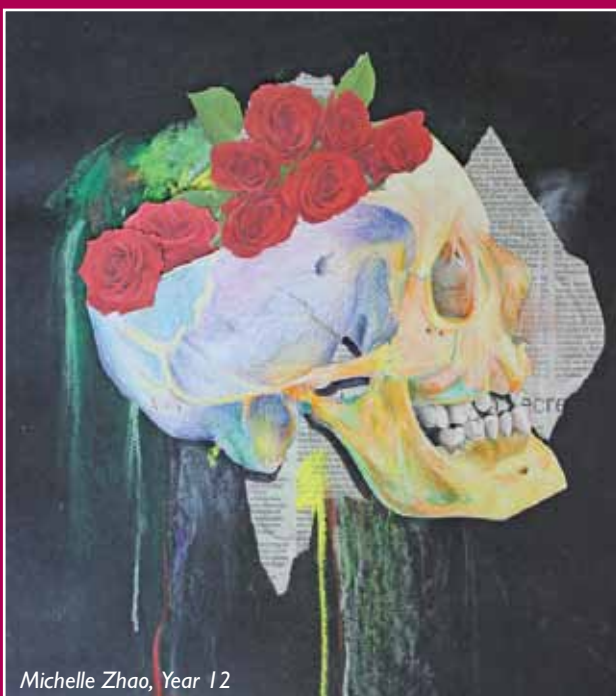
I watched Lucy-Anne skittering around. She looked quite confused and worried. I wondered what was wrong with her. As I watched, I grew anxious; I shifted and shivered. She looked stressed, but I didn't know how to help. Should I hold her, make her stop? She started frantically scratching at the door. My heart was racing - what was she going to do next? Suddenly the door clicked open and she fell out. Her small body twitched on the tiles as she died. It's much easier now though; I don't have to clean up after Lucy-Anne. I've gone off hamsters.

**Roumeisa Khalil**

**Placebo**

I met her August 17th; she was against a wall drinking Jack Daniels from the bottle. I took her home, to my friends, my parents. I fell quickly; she only tiptoed on the edge of suicidal, sky-high cliffs. When we kissed her mouth tasted like strawberry milkshake, menthol cigarettes and nights spent doing the things she shouldn't. When I told her she was beautiful, she said I reminded her of one of her ex-boyfriends. She was my everything, and I loved her. I was stuck. Before I met her I needed someone: she was my drug. And she didn't work.

**Eleanor Redman**



Michelle Zhao, Year 12



Georgia Gibson-Perry, Year 13





Amelia Nichols, Year 7

**Redland**

Redland, Redland who are you?  
Well I've got some answers for you.  
A big funny headteacher with a smile inside,  
Waiting for you to say hello or hi.

Redland, Redland who are you?  
Well I've got some answers for you.  
A teacher called Miss Rendall who is musical and fun,  
But always likes to get things done!

Redland, Redland who are you?  
Well I've got some answers for you.  
A pond with frogs and fishes too,  
Paddling about in a gigantic swimming pool.

Redland, Redland who are you?  
Well I've got some answers for you.  
Lovely food with fillings inside,  
Chocolate cake and apple pie.

Redland, Redland who are you?  
Well I've got some answers for you.  
Maths and English, addition, subtraction,  
Adventure stories and lots of action.

**Ananya Shah, Year 4**

**Redland**

In Redland there's a school for girls,  
Who sometimes have their hair in curls,  
They learn and have lots of fun,  
And at playtime they have a run.

In Redland there's a church,  
Where for signs and symbols the girls do search.  
The church is very quaint  
And has no patron saint.

In Redland there's a bakery,  
That sells things that are sweet and savoury.  
They have a bicycle,  
It was used by Michael.

In Redland there's a station.  
In School we feel the vibration.  
Choo! Choo! Off to Temple Meads,  
Away we go, off the train speeds!  
R-E-D-L-A-N-D!  
Whoo!

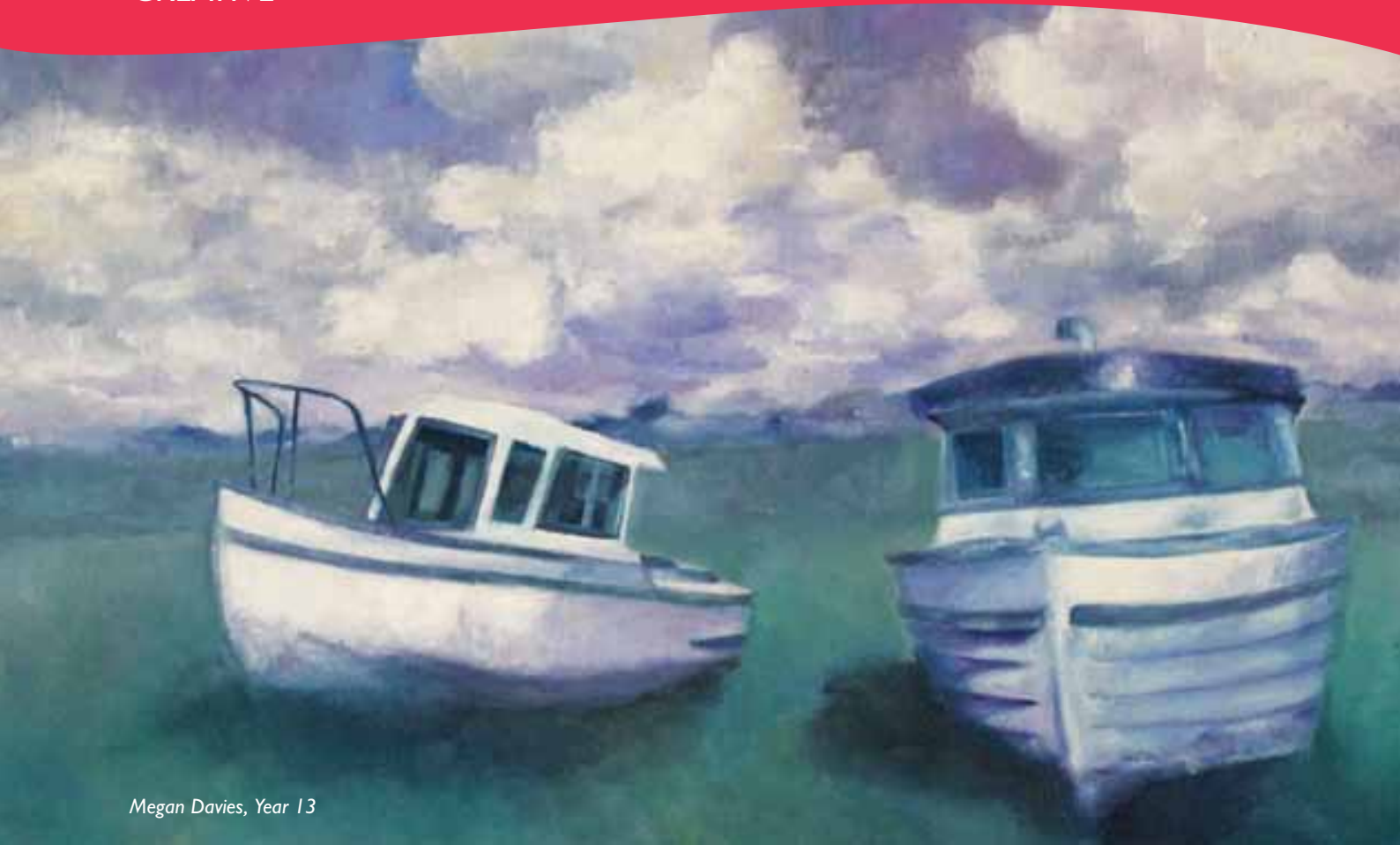
**By the girls of Year 3**



Ella Hemus, Year 7



Georgina Keith, Year 7



*Megan Davies, Year 13*



*Anna Hunter Funnell,  
Year 11*

**Mmm Yummy Pancakes! - Upper Foundation**

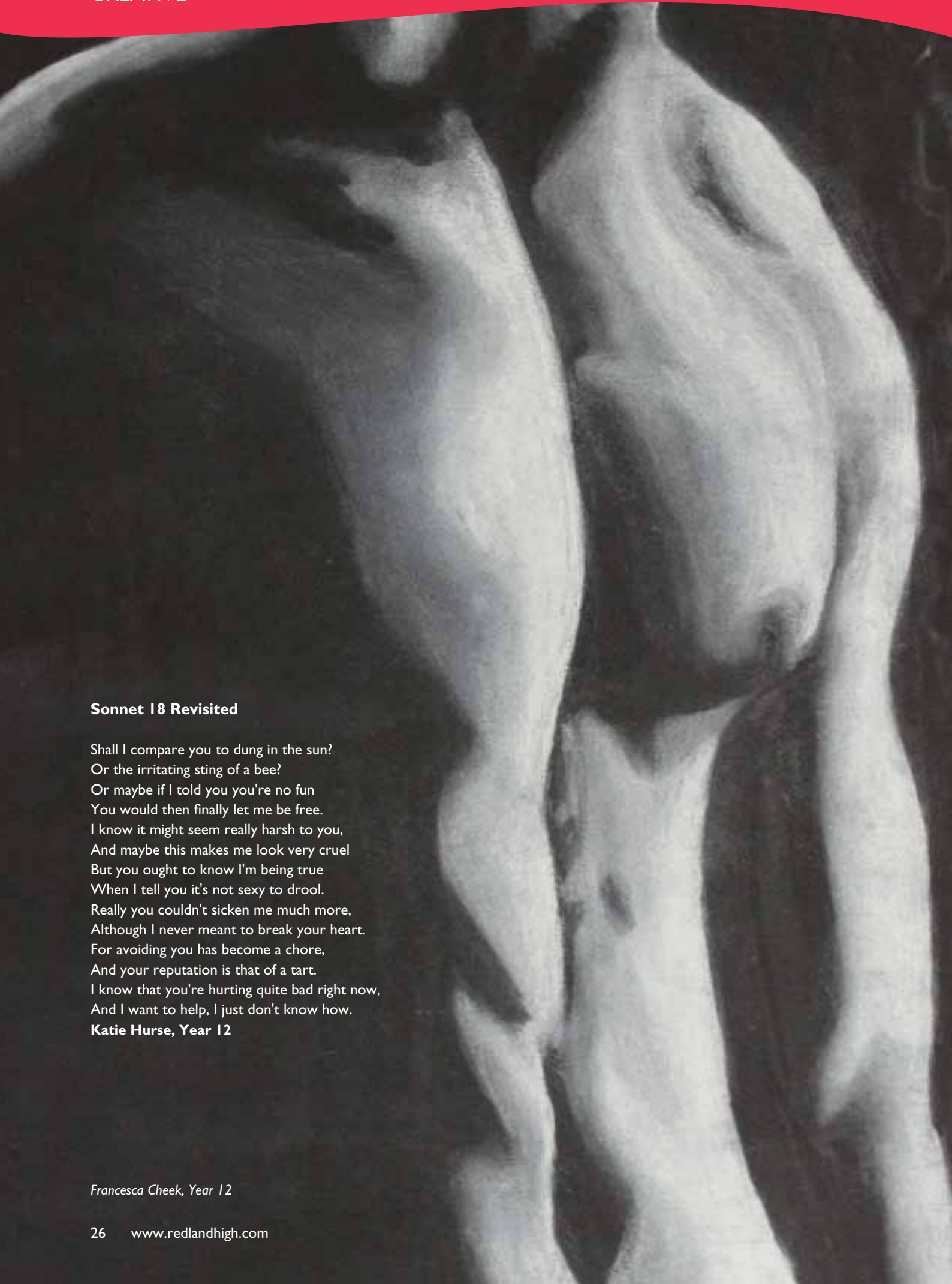
We would like to make a very large pancake.  
We would give it a shake and put it on a plate.

Stir, stir, stir  
Pop it in the pan  
Flip, flip, flip  
Catch it if you can!

Eat it with chocolate sauce, sugar or jam  
Eat it with lemon juice or even ham!

We love pancakes,  
They're so yummy  
Scrummy in my tummy!



**Sonnet 18 Revisited**

Shall I compare you to dung in the sun?  
Or the irritating sting of a bee?  
Or maybe if I told you you're no fun  
You would then finally let me be free.  
I know it might seem really harsh to you,  
And maybe this makes me look very cruel  
But you ought to know I'm being true  
When I tell you it's not sexy to drool.  
Really you couldn't sicken me much more,  
Although I never meant to break your heart.  
For avoiding you has become a chore,  
And your reputation is that of a tart.  
I know that you're hurting quite bad right now,  
And I want to help, I just don't know how.

**Katie Hurse, Year 12**

*Francesca Cheek, Year 12*

**The Terrible Past**

He was running from the past,  
The terrible past that was chasing him,  
The past, the past, the past.....

The trees were waving with the wind,  
He was walking towards it,  
In the distance, it was walking towards it.

The trees were waving with the wind,  
It was searching, searching, searching,  
But could not find a thing.

The trees were waving with the wind,  
He was watching, watching, watching,  
But could not see a thing.

The trees were waving with the wind,  
Something was looking at him  
and thinking,  
“They’re so close, yet so far.”

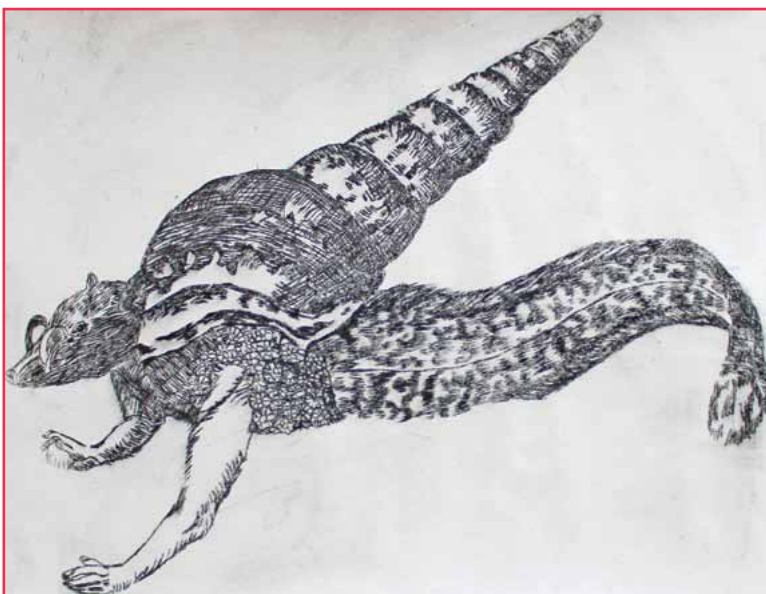
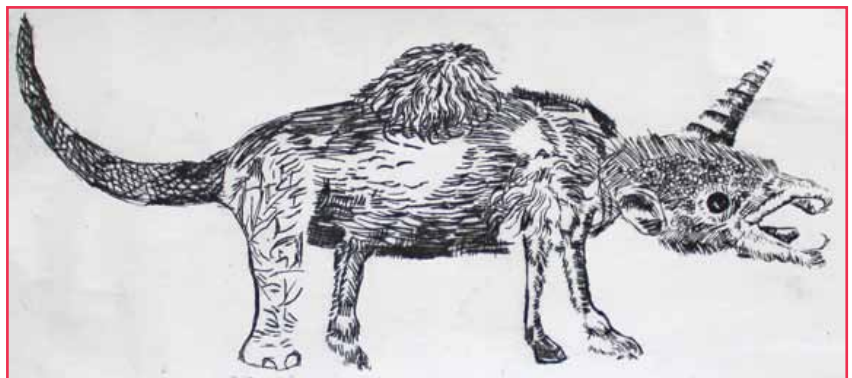
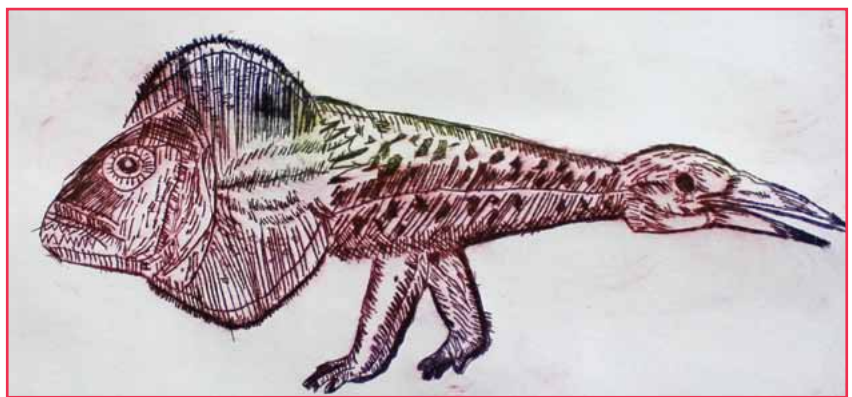
The trees were waving with the wind,  
It saw him, but did he see it,

He did! He saw it,  
He went running, running, running,  
It came running, running, running.

The trees were waving with the wind,  
He was running so fast to get away,  
It crept up on him; a cat hunting a mouse.

Finally, he ran out of breath,  
The terrible past got him,  
And pinned him to the ground.

**Hannah Ehrlich, Year 6**



A selection of monsters created by Year 8

**Mini Sagas – A mini saga is a complete story told in exactly 50 words. Here are some written by Year 10.**

**The Row**

I never liked being home alone.  
He left without saying a word.  
The night was wine dark; silhouetting  
shadows approached the house.  
A figure advanced to the window.  
I looked desperately at the carving  
knife. The door handle turned.  
I threw it. My husband lay dead,  
flowers in his hand.

**Jessica Adams and Emily Lane**

**Ignorance is Bliss**

Nigel hated the Chinese.  
He hated the Polish.  
Most of all he hated the Irish.  
“Foreigners ruin everything for us  
Brits!” But when he received that  
free online offer to check his family  
background, what Nigel learned did  
not please him at all.  
10% Chinese, 10% Polish and 70%  
Irish.

**Caitlin Windsor Davies**

**Galactic Dreams**

Galactic Dreams Growing up, Steve  
obsessed over the universe. He  
painted stars on his ceiling from his  
rocket-ship bed and spent summers  
watching the sky. Blasting fiery  
furnaces and buffing metallic surfaces  
was his dream. This was achieved!  
5 ...4 ...3 ...2 ....1.... “Welcome  
to Galactic Burger! May I take your  
order?”

**Megan Matthews and Penny Antonio**

**She’s Driving Me Up the Wall**

Always irritating me with her  
infuriating voice.  
“Cut the moaning; you’re nearly  
there!” exclaimed Mum.  
“Alright, I am trying my best!” I  
whined. At last I reach the top of  
the climbing wall. “Look you’ve done  
it; all you needed was a little drive.”  
“Thanks mum...you really did drive  
me up the wall there!”

**Alice Doran and Humaira Ahmed**

**Hide and Seek**

‘Come out, come out, wherever you  
are!’ He never loses, always finds  
them. He is the best seeker. There  
was a movement in the corner of the  
room. A muffled sound of whispering  
from by the window seat. Behind the  
curtain. How obvious. ‘I found you.’  
He drew the knife.

**Olivia Platt and Clarissa Turner**

**Mummy Knows Best**

“Stop drawing on your hands!” “That  
skirt’s too short!” “Stop biting your  
nails!” “Stop texting, give me your  
phone!” “But Mum...” A shadowy  
evening loomed, she stalked down  
the alleyway, furious with her mum.  
Soft footsteps padded after her. She  
stopped, they stopped. She reached for  
her phone...

**Molly Elderton and Ella Ward  
Parsons**

*Flora Jetha, Year 13*



**The Power of Love**

He gazed lovingly at her and whispered, "I'll never ever let you go." She sat up. Her hair fell over her young, pale face. He liked her hair. She looked at the man she'd spent half her life with. He looked back at her. Maybe he should loosen those handcuffs.

**Aisha Adelopo and Maya Coleborn**



*Aaliyah Robinson, Year 12*

**Opposites Attract**

Anna had never liked coffee. Anna's husband did.  
 Anna had never liked football. Anna's husband did.  
 Anna had never liked late night parties where you drink into the early hours.  
 Anna had never liked smoking.  
 Anna had never done drugs.  
 Anna's husband had.  
 She'd wear black for a day. Maybe.

**Eleri Davies**

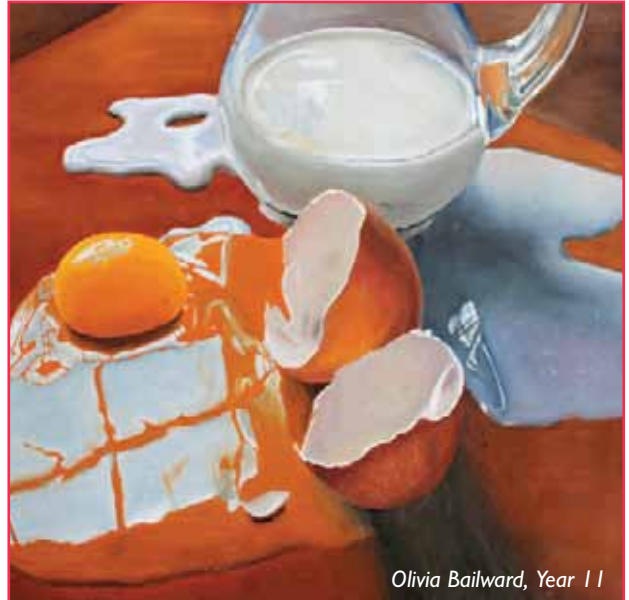


*Jenny Guo, Year 12*

**Breakfast Surprise**

It was dark in Shelby's home. Trapped in a confined space, surrounded by liquid, Shelby felt herself being carried from cold to warm. She heard a thunderous smash as suddenly her home cracked. She fell with a sizzling splat but it was too late, poor chick! Shelby had been fried.

**Courtney Roebuck and Rebecca Faulkner**



*Olivia Bailward, Year 11*

**Amor Vincit Omnia**

Life for Medusa and Midas was odd. They weren't like other couples. They couldn't hold hands or gaze happily into each other's eyes. In the end, though, they decided that love conquers all. Having locked eyes and arms, all that remains now is their love embodied in gold and stone.

