

# RD HOMESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Science in Action

Studying diffusion in science – Students were able to see diffusion in action using sweets. Ikennaya's experiment was a riot of colour showing how particles spread out on their own.



## Poetry in Motion

In English Heidi wrote an incredibly evocative portrayal of Medusa inspired by Duffy's poem. Heidi really managed to capture a sense of the character's anger and I love the way she structured the work - as if mimicking the flow of consciousness of Medusa.

*Look at me.*

*Ugly, disgusting and feared  
I used to be beautiful and free*

*Now look at me*

*Why me? It's all a lie It's not true*

*I haven't done all the things everyone says I have*

*They framed me*

*Athena, She set me up now I am cursed for eternity*

*I don't think I will live much longer*

*Everyone is out for me*

*The lies have been spread*

*But I don't get a say*

*Nobody looks at me, they're terrified so*

*no one will know the true story.*

*You'll all be turned to stone before you know*

*My heart is green with envy and its spreading all over me*

*The jealousy is taking over me.*

*That used to be me beautiful, young glowing*

*But not anymore and I can't go back*

*Why me? Why? Why!*

We would like to say a huge thanks to Mr Knuckles for his inspirational English teaching!



## What a beautiful Journey this has been so far!

In April of this year, after being served with a redundancy notice, I knew immediately that remaining in the traditional UK school system was no longer for me. After 26 years of teaching mathematics, I had reached my limit. Teaching just isn't what it used to be. So, after much thought, I chose not to reapply for my Assistant Principal role or look for other positions. Instead, I accepted my redundancy package and decided to walk a new path.

I invited my good friend Sandra to join me on this bold and uncertain journey of running a homeschool. She was more than happy to come on board, as she too was looking for a fresh start in life.

We began this term with very humble beginnings but successfully managed to secure a core group of students to get RD Homeschool up and running. I can hardly believe that, as I write this, we've already completed 11 weeks of teaching.

Running RD Homeschool has been one of the greatest joys of my life so far. Signing into lessons each morning and seeing our homeschoolers always brightens my day. Each morning is filled with engaging learning, tailored to the needs of the individual students. It has been fantastic to see them make good progress and enjoy their lessons. They are delightfully curious and keen to learn, as shown by the many questions they ask.

One of the unexpected blessings of this journey has been the incredible work-life balance I now enjoy. After years of long hours and constant stress in the traditional school system, I finally have the flexibility to design a schedule that works for me. I can devote my mornings to teaching, spend my afternoons planning and preparing, and still have plenty of time for my family, friends, and personal interests. This balance has brought a sense of peace and fulfilment that I never thought possible in my career.



## Refer Someone Get 20% off

As we aim to scale up RD homeschool, we would like to remind you, our loyal customers, that we value quality over quantity.

As promised, we will keep our classes very small to ensure that your child is given the individual attention they need throughout their time with us.

Over the past few weeks, we have launched a referral programme. If you refer someone to our homeschool or tutoring programme and they join us, you will receive 20% off your next booking. We think that this represents excellent value. The new customer will receive 10% off their first booking.

As mentioned above, we are focused on remaining small, so spaces are very limited.

## Christmas Dates

We are closing over the Christmas Holiday from 6th December for homeschoolers and from 13th December for tuition. All lessons resume on 6th January 2025.

## Banking Change

Our previous banking arrangements posed quite a few restrictions on our accounting. As such, we have had to **change our bank**. From 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024, our bank account details will be different. Please look carefully at your invoice before attempting to pay us.

## Tutoring

At RD Homeschool, we're proud to offer more than just tutoring sessions; we've built a thriving community of students who grow, learn, and excel together. Unlike traditional tutoring, which often limits students to a single hour a week with little follow-up support, our model provides personalised, continuous engagement to ensure real progress.

This term, we've seen our tutoring community grow significantly, primarily with Year 11 students aiming to achieve excellent grades in their GCSEs next year. This includes students resitting their maths exams this November; we are currently awaiting their results. Among our students, we've also had an aspiring nurse who needed to pass her nursing maths exam to qualify. We are proud to report that she has successfully passed her exams and has now embarked on her nursing career.

Most of our Year 11 students are currently sitting their first set of mock exams. One student has already received outstanding results and is on track to perform exceptionally well next year.

We would like to thank our tutoring community for engaging with us. It's been incredible to witness our students grow from strength to strength. Below, we've included one of our recent testimonials. You can find more on our Google and Facebook profiles.



Join us and give your child the advantage of personalised, expert-led learning.

### Get in touch today!

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