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# SPORT

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# Netball

What a fantastic start to netball we have had this year!

The Year 7 and Year 8 teams travelled to Trinity for their first fixture of the season, securing their first win for both teams. We want to extend our warmest congratulations to Amelie and Ruby, who were both voted players of the match!



Our amazing netballers, Ridgewood Storm, played against XP. It was the Year 7 team's first game, and they did a fantastic job by securing their first win.

Our older girls team also played some excellent netball, but it wasn't their night.

The players of the match were Jess K in Year 8 and Grace M in Year 7 – they really were on fire throughout the match, and we couldn't be prouder of them!





# Football



A huge well done to Lexi, Heidi, Imogen and Sophie from the Ridgewood Girls football team, who have been selected to join the Doncaster School Girls squad.

Doncaster School Girls is a club that brings together top players from schools across Doncaster to compete against the best teams from Rotherham, Barnsley and Sheffield. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are very proud to have students who are part of such a strong team.



Congratulations to Jess B in Year 9, who has been selected to play football for South Yorkshire. An excellent achievement!



A massive well done to our Year 8 boys football team for winning 6-3 in their first match against Hungerhill School!

The Year 9 boys football team celebrated a 9-1 win against Armthorpe Academy!



Ridgewood Year 11 boys won against Campsmount 5-1 in a football cup game. It was a great performance all around: Captain Archie did an impressive job leading the team, and a debut goal for Alfie ensured the win.

Great work, boys!

Year 7 boys won 5-2 against Ash Hill in their football match. Great job lads!





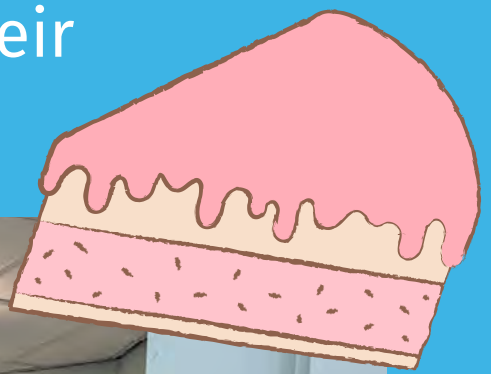
# EVENTS

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# Macmillan Coffee Morning

Ridgewood staff and Sixth Form students raised just under £500 in their Macmillan coffee morning.



# Year 6 Open Evening

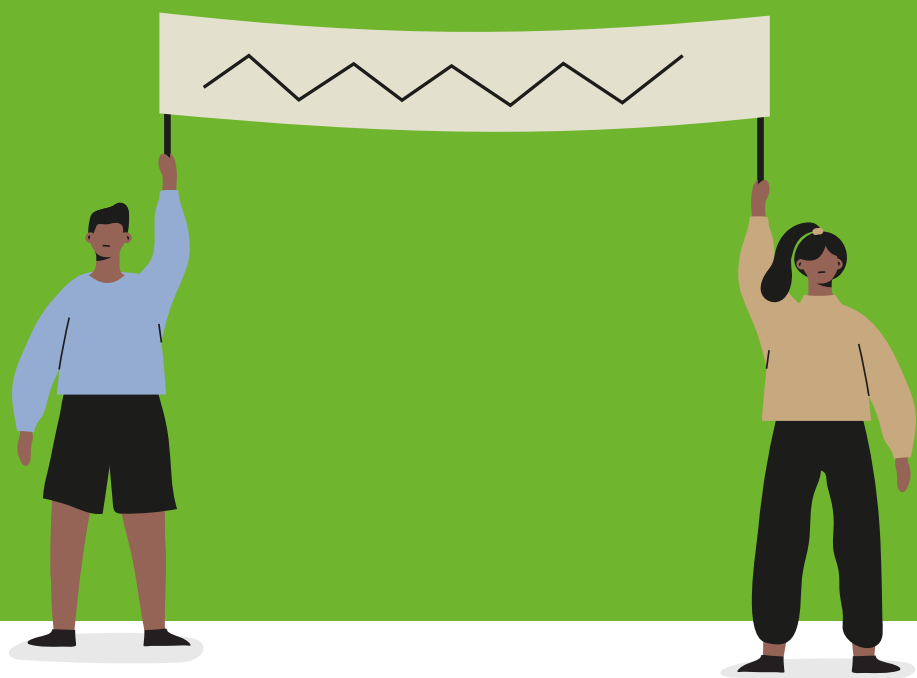
We had a fantastic turnout for the Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 3 October. We'd like to thank all the student subject ambassadors, tour guides and staff who helped make it such a memorable evening.



# Stop Hate UK

On Friday 11 October, we raised awareness for Stop Hate UK by asking our staff and students to wear a red item of clothing or accessory, learning about the purpose of Stop Hate UK during form time and donating to the cause.