**Isabella Harrison-Wan, Kelly Chaplin and Isabel Whitehead**



*Melina Nasiri, Year 11*

## Six Hundred and Thirty One Words of Goodbye

I remember the crushing despair I felt when I did not receive my Hogwarts admission letter  
 my misery was uncontrollable  
 I was inconsolable  
 morose and comatose I thought to myself  
 "how can a school for muggles compete with Hogwarts?"

but it turned out I didn't go to a school for muggles  
 because muggles are ordinary people  
 who let magic pass them by and lead mediocre lives  
 and watch Jeremy Kyle  
 although to be fair we watch a lot of Jeremy Kyle...

It was Natalie Heffner who once told me  
 the worst thing in the world was to be called ordinary  
 and I enthusiastically agree  
 for it seems to me  
 that with every coffee stain in the common room  
 and every globule of partially sentient mould we've left in  
 the kitchen  
 the younger generations will look and sigh  
 in acute admiration  
 at the mementos we've left to be remembered by.  
 Because "ordinary" was never something the class of 2014  
 wanted to indulge in.

so here follows a rather extensive list  
 of some of the things that I will miss:

I'll miss Zoe Shortman, perpetually smiley  
 I'll miss Lydia Cleary, screaming for Miley  
 I will miss the exuberance I felt  
 (despite my personal detachment from the matter)  
 when Antonia Antonio passed her driving test  
 on the fifth attempt  
 I'll miss getting paracetamol from Mrs Kent  
 I'll miss Olivia Cheek and her calm, democratic exterior  
 and I will miss Maya Concannon and her regular hysteria  
 I shall miss Rachel B-A and her penchant for wearing  
 scarves  
 I will miss Vicky Reid and her ridiculous infectious laugh  
 I will miss Gloria Lau  
 still not being able to cross a road, quite literally,  
 to save her life, despite being a Cambridge applicant  
 I'll miss Vaishali Raval the constant conference room  
 inhabitant

I'll miss Emma Bewley, her enthusiasm's ceaseless  
 I'll miss Rebecca Dufty and her unflappable finesse  
 I'll miss Madeleine Taylor-Laidler despite the fact her name  
 messes up any vestiges of my rhyme scheme  
 I'm obligated to say I'll miss her because she'll be an evil  
 dictator by her late teens  
 I'll miss Livy McBride, and her love of One Direction  
 and the fact that if she met them, she'd get a massive  
 sense of fulfilment and inner happiness  
 I'll miss Rebekah Coates who's always late but always there  
 and I'll miss Izzy Gillespie, with her wit and ginger hair  
 I'll miss Demi Papa-Adams, because I find her funny  
 I'll miss every single one of you who can make a grey day  
 sunny

and guys I know I can't mention you all because there's like  
 a hundred of you and after a while I'd get quite annoying but

even though we're about to fly the proverbial nest  
 you guys are the best  
 and I will feel very sad  
 because you guys are the greatest friends I've ever had  
 all of you.

And we have friendships that are usually hard to come by  
 and we will miss each other and probably will cry

and I'm sickening myself with consistent cliché  
 but I hope we all look back fondly one day

and now I'm just gonna plagiarise an entire verse of ee  
 cummings because I think despite being a mentally unstable  
 alcoholic he kind of gets the gist of what I'm trying to say so  
 here goes:

"here is the deepest secret nobody knows  
 (here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud  
 and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows  
 higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)  
 and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your hearts (i carry them in my heart)"

And as Dumbledore says. The ones we love never really  
 leave us.

**Jessie Nixon, Year 13**





**When the cat stood on my homework**

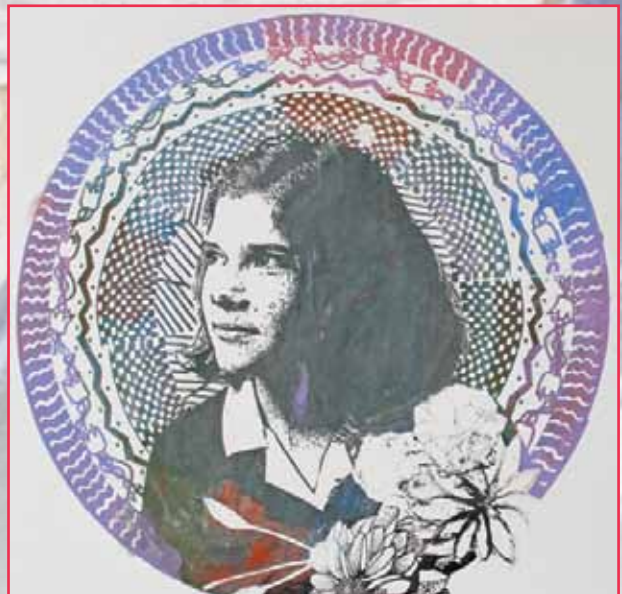
When the cat stood on my homework  
I got in quite a fuss  
I wrote it out again  
And almost missed my bus!

Then I dropped it in a puddle  
The writing was all smudged  
I got in quite a muddle  
And did miss my bus!

I finally trudged into school  
I'd written it out again  
Then the teacher said  
"Lily you've done your homework wrong  
Please do it all again!"  
**Grace Hillier, Year 6**



**Portraits by Year 9**





Isabelle Halsey, Year 3



Isobel Buchan, Year 5



Isabelle Halsey, Year 3



Lara Hillier, Year 3



Lower and Upper Foundation



Tamsyn Rodliffe, Year 5

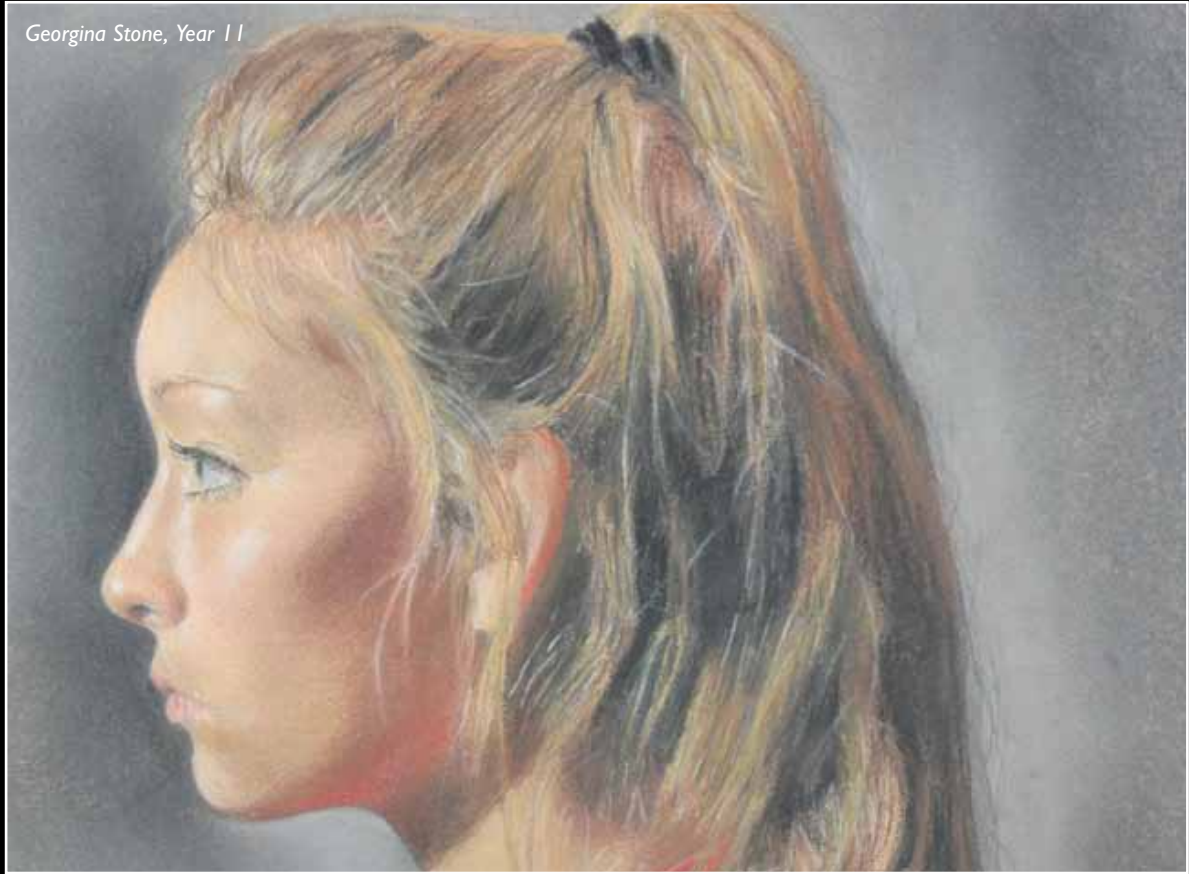


Malak Hawary, Year 3



Ella Rush, Year 3

*Georgina Stone, Year 11*



*Philippa Spencer-Smith, Year 11*



# MUSIC



## Out of the Blue

The Chamber Choir lifted the roof of Colston Hall back in December, as they served up an unbeatable cocktail of hot harmonies with the internationally acclaimed a cappella group, Out of the Blue.

Formed in 2000 at Oxford University, Out of the Blue has enjoyed success around the globe, singing in front of Presidents and winning the Edinburgh Fringe sell-out award no less than five times. They have gained critical and popular acclaim and in 2011 the group reached the live semi-finals of the popular show Britain's Got Talent, where they were featured on national TV and even praised by Simon Cowell! More recently the group appeared on BBC One's The One Show.

The group spent the day at the School, performing a lunchtime concert for staff and pupils and leading an 'a cappella workshop' for students, before taking to the stage at Colston Hall, alongside the Chamber Choir, to perform their unique version of songs from artists such as Jackson Five and Shakira.

Mr Daykin, Director of Music, said, "I am delighted that Out of the Blue chose to visit Redland High. The workshop was an incredible learning opportunity for the students, developing their sense of courage and adventure when it comes to performing, and this was certainly evident in the evening performance at Colston Hall."

We are grateful to the Harry Crook Trust for funding the 'a cappella workshop'. Their generous donations and on-going financial support are much appreciated and serve to enrich all aspects of academic, cultural and sporting life for our pupils.

The girls' performance at the Colston Hall with the a cappella group will long be remembered by all who took part and by the audience.



*"Congratulations to all involved in the truly splendid concert."*

**Member of the public**

*"The girls are talented and a credit to you all."*

**Chair of Soroptimists**



*"RHS is to be congratulated that it puts music making to the fore in the life of the School."* **Parent**



*"The girls were wonderful."*  
**Chair of Old Girls' Guild**



*"The girls were magnificent and very entertaining."*  
**Bristol Male Voice Choir**



*"Their playing was excellent and their signing of the Grace exquisite."*

**The Master of the Aldersgate Ward Club**



*"Strong representation from the Chamber Orchestra."*  
**Lord Mayor of London's Consort**

*"They conducted themselves with great dignity."*  
**Former Pupil**

Our Music Department has an excellent reputation throughout Bristol for their continual high standards and this year we were delighted to be invited to perform at a number of events. These include an invitation for the Chamber Orchestra to perform at a Civic Lunch in the Guildhall, City of London, attended by a number of dignitaries including The Lord Mayor of London's Consort, and also an invitation to the School Choir, Chamber Choir and Music Theatre Group to perform at the Soroptimist Concert in aid of Bristol based charity, The Bridge.



Girls from the Redland High Junior Choir took part in 'Chandos Road presents....' on Sunday 15 June. This was a street party designed to celebrate the start of summer!

members of the public, as well as the new Lord Mayor of Bristol. They sang a selection of summer themed songs and received huge applause from the audience.

The Junior Choir sang on stage to local residents and

Well done to all the girls who took part.



**Royal Marines at Redland**

Pupils were thrilled to welcome members of The Royal Marines Band, regarded as one of the finest musical organisations in the world, to Redland High as part of the Band's Interactive Lesson series. These are usually carried out remotely through the use of iPads and, while a number of local schools took part, Redland High was the only school to receive a visit in person.

The Royal Marines Band visited the School to give the talented Music students an insight on life as a professional performer. The students had the opportunity to question the members of the Band, to rehearse alongside them and to perform with them in front of the School.



**Allan Schiller Masterclass with QEH**

Music Scholars once again had the opportunity to learn from the very best when world renowned Pianist, Allan Schiller, gave a Musical Masterclass at Redland High in November. Pupils from both Redland High and QEH attended the event which was kindly sponsored by one of our former pupils. To read more about the event, please refer to the The Old Girls' Guild section, from page 85.



*"Redland pupils' brass ensemble enhances Clifton's popular public act of remembrance on Armistice Day." Local headline*



## Spring Concert

On Thursday 20 March, nearly 100 musicians from across the School gathered at St Alban's Church ready for the annual Spring Concert. The evening showcased the talents of each of the ensembles and included an eclectic mix of music from Holst to Queen, with everything in between!

The audience were treated to the first performance of the newly established vocal ensemble 'The Leading Notes' as well as solos from Music Scholars including Gloria Lau, Madeleine Taylor-Laidler, Shero Zhang and Manana Koplatadze. The evening drew to a close with a finale which saw all performers join together to give a rousing performance of 'Thank you for the Music'.



## Special Delivery

In 2012 it became apparent that our ageing fleet of pianos, some dating back to the early 1900s, were in need of replacement after many years of loyal service. And so The Grand Piano Appeal was born to raise funds for the replacement of the 12 pianos around the School site! All of these pianos are played on a regular basis, some in excess of five hours each day, and are central to the development of our musicians throughout the School.

We are delighted that, thanks to the generosity of all those people who have contributed to the appeal, we have been able to purchase the first phase of these new pianos which include a new Grand Piano, an upright and an electric piano.



The new pianos arrived during February half term, much to the delight of Mr Daykin and Mrs Harrison, and the girls are thoroughly enjoying the latest additions to the Music Department.

## The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Examination Results

**Bassoon**

Madeleine Taylor-Laidler	Grade 5 Pass
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**'Cello**

Liome Ogunbiyi	Grade 2 Merit
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Abigail Ehrlich	Grade 3 Merit
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Abigail Ehrlich	Grade 4 Merit
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Amelia Dore	Grade 7 Pass
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**Clarinet**

Scarlett Naraidoo	Grade 1 Merit
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Rebecca Phillips	Grade 2 Merit
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Isabelle Eaton	Grade 3 Pass
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Alice Holder	Grade 4 Merit
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Amelia Wollas	Grade 5 Pass
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Rebecca Pimblett	Grade 5 Distinction
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Megan Matthews	Grade 6 Merit
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**Drums**

Rebecca Chan	Grade 1 Distinction
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**Flute (Trinity Guildhall Examinations)**

Christie Thorn	Grade 2 Distinction
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Sophia Bradfield	Grade 3 Merit
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Simran Lalli	Grade 4 Merit
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Olivia Bailward	Grade 5 Merit
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Summer Brown	Grade 5 Merit
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**Piano**

Saskia Morris	Pre Pass
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Ayesha Noushad	Pre Pass
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Hannah Pike	Pre Pass
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Ella Wilson	Pre Pass
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Ellen Chancellor	Grade 1 Pass
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Jessica Pearson	Grade 1 Pass
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Scarlett Carter	Grade 1 Merit
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Mollie Holder	Grade 1 Merit
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Isabella Keith	Grade 1 Merit
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Isla Reavley	Grade 1 Merit
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Amelia Sale	Grade 1 Merit
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Ella Wilson	Grade 1 Merit
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Ruby Young	Grade 1 Merit
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Maddison Brown	Grade 1 Distinction
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Rowan Elboshra	Grade 1 Distinction
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Tamsyn Rodliffe	Grade 1 Distinction
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Lily Baron	Grade 2 Pass
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Sophie Buffham	Grade 2 Pass
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Amelia Sale	Grade 2 Pass
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Christie Thorn	Grade 2 Pass
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Rowan Elboshra	Grade 2 Merit
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Emily Griffin	Grade 2 Merit
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Sylvie Livingstone	Grade 2 Merit
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Scarlett Naraidoo	Grade 2 Merit
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Claudia Spice	Grade 2 Distinction
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Charlotte Cooper	Grade 3 Pass
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**Piano (continued)**

Daisy Crane	Grade 3 Pass
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Olivia Ekaney	Grade 3 Pass
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Angel Fisher Bearne	Grade 3 Pass
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Charlotte Garcia	Grade 3 Pass
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Megan Lo	Grade 3 Pass
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Dakota Pearce	Grade 3 Pass
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Kathryn Saunders	Grade 3 Pass
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Jasmine Dore	Grade 3 Merit
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Hannah Ehrlich	Grade 3 Merit
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Rowan Elboshra	Grade 3 Merit
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Ava McBride	Grade 3 Merit
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Lia Ekaney	Grade 4 Pass
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Rebecca Lemon	Grade 4 Pass
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Rebecca Phillips	Grade 4 Pass
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Charlotte Barker	Grade 4 Merit
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Abigail Ehrlich	Grade 4 Merit
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Ava McBride	Grade 4 Distinction
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Charlotte Barker	Grade 5 Pass
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Megan Matthews	Grade 5 Merit
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Yvonne Bentley	Grade 5 Merit
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Rebecca Pimblett	Grade 5 Merit
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Rebecca Pimblett	Grade 6 Merit
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Molly Cheesley	Grade 6 Distinction
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Mica Sutherland	Grade 6 Distinction
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Molly Cheesley	Grade 7 Merit
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Isabella Harrison-Wan	Grade 8 Distinction
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**Alto Saxophone**

Georgina Jarman	Grade 4 Pass
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**Singing**

Ruby Cheesley	Grade 1 Distinction
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Ruby Cheesley	Grade 2 Distinction
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Rebecca Chan	Grade 6 Distinction
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Molly Cheesley	Grade 6 Distinction
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**Trombone**

Mia Harris	Grade 2 Pass
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Madeleine Potter Wood	Grade 4 Pass
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**Trumpet**

Isobel Wright	Grade 1 Pass
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Isobel Buchan	Grade 1 Merit
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Hannah Ehrlich	Grade 2 Merit
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Hannah Ehrlich	Grade 3 Pass
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Georgina Keith	Grade 3 Pass
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Claudia Spice	Grade 3 Merit
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Isabel Pendleton	Grade 3 Merit
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Anna Cazalet	Grade 4 Merit
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**Violin**

Saskia Morris	Grade 1 Merit
Aliya Noushad	Grade 1 Merit
Grace Young	Grade 1 Merit
Mona Abraham	Grade 2 Pass
Lilah Gronback	Grade 2 Pass
Megan Lo	Grade 2 Pass
Saskia Morris	Grade 2 Pass
Aliya Noushad	Grade 2 Pass
Grace Young	Grade 2 Pass
Scarlett Carter	Grade 2 Merit
Francesca Gilpin	Grade 2 Merit
Claudia Spice	Grade 2 Distinction
Mona Abraham	Grade 3 Pass
Lilah Gronback	Grade 3 Pass
Alexandra Morris	Grade 3 Pass
Isabella Simpson	Grade 3 Pass
Scarlett Carter	Grade 3 Merit
Kelly Peng	Grade 3 Merit
Claudia Spice	Grade 3 Distinction
Eleri Davies	Grade 4 Pass
Angel Fisher Bearne	Grade 4 Pass
Elenor Naraidoo	Grade 4 Merit
Lily Huang	Grade 5 Pass
Tilly Guthrie	Grade 6 Merit
Grace Sodzi	Grade 7 Pass
Francesca Millar	Grade 7 Distinction

**Musical Theatre**

Emma Johnson	Step 2 Distinction
Grace Pullin	Step 2 Distinction
Grace Hillier	Grade 2 Distinction
India Rowlands-Nash	Grade 2 Distinction
Grace Young	Grade 2 Distinction
Ruby Young	Grade 2 Distinction
Lucy Zeeman	Grade 2 Distinction
Zelda Coleborn	Grade 3 Distinction
Hannah Ehrlich	Grade 3 Distinction
Ella Hemus	Grade 3 Distinction
Olivia Plummeridge	Grade 3 Distinction
Harriet Pullin	Grade 3 Distinction
Abigail Ehrlich	Grade 4 Distinction
Katherine Knapp	Grade 4 Distinction
Emily Phillpotts	Grade 4 Distinction
Lily Baron	Grade 5 Distinction
Olivia Platt	Grade 5 Distinction
Alice Pullin	Grade 5 Distinction
Isabella Stone	Grade 5 Distinction
Clarissa Turner	Grade 5 Distinction
Anna Freudenstein	Grade 6 Distinction
Zoe Harrill-Davis	Grade 6 Distinction
Manana Koplatazde	Grade 6 Distinction
Frances McGirr	Grade 6 Distinction
Molly Cheesley	Grade 8 Distinction
Natalie Heffner	Grade 8 Distinction

**Music Theory**

Niamh Fox	Grade 1 Distinction
Cushla Sutherland	Grade 5 Pass
Mica Sutherland	Grade 5 Pass
Molly Cheesley	Grade 5 Merit
Jasmine Dore	Grade 5 Merit
Yvonne Bentley	Grade 5 Merit
Tilly Guthrie	Grade 5 Merit
Leah Kurien	Grade 5 Merit
Rebecca Pimblett	Grade 5 Distinction

# DRAMA





**Peter Pan**

Shimmering fairies, flying puppets, a ship made from scaffolding and a larger than life ticking crocodile – it could only mean one thing, the Redland High annual production is back! Tickets for the four performances of this year’s production, Peter Pan, sold out in record time and audiences were certainly not disappointed as they were transported from the School Hall to the magic of Neverland.

Rosie Hunter gave an unforgettable performance as Peter Pan, while the Darlings were played to perfection. Amy Adair, as Nana the Dog, was particularly popular with the audience and Jessie Nixon threw herself into the role of the drunken Captain Hook. And who could have imagined such a dazzling troupe of fairies as the Tinkerbells? Played by Alice Holder, Anna Hunter Funnell, Safia Hatton-Smith and Harriette Stagg, they danced across the set in their wonderful costumes, complete with shimmering wings.

