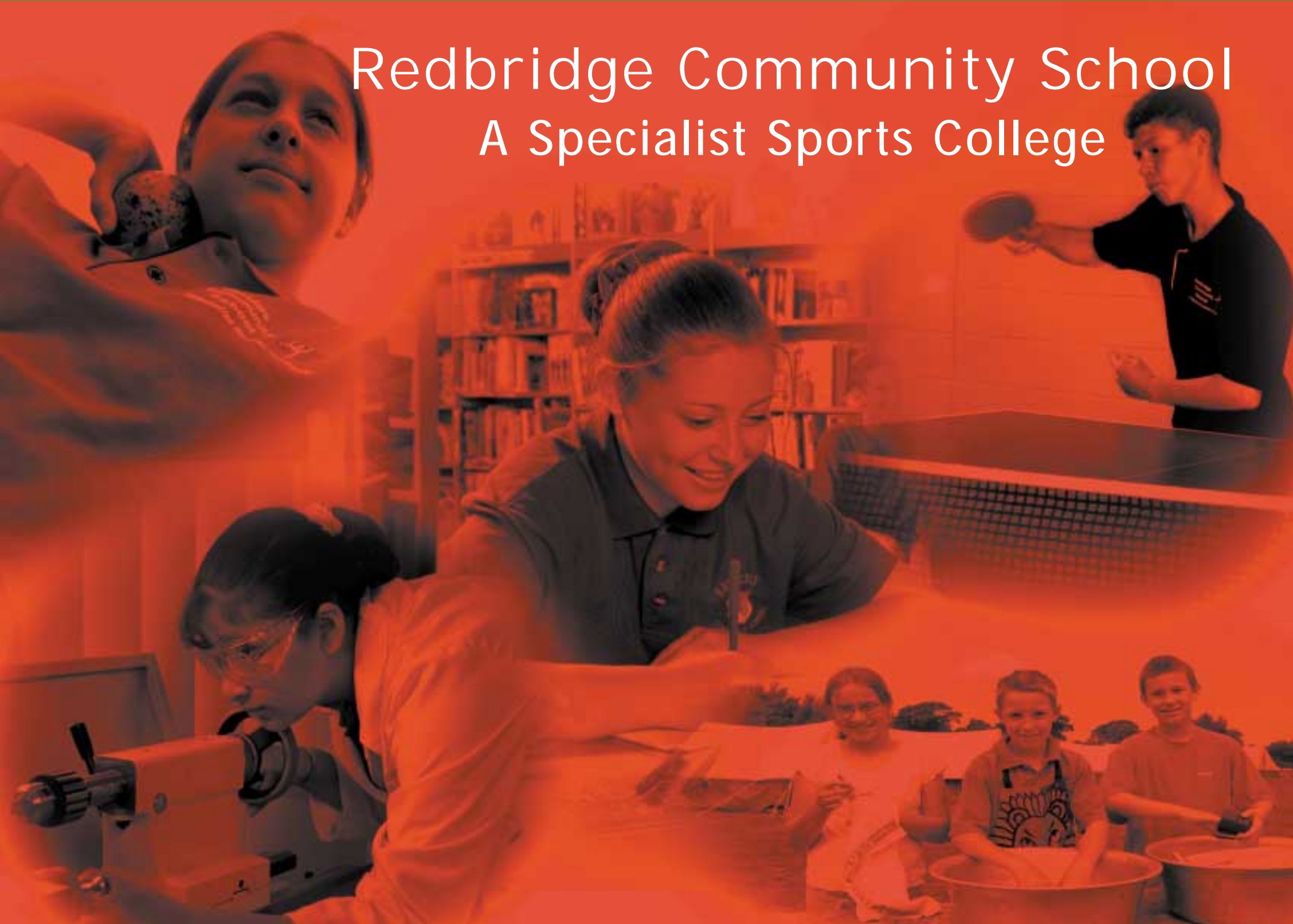


Redbridge Community School

A Specialist Sports College





Richard Schofield
Headteacher

At Redbridge we fully recognise that our pupils are the future.

We believe that there are many ways to be successful and many different ways to get you there.

WELCOME TO REDBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

Welcome to Redbridge.
Our school offers a high quality
education for all our pupils.