We'd like to thank everyone who took part in making the event a success. We raised just over £500 for the cause and gained a deeper understanding of issues of discrimination.



# Year 12 Open Evening

On Thursday 17 October, we welcomed over 200 students and their families to our Year 12 Open Evening. Thank you to all the staff and students who helped make the evening a success!





# ENRICHMENT

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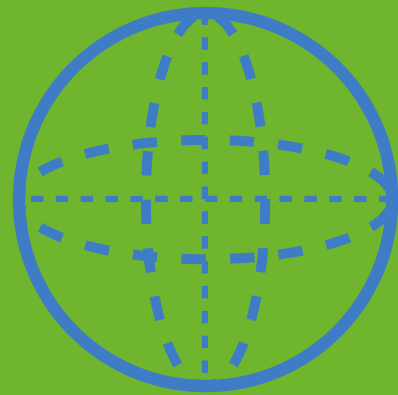
# Art Club

This year's open Art Club for all students has been extremely popular. We've loved seeing students come together and spend their afternoons expressing themselves!

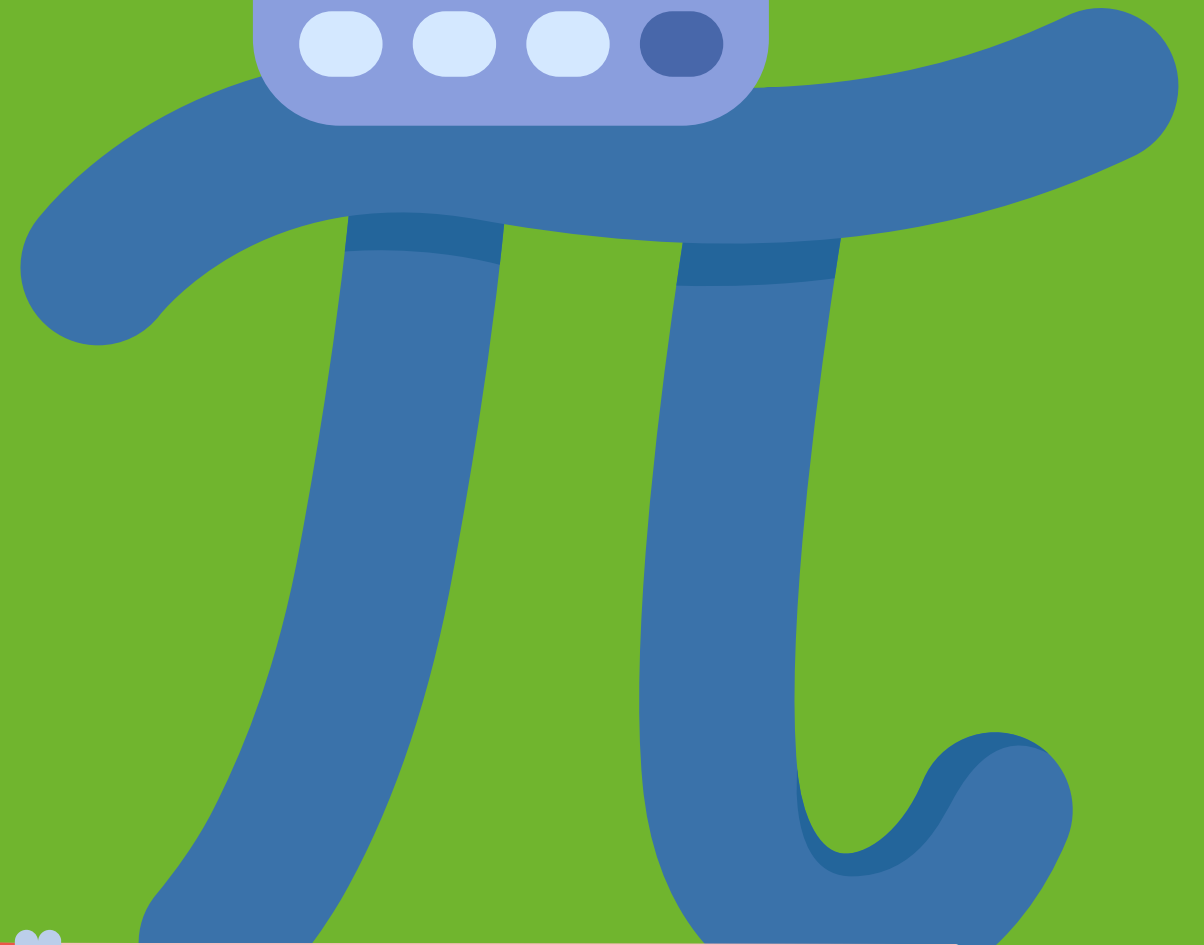


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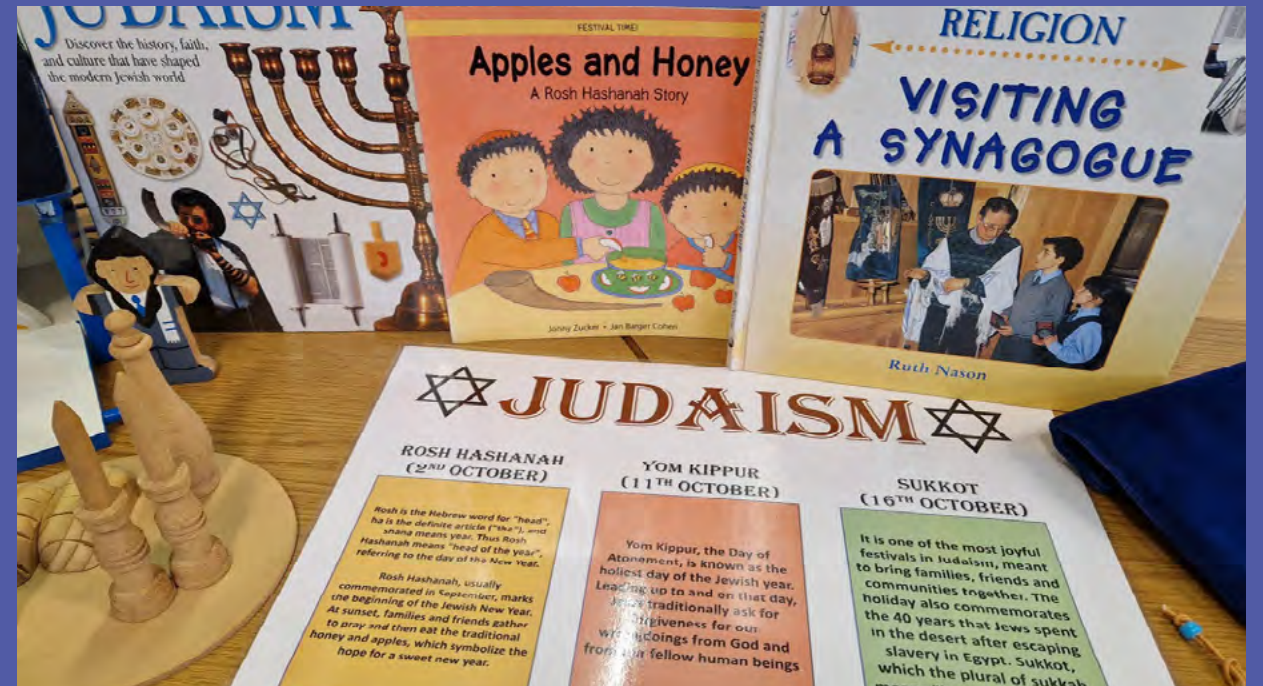
38 dedicated Year 10 students took part in Further Maths enrichment after school, led by Miss Pomeroy. They are already on their way to getting an extra qualification in the bag – well done, all!



# Library

Our school library team raises awareness of different religious events throughout the year. Artefacts, books and information will be on display for both staff and students to explore and learn more about the world around us.

We have already begun by showcasing some of the major festivals and celebrations of Jews such as the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah), the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) and the Festival of Thanksgiving (Sukkot). Please visit the library at lunch or after school to find out more!



It was fantastic to see our Year 7s enjoying their introduction to the library sessions. Students were shown around the facilities, given after-school opportunities and designed their very own bookmarks.





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# Arts International Award



In September, we announced that we have been awarded 'Centre of Excellence' status for Performing Arts. In receiving this award, Ridgewood joins an elite group of four schools in Milan, Nice and the UK that have focused on performing arts training to develop the key competencies of confidence, creativity, collaboration, and compassion in their students. These skills are the most valued by universities and leading employers around the world.

Students at Ridgewood and their partner primary schools worked with artists who have played the leading roles in 'Annie', 'Sweeney Todd', 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' and 'Cats'.