Staging the performance in three separate areas really drew the audience into Peter Pan’s world but was not without its difficulties for Rachel Clapp, Head of Art, and her team. However, as always, the Art Department rose to the challenge and transformed the areas into three simply stunning sets. Lesley Hunt, Head of Technology, also worked tirelessly with her team of wardrobe designers and seamstresses to produce the inspirational costumes.

A huge thanks go to all of those who were involved in making this year’s production such an outstanding success, whether through performing on stage or providing such a professional backstage team.



## Rave Reviews at Edinburgh Fringe Festival

Redland High returned to the Fringe Festival in August 2013 with our theatre company 'Big Shoes' to present two stage adaptations of Angela Carter's radio plays, 'Puss in Boots' and 'The Company of Wolves'. Both productions received rave reviews from the critics and the cast even appeared on BBC Radio Bristol to talk about the representation of women in theatre. Following the success of the productions, Sarah McCormack, Head of Drama, and Jessie Nixon, Year 13 and Director of 'The Company of Wolves', were invited to speak at a conference on 'Myth, Fantasy and Fairy Tale in Literature and the Arts' at Anglia Ruskin University.

We couldn't keep away and Big Shoes Theatre Company returned to the Fringe in 2014 with our version of Euripides' Medea. We stayed in self-catered University accommodation, rehearsing and presenting our show, publicising the show daily by singing, dancing and flyering on the Royal Mile, and taking in as much of what the Fringe has to offer as we could manage! The chance to live like bona fide students for a fortnight is part of the appeal for the girls involved (and, if truth be told, for the teachers too...) and some of our Sixth Form girls this year also took advantage of the opportunity to attend open days at Edinburgh University. This really is an event where art, education and life experience meet and merge. We even made it into the Times Education Supplement!

The play is a bleak and demanding tale of a woman who enacts a terrible revenge upon her straying husband, and our version of it sought both to recognise the classical roots of the piece and embrace its relevance to the modern world. The Chorus sang and danced as they would have done in the ancient Greek theatre. They wore masks and costumes which deliberately recalled the tunics (please note: tunics NOT togas) of the classical period. But Medea and Jason were in jeans and leather jackets, while Medea's son remained largely oblivious to his mother's increasing emotional disintegration because he was permanently located in his own imaginary world: headphones and smart phone making him literally deaf to her threats – and her protestations of affection.

To bring this classic play to the stage via Redland High School, an original adaptation was written by Sally Knights (Head of Classics) and Sarah McCormack (Head of Drama); original musical settings of the choral odes were composed by Francesca Millar (Year 11) and choreography was devised by Rachel Williams (Drama teacher). The costumes were designed by Lucy Howson – a former pupil – and made by a combination of Redland staff and students; the costume team led by Charlotte Godfrey (Year 12) and Cheryl Douglas (Head of French). The set was designed and built by Rachel Clapp (Head of Art), Simon Coleborn (Redland parent), Eleanor Redman (Year 12) and Jessica Rees (Year 11).





*"I was charmed by the show. The cast displays great potential and their energy and the pace of the drama is enough to hold an audience's attention."*  
 Ella Moran-Jones, Broadway Baby



*"The performances of some of the young actresses seem beyond their time, raising laughter from the audience with confidence and ease...especially Demetra Papa-Adams playing the hag, a name to look out for at Fringes of the future."*  
 Rebecca Lunn, ED2013

*"The choral odes were my favourite bit of the show, strongly sung by the chorus....Francesca Millar's composition is expertly judged."*  
 James Beagon, Broadway Baby



*"...the highly promising Georgina Graham Williams as Medea, who seamlessly blends bloodlust and vulnerability in her engaging portrayal."*  
 Charlotte Taylor, Three Weeks



*"Particular mention should go to Amy Kennedy. Her portrayal of the werewolf was outstanding and showcased her clearly innumerable talents. Some of the best youth theatre the Fringe has to offer...."*  
 Christie Rolley, Three Weeks



*"The cast are all excellent, performing with a maturity and depth of understanding that belies their young age...a classy, polished production...beautiful, lyrical and haunting."*  
 Jules Sanderson, Broadway Baby

## GCSE and A Level

It's out with the old and in with the new in the Drama Department, as we switch exam boards at GCSE and A Level, and have to tackle a whole new set of performance challenges.

So in May we had our much loved evening of GCSE performances: Death and disaster abounded as an ailing mother made the ultimate sacrifice for her daughter's future; a family was blown apart by tragedy and struggled to reunite; a mother's unbalanced understanding of her children resulted in loss and regret; and a girl disappeared from her home and as the relatives she had left behind gradually came to terms with her loss, she was fighting to find her way back to them.

The quality of performances was as always exceptional. The girls handled their tragic material with skill and sensitivity and these were moments of theatre that belied the very young age of the performers.

And also in May we saw the introduction of the new AS performance format. Rather than having to produce one single, whole piece as before, these girls had to perform two separate but linked pieces of theatre and in much smaller groups. Audiences of previous AS performances were given one play to watch and consider, but this year our small but hardy audience trailed around the school to a range of different locations to see six separate pieces and how incredibly diverse they were.

The requirement of the new AS specification is that all performance work must reflect the ideas of a particular theatre practitioner. The scripted scenes were based on the theatre practice of Peter Brook, and took place in the school gym. We were treated to two scenes from Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night', one of which involved the disguised Viola and Olivia fighting madly in a large trough of mud, plus one scene from Federico Garcia Lorca's twentieth century melodrama, 'The House of Bernarda Alba'. Loosely based on the movements and timings of flamenco dance, this piece was performed to a standing traverse audience and really showcased the extent of our drama girls' ambition and vision.

And as if all that wasn't enough, the devised work upped the ante still further. In the school attics one hapless member of the audience was offered a cup of blood, and in the drama room (rarely a site for actual performance so quite nice to see it come into its own for once) two white boiler-suited lovers disembowelled a teddy bear and played catch with a bull's heart. Yes an actual bull's heart. The practitioner under consideration here was Antonin Artaud who formulated the theory of theatre of cruelty. Our audience, it's fair to say, may not have entirely known what they were in for at the start of the evening but everyone left with at least a rudimentary notion of what that phrase actually means!

Next year: devised work from Year 11 in September, AS and A2 double performances in April. We are looking forward to it already. Whatever will they come up with next?





### Easter Puppetry

The Come Alive Puppet Theatre visited the Junior School at Easter with their show 'Chicken Nuggets', which told the story of Easter.

Come Alive is a church based puppet theatre which performs puppet shows as a means to entertain children while teaching bible principles and stories. All the girls in the Junior School, from Lower Foundation to Year 6, enjoyed the fantastic performance.



### Shining Signing Star

Drama starts at a young age at Redland High and we always look forward to the Christmas performance from the girls in Lower and Upper Foundation. Last Christmas they certainly didn't disappoint as they performed 'Shining Signing Star', in the animal headdresses that they had each made. The show included favourite songs such as 'Follow the Donkey' and 'The Golden Signing Star'. We can't wait to see what they have planned for us this year!



### Speech and Drama Examination Results 2014

#### Grade 4 Speech and Drama (Devised)

Farah Abdelrazik	Distinction
Elizabeth Faulkner	Distinction
Hannah Godden	Distinction
Katherine Knapp	Distinction
Emily Finimore	Distinction

#### Grade 5 Speech and Drama (Devised)

Ellen Ferguson	Distinction
Nikita Iles	Distinction
Olivia Ekaney	Distinction
Emily Pearson	Distinction
Eleanor Anderson	Distinction
Emily Cazalet	Distinction
Evin Kandemir	Distinction
Daisy Crane	Distinction
Alice Holder	Distinction
Rebecca Preedy-Lunt	Distinction
Rosie Hunter	Distinction
Olivia Platt	Distinction
Rowan Elboshra	Distinction
Celia Hodes	Distinction

### The Enchanted Garden

Girls in the Year 1 Ballet class showed us that practice really does make perfect at the end of the Spring Term, as they put on a magical performance of 'The Enchanted Garden', a place where roses and petunias come to life. Each girl did a fantastic job of remembering their ballet steps and danced with flair and elegance, delighting the audience!



### Willow House Report - Jessie Nixon

I like to think that this year Willow far surpassed the comfortable mediocrity with which it is sometimes unfairly associated. Willow was far from average, smashing the highest ever total and reaping a stunning £1,401 in aid of The West of England MS Therapy Centre. Events included a staff version of the game show 'Would I lie to you' which proved to be both entertaining and incredibly lucrative. Mr Sloan himself raised a 'shocking' amount by partaking in the 'Tough Mudder' challenge, a 12 mile obstacle course including ice-filled water, 12 foot high walls and 10,000V electric shocks!

As a House Captain I was nervous for the physical and logistical challenges the annual pancake race presented - at one point we were first, but sadly victory was not to be as we dropped the pancake on the last lap. This year there was also a riveting round of debating from Ikraam Osman, Lucy Jackson, Lucy Emery, Lily Gray, Leah Kurien and Beatrice Malizia.

In the 2013 Spelling Bee, Willow won despite never having done it before. Congratulations to Caitlin Windsor Davies, Jessica Shortman and Amina Syed.

Finally in the Talent Show Willow came second place in the individual acts section with Frances McGirr singing the traditional folk song 'She Moved through the Fair' - a truly talented singer. Caitlin Windsor Davies sang and played the guitar with her own composition; Sian Gilling did an extraordinarily elegant dance and Ikraam Osman wowed us with her mystifying Magic trick.

Finally Willow house came together to embrace any vestiges of Scottish heritage for a tuneful and enthusiastic rendition of 'I'm Gonne Be (500 Miles)' by the Proclaimers. We had a splendid time.

### Maple House Report - Demelza Emmerton

This year Maple House has had a very successful year.

We chose Elhers-Danlos Support UK as our charity this year. This charity supports children with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and their families, and also aims to find a cure. On our charity day we had a range of activities including sponsored skipping and a raffle and managed to raise an outstanding £837.94.

We have also had many achievements in House competitions throughout the year. Isabel Pendleton and Isra Iqbal from Year 8 won the Junior House Debating. We also had a very successful Talent Show this year. Our house song was 'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi and the entire house performed it incredibly well. Our individual acts were also exceptional with Eloise, Year 8, singing her own version of 'I Will Survive', Isabel, Year 8, playing her trumpet, Holly, Year 7, dancing and a group performance by Evie, Zelda, Maya and Isabella singing, dancing and playing the piano to Adele and winning 3rd place act! Maple House also managed to win Best Overall House for the Talent Show this year so congratulations to everyone who took part!

We have managed to end this year on a high as Maple House has managed to win the first ever House Cup thanks to all of the merits that the girls have received this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being House Captain this year and I wish good luck and success to Maple House in the future!

### Rowan House Report - Rachel Brierley-Ambrose

From being crowned the Sports Day champions to singing our way to being Inter-House Choir champions, Rowan members have really gone all out this year! To begin with Rowan triumphed at both last year's Sports Day and Spelling Bee, and then continued the winning streak to come first in the inter-house Rounders. Continuing with Rowan's successes in sport, we were crowned both the inter-house Netball and Hockey champions and then to top off the sporting successes Rowan was victorious in the annual Pancake Day Race, having flipped their way to cross the finish line in a well-deserved first place.

The main Rowan event of the year was however the charity day. Having selected Médecins Sans Frontières as our chosen charity, Rowan wanted to raise as much money as possible for this worthwhile cause and so pulled out all the stops. We had four teachers partaking in our 'Just-A-Minute' game show, a sponsored 3K run, an extremely successful cake sale and the Sixth Formers participating in the infamous 'Bush Tucker Trials'. In total, a huge sum of £903.45 was raised.

As the end of the Spring term drew near, Rowan prepared a variety of amazing acts for the House Talent Show. For our House song Rowan chose 'Greased Lightning' and the House pulled together to be crowned the House Choir Champions.

Our final success was coming second in the House Cup by only by 2 merits. Overall Rowan has had an extremely successful year and hopefully this success will continue next year.

### Chestnut House Report - Madeleine Taylor-Laidler

As always, Chestnut has had a fantastic year and we've seen the girls' dedication paying off in a huge variety of events, highlighting the diversity of Chestnut's talents. Early in the year Manana and I were thrilled to win the Upper School Debating but success wasn't limited to the older girls, with Alice and Aisha going on to win the Junior School Debating in an extremely well-fought debate.

One of the biggest successes this year was our charity day, where the girls shone, not just in our sparkle and glitter theme, but also by raising an amazing £890 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The day's success was due to the hard work of Chestnut girls, organising cake sales, a raffle and competitions, including, of course, the 'Guess the Name of the Teddy', with Mlle Sefer once again becoming very attached to the prize!

As the year progressed, Chestnut's energy didn't fail as we came a close second in the Pancake Race and belted out 'I Believe' in the Talent Show. The year was topped off with Chestnut girls winning the Overall Best Act for their hugely entertaining rendition of 'Hairspray'.

I've been so proud to be a part of Chestnut and I know the girls will go on displaying the dedication, energy and House spirit Chestnut House is all about.

# SPORT



## Redland High Orienteering RHOK

Orienteering is a sport that combines cross-country running with map reading. Redland High competes in the Avon Schools' League and this year 40 girls competed at least once. The competitive classes start for Year 5 and progress all the way through to Year 13, with Redland High School fielding runners up to, and including, Year 11. However, Redland girls from Years 1 to 4 also participate and have fun on a non-competitive basis.

Redland High School is one of 21 schools which competed in the league this year and we enjoyed our best ever season. Redland High won the Senior School competition, the first time we have been crowned champions, beating twelve other schools to the title! The Junior School girls also had a fantastic season, finishing in second place of the eleven competing schools. Both results mark impressive achievement and underline the girls' athleticism, map reading skills and competitiveness. In the Senior School, of the eighteen girls that represented the School, fifteen contributed to our overall school score in at least one of the eight events underlining the fact that these achievements are the result of the collective efforts of all our competitors, not just a handful of stars.

In the individual competitions, Georgina Jarman won the Year 11 Girls' category, whilst in the Year 9 Girls' class Elenor Naraidoo finished in second place. Abigail Ehrlich finished in third place of the Year 8 Girls in her first year running the harder Orange courses. In the Year 7 Girls'

competition, Sylvie Livingstone finished in fourth place, narrowly ahead of Laura Hogg in fifth place. In the Junior School competitions, Year 6 Redland girls Claudia Spice, Francesca Gilpin, Grace Hillier and Olivia Plummeridge finished second, third, fourth and fifth respectively and Saskia Morris won the Year 5 Girls' competition, with Lilah Gronback and Claudia Hardwick finishing fourth and fifth respectively.

The Individual Championships are a series of one-off races for girls in different age groups and this year Ella Hemus, Year 7, was crowned champion, Elenor Naraidoo, Year 9, finished in second place and Abigail Ehrlich, Year 8, placed third in their respective competitions.

School colours have again been awarded for Orienteering and this year Georgina Jarman, Year 11, has been awarded Senior full colours, whilst Elenor Naraidoo, Year 9, has been awarded Junior full colours, with Abigail Ehrlich and Emily Finnimore being re-awarded Junior half colours.

A summary of the year's orienteering would not be complete without thanking all the parents who have come along to support their daughters and especially to those who have helped with organisation. Events have always been a chance for parents to socialise with each other and this was epitomised by the fantastic picnic shared by all at last year's final event, the Relays and Prize Giving, at Ashton Court Estate in June.



## Judo

In February Scarlett Naraidoo, Isabella Cooper, Maisy Longbottom and Anja Babic competed in the IAPS Judo Festival. Isabella and Scarlett had a very tough category in the 40kg weight group but both did very well. Isabella was in the 36kg weight group and won three out of four fights to attain a bronze medal. Anja obtained a silver medal in her category. Well done to all the girls!



## Swim Like a Fish

In May 2013, five girls from the Junior School (now in Year 7) swam to success in the Bristol Schools Annual Swimming Gala Final.

Winning individual events in all their 25m races and the Individual Medley race ensured that Redland High won The City and County Dolphin Trophy for the first time. Congratulations to Kate Shortman, Alexandra Morris, May Bingham, Francesca Gilpin and Claudia Spice.



## Climbing Report

This year has seen yet more Redland High Climbing success! The number of students attending the lunchtime club on Tuesday and Wednesday has skyrocketed and both the Lower and Upper School climbing teams placed in the top five at Southwest Competitions.

Both the Senior and Junior Teams competed in the 'The Climbing Academy' Southwest Youth Bouldering League. Over four rounds, Redland High has climbed up the rankings, culminating in a podium place for both teams who each finished second overall. Special congratulations should go to Isabella and Yvonne Bentley who came 3rd and 2nd respectively in their individual categories. The entire team, consisting of Natalie Gooder, Isabella Bentley, Tilly Guthrie, Yvonne Bentley, Halima Zahid and Emily Cazalet, enjoyed encouraging each other up the wall.

Later in the year Redland High climbers participated in the 'Undercover Rock' Bristol Interschool Climbing Competition. Here they faced the challenge of bouldering, route, speed and circuit climbing. Overall the Senior Team came 4th and the Junior Team placed 2nd – a great achievement considering they faced mixed opposition from 28 Bristol schools. In fact Redland High was the only all-girl team! Particular recognition should be given to Yvonne Bentley who came 2nd in the circuit climbing by only one move! Well done to all the team: Lucy Williams, Anna Freudenstein, Alice Ayres, Natalie Gooder, Isabella Bentley, Miro Huang, Tilly Guthrie, Yvonne Bentley, Halima Zahid, Emily Cazalet, Veronika Gabets and Erin Carroll.

In short, Redland has rocked!

**Isabella Bentley and Natalie Gooder, Year 12**



Left to right: Emily Cazalet, Hannah Zahid, Isabella Bentley, Tilly Guthrie, Natalie Gooder

## Young Volunteer Award

Zoë Harrill-Davis, Year 12, was recently awarded the Young Volunteer Award by the Somerset Amateur Swimming Association. Zoë teaches and coaches swimming to individuals and teams, giving up around 2 – 3 hours every week, as well as volunteering as a Judge and a Chief Timekeeper. She was praised by the club for being an excellent example to other young people.

### Swimming Their Way to the Top!

Redland High sisters, Kate and Chloe Shortman, are continuing to excel in their chosen sport of Synchronised Swimming. This year they were both selected for the England Synchronised Swimming Team and in June 2014, they attended an international championship in Croatia.



Kate came 2nd overall in the individual competition and 1st out of the England Talent Squad (13-15 years age group) while her sister Chloe achieved 3rd overall and 2nd of the

England Talent Squad (13 – 15 years age group). Kate also went on to win a gold medal in the duet event and both girls won gold medals in the team event. Both girls swam fantastically well – especially Kate who was the youngest person in the whole competition.

### Cross-Country with QEH

Nine girls from Years 3, 4 and 5 joined with boys from QEH to field a joint team at an exciting Cross Country event held at the QEH playing fields.

There were three races of different lengths for each of the three age groups and while each year group ran the other girls cheered and encouraged the running team whilst discussing tactics.

The nine girls who represented us so well were: Zakiyah-Firdaus Gill, Lara Hillier, Sophie Uglow, Virginia Watt, Maisy Longbottom, Isabella Cooper, Saskia Morris, Lilah Gronback and Claudia Hardwick.



### Squash



Karina Tyma, Year 8, has taken part in the Polish Squash Team Nationals, held in Cracow in June where her team, Malaka Ladies Squash Team, were defending their title. Karina played extremely well and won all her matches, including a match against Paulina Krzywicka (the 20 year old Bronze Medallist of the Polish Individual National Championships 2014).

Karina's team mates also won their matches ensuring that Malaka Ladies Squash Team were once again victorious. Their next competition will be the European Club Championships which will take place in September 2014 in Nottingham.

Karina also won a Bronze Medal in the French Squash Junior Open. The competition is part of the European Squash Federation event and is ranked Super Series, meaning that it hosted the best Juniors from Europe.

### Hockey Star in Training

Following two weekends of Junior Regional Performance Centre regional hockey trials, Phoebe Budd-Stone was selected to attend the High Performance Centre (HiPAC) representing the Wessex Leopards. HiPAC is a three day residential training camp in Leeds, run by England Hockey, and took place during the October half term.