We are a Specialist Sports
College with brand new state of
the art facilities.

The school enjoys great success in a whole range of activities.
Our school's achievements are recognised both locally and
nationally and include:

- The School Achievement Award
(for outstanding pupil progress)
- The Sportsmark Gold Award
- Investors in People Award
- Basic Skills Quality Mark
- The Schools Curriculum Award
- Designation as a Specialist Sports College
- The Paul Hamlyn Library Award

Redbridge is
Southampton's first
ever Specialist Sports
College. We provide
an exciting range of
opportunities aimed
at raising attainment
and excellence in
performance.

This prospectus will
tell you more about
life at Redbridge.
After you have read
it, we invite you to
see us at work, to
meet the pupils and
staff, and to become
part of our success
story.



THE NUMBER ONE CHOICE FOR PARENTS

Redbridge is a mixed comprehensive school for pupils aged 11-16. It is one of the best-equipped schools in the region and is now one of the most popular schools in Southampton.

The school is consistently commended for its high standards of achievement. We have recently been recognised by HM Chief Inspector of Schools as a particularly successful school. We are ranked as one of the top performing schools in the country for value added pupil progress.

Redbridge has a rapidly rising roll. The school is heavily oversubscribed with admission requests far exceeding available places.

We want all our pupils to be happy and safe. We expect them to enjoy learning and to achieve their personal best. Partnership between family and school is essential and we enjoy close and effective relationships with our parents. We place high value on parental support, interest and involvement.

OUR AIMS *Are they yours?*

- To develop an enthusiasm for learning.
- To encourage everyone to achieve their personal best.
- To develop positive relationships built on self-respect and respect for others.
- To develop interpersonal skills which will help our pupils enter the adult world with confidence and success.
- To have the highest expectations of staff and pupils in all circumstances.
- To promote the belief that learning is lifelong and does not end at the age of 16.

We enjoy close links with our local primary schools. Redbridge has become the number one choice for parents who appreciate the importance of continuity in their children's education.

"Our son has made progress beyond our wildest dreams"

Parents of a Year 11 pupil

"There is something special about Redbridge"

Ofsted Inspector

A CURRICULUM FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Everyone at Redbridge is committed to a curriculum which provides opportunities for individual success.

We have an innovative curriculum with a wide range of resources which include:

- Outstanding Sports facilities, both indoor and outdoor.
- Superb Music Technology and Recording facilities.
- Specialist Technology and Science suites.
- A modern, well-stocked Library and excellent Learning Centre.
- Specialist Dance and Drama Studios with cutting edge sound and lighting systems.
- Six specialist ICT suites and computer access in every classroom.
- A Public Performance Area equipped with a sound and lighting gallery.
- First class Technology and Science suites.
- A Hearing Impaired Resource.

Redbridge has a highly trained staff who are constantly updating their skills to develop a forward-thinking curriculum. Our high level of commitment to staff training has significantly raised levels of attainment.

"I enjoy working in a school where there is a 'can-do' culture"

Member of teaching staff

PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

All pupils in Year 7 follow a skills-based curriculum called Opening Minds.

Opening Minds teaches our pupils vital skills which will prepare them fully for their future school life and beyond. The key areas of this curriculum are:

- Learning
- Citizenship
- Relating to People
- Managing Situations
- Managing Information

Opening Minds incorporates all National Curriculum subjects but focuses especially on Art, Drama, Music, History, Geography, RE, PSHE and Citizenship.

The rest of the National Curriculum is taught as separate subjects: English, Maths, Science, ICT, French, PE and Design Technology.

Opening Minds provides the opportunity for pupils to make connections between subject areas and to link their learning.

Pupils in Years 8 and 9 follow the full range of National Curriculum subjects:

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| • English | • ICT | • PE |
| • Citizenship/Careers | • Maths | • Geography |
| • Art | • French | • Science |
| • History | • Music | • Technology |
| • Religious Education | • Drama | |

In Years 10 and 11 the school offers an extensive range of GCSE and other examinations.

We provide a wide range of National Curriculum subjects including vocational courses. Pupils have the opportunity to take Vocational GCSEs in Science, ICT, Leisure and Tourism and Business Studies.

Key Skill qualifications and Career Planning Certificates are also on offer.