## CEO of Arts International, Dr Andrew Lee, commented:

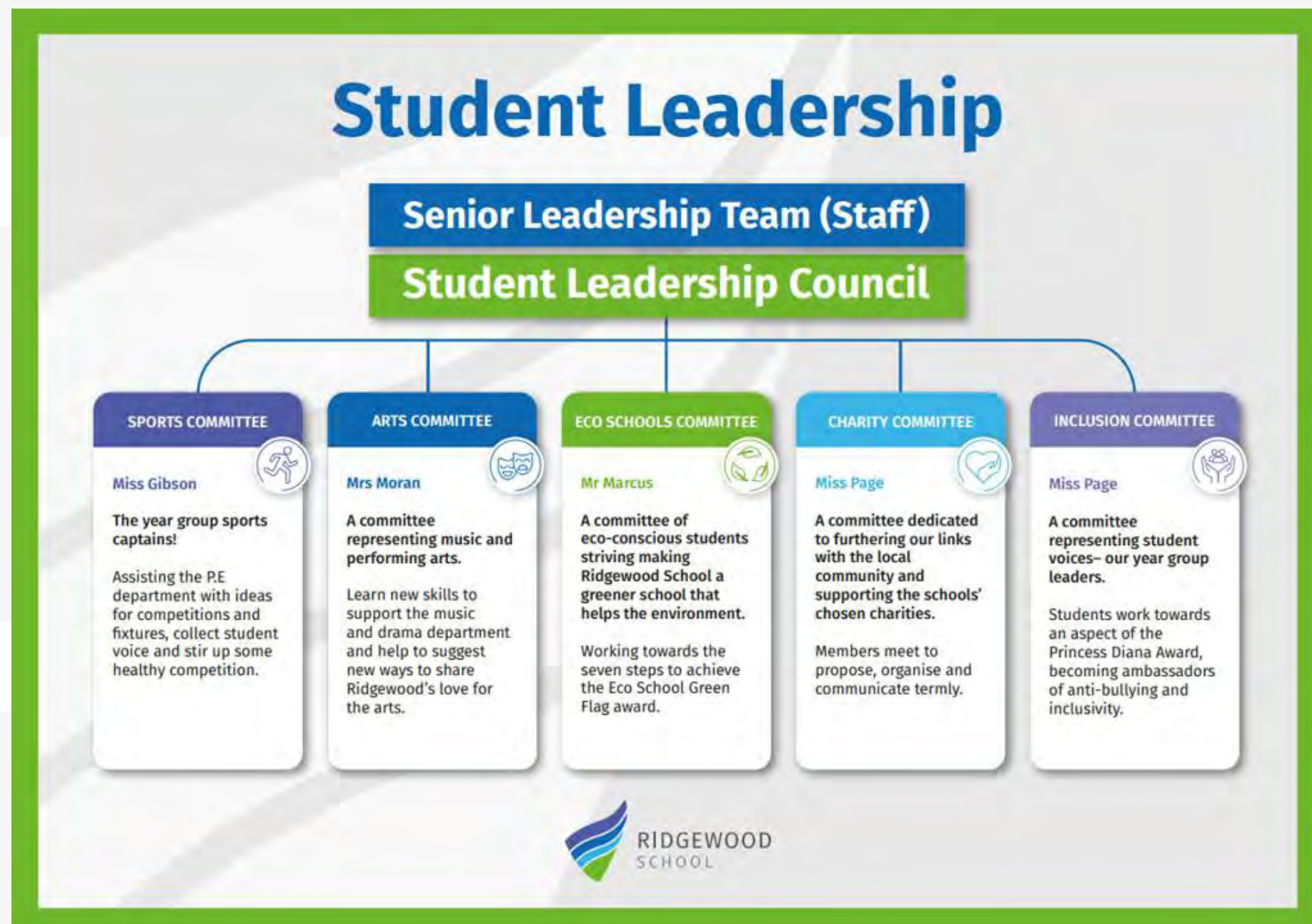
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‘Ridgewood is the first state school in the world to partner with us, and one with the most dramatic impact. Our artists have said that Ridgewood students are some of the most focused, professional and talented that we have worked with, and we are delighted to recognise the school as a Centre of Excellence in the Performing Arts.’ ”



# Student Leadership

Our new student leadership structure for 2024 offers many opportunities for our students to develop new skills and contribute to positive change on Ridgewood's journey from 'good' to 'great'!





# TRIPS

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# Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Facing torrential rain, thick fog and the challenge of navigating mountains over 700m in low visibility, some of our students completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition. Despite the challenges, they showed true resilience... and had fun along the way too. Well done to everyone who took part!



# Blencathra Residential

Our Year 13 Biology and Applied Scientists spent 3 days in the Lake District doing fieldwork and sampling. The students were a credit to the school and handled the bad weather amazingly well!



# National Gallery Art Trip

The Art Department took a trip to the National Gallery in London with our GCSE and Post-16 students. Viewing world-famous masterpieces up close and getting inspired by incredible art, students had the opportunity to enjoy a day full of creativity and exploration. We can't wait to see all the new ideas that will come from students who participated!



# Important Dates for Next Half-Term

**Monday 4 November**  
Return to school

**Monday 18 November to  
Friday 22 November**  
Year 13 Mock Exams

**Monday 25 November to  
Friday 29 November**  
Year 11 Mock Exams

**Thursday 5 December**  
Year 9 Parents Evening

**Friday 6 December**  
Inset Day

**Thursday 12 December**  
Christmas Show

**Friday 20 December**  
Break up for Christmas






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