**IST Netball**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Sophie Roe, Zoë Harrill-Davis, Olivia Cheek, Sophie Crane, Emily Chandler

**Front row** (Left to Right): Katie Hayward, Jazmin Coles, Isabel Suchy



**IST XII Hockey**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Isabella Bentley, Sophie Roe, Jessica Rees, Rachel Woodruff, Robyn Jackson

**Front row** (Left to Right): Georgina Stone, Olivia Cheek, Jazmin Coles, Francesca Cheek, Yasmina Abdelrazik



**U15 Hockey**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Zara Lovelock, Alice Pullin, Isobel Paterson, Jessica Adams, Erin Nutbeen, Molly Elderton

**Front row** (Left to Right): Jessica Portch, Amelia Di Manbro, Phoebe Budd-Stone, Ella Ward Parsons, Humaira Ahmed

**U14 Hockey**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Alice Morris, Rhianydd Thomas-White, Emily Pearson, Olivia Ekaney, Isabella Stone, Rebecca Lemon, Molly Lockhart, Isabella Naughton

**Front row** (Left to Right): Nikita Iles, Ava McBride, Yvonne Bentley, Karina Tyma, Rebecca Pimblett

**U13 Hockey**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Eleanor Trott, Abigail Ehrlich, Eloise Dunn-Glasson, Katherine Knapp, Jasmine Dore, Molly Wilkins

**Front row** (Left to Right): Charlotte Cooper, Farah Abdelrazik, Emily Finimore, Ita Honor

**U12 B Hockey**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Anna Cazalet, Elena Laundy, Sylvie Livingstone, Layla Qazi, Danielle Beach, Charlotte Toal, Georgia Lloyd

**Front row** (Left to Right): May Bingham, Laura Hogg, Isabella Simpson, Haneen Elrashid, Kelly Peng

**U12A Hockey**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Zelda Coleborn, Anya Tinkler, Anja Babic, Isabella Simpson

**Front row** (Left to Right): Ella Hemus, Alexandra Morris, Isabella Aulakh



**U16 Netball**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Yasmina Abdelrazik, Alice Bird, Lucy Mercer, Jessica Rees, Amelia Dore, Francesca Millar

**Front row** (Left to Right): Olivia Bailward, Georgina Stone, Robyn Jackson



**U15A Netball**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Angelica Fisher-Bearne, Eleanor Wallace, Isobel Paterson, Jessica Adams, Rebecca Faulkner

**Front row** (Left to Right): Phoebe Budd-Stone, Molly Elderton, Humaira Ahmed



**U15B Netball**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Aisha Adelopo, Alice Pullin, Erin Nutbeen, Simran Lalli, Laura Donkin, Jessica Portch

**Front row** (Left to Right): Angelica Fisher-Bearne, Amelia Di Mambro, Rebecca Faulkner, Ella Ward Parsons, Mariam Cheema



**U14A Netball**

**Back Row** (Left to Right): Yvonne Bentley, Emily Pearson, Daisy Crane, Olivia Ekane, Isabella Naughton

**Front Row** (Left to Right): Rhianydd Thomas-White, Rebecca Lemon, Molly Lockhart



**U14B Netball**

**Back Row** (Left to Right): Eleanor Anderson, Lucy Emery, Elenor Naraidoo, Zainab Adelopo, Sophie Buffham, Emily Cazalet

**Front Row** (Left to Right): Sophia Bradfield, Evin Kandemir, Karina Tyma, Lucy Griffin, Roisin Craney

**U13A Netball**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Emily Phillpotts, Eloise Dunn-Glasson, Jasmine Dore, Katherine Knapp, Ita Honor

**Front row** (Left to Right): Charlotte Spencer-Smith, Charlotte Cooper, Farah Abdelrazik, Emily Finnimore

**U13B Netball**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Ameena Qureshi, Amina Syed, Esme Appleby, Emily Lavis, Ariana Singh

**Front row** (Left to Right): Amelia Sale, Molly Wilkins, Elizabeth Faulkner

**U12A Netball**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Isabella Simpson, Niamh Fox, Laura Hogg, Anya Tinkler, Alexandra Morris

**Front row** (Left to Right): Sylvie Livingstone, Isabella Aulakh, Ella Hemus, Anja Babic

**U12B Netball**

**Back row** (Left to Right): Gloriana Suri, Cecile Taylor, Layla Qazi, Kelly Peng

**Front row** (Left to Right): Megan Lo, May Bingham, Helena Wright, Danielle Beach

**Girls' School Association Winners**

**Back Row** (Left to Right): Emily Pearson, Rhianydd Thomas-White, Olivia Ekaney, Isabella Naughton, Daisy Crane

**Front Row** (Left to Right): Rebecca Lemon, Yvonne Bentley, Molly Lockhart

**Shooting for the Stars**

Congratulations to our Years 8 and 9 netball players who took part in the netball tour to Shrewsbury. Team spirit and commitment were two factors which featured highly in all Redland High's performances, and they definitely helped in the tense matches.

As well as being excellent ambassadors for the School, the Year 8 team were runners-up in the tournament and we are delighted to report the Year 9 team won the Girls' Schools' Association Masterclass Tournament!

# TRIPS AND TRAVEL



**My Best School Trip to Date!**

Sun, sea and plenty of ruins: in the Easter holidays we jetted off to Greece from Heathrow and landed in Athens. We stayed in Athens for three nights, during which we climbed the spectacular Acropolis (which was enormous), shopped in the market and went to two fascinating museums.

The next stop was Corinth – the famous residence of Medea. In 146 BC it was destroyed by the Romans but Julius Caesar refounded the city. There was a forum, temples, shops and a theatre. Here we got an entertaining re-enactment from Mr Hartley and Ms McCormack of Jason and Medea.

Next was one of my favourite places: Epidavros. Here there is still a fully intact Greek theatre built into the hillside which seats 14,000 and has 55 rows. Even if you sat at the top you could hear a penny drop. That night we stayed in Tolon by the sea, so we had a stroll on the beach.

The following day was Mycenae – home of Agamemnon who survived the Trojan war but was killed by his wife in a bath tub. On the penultimate day we went to Olympia, the ancient site of the Olympics, where we raced in the stadium and explored.

Our last stop was Delphi – my favourite place. It was beautiful and built in the mountains. This is my best school trip to date. Not only did we visit amazing places but we had good food, shopping and sunny weather.

**Emily Lane, Year 10**



**Team Geography Visit Dawlish Warren**

In September 2013 GCSE Geographers went on their Geography field trip to Dawlish Warren. Their aim was to find out how distinctive this area is and why. The newly revised GCSE coursework places increasing emphasis on independent data collection, recording of this data and writing of the subsequent report, which has to be done under timed conditions. Pupils worked collaboratively in groups, collecting a wide range of primary data from beach profiles, pebble size, shape and geology to wave counts, sediment cells and an analysis of the coast defence measures.

Pupils gained much from the day, which made them reflect upon how data is collected and recorded, how valid it is, how they apply it to a research question, but most of all it made them think more independently. The events that occurred along this coastline in the winter of 2013/14 reinforced to pupils the relevance such studies have if sea defences are not regularly maintained and inspected and the subsequent cost to the local and national economy. They realised that there has never been a more poignant time to be studying the subject!



## My School Trip

Today we went on a school trip to Ashford River Centre. We had all made boats for a boat race the weekend before. My boat was rubbish because the sail was too flimsy.

When we arrived we split into two groups and I was in the group that did river studies first. We did pooh sticks with corks instead. I was the person who said "GO" when we dropped the cork in. The cork floated down the river and 6 people were timing how fast it went from 5 to 10 to 15 metres. From this we learned how fast the water was flowing.

We also learnt that water eroded the sides of the riverbank and that is what made it bigger.

We had the boat race. We all raced our boats. My boat came in last because it capsized. Isobel and Saskia came in first and second. They raced each other afterwards and Isobel won.

We had a break then we did water experiments. I was with Isobel W. We had vials of different river water and some swimming pool water. First we said what polluted the rivers for example fertiliser and animal poo. We did experiments to see how much chlorine was in the water and how much oxygen was in the water.

After lunch we did river measurements. Then the 2 group winners of the boat races raced each other, Sophia vs Isobel W. Isobel won. I learnt a lot about rivers but I was sad that my boat came in last.

**Jenna Meiklejohn, Year 5**



## A Visit to Monacute House by Year 5

"First of all we looked around the gardens because we were doing a tree trail. The gardens were beautiful and we saw some bushes that had weird lumps in! We couldn't take too long looking at the garden because we had to get ready to go in the house and have a tour.

The tour was brilliant! We were in three groups and our group started in the library where they also had dinner. We were also shown a bedroom, the longest gallery in England, rooms with portraits in and the servants' kitchen."

**Tamsyn Rodliffe**

"The Long Gallery is the longest of its kind in England. The walls have paintings of past Tudor monarchs. The Long Gallery was where the ladies of the house would walk up and down for exercise. Across the corridor is another room which has paintings of Lady Jane Grey and Sir Walter Raleigh on the walls. Next we did a task called 'pouncing' which is like dot to dot. We had to draw Elizabeth I, you have to draw dots and join them together and then you have the picture you wanted."

**Hannah O'Donnell**

"Next my group made lavender bags or spice bags in the old kitchen. I made a lavender bag but everyone else made spice bags. The kitchen smelled really nice afterwards.

Before lunch we did the portrait trail. We saw one of Henry VIII and it was as if he was staring at us. Then we ate lunch in the barn.

After lunch we did sketching at the front of the house. I drew the Philips coat of arms.

I think Montacute is a really interesting building and tells us about rich Tudors."

**Ella Wilson**



### Spanish Trip to Barcelona

In November the Spanish Department took us to visit the beautiful city of Barcelona. We saw a lot of the wonderful work of Antonio Gaudí, including the sunny Park Güell, La Casa Batlló, and, of course, La Sagrada Família; an incredible feat of architecture, art and religion, which was my favourite part of the trip.

We visited other cathedrals, the Picasso museum and even had a day at the beach! The Christmas season was beginning too, so we were immersed in the Christmas markets and traditions, going out nightly to spot new Christmas lights.

Another tradition we learnt a lot about was Spanish food, and heroic amounts of tapas and paella were consumed! We went home with new vocab, knowing more about Spanish culture, and having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

**Alice Ayres, Year 12**







**Year 8 Camp**

Earlier this term, pupils from Year 8 set off for their camping trip, complete with a School sleepover! For once they had glorious weather which they were determined to make the most of so the trip began with an orienteering exercise in Ashton Court. In the afternoon the girls were split into teams and given a limited budget to purchase food for the 'Come Dine With Me' style competition that evening. On their return to School, the girls were delighted to discover the bouncy castle that had been delivered in their absence! The next day it was off for some walking in the Mendips, overlooking Cheddar reservoir and a few games of mini golf, before ending the day with fish and chips.



**Future Politicians Visit Parliament**

In June 16 excited Year 7 girls went to Parliament. We took part in a debate with the motion: 'We Should Build on Greenbelts'.

After a long coach ride, we arrived outside the Houses of Parliament. We entered through the Cromwell Green entrance and, after extensive security checks, went into the historic Westminster Hall and then proceeded to the Central Lobby. We were then taken to a Committee Chamber.

Each speech was a maximum of two minutes long and every speech was presented confidently and with a clear understanding of the situation of the greenbelts. After nearly two hours of extensive debate everybody cast their vote using the same procedure as used in Parliament. The final outcome of the votes was twenty-five to the proposition and thirty-five to the opposition.

After the debate we had a tour of the House of Commons. We were shown the records of everything said in parliamentary debates, the division lobbies and, most memorably, the traditional green seats.

This has given us a real interest in politics which we shall never forget.

**Anja Babic and Layla Qazi, Year 7**



### Christmas Market Trip to Cologne

The journey to Germany was long, but I managed to sleep most of the way there. To my confusion, in the rare moments I happened to be awake, I always found myself in a new country. First, England, naturally, then France, Belgium and possibly some mention of the Netherlands before we finally reached Germany.

Once we had settled down in the youth hostel, we headed straight for the Christmas markets. Upon entering the sea of stalls, we were instantly drawn by the smell of food. The shops were lined with chocolate, freshly made waffles and toffee apples. There were beautiful handmade ornaments and all sorts of jewellery. So we put on our best German accents and headed up to the shopkeepers.

On the second day we set off early to visit a beautiful cathedral that was next to the Christmas market. On the walk we found an amazing bridge that couples had attached locks to before throwing the keys into the river below. In the afternoon we went on a very interesting tour in a Lindt chocolate factory, where we found out how chocolate is made and even had some delicious free samples!

We went to a German theme park called Phantasialand on the last day where we went on some very scary rides and saw some amazing shows. We then gathered back on to the coach and prepared for the 13 hour drive back to England after this fantastic trip!

**Frances McGirr and Amelia Wollas, Year 10**





### Mendip Outdoor Pursuits

At the start of the School year everyone from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to the Mendips and had a great time learning about the 5 Cs – Confidence, Communication, Challenge, Cooperation and Community! We did lots of activities including archery, kayaking, abseiling, search and rescue and the challenge ‘Mission Impossible’.

#### Wednesday:

We started off doing archery. We were split into pairs and taught how to hold the bow and arrow. We took it in turns to shoot. We got to shoot balloons so they would pop. A few people popped some balloons! This was a Challenge because we had to focus on the target. After lunch we then went kayaking in the river. We were shown how to use paddles and we played ‘if you’re happy and you know it’ while standing up in our boats. We needed to be Cooperative because we need to work with our friends to complete the challenges without capsizing. We had a great first day.

#### Thursday:

First of all we did abseiling. I was so scared even though I was holding a rope. I got down safely and was very relieved! We had to find Confidence when we had to lean back over the edge. We then did search and rescue and we put bandages on our friends. We carried each other on stretchers as if we were injured. This activity showed Community because it made us aware of caring for the people in our community.

#### Friday:

Friday was our last day and we were all sad to be going. But we were glad that our last activity was Mission Impossible. The aim of Mission Impossible was to see how many points you could get whilst doing various activities. We had to communicate all the time in this activity and we found out that listening is the most important part of Communication.

We had a great time and we definitely miss it.

**Tamsyn Rodliffe, Ruby Young and Grace Young, Year 5**

### Trip to Bristol Zoo

We were allowed to go off in our groups to answer some questions on an animal of our choice so we chose the hippos. Then we went to the penguins which smelt like rotten fish so we quickly went past them! Next we went to the seals which were very active and they splashed Erin. Then we had a talk about the animals which was great fun because we got to hold meal worms which grossed most people out and we got to stroke a snake and a rat.

**Katie Hayes, Year 8**

In order to answer some of the questions, our group went to look at the fruit bats so we did our second observation task on them. What we found out is that they don’t come out much when the sun is not out. They eat leaves and rest and sleep upside down. When we had done that we went round the zoo finding the answers to some more questions. That day was a great day learning lots of things and being with my friends.

**Charlotte Cooper, Year 8**

We all met up at the Education Centre for our talk. During the talk we got to hold a meal worm, a black beetle and we also were allowed to touch a snake. Strangely the snake felt like moisturised skin! Once our talk was over we had twenty minutes to go and do the ‘zoolympics’ and have a bit of free time.

**Alexandra Trump, Year 8**





### Settling In at Redland High

The end of our Redwood Trip

Our camping trip has come to an end  
Now we know everyone's our friend.

Many wanted another night,  
Everything was just right.

Lots of laughter and so much fun  
It feels like everything has just begun.

Time to go  
But now I know

Redland High is the place  
that I can call home.

**By Year 7**



### A History Trip to Wells Cathedral

When I first saw Wells Cathedral I was overwhelmed by the sheer size and ornate decoration of the front. Although some of the statues had been defaced and beheaded and all the paint had been removed, apart from a few bits behind the statues, it was still very impressive.

On our tour we saw a very old clock with knights on it from before the Reformation. It was really interesting and when the knights came out to joust it was really cool!

We also went into the library where we were allowed through a locked gate into the oldest section, which was one of only a few chain libraries left in the world. The difference between the printed books and the hand-written books is huge. The monks decorated theirs with lots of colourful pictures whereas, from what I could see of the printed books, they looked quite dull. However printed books enabled the ordinary people to have access to the written word.

At Glastonbury Abbey we were met by a monk and a labourer. My group went with the labourer and he showed us the Glastonbury Thorn, which was the descendent of the Thorn that was apparently planted by Joseph of Arimathea, who is said to have carried the Holy Grail from the Holy Land.

Afterwards we had a look at the ruins of the Abbey. Our guide showed us what is said to be grave of King Arthur and Queen Guinevere. It was a very informative day and gave us a good insight into how the Reformation changed people's lives.

**Kathryn Saunders, Year 8**



### Billy Elliot the Musical

In July, 19 Redland High Musicians joined pupils from Sidcot School for a trip to see Billy Elliot the musical at the Victoria Palace Theatre in London.

Before seeing the show, we enjoyed a meal at the Spaghetti House and got to know Sidcot over pasta and ice cream. After, we walked through Green Park (stopping off for cheeky selfies at Buckingham Palace, of course), and found our seats in the theatre, armed with sweets and souvenirs.

The show was one of the best we've ever seen. We were in awe of the incredible young performers, energetic dances and the combination of humorous and more serious music. We were even lucky enough to see several of the cast exit the stage door after the show!

**Molly Cheesley and Francesca Millar, Year 11**



### 'Carrie's War', Wyvern Theatre, with QEHS

The Year 6 girls went to see 'Carrie's War' at the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon. They were joined by the Year 6 boys from QEHS.

The weather was not very good but the theatre was dry and warm and the seats were very comfy. We went to see the play 'Carrie's War' as our class was reading the book last term and it linked in with our project of World War Two. The first half of the play lasted for an hour but we had an ice cream in the interval which made us really happy! The play finished at 3.15pm and we enjoyed it very much. We thought the play was very similar to the novel and the actors and actresses in it were good. They sang songs in Welsh and played speeches of Winston Churchill as the stage scenes changed.

We enjoyed the trip.

**Year 6**

# ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS



## Future Problem Solving UK – National Finals

Earlier this year five Year 8 pupils took part in the national finals of 'Future Problem Solving UK', an international education programme teaching children skills in collaborative and creative problem solving. The girls, who were up against 14 other teams in their age group, had two hours to identify one underlying problem to solve from this year's future scenario on 'surveillance society'. They had to suggest solutions, design their own criteria by which to judge the best solution, apply the criteria to the solution and then write up the best solution as an Action Plan.

The girls did incredibly well and were highly commended for their Action plan presentation, which was very slick and effectively delivered with humour and wit. Many congratulations go to Abigail Ehrlich, Lola Lea, Amelia Sale, Veronika Gabets and Kathryn Saunders.



## Celebrating 132 Years of Redland High

At the end of the Autumn Term the whole of Redland High joined together to celebrate the founding of the School, 132 years ago. The Commemoration Service was led by The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Bristol Cathedral, where the service was held, and we were delighted that Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the County and City of Bristol, Mary Prior, was able to join us.

The congregation, made up of current pupils and staff, parents, governors, members of the Old Girls' Guild and former pupils, were treated to outstanding performances from the School's Chamber Choir as well as the Senior and Junior School Choirs.

Dr David Hoyle told the congregation that he attended a number of founding days for various schools and that Redland High was "really very very good" – praise indeed!

## BBC News School Report – from the Redland High Team



As anyone on social media will know a worldwide phenomenon stormed across the internet this year. Women posted 'no makeup selfies' in their thousands and this raised a staggering 8 million pounds in just 6 days. However, here at Redland High, we have all been inspired by one of our very own teachers who went one step further than the no makeup selfie for a cancer charity.

Ms Jephcote was the Rapunzel of Redland High School with 40 inches of long brown hair but she decided she wanted a change. After talking to a Sixth Form student, Olivia Colbeck who had also recently donated her precious hair to a cancer charity, Ms Jephcote decided she would go for a major chop and also donate her hair to a charity - The Little Princess Trust. This charity provides real-hair wigs to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have sadly lost their own hair as a result of cancer treatment. As well as financial donations the charity relies on donations of hair from individuals and all suitable donated hair is made into real hair wigs for children. Costing an astounding £300 to pay for the wig and another £2000 to create it, the Princess Trust promises to give a wig to every child that needs one.

As you can see from the before and after shots of Redland High's heroine, for Ms Jephcote it was a major change! If you would like to know more about the charity and how to donate money or hair, please visit their website at [www.littleprincesses.org.uk](http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk).



## ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS

### House Talent Show

We have always known that our girls have an astonishing range of talents but we were still amazed at the simply staggering display that the Senior pupils put on for the School at the annual Talent Competition, held at the end of the Spring Term. Talents at Redland High aren't limited to just the pupils and staff members also joined in on stage in an attempt to win the House Trophy. We were treated to a wide range of musical performances, from folk songs to numbers from 'Grease', some breath-taking ballet and even a magic show. Well done to Maple for winning the Best Overall House trophy!



### Discovering New Rhythms

The Zakhele South African Drumming Group returned to entertain the Junior School last summer and their infectious energy and exciting rhythms soon had everyone beating on drums and dancing around the playground! The group use music, song, dance and interactive African storytelling to teach children about the lives and aspirations of their South African counterparts.

More recently the Year 4 pupils joined together with the QEH boys for an interactive workshop and focused on learning musical pieces featuring both melodies and chords. They all had lots of fun as well as learning new musical skills and making new friends!



### Class Assemblies

Pupils in Year 5 set the bar extremely high with their Summer Term class assembly. The girls put on a wonderful performance telling the story of Pandora's Box, complete with their own art work and some imaginative props which had all been made by the girls themselves.

Not to be out done, pupils from Year 4 followed this with an Egyptian assembly where they told us about the gruesome topic of mummification. There were some extremely creative costumes on display and some talented singing and dancing.

Everyone who attended the assemblies was full of praise for their mature acting skills and the enthusiasm with which they told the stories.





## Art Exhibition Success

The Art Department was delighted to hear that they had scooped the Schools' Prize at the Bristol Cathedral Senior Schools' Exhibition in February.

The annual exhibition features work from 20 Bristol schools including Redland High School, Bristol Grammar School and Red Maids.

As well as winning the Schools' Prize, individual pupils from Redland High were also recognised for their excellent standard of work. Tegan Smith and Chloe Chan were both commended while Mehreen Siddique's painting of a crab, displayed below, was described by judges as a 'tour de force'.



## Couture Fashion

The Technology Department entertained the crowds at the Redland Festival with a series of innovative fashion shows. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 modelled the wide range of garments and accessories that they had created, including a dress made from socks and a onesie inspired by the Tudors.

Following the success of the series of fashion shows, Charlotte Godfrey entered the Art Couture Festival in Painswick. This is the first time that a pupil from Redland High has entered the competition and, although she narrowly missed out on winning one of the top prizes, she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



## Design a Flag Competition

In early May girls from the Junior School took part in a competition to design a new flag for Spire Bristol Hospital in Redland. Local primary schools across Bristol were invited to take part and the standard of entries was extremely high but we were delighted to hear that Lilah Gronback from Year 5 was the winner!

Lilah, her family, her teachers and her classmates were all invited to attend a flag hoisting ceremony at the hospital. Rob Anderson, Hospital Director, presented Lilah with a Kindle Fire HD, before the girls helped Rob to raise the flag to the top of the pole where it can be seen by everyone.



## Junior School Assemblies

The Junior School have maintained their tradition of having a wide variety of topics and guest speakers in their assemblies this year.

Guests this academic year include Madeleine Tickell, Year 13, who shared her experience of living with a German family. The girls were fascinated by the insight she gave them into school life in Germany. Shoshannah Sanders, Year 5, and her mother led a wonderfully informative assembly on the Jewish festival of Succot. The breadth of questions asked by the girls demonstrated how closely they had listened and it was an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Jewish faith. Avon and Somerset Assistant Chief Constable, Luisa Rolfe visited the School and gave an inspiring talk about her role within the police force. The girls also heard from a former judge and were delighted to be able to try on some of her judge wigs!



## Junior School Extreme Reading



## Gabblers 2014



On Monday 28th April I attended, along with several other friends from Redland High, the final of the Bristol Gabblers' Club Competition.

