

# RED HEADS UNITE

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Today, we will be exploring the slander towards red heads in Oak Hills High School. A close friend and writer for the Tartan, Addison Weldele is a red head herself. Throughout this piece, I hope to gather information from other gingers in the school.



While hosting a short interview with Ms. Weldele, I asked her “Do you often wish you were not a red head?” The answer she provided was simply: “yes.” I personally have Addison labeled in my phone as “Ed.” For those who do not know, this is a reference to the popular song artist Ed Sheeran who is a fellow red head. People often ask me: “Who’s Ed?” when they see her notification in my phone. To me, it is obvious. Duh, she’s a red head so it only makes sense to call her Ed.

Now, some of you may be wondering if Addison likes to be called this. When I asked her, she said that “She’s become used to it.” As for if this means she liked to be called it or not, I guess that is left for interpretation.

I also asked a few questions to Norah Piegols, another Tartan writer who is NOT part of the ginger community. I asked her if it would be accurate to say that she does not feel bad for gingers, but at the same time she would not want to be one herself. She validated this statement and said that it was accurate, which I personally thought to be interesting.

Next, we turn to another red head named Abbragail Williams. During an interview that was conducted during the school day at lunch, I asked Ms. Williams a few questions similar to Ms. Weldele.

Overall, she maintained that being a red head is something she enjoys. She has not done something to her hair and does not plan on doing anything to it in the future. She loves to be called “gingie” and does not understand the slander of red heads.



As can be seen above, Addison and Abbragail share slightly different opinions on their red-headed nature. Addison's consensus is that she often wishes she was not a red head, but Abbragail wants to stay one forever.

Either way, it is important to respect the ginger community. No matter your opinion, try to be respectful. If you joke around with gingers like I do, please make sure they are okay with it. Luckily, Addison and Abbragail have tough skin so I tease them often.