We have strong links with local colleges. Pupils also have opportunities to study NVQs and to study for other Work Related qualifications.

Many courses which are begun in school can be continued at college. For example, NVQs, Key Skills and AS Levels can be continued in our partner colleges.

Our curriculum and qualifications are under constant review so we can equip our young people with the skills required for an ever changing employment market.

"Congratulations on your outstanding success"

Dame Mary Richardson, Chief Executive HSBC Education Trust

SUPPORTING OUR PUPILS TO BECOME EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL

We recognise and promote the abilities that exist in all our pupils.

All staff are aware of the range of individual talents and use Target Setting Days to celebrate and develop these abilities.

In addition to this we have an extensive Mentoring Programme designed to give pupils a greater understanding of what they have to do to make progress.

Employees from local industry are also involved in the Mentoring Programme for senior pupils.

When we find that pupils have specific talents we offer a wide range of extra courses, special events and projects to support them in achieving their potential.

Many of our pupils take part in extra curricular coaching sessions and taster days at Southampton University or other higher education institutions.

Redbridge is the only secondary school in Southampton to offer Hearing Impaired pupils an inclusive education, working alongside their peers in a mainstream setting. Pupils receive daily support from a qualified and experienced specialist team.

"The staff really care about the pupils."

School Governor

THE FUTURE **We encourage our pupils to think about their future.**

We begin by raising aspirations in Year 7 through Citizenship lessons and mentoring.

Careers Education begins fully in Year 9 when pupils are introduced to the ConneXions Steps Programme. They also have an Options Open Evening when pupils and parents can receive advice and guidance about upper school courses.

In years 10 and 11 pupils experience a whole range of career focused events and activities:

- Industry Days
- World of Work Days
- College Visits
- Business and Industry experiences
- Career Planning Days
- Work Experience

The school employs a ConneXions Personal Advisor who works alongside the Careers Advisor to provide support and guidance.

All staff are aware of the progression routes open to pupils and offer appropriate advice.

"The quality of pupils that come to us from Redbridge is excellent"

Local Employer

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS LEARNING

Redbridge is a community school and is dedicated to enriching the lives of those living within the community and beyond.

The school is open from 8am to 10pm almost every day of the year.

A Breakfast Club operates and pupils have opportunities to attend a variety of classes at the end of the school day.

There are currently over 25 sporting activities on offer as well as a huge range of clubs and activities. These include:

- Sports teams.
- Music lessons (including guitar, drums and steel drums).
- Singing lessons.
- Recording studio sessions.
- Dance club.
- ICT clubs.
- Global Rock Challenge.

As a Sports College we regularly enter and achieve success in competitions at local and national level in both team and individual events.

We have an excellent record of success in basketball, football and cricket. Every year we receive top honours for our participation in the City Sports where our pupils compete in athletics and field events.

Educational visits are integral to the success of our curriculum. Pupils have many opportunities to be involved in special activities such as:

- The Fun School Challenge.
- The Junior Sports Leadership Award.
- The Senior Citizens Christmas Party.
- Skiing Trips.
- French and German Trips.
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- Year 7 Camp.
- Social events including the annual Riverboat Shuffle and Discos.
- Geography Field Trips.
- The Clothes Show.
- The School Council

Redbridge believes in giving pupils a chance to succeed. Our Out of School Hours programme demonstrates our commitment to this principle.

*"Everyone can have their say
and they are listened to"*

*Year 8 pupil, Member of the
School Council*

PARTNERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Parents are expected to work with the school in preparing their children for adult life.

Parents play a central role in the education process. We encourage all parents to attend Consultation Evenings and other meetings designed to discuss progress.

We expect all pupils to attend school regularly, to arrive on time, to work hard and to participate fully in school life.

It is expected that all pupils show respect and consideration for others.

From the start of their secondary school career pupils are encouraged to take increased responsibility for their own learning.

We place a high value on personal appearance and set clear uniform requirements.

Redbridge sets high standards of work and behaviour and expect that everyone who is part of the school to support us.

*"The minute I walked in the door
I felt the supportive atmosphere.
Nobody is too busy to help you"*

Parent of a Year 7 pupil

Now that you have discovered a little more about us we hope you will want to join us and become part of our continuing success story.



Please contact us for further information

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