I was attending particularly to support Grace Sodzi, the candidate from Redland High School. Grace had already made three after dinner speeches over the last 4 months, on topics ranging from 'The World Around You', to 'Full of Promise', and 'My Way'. A couple of weeks before each dinner each candidate picked their title randomly, so on the evening of the final Grace was to speak on the title 'The Naked Truth'.

Now, of course, I may be a little biased, but Grace's speech was both witty and engaging. Though she confessed in her speech that the only way she could bear to speak was to 'imagine all the audience stark naked' you couldn't tell she was nervous in the slightest. She, in turn, had the audience practically writhing with laughter but also considering why we need to embellish the truth or even hide it completely.

Her speech was a fabulous example of everything an after dinner speech should be: hilarious, relaxed and honest. Even after an evening of speeches spanning from 'The Perfect Milk to Cereal Ratio' to 'The Importance of a Sharpened Pencil' Grace's thought provoking message stayed with me.

**Isabella Bentley, Year 12**

## Creative Writing with Fay Weldon

During Summer 2013 a group of girls from Year 11 and 12 attended a Creative Writing Day run by Bath Spa University.

Not only did students and teachers take part in some great workshops and a helpful and inspiring feedback session, but they also heard a truly inspirational talk by the author Fay Weldon.

Creative Writing has really taken off at Redland High, with the introduction of the new AS in Creative Writing as an enrichment opportunity and the Creative Writing Group.



### Maths Challenges

The UKMT Individual Maths Challenges are lively, intriguing multiple choice question papers which are designed to stimulate interest in Maths.

#### Congratulations to the following girls on gaining Gold Awards:

- Junior (Years 7 and 8) – Rebecca Pimblett.
- Intermediate (Years 9 – 11) – Francesca Millar, Evin Kandemir and Olivia Gaitonde.
- Senior (Sixth Form) – Michelle Zhao.

### Mathematical Olympiads

- Michelle Zhao, Year 12, completed the British Mathematical Olympiad.
- Rebecca Pimblett, Year 9, awarded a Merit in the Intermediate Olympiad.
- Isabella Bentley, Miro Huang, Michelle Zhao, Natalie Gooder and Jenny Guo, all Year 12, participated in the UK Mathematical Olympiad for Girls.
- Francesca Millar, Year 11, was awarded a Merit in the Pink European Kangaroo Challenge.
- Evin Kandemir, Year 9, completed the Grey European Kangaroo Challenge.



### The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a programme of activity that gives young people the chance to "develop skills for work and life, fulfil their potential and have a brighter future." Redland High School offers girls in Years 10 and above the chance to undertake the various Awards. This year, for the first time, the Gold and Silver participants completed their Qualifying Expeditions alongside QEH's Gold and Silver groups. This meant for the last week of June, 10 groups of QEH boys and Redland girls, were criss-crossing Exmoor and camping at numerous sites around the National Park.

The Award programme involves participants spending time learning new skills, contributing to the community, partaking in physical activity and undertaking an overnight self-sufficient expedition. The Bronze Award is always very popular and this year 42 girls in Year 10 commenced the award, so that 60 girls took part in a range of activities this year including: coaching sports to primary children, helping a charity or learning a musical instrument. In Year 11 and above, 11 girls took part in the Silver Award and 7 in the Gold.

Most participants would describe the expedition as the highlight of the programme and, for the Bronze Award, this involves a 15 mile walk in the Mendips and an overnight camp in a field. The Silver and Gold Awards place higher demands upon the participants and the expeditions involve 2 or 3 nights of camping on Exmoor or in the Brecon Beacons. This year, one of the groups even got involved in a rescue operation when they came across an injured man on their expedition!

Over the last twelve months, Pollyanna Wardrop, Katie Hayward, Sophie Roe, Georgina Harrop, Megan Lockhart, Harriet Boley, Amelia Dore, Olivia Gaitonde and Francesca Millar have all completed their Bronze Awards and Jessie Nixon, Alice Saunders, Zoë Harrill-Davis, Natalie Gooder and Georgina Harrop have completed their Silver Awards. Former pupil, Jessica Playle has also completed her Gold Award and has been invited to receive her award at St. James's Palace.



### Masterchef with QEH

Once again contestants have been cooking up a storm in the annual Masterchef competition with QEH.

The judging panel, made up of food writer Tracey Naish, owner of restaurant Brace and Brown, David Brown, and the Head Chef at the restaurant, Christian Abbott, praised the high standard of cooking from all the contestants.

In the end the two schools shared the victory with Lucy Griffin winning the competition alongside James Dickerson from QEH. Halimah Zahid was also praised for her food with the judges claiming that her curry was the 'best curry they have ever tasted' - praise indeed!



Girls in the Junior School have also been getting involved in the kitchen. Over the last year they have been attending various cooking sessions in the Senior School, baking their own bread and pasties. We look forward to sampling more of their cooking in the years to come!





## Go4Set

Students from Year 9 took part in the Go4Set Challenge. Go4Set is run by EDT, the largest provider of STEM enrichment activities for UK youth. By providing a real and live STEM project, Go4SET raises the pupils' awareness and highlights the exciting future career opportunities in STEM.

The Year 9 students presented their report, which was based around designs for an eco-classroom, at the Celebration and Assessment Day, held at Bristol Technology and Engineering Academy. The girls acquitted themselves extremely well and their detailed report and research about the feasibility of building the eco-classroom was praised by the judges. The research undertaken was very thorough and impressive and the team work was evident.

Eleanor Hogg, Yvonne Bentley, Rebecca Pimblett, Minnie Turnbull Whatmore, Rebecca Phillips, Elenor Naraidoo and Roisin Craney won the prize for engineering construction on the day for a task set and completed the previous day. The girls were also all awarded Silver CREST Awards.

## ChemLab Roadshows

The Chemistry Department have held a number of ChemLab roadshows throughout the year, provided by Bristol University. The liquid nitrogen and dry ice demonstrations have been particularly popular. Flowers and eggs have been frozen and then returned to their original state demonstrating cryopreservation. Balloons were shrivelled and ping pong balls spun to name a few of the demonstrations with liquid Nitrogen.



## STEM Day

On Saturday 2 November I participated in a STEM day at Clifton College. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This day was arranged to try and encourage young people to choose a career in a STEM subject.

In the morning we listened to a man from Cambridge University talk about particles in Physics. I found this lecture very interesting even though it was hard to follow at times!

After the break we went off in separate groups to do activities in the subjects that we had chosen. I had chosen Chemistry and Mathematics. In Chemistry we looked at the structures of organic metals and did an exciting experiment. In Maths we made origami pyramids and had to find out the angles and prove that they were certain sizes.

After lunch we listened to a professor talk about whether climate change was real or not. He believed that it was indeed true and that if we did not do something soon the whole of Greenland would become green once again. After this Clifton College's Physics teacher showed us lots of illusions and we discussed the human eye. He showed us lots of amazing experiments and to finish the day off we made ice cream from scratch using nitrogen ice, sugar, cream and raspberries. We all tried the ice cream and it was the best ice cream I have ever tasted. It was a very enjoyable day and it has really made me consider a future career in a STEM subject.

**Laura Donkin, Year 10**

## Science Goes With a Bang!



Chemistry isn't just for those in the Senior School. Girls from the Junior School visited the Senior School Chemistry Laboratory to see how fireworks are made.

The girls discovered that the wide range of colours in fireworks are made from a variety of types of metals, and saw examples of all the different colours that can be made. They also saw bubbles set alight, and of course, learnt about the importance of safety in a science laboratory.

An exciting time was had by all and the girls are looking forward to their next trip up to the laboratories. Year 6 pupils have weekly lessons in the Senior School Laboratories.



Redland High Infants



## New Infant Teaching Space

The summer holiday has been a busy time at Redland High Junior School, as work has begun on the new Infant classrooms. This additional teaching space comprises a free standing modular building, containing three new classrooms and toilet facilities. The building has been designed to meet the specific needs of our very youngest pupils and is of high quality construction. The design will be environmentally sympathetic as well as creating an inspiring teaching and learning space, fully purpose built and compliant with Early Years Foundation Stage standards.

For some time we have wished to expand our Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 provision and also to

respond to parental wishes for a co-educational provision for boys and girls up to the age of 7 years old. QEJ has similarly aspired to offer this and boys will seamlessly progress to QEJ in Year 3. Redland High Junior School did have boys as pupils between 1882 and 1956 so this is, in effect, a return to our roots.

We are all eager to see inside the new classrooms, which should be completed by half term, and are looking forward to welcoming boys to Redland High Infants with QEJ from September.

### Exploring Geography

Our Year 10 Geographers walked to Gloucester Road to collect primary data for their coursework entitled 'How positive is the economic activity of retailing in your local area'. Students collected a wide variety of data, from interviews with shoppers and shop owners, to traffic and land-use surveys. Several parents replied very positively to the request about why it is a positive place to shop and pupils will be having various talks in September from long time users of the road as well as sending their findings to the editors of the Bishopston Voice.

In May all our Year 7 pupils saw Bristol in a different light. The morning was spent on a very informative boat journey along the River Avon where pupils looked at how Bristol has been redeveloped over the years and how successful it has been. A range of surveys were then undertaken in Broadmead so that pupils could compare this to Cabot Circus. In the afternoon, pupils were very lucky to go behind the scenes of this recent development and in doing so learnt how sustainable the shopping centre is.



### Model United Nations

On Saturday 1 February seven Year 12 students attended the Model United Nations conference at Bristol Grammar School – which is exactly as the name suggests: a model United Nations Conference, with delegates (Sixth Formers) attending from all over the world (from schools all around the country!) It seemed a fairly major task – we would have to embody our assigned country and represent its interests for a whole day.

Just five minutes after we arrived, the lobbying began. Various delegates had brought resolutions with them – essentially, mission statements for how the UN should advise other countries to behave on certain issues. Two resolutions were put up for debate. It was amazingly good fun and everyone really got into the spirit of their countries – some even putting on the appropriate accent! It also allowed us to get into a proper discussion of current political issues, seeing them from the viewpoints of different nations.

We were then presented with a major international crisis scenario. We all sat in stunned silence as we were informed that the Presidents of the US, China, Russia and France as well as the Prime Minister of the UK had all been assassinated at the same time as co-ordinated attacks occurred on oil rigs and major industrial operations around the world. We had no idea who might have carried out these attacks and we had half an hour to come up with a decent plan of action.

Once we had finalised a resolution, every delegate from every committee gathered in the Great Hall. We discovered that – cue dramatic music – Greenpeace had carried out the assassinations and sabotage, funded by Canada!

Finally prizes were awarded to each committee, one for best delegate, and for best youngest delegate, as well as two commended delegate prizes. I am happy to say that I managed to become one of the commended delegates for my committee. All in all, it was a highly enjoyable and entertaining day, presenting interesting challenges and allowing us to get an insight into how international politics works.

**Anna Freudenstein, Year 12**

## ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS

### Working with Local Junior Schools

This year we have been working with a number of local junior schools.

Earlier this term 30 Year 5 pupils from Henleaze Junior School attended an art event here. Under the expert guidance of Ms Rachel Clapp, Head of Art, the pupils crafted a wonderful display of clay faces. Their work was then displayed at our annual art exhibition, which parents from Henleaze Junior School were invited to attend.

Mrs Katie Cook, Head of Chemistry, took the coolest experiments to Torwood House School for a Chemistry demonstration. Children from Years 2 - 6 thoroughly enjoyed observing the experiments with liquid nitrogen and solid carbon dioxide (otherwise known as dry ice). Mrs Cook shattered a number of objects ranging from bananas and flowers to rubber gloves. Luckily Daisy the cuddly dog managed to survive unharmed!

Molly Cheesley, Year 11, visited St Stephen's Infant School, to perform in their Singing Assembly. She performed two songs and then answered questions from the pupils.

If you would like us to run an event for your Junior School, please do get in touch on 0117 924 5796.



### Debating Club

The Debating Club remains an important part of student life at Redland High and continues to go from strength to strength. The Club holds weekly sessions on a variety of different topics and these weekly sessions are led by Sixth Formers, providing excellent leadership opportunities.

The motions debated always address a wide range of issues and this year was no exception. Topics covered include the morality of the fashion industry, charity giving, parenting lessons for boys and whether keeping pets is bad for the environment.



### Tapas and Quiz Night with QEH

The Spanish Department organised a Tapas and Quiz night with QEH that a group of Year 11, 12 and 13 students thoroughly enjoyed.

They not only had the chance of testing their knowledge of Spanish but they also experienced the culinary delights of Spanish food with a large selection of Tapas (patatas bravas, tortilla, calamares, aceitunas, pescadito frito).

Redland girls joined QEH boys in several teams and answered a selection of questions on Spanish culture, grammar and vocabulary related to the topics covered in GCSE and A Level. Even better, one of our teams came first.

Congratulations to Olivia Colbeck and Natalie Gooder. Overall, a gratifying, pleasurable and scrumptious evening!

### Enterprising Year 10 Students

Year 10 pupils have been undertaking an exciting new project as part of their Education for Life lessons.

In the context of their study of money management, each group was given a £10 note and one simple objective: to make as much profit with that money as possible by creating products for sale.

The pupils used their imagination and creativity to produce a wide range of products, including novelty rubbers, candles, lavender bags and tie-dye socks! They have skilfully made their products, marketed them successfully and worked together to consider their production costs in order to calculate a suitable profit margin.

The girls were highly motivated by the task, which involved using real money to make real income; one team made over 700% profit!





### Bletchley Park Interceptor Meets Redland High

Mary Knight, a former student at Redland High who went on to work at Bletchley Park during the Second World War, returned to the School in June for a reunion and was delighted to discover that code-breaking is as popular as ever.

A team of students at the School, from Year 8 up to Year 12, have recently taken part in the UK Linguistics Olympiad, a nation-wide competition which has been described as a cross between Sudoku, a Sherlock Holmes mystery and a detailed grammar analysis. Competitors are given a few linguistic clues and then have to decode a language that they have never seen before such as Ancient Phoenician, Tangkhul or Kannada.

Year 12 student, Isabella Bentley, was awarded a Silver certificate in the Olympiad, with Rachel Brierley-Ambrose, Year 13, and Manana Koplatadze, Year 12, gaining Bronze awards.

Mary, who left Redland High in 1942, developed a love of languages at the School and went on to study at Bristol University. She graduated in 1944 and was immediately summoned to Bletchley Park where she was employed as a Civilian Linguist and worked as part of the teams responsible for breaking, deciphering and analysing German Enigma traffic. A photo of Mary appears on page 85.

### Messalina comes to Redland



The theme for one of our fundraising days was anything beginning with the letter M. There were quite a few mice to be seen, a monkey or two and even a fantastic four-legged moose!

Four girls from the GCSE Latin class decided to come as a character from their set text. Amelia Baker, Harriet Ellis, Olivia Gaitonde and Lucy Mercer all dressed up as Messalina, the wife of the Emperor Claudius from the Annals of Tacitus. Was Ms Knights impressed? "I was very impressed by their dedication to Latin literature, but I must admit that Messalina is not really the sort of role model you would want for Redland girls - her behaviour was absolutely outrageous!"

### Latin Alive and Well

Once again our Latin enthusiasts took part in the annual Classical Association Latin Plays competition, proving that at Redland High, Latin is far from a dead language!

Year 8, after just one year of Latin, presented their own version of 'Pyramus and Thisbe', and special praise must go to Emily Griffin and Erin Carroll who played the not-so-happy couple with such aplomb. They all delivered their lines well and looked splendid in their togas.

The Year 9 play, 'Theseus and the Minotaur', was a slick piece of theatre as well as a demonstration of some very good Latin speaking. Evin Kandemir as Ariadne gave a moving performance in very fluent Latin, and Philippa Morgan was a lively and confident Theseus. The clever creation of a labyrinth from ribbons impressed the audience, as did the make-up which transformed Olivia Ekaney into a half bull. One of the judges described the play as magnificent, and it was a fine example of the fantastic things Redland High girls can achieve.

Some class time was given to rehearsals, but the girls also worked in their own time and without supervision to rehearse their lines and compose the music.

Last year's competition, held at the end of the Summer Term, also saw a team from Redland High triumph with their own version of the story of 'Orpheus and Eurydice'.

Well done to all involved!



## Redland High School for Girls Prize List 2013 and 2014

### Junior School

#### Prizes for Achievement Lower Foundation

2013 Katherine Rowland  
2014 Phoebe Burch

#### Upper Foundation

2013 Aliza Qureshi  
2014 Olivia Atkinson

#### Year 1

2013 Emily Pendrell  
2014 Amber Wabe

#### Year 2

2013 Malak Hawary  
2014 Matilda Knox Cartwright

#### Year 3

2013 Isla Reavley  
2014 Ella Rush and Sophia Uglow

#### Year 4

2013 Shoshannah Sanders  
2014 Halina Barton

#### Year 5

2013 Grace Hillier  
2014 Tamsyn Rodliffe

#### Year 6

2013 Isabella Simpson  
2014 Maddison Brown

#### Prizes for Progress

##### Lower Foundation

2013 Sarah Hawary  
2014 Agathe Chevillotte

##### Upper Foundation

2013 Isabel Nyaruwa  
2014 Sahana Sakthi

#### Year 1

2013 Hannah Burbidge  
2014 Eleanor Moore

#### Year 2

2013 Sophia Uglow  
2014 Mafaz Alsharhan

#### Year 3

2013 Molly Lashley  
2014 Lara Hilier

#### Year 4

2013 Isobel Buchan  
2014 Ananya Shah

#### Year 5

2013 Ruby Cheesley  
Ruby Forster  
2014 Ella Wilson

#### Year 6

2013 Helena Wright  
2014 Ellen Chancellor

#### Sports Day Awards

##### Farion Cup KSI

2013 Malak Hawary  
2014 Sonia Kaur

##### Swimming Achievement Cup

2013 Kate Shortman  
2014 Francesca Gilpin

##### Cheek Achievement Cup

2013 Ella Hemus  
2014 Grace Doran

##### Sporting Effort Cup

2013 Alexandra Morris  
2014 Harriet Pullin

#### Prizes for Service to the School: House Captains

##### Avon

2013 Victoria Blackwood  
Ella Hemus  
Anastasia Uglow  
2014 Ellen Chancellor  
Grace Doran  
Krithika Manigandan

##### Frome

2013 Anja Babic  
Niamh Fox  
Amelia Nichols  
2014 Grace Hillier  
Olivia Plummeridge  
Harriet Pullin

##### Severn

2013 Filsan Awil  
Anna Cazalet  
Helena Wright  
2014 Francesca Gilpin  
Amelia Jenkins  
Niamh Nutbeen

##### Trym

2013 Alexandra Morris  
Liome Ogunbiyi  
Lily Young  
2014 Maddison Brown  
Hannah Ehrlich  
Gemma Seal

#### Coates Cup for Courtesy and Kindness

2013 Laura Hogg  
2014 Hannah Ehrlich

#### Finnimore Cup for Facing Adversity

##### (New for 2014)

2014 Emily Burgess

#### Daisy Cup for Showing Redland Spirit

##### (New for 2014)

2014 Claudia Spice

#### Ehrlich Cup for Most Improved Musician

##### (New for 2014)

2014 Hannah Ehrlich

**Senior School****Prizes for Achievement****Year 7**

- 2013 Kathryn Saunders  
Eleanor Trott
- 2014 Mariam Mehdi  
Isabella Simpson

**Year 8**

- 2013 Yvonne Bentley  
Rebecca Pimblett
- 2014 Sofia Durnford  
Veronika Gabets

**Year 9**

- 2013 Tilly Guthrie  
Celia Hodes
- 2014 Evin Kandemir  
Rebecca Lemon,  
Minnie Turnbull Whatmore

**Year 10**

- 2013 Olivia Bailward  
Olivia Gaitonde  
Georgina Jarman  
Lucy Mercer  
Francesca Millar  
Mollie Virgo
- 2014 Tilly Guthrie  
Isabella Harrison-Wan  
Simran Lalli  
Olivia Platt

**Prizes for Progress****Year 7**

- 2013 Emily Phillpotts  
Ameena Qureshi  
Amelia Sale
- 2014 Anja Babic  
Mollie Holder  
Gloriana Suri

**Year 8**

- 2013 Ava McBride  
Isabella Naughton  
Kiran Tailor
- 2014 Farah Abdelrazik  
Abigail Ehrlich  
Isra Iqbal

**Year 9**

- 2013 Humaira Ahmed  
Amelia Lloyd  
Zara Lovelock  
Alice Pullin
- 2014 Nikita Iles  
Anna Seal  
Lucy Wilson  
Halimah Zahid

**Year 10**

- 2013 Yasmina Abdelrazik  
Amelia Baker  
Charlotte Garcia  
Madeleine Potter Wood
- 2014 Maya Coleborn  
Amelia Di Mambro  
Jemima Hughes  
Rhea Warner

**Year 7 to 13****Prizes for Service to the School**

- 2013 Amy Adair  
Summer-Ellen Brown  
Mariam Cheema  
Rebekah Coates  
Raisa Daya  
Laura Donkin  
Isabelle Eaton  
Anna Manley  
Alice Morris  
Isabel Pendleton  
Rhea Warner
- 2014 Isabella Bentley  
Alice Bird  
Molly Cheesley  
Natalie Heffner  
Rosie Hunter  
Francesca Millar  
Alice Morris  
Isabel Pendleton  
Rebecca Pimblett  
Elena Trump

**The Harry Crook Prize for Enterprise and Innovation**

- 2013 Jessie Nixon on behalf of  
Edinburgh Fringe Productions
- 2014 Lucy Griffin  
Charlotte Godfrey

**The John James 'Tools of the Trade' Award**

- 2013 Amy Adair
- 2014 Rachel Brierley-Ambrose

**The Barbara Vickery Memorial Prizes for Service to the School House System:****Year 12 House Vice Captains**

- 2013 Rachel Brierley-Ambrose  
Olivia Cheek  
Georgina Graham-Williams  
Flora Jetha  
Jessie Nixon  
Demetra Papa-Adams  
Madeleine Taylor-Laidler  
Pollyanna Wardrop
- 2014 Camilla Baker  
Isabella Bentley  
Anna Garcia  
Roumeisa Khalil  
Bridie Paton  
Alice Saunders  
Philippa Wilkie  
Katharine Woods

**Year 13 House Captains and House Vice Captains**

- 2013 Marnie Calwell  
Lily Garbutt  
Katherine Godfrey  
Jasmine Griffiths  
Anna Manley  
Thea Rogers  
Juliet Whittam  
Mina Yazdani
- 2014 Rachel Brierley-Ambrose  
Demelza Emmerton  
Georgina Graham-Williams  
Natalie Heffner  
Rachael Mayne  
Jessie Nixon  
Madeleine Taylor-Laidler  
Aisha Zahid

## PRIZE WINNERS

### Marion Locke Prizes for Scholarly Work

- 2013 Hester Feiler  
Katherine Godfrey  
Lilith Green  
Jennie Han  
Imogen Purvis  
Katrina Sodzi  
Naomi Wardrop
- 2014 Emma Bewley  
Rachel Brierley-Ambrose  
Olivia Cheek  
Rebekah Coates  
Demelza Emmerton  
Gloria Lau  
Sophie Roe  
Madeleine Taylor-Laidler  
Madeleine Tickell  
Aisha Zahid

### Taylor Memorial Prize for Service to the School

- 2013 Jasmine Griffiths  
2014 Rebecca Dufty

### Old Girls' Guild Prize for Service in the Community

- 2013 Ubah Abdi  
2014 Gloria Lau

### Friends of Redland High School Prize for Friendship

- 2013 Rebekah Coates  
2014 Junut Gillani

### Ellen Wilkie Prize for Fortitude

- 2013 Camilla Baker  
2014 Lucy Williams

### Eunice Hobbs Prize for Initiative

- 2013 Gloria Lau  
2014 Aisha Adelopo  
Kelly Chaplin  
Junut Gillani

### Dr Beryl Corner Prize for Achievement in Science

- 2013 Naomi Wardrop  
2014 Gloria Lau

### Peter Breach Award for Achievement in Science

- 2013 Katherine Godfrey  
Jennie Han  
Katrina Sodzi
- 2014 Olivia Cheek  
Lucy Williams  
Aisha Zahid

### Nigel Davies Music Prize

- 2013 Hester Feiler  
2014 Shero Zhang

### Drama Prize

- 2013 Music Theatre - Lily Garbutt  
Performing Arts - Jasmine Griffiths  
Theatre Performance - Amy Kennedy
- 2014 Georgina Graham-Williams

### Jennifer Allen-Williams Prize for Art

- 2013 Jessica Playle  
2014 Caitlin Murphy

### The Claire Frances Corrie Prize for Sport

- 2013 Amy Kennedy  
2014 Jazmin Coles

### Jane Shemilt Prize for Creative Writing (New for 2014)

- 2014 Jessie Nixon

### Prizes to the School Committee

- 2013 Laura Dun  
Emily Ellis  
Evelyn Farnham  
Rebecca Gardner  
Jennie Han  
Helen Parrott  
Jessica Playle  
Isabelle Whyte
- 2014 Emma Bewley  
Lorna Carreyett  
Rebekah Coates  
Maya Concannon  
Sian Gilling  
Gloria Lau  
Vaishali Raval  
Sophie Roe  
Pollyanna Wardrop

### The Frances Francis Prize to the Head Girl

- 2013 Naomi Wardrop  
2014 Olivia Cheek

This photograph of our staff jumping for joy at our 2014 A Level results made the front page of the Guardian.



## Anne Cartwright

Mrs Anne Cartwright will be retiring as Deputy Headteacher of The Junior School and SENCO after first arriving at the school 34 years ago, in 1980, teaching what was then known as 2A, the equivalent of today's Year 5. In 1983 she left to start her family, returning to school part time in 1984. In 1992, her family complete and growing up, Mrs Cartwright felt the time was right to work full time and has been with us ever since, working under four head teachers.

To say that Mrs Cartwright's presence at the Junior School will be missed hugely would be the greatest understatement and her contributions to School life are too innumerable to list.

Her great love of nature inspired her to install our Pond Area in the Junior School playground. Countless girls have appreciated this little corner of tranquillity where they may watch the seasons' creatures and flowers come and go.

Mrs Cartwright's Pond and Gardening Club has always been one of the most popular clubs in the Junior School but she has also been responsible for instilling a passion for books with her weekly Bookworm Club. She also set up our 'Eco Club' and through her efforts, helped by her band of Earth Agents, we were awarded the prestigious Silver Flag Status for having an eco-friendly school. Paint Pals, where girls from the Junior School paint with elderly residents of a local care home was another of Mrs Cartwright's initiatives.

As SENCO, Mrs Cartwright's expertise, understanding and endless patience has ensured numerous girls have achieved standards beyond their highest hopes. She has taught them and encouraged them tirelessly, giving them the assurance to tackle challenges in academic areas with confidence.

Young children can be troubled by such a wide variety of things, from a little girl being upset because someone sat in her chair to someone who is deeply anxious about a family member. Mrs Cartwright has always listened attentively to every single one, no matter how small or trivial their problem may have appeared. Her words of kindness and guidance have helped not only the children in the Junior School but her colleagues as well. A Year 4 girl recently called Mrs Cartwright 'The Mummy of the School' and how right she was!



So, everyone whose lives Mrs Cartwright has touched will join us in thanking her for everything she has done for us; the words above have barely touched on her contribution to the School over these 34 years. But, there is no point in counting the years. They are not important. Important are the things she did: things we shall never forget.

You can view the wonderful farewell video that girls and staff at Redland High produced for Mrs Cartwright by visiting our facebook page.

## John Icke

Arriving in 1980, with endless enthusiasm for his subject, John Icke has taught generations of pupils at Redland High. He retired as Head of Art in 2012, although continued to teach in the department. Sadly, after 32 years of teaching at Redland High, he has decided to retire permanently.

It has become tradition for members of the teaching staff to be presented with a framed picture of Redland Court, painted by Mr Icke, to mark their retirement.

However, on this occasion the tradition was altered as Jenny Guo and Alice Ayers, Year 12, presented him with their own beautiful painting of Redland Court – a small token of appreciation and thanks for all that he has done.

Staff and students alike join in thanking Mr Icke for all of his hard work and commitment. We wish him all the best for the future and hope he has an enjoyable and relaxing retirement.

### Linda Fletcher

The whole School has been deeply shocked this year by the untimely death in May of a key member of the Redland community. Although staff and girls were aware of Linda Fletcher's illness, no-one was prepared for the loss of a teacher, a colleague and a friend who was so clearly in the prime of her life.

In February we had all been saddened by the news that Mrs Fletcher had decided to retire from her post as Redland High's Head of Science. This decision turned everyone's mind to the many strengths and qualities that Mrs Fletcher had brought to all aspects of her life with us here in School. We consciously recognised the great good fortune of generations of girls, parents and staff who had benefitted from Mrs Fletcher's unusual double talent for strict professionalism, always enlivened by her huge fund of human warmth.

Despite her extremely successful training as a teacher of Science, where she was awarded Distinctions in Chemistry and Education, Mrs Fletcher had begun her career in the field of scientific research. She spent two years at Bristol University, in the team whose work furthered medical knowledge about successful liver transplantation.

Her vocation for teaching, however, was always clear and Mrs Fletcher began her work at Redland High in September 1987, when she joined the staff as a part time Chemistry teacher. In those early days Mrs Fletcher was described by colleagues as 'a natural teacher', a 'supportive colleague' with a teaching style described as 'varied and vital'. Her first-hand knowledge of research science and the world of university medical investigation were inspiring to her pupils of all ages.

Mrs Fletcher settled down well on the staff and by 1990 she had been appointed Head of Chemistry. Students of the School nominated her for the award of Teacher of the Year, describing the way she 'encourages their curiosity' and takes their interest in Science 'beyond the environment of the laboratory'.

In 2001 Mrs Fletcher was admitted to The Royal Society of Chemistry and entitled to affix the letters MRSC after her name. In the same year she was appointed Head of Science, a post she filled with dedication and enthusiasm until her retirement. Mrs Fletcher's passion for educating the Scientists of tomorrow was matched by her own continuing pursuit of knowledge. We were all hugely impressed by her achievement of Master of Science in Science Understanding, Research and Education in December 2011, a fitting culmination of the principles to which she dedicated her whole working life.

Mrs Fletcher has always believed passionately in the importance of inspiring young people to follow their natural curiosity and pursue the study of Science. As the School's co-ordinator of events for the Gifted and Talented, she fostered the enthusiasm of many pupils by her organisation of Future Problem Solvers and the Go4SET schemes. As a regular Year 7 Form Tutor, scores of girls in the School have benefitted from her kindness and calm approach to the many ups and downs of a Year 7's day. Many parents, too, have valued her sensible and practical support of their daughters.

The whole school were saddened by Mrs Fletcher's sudden illness at the end of 2012 and experienced a very real grief on hearing of her death in May. Many good wishes have been sent by past and present girls and staff. We are all hugely grateful to her for the enormous contribution that she made to School life and to the individual lives of innumerable members of our community. We send her husband, her children and grandchildren our condolences in their time of loss and hope that it is of some small consolation that she has given us all so many memories of her time at Redland High, which we will carry forward, remembering her contribution to our lives as teacher, colleague, mentor and friend.





# OLD GIRLS' GUILD

These photos were taken at the summer lunches in 2013 and 2014. For more photos from these events log onto [www.redlandhighconnect.com](http://www.redlandhighconnect.com) and look at the relevant Photo Boards.





**Letter from the Chair of the Guild 2014**

Inspired events have featured in our calendar this year, some of which have been at the instigation of individual Old Girls. One such was the wonderful recital given by Allan Schiller, the renowned International concert pianist, which, with gift aid, raised nearly £2,000 for the piano fund in November. Other events have included the Chamber Orchestra playing at a Civic Luncheon at the Guildhall in the City of London and many performers taking part in a charity concert organised by the Soroptimists at All Saints Church, Bristol. Through your connections and businesses are there any other ways in which you might be able to promote the school? Do have a think and let us know.

In March we held a brilliant Beginners Bridge Day (see photo). We are indebted to Cathy Kitcatt, a former member of staff and now a member of the Guild for her generosity and time in planning this day, for teaching us so well and for inspiring us to learn more about Bridge. We now look forward to Afternoon Tea with the latest fashions from Harvey Nichols on Saturday 18 October at Berwick Lodge. So do keep this date free and bring your friends to join the ever expanding Redland community.

Are you up to speed with Redland High Connect, our new on-line Community? The Guild is proud to have been able to support the School in funding this initiative which is a fabulous way of increasing the potential of our Alumni world-wide.

I am sure you will wish to join me in congratulating School on its decision to re-instate boys at Foundation and Key Stage 1 and please join me in wishing the School well for its future. Finally I should like to thank all of you for the fun of working with you over last few years, with special thanks to committee and to Linda Spencer-Small for her enthusiasm and dedication to her role and to Caroline Bateson for helping us to raise our profile across the range of school activities.

Best wishes

Jan Yerbury



Do we have your up to date email address? The School is sending more and more out by email to save both paper and postage costs so if you haven't received an email from us recently it may be that we haven't. Either log in to [www.redlandhighconnect.com](http://www.redlandhighconnect.com) and amend your details there or email in to [old.girls@redlandhigh.com](mailto:old.girls@redlandhigh.com) and we will do the rest.





### London Branch – An Interesting Meeting and a Successful Soirée

The sun shone brilliantly for us last November as we enjoyed drinks and the breath-taking views of the London skyline from the roof garden of Liz Clarson, née Burkett, who graciously hosted our annual lunch this year. We were fewer in number than usual due to illness and family commitments but we were delighted to be joined by Caroline Bateson, Head Girl, Olivia Cheek and her Deputies, Amy Adair and Maddy Tickell, all of whom gave us wonderful accounts of the many and varied activities at School. We marvelled at the girls' achievements which we know can only be attained through their commitment to learning and the superb teaching they receive.



We welcomed Lydia Gough (2003), daughter of Carole Gough née Seal (1964), as our guest speaker. It was thrilling to hear Lydia's account of her role as a female advertising professional currently working for M and C Saatchi. The job, whilst being exciting is also exacting and challenging but nothing that a Redlandite cannot handle. Lydia also reflected on Sheryl Sandberg's book 'Lean In' where leadership roles in the United States remain dominated by men! Incidentally the book had been hotly debated by Lydia and other Redlandites as they relaxed around a pool on holiday this year. Lydia also told us how she fell in love with the magnificent Art Department at Redland and its significant influence on her career path.



At our meeting last year Steve Daykin, Director of Music, told us about the School's Grand Piano Appeal and we committed there and then to raise enough for one piano! No tall order really. We were pleased to report at this year's meeting that our target of £4,000 had been raised and in the most enjoyable way at an evening to be remembered. 'Wonderful occasion' and 'extremely enjoyable' were just two of the many compliments used to describe the Musical Soirée held at the University Women's Club (UWC) in Mayfair, London. Three of the School's Music Scholars, Mica Sutherland (Year 9), Isabella Harrison-Wan (Year 10) and Frannie Millar (Year 11) performed brilliantly to an extremely appreciative audience. Former pupil, Rosalind Russell who is a Choral Scholar at Cambridge, returned to sing at the event and Director of Music Steve Daykin and Assistant Director of Music Stephanie Harrison both delighted with their performances, the latter being paid handsomely in donations to the Piano Appeal for an encore! The Library at the UWC provided a most gracious setting and conversation flowed in what one person described as a 'hugely enjoyable and relaxed evening'.



After a wonderful afternoon where we had enjoyed a sumptuous feast and caught up on so much news, Liz Clarson kindly offered to host our meeting again next year. So we shall look forward to seeing you on Saturday 15 November. I know this day sometimes clashes for some of you with other commitments but it is the one which fits in most easily with an already complicated School calendar. Do keep checking the website for updates on School activities and keep a look out for Redland High Connect, the new online community.

Jan Yerbury (1963)  
Secretary of the London Branch of the Old Girls Guild



**Class of 1970 Reunion – organised by Yvonne Craggs née Charlton**

In the past I have not ‘done’ reunions: my philosophy has always been to look forward, not to look back. If you look back you risk identifying ‘what ifs’ and having regrets. However, I am also nosy and when I realised that 2013 marked the 50th anniversary of starting in 3A I thought it would be fun to find out what had become of my classmates. Had the nerdish mathematicians (of which I was one) become Chartered Accountants (I did) or lion tamers? Had the ugly ducklings (not that there were any) turned into swans?

And so it was that, after a lot of time consuming effort and with the help of Linda Spencer-Small and Elinor Whitaker, twenty nine 61 year olds met up in the back bar of The Black Swan (aka The Dirty Duck) for drinks and a buffet and a lot of conversation. Why the Dirty Duck? Well, in the Upper Sixth I and a number of others spent Friday and Sunday evenings there meeting up with the boys from

**The Redland Book gets to Japan!**

Jenny Allen-Williams (née Williams - 1954) who wrote the book ‘Redland’ recently visited Japan to see her grandson, Brendan, who is teaching English to Japanese children on the JET programme. While there she presented a copy of her book on ‘Redland’ to Mr Nakamura, Superintendent of the Hongu Board of Education. Jenny is pictured here at a welcome party and barbeque in her honour, hosted by Mr Nakamura and his Board of Education colleagues. Copies of the book are still available from the School and cost £20 to include postage and packaging. These can also be bought via [www.redlandhighconnect.com](http://www.redlandhighconnect.com) in the memorabilia section.



BGS and the Cathedral School, so it seemed an appropriate meeting place.

We were all quite nervous at the start – would we recognise people, would we have anything to talk about? I need not have worried; we had all changed, we had aged differently, but ultimately our voices and our mannerisms were the same, so that after a few minutes the years fell away and we were back to 1970 which was the last time many of us had seen each other. Memories were shared, children discussed and in some cases grandchildren! Interestingly, a significant number of us had had our children in our 40s giving ourselves time to establish our careers.

It was a great evening and the consensus was that we should meet up again, but when? I favour 2016, to paraphrase the words of the Beatles on Sgt Pepper ‘will you still meet me, will you still greet me when I’m 64?’

**Class of 2004**



A decade after leaving School, a group from the Class of 2004, organised by former Head Girl, Anne Whittington, met on the Terrace one hot Sunday in July. A picnic

was followed by a tour of the School which was thoroughly enjoyed, one comment being, “It was almost as if [we’d] never left”! The words “Remember when...” were uttered in every part of the School visited. Haimisha Mistry stated, “The sight and smells of the Art block, the Food Tech and Textiles rooms, the labs etc transported us back so instantly and so vividly.” A great time was had by all.



**Game Changing Redlandite!**

Congratulations to Nazneen Rahman who was third in BBC Radio 4's Women's Hour's 2014 Power List which names the top 10 'Game Changers'.

Nazneen is Head of the Division of Genetics and Epidemiology at the Institute of Cancer Research and Head of the Cancer Genetics Clinical Unit at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust.

Thousands of UK families are participating in her research, which has successfully identified genes that cause cancers in women and children. She has used these discoveries to develop gene tests and clinical protocols to provide better treatment and screening options for people at increased risk of cancer, and is currently developing new pathways within the NHS to make gene testing more accessible. She also provides advice to clinicians from across the world about rare cancer genetic syndromes.

Nazneen was at Redland High from 1975 to 1985 going on to study medicine at Oxford. As a junior doctor when pregnant with her son, she decided to do a PhD in Molecular Genetics, completing this in 1999. She then gained her Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training in Clinical Genetics in 2001. We look forward to hearing about future developments in her career.



**Cravings – A Thing of the Past?**

Jess Skorta-Brown (née Deas - 2004) has recently attracted the attention of the press with regard to her work on cravings, a subject she first tackled with the dissertation written for her undergraduate degree in

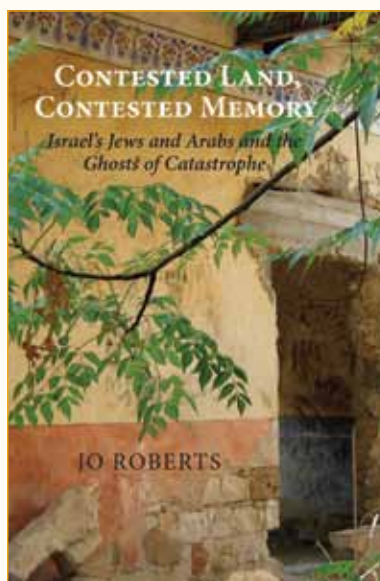
Psychology at Plymouth University.

Back then she investigated the effect of chocolate craving on memory tasks but when she started her PhD in Psychology (again at Plymouth), she decided to focus more on the interaction between craving and cognitive tasks. This year she has had an article published in the journal 'Appetite', which focused on reducing cravings by playing Tetris (a Russian tile matching game) for brief periods of time. This article was noticed initially by Discovery News, then by a number of publications, including the Independent, the Guardian and the Daily Mail.

So what is next for Jess? Having taken a year off when her daughter was born she is now back and aiming to finish her PhD by the end of this year. In addition to this and as a result of other experiments she has been running as part of her studies she is hoping to develop a take-home tool to help people overcome craving episodes. The result of this will hopefully be published later this year and we look forward to reading about it in the future.

**Critical Acclaim for Jo's New Book – an Insight into the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict**

Congratulations to Jo Roberts (1983) whose book, 'Contested Land, Contested Memory: Israel's Jews and Arabs and the Ghosts of Catastrophe' was a finalist in the 2013 US National Jewish Book Awards. The book, which has received very positive critical reviews, both from people sympathetic to the Israeli and to the Palestinian sides, as well as from more neutral observers, examines how the two tangled histories of suffering on both sides inform their lives today and frame Israel's possibilities for peace. It was published in Canada where Jo now lives but is available in the UK through Amazon and Waterstones.



Her reports from Israel and from the West Bank appeared in Embassy, Canada's foreign policy weekly.

**Roberts does a masterful job of presenting all perspectives in their proper context."** - Publishers Weekly

**"This book is perhaps the best book I can think of for thoughtful people to read about Israel and Palestine."** - Laura Levitt, Professor of Religion and Jewish Studies, Temple University; author, *American Jewish Loss after the Holocaust*

**"This compelling and compassionate book offers fresh insight into how these divergent histories reverberate in Israel today..."** - Mubarak Awad, founder, Palestinian Centre for the Study of Nonviolence

Jo left Redland High in 1983 and originally trained as a lawyer and anthropologist, but is now a freelance writer, living in Toronto. For five years she was managing editor of the New York Catholic Worker newspaper, to which she frequently contributed.

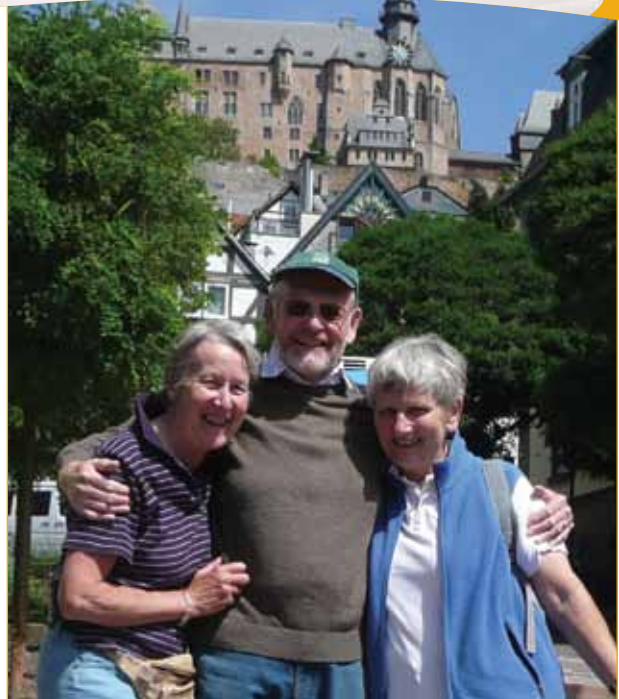
## Hotel for Sale

And no ordinary hotel at that! This is the Hotel de France in Montreuil-sur-Mer where, most famously, Victor Hugo was inspired to write *Les Misérables* (Jean Valjean became Maire of Montreuil in Hugo's masterpiece).

Janie Harpur (née Hall – Class of 1971) and her husband Patrick had been visiting Montreuil for years and, in 1986, bought a house in Brimeux, just outside the town. They got to know the two old ladies who ran the hotel which dates back to 1578. Janie explains; "They were looking for 'gentils anglais'- which we later realised translated to 'barking English' as the French would not have touched the place!! We had to completely strip and refurbish it - it was entirely covered in brown wallpaper and when we took this off it revealed collapsing walls and electrical pre-war wiring held together with Sellotape! It has been a huge success and we have received full support from the townsfolk who were extremely grateful that someone started putting in some TLC and money into their most famous building. At one point we were running at nearly 90% occupancy annually - so it has been a labour of love in all senses.

"Having survived my breast cancer and had my five years' clearance we looked at our lifestyle and, for once, listened to advice! Whilst enjoyable, the hotel involves long hours and the French system and bureaucracy can be stressful so we have decided to sell. Ideally we are looking for some young English people to take over from us and carry on the development and tradition of this fantastic building. The new local Maire, an historian, was keen to buy it for the town but this did not prove politically viable. However, he only lasted one term so we have approached the new Maire to see where this will lead and are starting to actively market elsewhere as well. It will be a wrench to leave after 22 years but we know whoever takes over will have some memorable years ahead of them in one of the best parts of France."

Further pictures of the hotel can be seen on the website [www.hoteldefrance1.com](http://www.hoteldefrance1.com) and if anyone is interested in buying it contact Janie on [info@hoteldefrance1.com](mailto:info@hoteldefrance1.com)



## Still in Touch After 50+ Years

Sue Phillips (née Dennies – 1964) is still in touch with Heidi, her Marburg exchange student, whom she first met in 1961. They have met up almost every year since, with a few exceptions when they were both working. Sue is pictured here on the left with her husband Chris and Heidi in Marburg.

Is there anyone else out there who is still in touch with their Marburg exchange student? If so, Sue would love to hear from you. Please either email Sue on [suechris9@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:suechris9@blueyonder.co.uk) or contact the Development Office.

## Royal Tea for Three!

Three members of the Redland High community attended the June Garden Party at Buckingham Palace this year. Carol Lear, former Headmistress and President of the School Council, was representing the English Speaking Union while Liz Corrigan (née Vearncombe – Class of 1962) was representing the Bristol and North Avon Branch of the Magistrates' Association. Liz is pictured at the event accompanied by her daughter Aimee Sobey (née Corrigan – 1997).



Liz said, "Although the Palace was not open to the public we were able to enter and exit through the front entrance feeling very grand. Aimee and I did a tour of the lovely gardens while we waited for the Royal Party to arrive. Carol and Michael Lear resisted the temptation to rush to the tea marquee and found two seats in prime position to view the Royal Party as they came down from the terrace. We all felt privileged to be able to attend such a lovely occasion".



**Success for Liz**

Congratulations to Liz Heffner (Class of 1989) who recently started her own business, creating textile art inspired by fantasy literature, history and mythology, using historical embroidery techniques such as those in the Bayeux Tapestry and 'opus anglicanum'. This involves using a combination of pure silk, pearls and gold/silver threads to create new artworks inspired by the past.

In the last 12 months Liz has exhibited pieces for the first time (in Oxford) and was booked to attend various conferences and conventions, including the international Medieval Studies conference in Michigan, USA. One of her pieces, 'Gandalf' (pictured), was selected for the finals of the Premios de Arte (Niggle 2013) competition in Spain. The original piece was on display in Seville during November 2013 and was her first officially 'published' art. Liz first developed a love of history when taking Latin, Ancient Greek and History as subjects at Redland after which she went on to study Classics at Somerville College, Oxford. During this time she discovered the Tolkien and Arthurian Societies, with whose members she celebrated a shared love of myth and legend and before long these pursuits and interests were to inspire the direction of her creative hobbies. She is currently working on a series of 20 Beowulf art quilts, inspired by the recently published prose translation by Tolkien of the Anglo-Saxon poem. She hopes to be able to put these together for a Beowulf calendar for 2015 or 2016, possibly also with a book of Anglo-Saxon inspired hand-embroidery and quilting.

Liz emigrated to the USA in 2009 and now lives in Pennsylvania with her husband and daughter. If you are interested in seeing more of Liz's work go to [www.lizheffner.com](http://www.lizheffner.com)



Gandalf



Liz putting the finishing touches to 'Smaug' in January 2014

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**Never Too Old to Help!**



Over the last few years the School has seen an increase in the number of Old Girls returning, whether to help in School, talk to the Sixth Formers, help with the Archives or just for a reunion or a visit. Sue Savage née Lambert, Class of 1949, has been coming in for several years now on Thursday mornings to hear girls in Years 3 and 4 read.

Of her invaluable help, Mr Eyles says, "The girls really cherish the time they are given to read with Sue. Her grand-maternal warmth, kindness and care is delightful and I am so chuffed that she can find the time to visit us each week." Sue is pictured here with Lara Hillier, Year 3.

**Are You Connected?**

Are you logged onto Redland High Connect yet? This site, [www.redlandhighconnect.com](http://www.redlandhighconnect.com), is a great way to keep in touch with other former pupils, find old classmates that you may have lost touch with, hear about reunions, share photos, find out what's going on and continue to be involved with the School community. There is a networking section where you can learn about the mentoring scheme and promote your business, as well as discovering other opportunities to connect with former Redlandites.

This site is brand new and the community will build as more people register so do take a look.



**New Business Venture for Uma**

Uma Kangai (Class of 2007) is currently in the process of launching her own fashion brand and business, [www.umakangai.com](http://www.umakangai.com). She has recently produced a collection to start marketing herself as a new emerging designer in preparation for her proper launch in September. She tells us how she first got involved and where she hopes to go from here:

“I first became interested in Fashion after taking my first Textiles lesson with Mrs Jones in Year 7 - we were encouraged to design and make our own bag and were left to be as creative as we wanted. I was inspired by the embroidery equipment in the classroom and used the machine to embroider a flower design on mine, which I then embellished with beads. From then on embroidery and embellishments have always been an area that I've focused my personal design style on, and have become part of my signature. I was then inspired to learn how to make clothes and started going to the Textiles and Costume Clubs during lunch times, and with help from Mrs Jones I learnt how to sew clothes using commercial patterns. I would then spend my holidays and weekends adapting what I'd learnt to suit my own style and would make my own designs from fabrics or vintage clothing items I found in local Bristol shops, occasionally making items for friends if they admired something I had created. I started religiously reading Sunday Times' Style magazine each week and getting copies of Vogue. Trips organised by Mrs Jones to the V&A and other London fashion exhibitions really inspired me especially the glamorous evening wear styles of Versace and Armani, and this influence of 'glamorous couture' has played a part in my design work since! My strong interest in fashion drove my ambition to become a fashion designer and with the support and assistance from Mrs Jones and Mrs Yarrow I managed to get my Year 10 work experience at a fashion studio in London with former brand Luella.

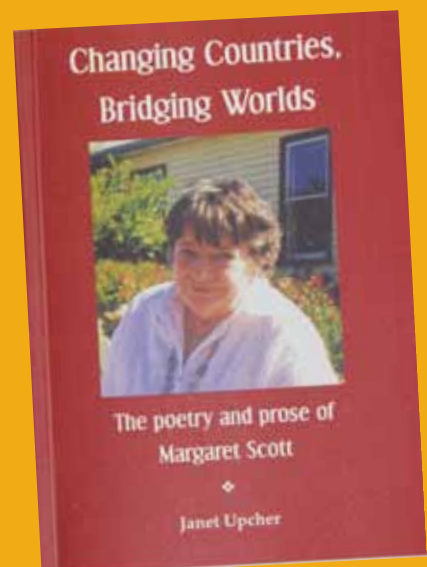
“I have had lots of interest from relevant people in the industry (press, stylists, buyers etc) and from my previous experiences I have built good contacts with buyers from boutiques around the world which I hope to sell my designs to. I have a business plan and so I am looking for investors and financial backing to allow me to produce my next collection and showcase it at Paris Fashion Week in September where I can then wholesale my designs to international designer boutiques.

“If there are any former Redlandites who have contacts in the fashion industry or who are interested in investing in my dream I would love to hear from them. Please contact me on [uma@umakangai.com](mailto:uma@umakangai.com).”

**Redlandite's Works Published**

A monograph has been written about the writings of Margaret Scott (née Russell) a former pupil of Redland High who left in 1945. Margaret died in 2005 in Tasmania, following an illustrious career as poet, novelist, essayist and public commentator. Shortly before her death, Margaret received the prestigious Australia Council's Writers' Emeritus Award for her contribution to literature.

Changing Countries, Bridging Worlds focuses on the transition Margaret Scott made in emigrating from England to Tasmania and traces how the strangeness and displacement she felt on arrival was transformed into acceptance and affection. Scott's poetry, novels and essays illuminate the various difficulties and rewards inherent in changing countries. She bridges geographical and temporal worlds, linking Victorian and contemporary England with early colonial and contemporary Australia. Further details are available at [www.ginninderrapress.com.au](http://www.ginninderrapress.com.au).





### Archive Fun!

It isn't all hard work for the Archive Group – here they are with Linda and Emily having lunch during a break in their labours over the summer holiday.

### Boys at RHS



The photo above shows the Transition form in the summer term of 1952 – can you fill in the missing names? If so please do contact the Development Office or the Archive Group.

#### Left to right

**Back Row:** Hilary Staniforth, ?, Richard (?), Nicholas Cosh (?), Form Mistress Miss Shaw Lang, Paul (?), ?, ?, ?

**Middle Row:** Cheryl (?), Veronica Allen, Susan Carter, Paula Cunliffe, Jane Dickinson, Judith Cole, Margaret Eveleigh, ?, Sheelagh Foley

**Front Row:** Lois Turner, Naomi Bissicks, ?, Naomi Borland, Yvonne (?), Wendy Jones, Pauline Arthur, Elizabeth Gould

### Memories of RHS Infants in the Early 1950s

Those of you who attended who attended the 2013 Carol Service will know that it was officiated by a Redland High School Old Boy – the Reverend Richard Burbridge. As Redland High welcomes boys back into the infants we asked Reverend Burbridge what memories he had of his time here:

“At this distance in time, memories of Redland High School Kindergarten in the early 1950s, do not come easily or in any logical order. It feels rather like Dylan Thomas’ comment at the beginning of ‘A Child’s Christmas in Wales’: *‘I plunge my hands into the snow and bring out whatever I can find’.*”

“Apart from one year in the main School where I have a picture in my mind of the fir trees covered in snow, infants were located in the annex down the hill in Grove Park. There I remember the individual and particular smell of the coke/coal fired boiler of which I was rather scared but to which I was drawn, as if by a magnet. Also the milk at break, sometimes frozen in winter and pink on one’s birthday but, alas, my birthday was never in term-time. After lunch, pupils had a ‘lie-down’ to rest, on the floor, and were given a blanket for this purpose although I, myself, usually returned home for lunch. I remember attending the School production of ‘The Tempest’, in which one of our teachers played a role.

“Our class once made a model village and the children were allocated characters. I and the other boy(s) were policemen. But I suppose that one particular thing that made a big impression on me, both at the time and since, was being told that one of the best ways to listen to music is with your eyes shut. That advice has always stayed with me and, at the risk of appearing to have fallen asleep, I have continued this practice to the present time and have always been most grateful for it.”



**A Tribute to Mary Walters née Ponting 1940-2014**

Mary left Redland High School in 1957 at the age of 16 to train at the College of Commerce in Unity Street. Here she honed her excellent organisational skills which were to prove so useful in later life. Mary married Peter in 1964 but, sadly, she lost her husband to Lymphoma in 1984, leaving her with two teenage sons to bring up.

Mary was a 'doer'; she always got fully involved in whatever task or aspect of her life she turned her mind to. Within the Guild Mary became the first Membership Secretary in 1982 and remained in this post until she became Chairman in 2004, fulfilling this role for five years before finally retiring from the Committee. During this time she oversaw many changes including the transfer of the database management from the Guild to the Development Office. She instigated the giving of the Silver Daisy Brooches to those Year 13 leavers who are members of the Guild and was also extremely adept at flower arranging, organising the flowers at Commemoration for many years.

She had a very strong faith and was fully involved in her Church. Here, amongst other things, she led the Banner Group. She gave a talk about her banners at the Old Girls' AGM in 2009 (see picture). She was renowned for her cake-making skills, providing many cakes for the School over the years, including the ones to mark the 125th anniversary. Any money she made from her baking she gave to the Lymphoma Association and in 2011 she was presented with the Beacon of Hope Award in recognition of her work in promoting the charity. Mary also won the Silver Spoon Local Hero Award that year for her incredible dedication to caring for sick people.

Mary developed non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma three years ago but continued to attend events at School as often as she could. Former classmate and friend, Janet Hiscocks (née Stentiford), has written the following: "Mary and I were in the same year at Redland but I did not really get to know her until we were both working on the Old Girls' Guild committee. She was a very stalwart character and worked through the difficult time following her husband's death with little or no complaint. Her faith was very important to her and I experienced her loyalty and support for friends on several occasions.

"Throughout the three years following her diagnosis she retained the same strong character coping with so many setbacks and problems. The death of her eldest son, Alan, earlier this year must have been such a terrible blow and I am sure she was determined to survive to attend the splendid funeral. At the end she appeared exhausted by all that life had brought her and although I shall miss her I cannot but feel that she did not deserve to suffer any longer."



Extract from 1954 School photo - Mary is on the left



1956 VA - Mary pictured bottom left





**Nancy Brueton née Baldwin 1919-2013**



Nancy was born in North London, moving to Bristol with her family in 1930 when her father, Dr Baldwin, became headmaster of St George's Grammar School. Nancy attended Redland High School from the age of 12 until the end of the Sixth Form, at which point she was Head Girl. She then went to Bristol University to study Medicine, qualifying in 1942.

Two weeks later she married

her childhood sweetheart, Dr Neville Brueton who had also studied Medicine at Bristol University.

Nancy worked as a GP in Bristol and after having their three children, Martin, Richard and Helen, she gave up medical work and became a full time mother. Richard and Helen both came to Redland High; Richard for a short time in the Junior School and Helen spent all her school years here.

In 1952 Nancy embarked on her own career, becoming one of the first medical officers with Marks and Spencer in Bristol. This was quite an innovative role. With their mostly female work force, Nancy was able to initiate preventative health measures such as cervical smear tests. She stayed with Marks and Spencer for 29 years and her 25 years' long service gold watch was one of her treasured possessions which she wore right up until the last day of her life.

Nancy and Neville devoted their lives to their children and created a loving and stable home for them. Nancy was firm yet understanding, tolerant and wise and later in life proved a loving 'Nana' to her 6 grandchildren and her 9 great grandchildren. She enjoyed tennis, camping holidays and bowls. After Neville's death in 1981 Nancy moved to Dorchester to be near her daughter. She was able to help with Helen's three children and also became a volunteer and trainer for the Macmillan Hospice Nurses' Home Visiting programme.

In recent years her health failed and her vision deteriorated with the onset of macular degeneration and she was registered blind. She moved into a nursing home where her faithful cat Timmy joined her for a while. Her immobility was a trial but, ever resilient, she maintained her faith, her sense of humour and her interest in family and friends.

She was a staunch supporter of the School and for many years funded a Sixth Form Science Scholarship for which the School is extremely grateful. Nancy is pictured in the middle of the back row.

**Mary Kirk née Morgan 1922-2014**



Mary studied at Redland High from 1934-1941 and was a Prefect, House Captain and School Captain during her time here. She was the only girl studying Mathematics for the last two years of her School life so had lessons alone with Miss Gill which obviously paid off as she went on to study Mathematics at Oxford,

an opportunity she readily admitted would not have been possible were it not for Miss Gill and the generosity of the governors in giving her two scholarships for the years she had there. The second one of these had originally been allocated to Barbara Vickery, the Head Girl who was killed during the bombing raid on Bristol in 1940, but after her death and at the request of Barbara's parents this was transferred to Mary. After graduating from Oxford Mary was immediately 'called up' and told to go to Farnborough to work on Aircraft Research. Mary was not pleased about this as she had wanted to join the WAAF to study Meteorology but it worked out in the end as it was here that she met her future husband, Jacques. They married in June 1945 and Mary mentioned years later that she was indebted to the French team of Mme Farquhar and Miss Jones for their teaching as her husband is half French and they spent half their life together in France. Mary was extremely fond of Redland High School and was a regular supporter of the Bursary Fund, returning to School on a number of occasions to attend events. She was particularly proud to have been involved in the 2009 unveiling of the plaque to Barbara Vickery to whom she felt she owed so much.

**Miriam Lawson Jayne 1923-2014**



Miriam was born on 27 September 1923 in Bristol. She attended Redland High School until 1939, immediately afterwards serving in the Women’s Land Army. She later trained as a Chartered Physiotherapist and Orthopaedic Nurse, practising in Shropshire, Wales and Dumfries and Galloway. She moved to Canada in 1950 and practised in the North Okanagan until 1988.

Miss Jayne was well-known for her love of life-long learning and her involvement in the community, including in the Okanagan Landing Community Association, the Okanagan Science Centre and All Saints Anglican Church. She was also a tireless traveller and visited the UK in 2013 although, sadly, she did not have time to visit the School on that occasion. However, she did meet another former Redlandite (Esme Stuart Crump née Norcott) in Canada earlier that year and was delighted to have done so. She regularly sent the School updates of her activities and supported the Annual Fund regularly. She is pictured here at her 90th birthday celebrations in 2013.

**Joan Richardson 1926-2013**



Joan Richardson was born into a farming family in Winterbourne and often recounted stories of her childhood helping on the farm with her brothers doing the milk round which involved taking a churn around the village and selling milk to people who came with their jugs...a simple system before the days of pasteurisation! Joan did this before School on many days.

She attended Redland High School until 1943 and really enjoyed her education, particularly PE. She

achieved a prize for general proficiency in form 3A in 1938 and a fifth form certificate in 1941. She used the command of spelling and grammar that she learnt at School to teach her nieces and nephews, correcting letters that they sent to her right until she passed away! She trained to be a PE teacher at Bedford Physical Training College in the mid-1940s and maintained her enthusiasm for keeping fit and healthy for over 75 years until arthritic knees prevented her doing so. During her first teaching job at Dursley Grammar she began her long involvement in Scouting, running the local cub pack. She remained committed to Scouting throughout her life, helping with local Scout groups wherever she taught.

Joan was a keen gardener and loved knitting until arthritis in her hands made this too painful. In her retirement, she loved playing scrabble and doing crosswords. She also kept in touch with her old school friends and enjoyed attending Old Girls’ events. She was always interested in people and liked nothing better than a good chat. Many locals in Winterbourne remember her cycling up the high street in all weathers on her sturdy black Raleigh bicycle conversing with people in the village. The bike was subsequently replaced with her little car, and even into her 80s she would stop her car for a natter, winding down the window to focus fully on the conversation rather than on the traffic congestion she caused behind her!

She died peacefully in Southmead Hospital following a stroke, aged 87, on 2 June 2013.

**Pauline Davies née Brown 1925-2014 by Jean Cooper (née Wicks)**

Pauline attended Redland High from 1936-1941 and loved School life. She often spoke of the privileged education received here before and in the early days of the Second World War.

Almost immediately after leaving School following her School Certificate, she contracted rheumatic fever and was ill for two years, the disease leaving her with a heart complaint. When she recovered she worked for the Inland Revenue for some years, married and became the ‘standard’ housewife and mother of two boys. Sadly she was widowed young but she worked as a school secretary for many years, where her pleasant, friendly manner made her an ideal guide for prospective parents.

She was a member of Horfield Baptist Church and received support from them when her health failed and at the death of both her sons. In the later years when her movement was restricted she worked at home editing the School magazine and making artefacts that she painted with flowers and small intricate patterns.

To me Pauline epitomizes the unsung past-pupils of Redland High School. She hated ‘the derknesse’ of which she experienced much but always, like the Daisy, came up bright and full of life.

**Jean Lewis née Everett 1931-2013**

Jean attended Redland High from 1938-1949, ending her time here as Head Girl. After leaving, she trained as a teacher specialising in junior school pupils with learning difficulties. She worked at various schools including the old Henbury Manor and, following its closure, Kingsweston School, only taking a couple of years off following the birth of her children. She took early retirement in her early 50s and played a lot of bowls with her husband at the St Andrew's Bowling Club. After her husband died she travelled extensively, visiting China, Kenya and Newfoundland where she saw the Matthew arriving following its anniversary crossing. This was particularly poignant as she had also seen it leave Bristol at the beginning of its voyage. Within the last ten years of her life she took up Bridge and enjoyed playing several times a week, despite having been diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL) in 2005.

**Juliet Walker née Pugsley 1931-2013**



Juliet Anne Walker nee Pugsley was born on 7 June 1931 in Singapore. She was always gracious and gentle: a real lady. She attended Redland High School for Girls from 1939-1949 where she excelled in English, French and Art and was awarded a number of books as prizes. Her best friend in school was Maureen O'Reilly and they stayed close friends throughout their lives. After leaving Redland High, Juliet studied French at Bristol University and spent six months at the Sorbonne in Paris, later moving to London where she translated for the BBC. She married in 1957 and had three children and later six grandchildren, one of whom attended Redland High School. Juliet sadly passed away on 8 June 2013 after living

with cancer for 3 years. She was much loved by her family and friends.

**Stephanie Tee née Pope – 1939-2014**



Stephanie Vera Lesley Pope was born on 31 January 1939. She grew up in Keynsham and attended Redland High School, leaving in 1956 and subsequently qualifying as a Radiographer at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. In 1959 she married Ken who was in the Royal Navy and after their first child was born they moved to Malta, where Ken was posted. They eventually settled in Falmouth, Cornwall until 1972 at which point they emigrated to South Africa, settling in Cape Town. Stephanie joined the Radiography Department of the Victoria Hospital in 1976 which was the

beginning of a very happy 22 year career. Stephanie had many interests; an avid reader, she was one of the founding members of her book group of which she was a member for over 30 years. She enjoyed keeping fit and travelling. She and her husband visited Germany on many occasions to visit Elisabeth Nolte, her exchange friend from School with whom she remained in touch all her life. She died in May following a severe pulmonary embolism.

**Joan Ifold née Higginbottom 1927-2014**

Joan attended Redland High School from 1938-1943 and was subsequently employed at Churchmans, Redcliffe until her marriage to Roy Alan Ifold in June 1952. They spent the first half of their married life in Shirehampton, Bristol. Following a job relocation in 1973, they moved to St Austell, Cornwall where Joan became an active member of the St Austell branch of the Gas Federation, holding the role of Branch Secretary. In the early 1980s they retired to Clevedon where Joan joined the Townswomen's Guild, once again becoming Branch Secretary. In later years they relocated to Fremington, North Devon. Joan and Roy had two sons, Peter Alan (b1954) and David Howard (b1957) and one granddaughter, Laura Alice (b1989). Joan was widowed in 1993 and passed away peacefully at home on Christmas Eve 2013.

**We were also saddened to learn of the deaths of :**

**Patricia Clare Wilson née O'Brien, 1917-2014**

**Margaret Hitchin, died 2014 aged 91**

**Olwyn Mary Tooley née Phillips, Class of 1946, died 2014**

**Hawys Ionwen (Ion) Satchwell 1926-2012:**

Mrs Satchwell was a part-time teacher of Domestic Science at Redland High School from 1970 to 1988 and was also an extremely proficient cake maker, making cakes in honour of various School celebrations.

**If anyone has any memories they would like to share on Redland High Connect please get in touch.**

**Jennifer Mulstroh (née Golding) 1941-2014**

Jennifer attended Redland High from 1952-1959, subsequently going on to the Bath Academy of Art. Her artistic talent was recognised at School where she received the School (VIA) Prize for Distinguished Work in Art. Her love of Art continued and she has left a legacy of wonderful paintings hanging in many people's houses and at the town hall and racket club at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Florida, where she lived much of the year. She even shipped a painting of white Macaws to a client in Taiwan, who had seen her work in the Better Homes and Gardens Magazine. She became a great ceramicist and loved working with clay, creating beautiful reef scenes, plates and colourful 3-dimensional landscapes with geese walking on a path or sheep grazing in fields. Jennifer loved singing and sang with choirs in England and Spain. Extremely entrepreneurial, she started several Art Galleries while, at the same time, running a catering business from her apartment in Golf Village. She returned to School in 2009 to attend the 50th reunion of her year group. A truly multi-talented and much loved lady she celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary in September 2013 and will be remembered by many for her wonderful talent and great spirit.

**Briony Walker née Warren – 1958-2014**



Briony loved her time at Redland High School – leaving in 1976. One of her best friends at School, Chris Radford (née Moon), was her bridesmaid and she remained in touch with her throughout her life. Briony was a qualified Solicitor and in 2002 started working for Mortimers where she

specialised in Family and Education Law, with particular expertise in matters relating to special educational needs. She was highly regarded amongst her colleagues in the legal professions and also by the UK charity, Afasic, which helps children and young people with speech and language impairments and of which she was a Trustee and Vice Chairman.

Briony passed away on 15 April 2014 after a short illness – she leaves her husband, Paul and two children, Sarah and Henry.

**Judith Ash 1955-2014**



Judith was born in North Bristol and started Redland High School in Form 1, quickly establishing herself as an extremely popular girl in her class. With an outgoing personality, a huge sense of fun and a quick mind, she continued to excel throughout her time at Redland, winning a scholarship to the Senior School where she stayed to complete her A Levels. She was particularly gifted at Drama but enjoyed all aspects of the arts. Her keen intellect never left her and right up to her last days, she was completing cryptic crosswords. Her ability to tell jokes was legendary at School and she was always at the centre of any entertainment.

After leaving Redland in 1973, Jude took a teaching course at Birmingham University, before returning to her beloved Bristol and accepting a job at Bristol University library, where she indulged her voracious appetite for reading. This was not her only passion; Jude scoured charity shops and retail outlets to retain her crown as Bristol's most fashionable librarian. She also worked in numerous fashion shops in the late 70s and early 80s. Profits at Jean Machine could no doubt have been higher without Jude's enthusiastic use of her staff discount! In 1981 Jude met Barry and after a whirlwind 6-week romance, Jude accepted his marriage proposal. After a few years working in IT at Rolls Royce, Jude moved to Bath City Council – some say because of the free employee tickets for Bath Theatre Royal. Judith loved exchanging thoughts with fellow theatre-goers, and continued to enjoy opera and ballet throughout her life.

Nothing made Jude prouder than her two daughters Harriet and India. She gave up work when they arrived and devoted herself to her much-loved family. Both girls attended Redland High and Judith was very proud of their achievements and the fact that she has thus been connected with the School for over 40 years, constantly helping out, whether with the Second Hand Clothes Cupboard, the Summer Fairs or the Christmas Bazaars. In any social gathering or workplace, Jude always lit up the room with her bright personality, which shone through her infectious smile. She was often sought out for advice or just a shoulder to cry on by her friends, her family and even her daughters' friends. In the summer of 2013, Judith attended an Old Girls' Reunion at the School. Despite having had cancer for almost 8 years, it was impossible to tell she was very ill as she was strong, uncomplaining and glamorous as always.

In September 2013 **Bea Duncan (née Smisson)** visited the School for the first time since leaving in 1958. She wrote afterwards: '[The visit] was really special and made me feel very proud to be part of such a special family. I have always remembered the beautiful building and sense of history that surrounded us all at Redland, yet at the time, didn't realise how unusual and privileged we were. This visit I noticed and remembered so many details taken for granted before. I have taught in many different schools from primary to tertiary during my career so I was also very aware how rich the opportunities are for the girls there today, and how happy and welcoming everyone was.'

Bea is pictured here during her visit on the right of her friend **Margaret Westgate (née Lobb - 1959)** and would love to hear from anyone who remembers her. If you would like to contact her please either ring (0117 916 6711) or email the Development Office on [old.girls@redlandhigh.com](mailto:old.girls@redlandhigh.com) and we will pass the message on.



**Penny Senior (1984):** After leaving Redland, Penny studied Maths at Loughborough University, which is where she started rowing. Having graduated she joined Rolls Royce and is currently with EDS Energy as a Systems Engineer. She kept up her rowing, joining the club at Saltford and in 2000 she was one of the first 40 women to row at Royal Henley. In 2001 and 2002 she rowed for England; since then she has had considerable success coaching children in the Bath area and is now a national coach. She was a volunteer at the Olympic Games two years ago where she was in a speed boat with a First Aider ready to help any competitor if needed.

Congratulations to **Dr Kylie Murray** who left Redland in 2000 and has now been elected to a Junior Research Fellowship in English at Balliol College, Oxford. Although it is primarily a research post, she will also be teaching and lecturing alongside her research project and she will be continuing to publish her work. In addition to this she has also been elected to a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship. This is an extremely prestigious position and Kylie is very excited at the prospect, saying "I really wasn't expecting to be so lucky - this is an extremely stiff competition with a success rate of just 6%. These posts are like gold dust!"

We wish Kylie every success in her new posts.

#### **Hannah Pearce (née Mossman) - 2002**

Congratulations to Hannah and Adam who were married on 18 September 2013 at Peyia Town Hall, Cyprus. They have been together since 2007, having met in Exeter while Hannah was studying for her PhD. They are living in Bristol; Hannah works for the University of Bristol Careers Service as an Internship Manager, while Adam is a Lead Fraud Consultant with the international firm Fico.

They are about to celebrate one very happy year of marriage, and are already planning their next trip back to Peyia.





Congratulations to **Charlotte Toffolo (née Wheadon - 2002)** who was married in 2012 and gave birth to a beautiful baby in October 2013.



"I have been working in the exciting world of criminal defence as a legal secretary and clerk. I met my husband back in 2006 through a mutual love of opera singing (we were playing the romantic leads opposite one another) and are both members of various groups and choirs in the Bristol area.

"We were married in July 2012 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Westbury-on-Trym followed by a reception

at Westbury Village Hall for which my mother and I had painstakingly hand sewn 300 tiny lavender filled hearts as well as paper bunting made from old opera scores. The 3 vegan wedding cakes were made by my sister **Harriet (Class of 2007)**. We had a 7 tier fruit cake (pictured), 5 tier stand of cupcakes and a 3 tier chocolate cigarrelle and berry cake! We honeymooned on the Costiera Amalfitana and visited many of the sights I had been to on a Redland Sixth Form trip to Italy back in 2001. It was just as beautiful as I had remembered!

In January 2013 I was off travelling again, this time with my sister to Thailand. We stayed in Bangkok and visited hundreds of beautiful temples as well as taking day trips a bit further afield to local villages. The highlight of the trip was visiting a jungle where we saw wild macaques, learned survival skills and rode an elephant through a river. I returned to the UK and Harriet then continued travelling on to New Zealand where she spent three months learning about permaculture, bungee jumping off bridges and swimming with sharks.

In October of last year I gave birth to Emilio Luciano who weighed 7lb 1oz. We had a natural breech birth which is apparently very unusual as only 3% of babies are breech at term and the majority are born through caesarean section. I hadn't thought much of this until my husband told me that the 7 obstetricians who had come in to watch had spontaneously applauded when Emilio was born!"

**Tabitha Salisbury née Cheyne - 2002**

The marriage of Tabitha Cheyne to Timothy Salisbury took place on 4 August 2012 in Durham Cathedral. As former Music students of Durham University the musical proceedings were very important to both of them and they felt immensely privileged to have enjoyed such high quality music-making on the day, including the skilful organ playing of Mr Matthew Redman, a former Music teacher at Redland High. His influence (together with that of Mr Nigel Davis) on Tabitha's musical pursuits at Redland High and beyond led her to meet Tim and so it was extraordinarily auspicious to have him there. It also meant a great deal to have her sister Alice as bridesmaid and no less than seven 'Daisy Girls' at the wedding: Naomi Owen; Alexa Lamont; Melissa Carlise (née George); Amy Wright (née Dunhill); Eli Kumordzie; Hannah Weston and Ella Davis. Tabitha and Tim now live in West London where Tabitha is a music teacher at St Benedict's School, Ealing, and Tim a barrister in Inner Temple.





**Nicky Pearson**, who left Redland High in 2002, has recently secured a role with Cirque du Soleil in the show 'oVo' which started in Tokyo in February. An award winning aerial artist, Nicky has performed on an international stage from an early age. While at Redland High, Nicky spent her free time training at Circus Maniacs in Bristol. After leaving School she trained at the Montreal Circus

School, and then went on to perform for circus and theatre companies across the USA.

Since her return to the UK in 2007 she has been performing worldwide as a freelance aerial artist at events for the Royal families of the UK, UAE, Malaysia and Belgium; at high-scale corporate galas and launches (alongside such stars as Prince, Elton John, Seal and Katherine Jenkins); at festivals (Goodwood Festival of Speed, Glastonbury and the Henley Festival); and various other special events. She was also part of the 2010 Commonwealth Games torch relay - carrying the torch whilst hanging from a balloon! We wish her all the best.

Congratulations to **Verity (née Waine - 2003)** and Tom Katuska whose son, Charles Thomas was born on 18 January 2014.



Congratulations to **Lucy Briggs-Owen (2004)** who is appearing at the Noël Coward Theatre, London as the female lead, Viola de Lesseps, in *Shakespeare in Love*. In a show described by The Telegraph as 'The best British comedy since One Man, Two Guvnors and deserv[ing] equal success' their reviewer said, 'Whether dressed as a boy or a girl, Lucy Briggs-Owen proves an enchanting, sexy delight as Viola'. The School is taking a party to see the play in September which they are greatly looking forward to.

Congratulations to **Fay Brackstone (2006)** who married Tim Bawden on 12 April this year at the Avon Gorge Hotel. Fay, who is the Foundation Stage Leader in a very challenging area of North Bristol, is pictured here with Tim and her two bridesmaids, both former Redlandites, **Harriet Gilling** who is now a doctor and **Sarah Fitzgerald** who is a Visual Merchandiser for Zara, training to be a store manager.



**Chloe Pike** left Redland High in 2009, having decided to study History and Politics at New York University. Earlier this year she returned to School to talk to the girls about studying in America. Approximately 15 girls attended from Years 10-13. They were all really interested and asked lots of questions including 'How hard is it to make friends?' and 'Was it a culture shock moving to the States?'

Chloe has now returned to the UK and has started a Masters degree in International Relations and European Politics at Bath University. Many of you may remember Chloe as one of our star tennis players and while she is still playing tennis she is not doing so as much as she used to. However, she is currently training for a Triathlon - we look forward to hearing how she gets on.



**Isabelle Peters** is a former student of Redland High who left in 2010. She is currently studying at the Royal Northern College of Music under the tuition of Deborah Rees. In April she gave a benefit concert accompanied by musicians of the Royal Northern College of Music, providing an evening of beautiful arias and classical works by the likes of Bellini, Puccini and

Fauré all in aid of the 'Cardiac Risk in the Young' charity and the 'Raj K Soni Legacy Fund'. The concert was a sell-out and a great success – well done Isabelle.

**Eva Feiler** who left Redland High in 2010 landed her first professional acting role last autumn in the Sheffield Theatre's Production of 'The Winter's Tale' by William Shakespeare, which was directed by Paul Miller and presented at the Crucible, Sheffield. Eva took on many roles while at Redland High including the Aged P in 'Great Expectations' (2005), Daddy Brubeck in 'Sweet Charity' (2006), Bugsy in 'Bugsy Malone' (2009) and, her final performance with the School as Helen of Troy in 'Trojan Women', the School's first production to the Edinburgh Fringe (2010).

On leaving she attended the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London where she was awarded the Drama Gold Medal in 2013. She also recently won the Guildhall School's Michael Bryant Award for verse speaking performed at the National Theatre.

We very much look forward to hearing what the future holds for her.



Congratulations to **Becky Brown (2010)** who has achieved a First from Exeter University in her Combined Honours History and French, with a distinction in spoken French. Becky has recently returned from France where she was working at a family holiday retreat running the kids club. In September she is starting her PGCE to train as a primary school teacher at Bath Spa University. From September this year it is becoming compulsory for all state schools to teach a foreign language to children from the age of 5 so she is doing a PGCE with a specialism in teaching French. As Becky says, "I spent last year teaching English in a French primary school near Lyon and had such a great year it made me realise that teaching is what I want to do full time!"

Congratulations also to **Sophie Stoddart (2010)** who gained a First in History from Warwick and to **Billie Hawkins (2010)** who gained a 2:1 in Arabic with Middle Eastern Studies and Proficiency Farsi from Exeter.

Congratulations to **Jess Michie (2012)** who has been awarded a year-long industrial placement at Novartis



Institutes for BioMedical Research in San Francisco, California! Jess applied for this chance to study abroad and was thrilled to discover that she had been awarded a place in the Research and Development laboratories at Novartis starting in July 2014.

Jess, who is currently at Leeds University studying

Pharmacology, won the Covance Prize for 'Best First Year Pharmacology Student' last year having previously been awarded the Nancy Brueton Sixth Form Science Scholarship in her final year at Redland High. We wish her all the best for her year in the States.



Many congratulations to **Helen Parrott (2013)** who has successfully completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. Helen, who is now at Kingston University studying Sport Analysis and Coaching, was presented her award at St James's Palace in London.

The Duke of Edinburgh was in attendance and chatted to all the groups of young people. It was a very memorable occasion and the certificates were presented by Stephanie Millward a Paralympic swimming silver medallist, which Helen was thrilled about. We wish Helen every success for the future.



**Friends of Redland High**

The Friends of Redland High have been busy this year with fundraising activities and events for the whole School.

We kicked off this year with a Year 7 supper which has become an invaluable meeting enabling parents and girls to come together over an informal supper. Our annual Quiz and Curry Night was again a huge success and raised £1000, half of which was put towards the Edinburgh Fringe to help fund the cost of staging, lighting and entry fees. Thanks to some fantastic organisation from Gillian Howson and Carol Sykes we raised another £350 towards the Edinburgh Fringe by providing refreshments during the interval of Peter Pan.

The Christmas Fair was a festive frenzy of fun and food! There were stalls selling various products including handmade items from our very own talented girls. Once again the Jam Jar and Teddy Tombola went down a storm as did the hot chips and beautifully decorated cup cakes. The event raised over £1000.

Girls from the Junior School had a great time at the Easter Hop Disco which included games and even an appearance from 'One Direction'! To end the night they each had an Easter Treat to take home.

We have also managed to satisfy the School wish list this year - a new cooker was purchased for the Food Technology Department and a new RHOK tent and T-shirts. A new projection system for the Senior School Hall is also in the pipe line and this year we were delighted to purchase our very own Gromit as part of the Gromit Unleashed campaign!

If you would like to help in anyway big or small, or even if you have some ideas on new events please contact us at [friends@redlandhigh.com](mailto:friends@redlandhigh.com).

**Second Hand Clothes Cupboard**

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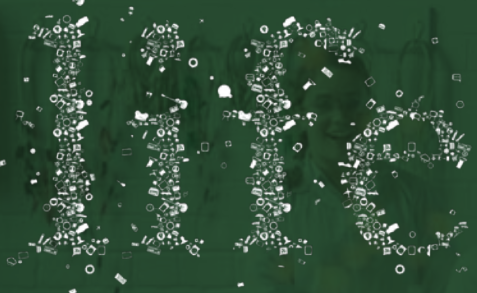
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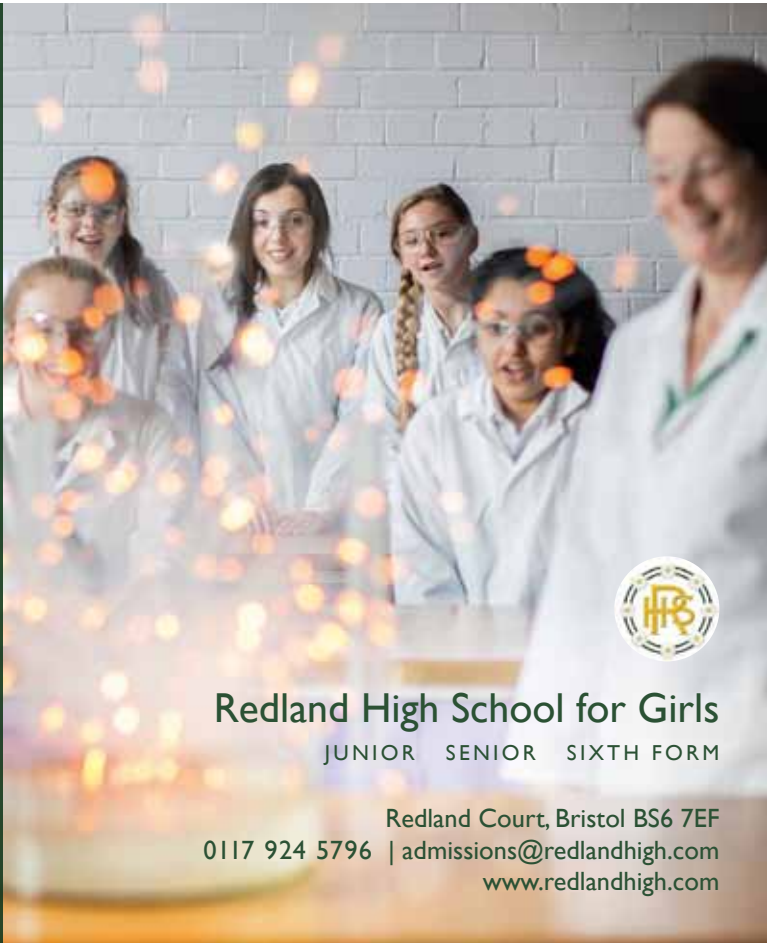
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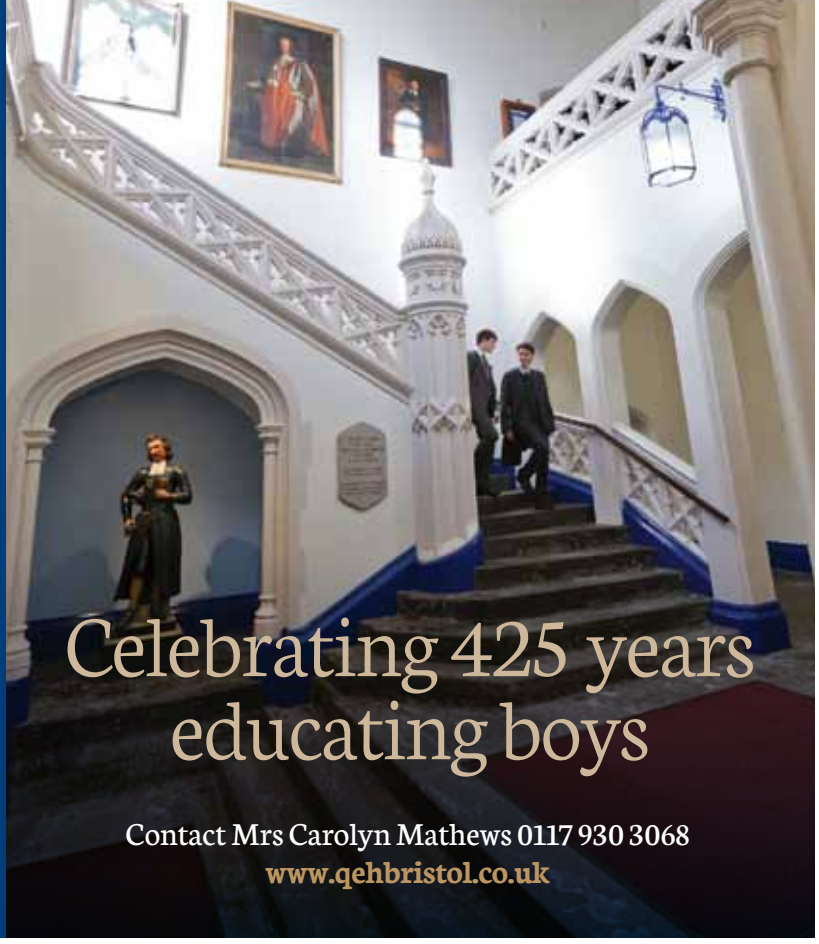
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