

## DTA Newsletter

*Theme of the Week:  
LGBT History Month  
Launch*

Friday 2nd February

**Safeguarding Tip:** The most important role of a school is ensuring pupils are safe. Come along to our coffee morning on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am to find out how we do this.

# Coffee Morning

Parents and carers are invited to our

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

9:00 am - 9:50 am

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is assessment week next week so please encourage your children to revise at home. Staff are available should any pupils require further advice or help and the pupils are always welcome in the library before or after school.

We are holding another of our fantastic Coffee Mornings next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, which I hope many of you will be able to attend. We will be having a presentations on keeping your child safe and LGBTQ. This is a great chance to meet other parents and staff from the school for a coffee and a chat.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> February it is Safer Internet Day, we will be holding assemblies and work will be done with the pupils on how to stay safe online. If as parents and carers you have any questions about keeping your child safe online pop along to our Coffee Morning where a member of staff will be able to advise you.

Read further for all our achievements this week. Our pupils have endless talent!

Enjoy the rest of the articles in this week's edition.

Yours sincerely

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## Theme of the Week

This week Dean Trust Ardwick will be celebrating LGBT History Month. It is an opportunity to learn about LGBT people that have existed before us and perhaps been left out of the history we know of. It is also a time to think about what more there is to do in order to ensure true equality for everyone in our society. DTA will be showcasing the work of Year 9 pupils who have studied gender and sexuality in PSHE around the school and will acknowledge historical LGBT figures in assembly. Pupils can take part in a timeline challenge throughout the month and design a piece of bunting to go on a display what will show visitors the inclusive and tolerant ethos of the school. Parents are welcome to attend the Coffee Morning on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February to hear more about the teaching and learning of LGBT rights and issues.



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## Year 7 News

I have received some excellent feedback from a number of teachers regarding work done by Year 7 in their lessons. In particular, their keenness in completing tasks for their Passport of Excellence booklets. Year 7s are currently doing the 'Numeracy Ninja' challenge at tutor times on a Tuesday, and myself and Mr Randles have been very impressed with students' eagerness to improve their scores each week and strive to reach the top 'Black' belt!.



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## Year 8 News

This week the Year 8 representatives from each form group met with Miss McShane to discuss rewards in school and we had some great feedback. Pupils are really enjoying the free breakfasts each week and the half term celebration assemblies. Next week Year 8 boys are attending a trip with Reach Out to Zurich bank, so watch this space for more information.



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## Year 9 News

At DTA we committed to ensure that all of our pupils can achieve their full potential and as such, they are set pieces of work that are to be completed at home to enhance their learning opportunities. Homework is vital tool in ensuring that our pupils become independent learners and strive for excellence. However, over the last few weeks, I have noticed there has been an increase in the amount of homework which has not been from our Year 9s. Therefore, I am asking that as parents or carers you support the school in ensuring that homework is completed. Please can you reinforce its value and importance and encourage your child to discuss or even show you their work. Within school, there are lots of facilities that can be accessed by our pupils to support them with their independent learning. The library is open every morning before school starts and there is also homework club. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend these if they find completing homework particularly challenging.



## Library News

The Library has two new acquisitions which are proving very popular. We now have two chess sets which can be borrowed from Mrs Bond before and after school. We are also trialling them at lunchtime but please remember that the Library is a quiet study space and if games become too noisy or raucous we will not be able to carry on with them.

Chess has been shown to raise the IQ and as such is the best sport to exercise your brain. Your lifelong mental health can benefit from a knowledge of the rules and strategies as well as it being very enjoyable to play.

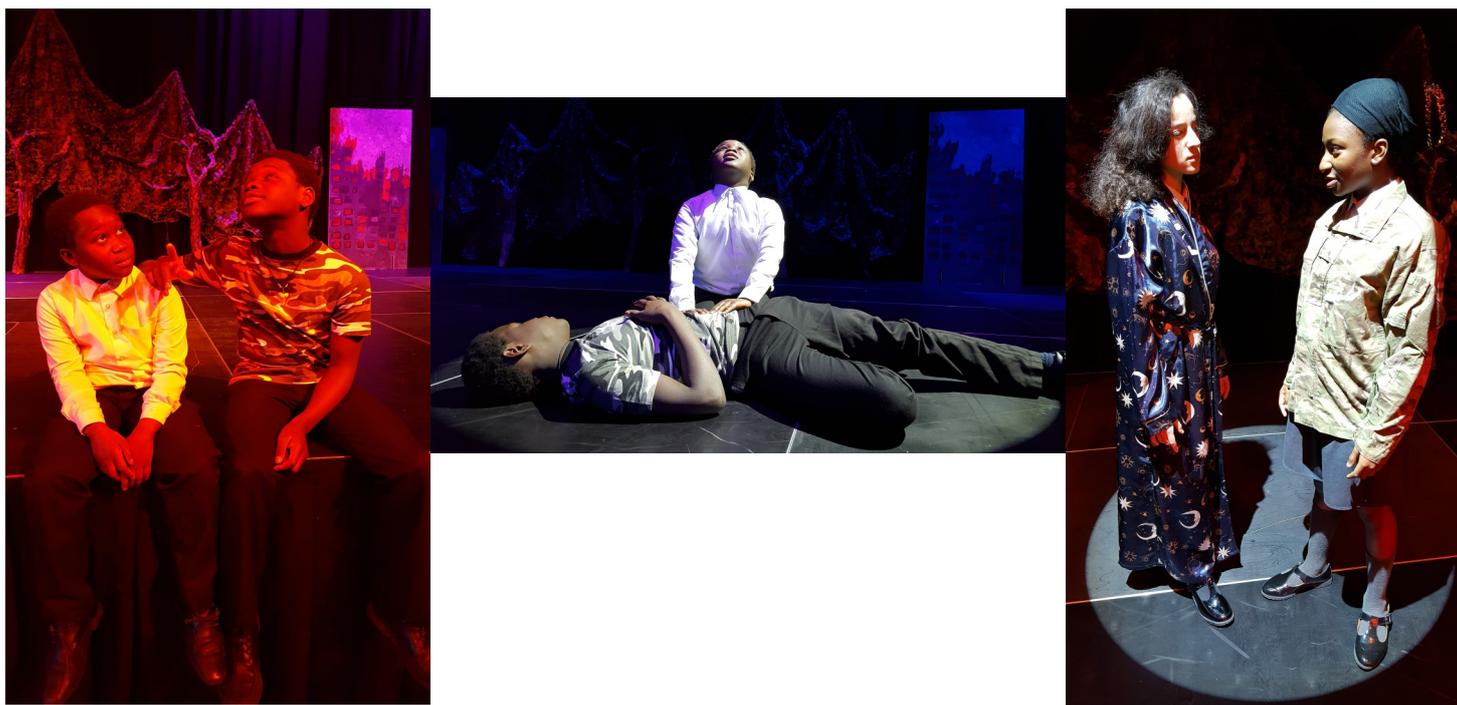
If you do not know the rules of chess, Mrs Bond has made some laminated quick guides to help you learn the moves and there will be some new chess books arriving in the next few weeks.

If you would like to play chess in the Library, be sure to get here early as lots of people are keen to play.



## Macbeth

Rehearsals for the school play are entering their final stages: the show is looking extremely good! The performances are at 5pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are only £1 each, and they are on sale every morning break in the dining hall. Make sure you get yours before they sell out!



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## MU Foundation

Street Reds uses the power of football to give young people an opportunity to pursue their interest in playing, leading and coaching the beautiful game. We offer free sessions and alternative activities for young people aged 8 -18, with the opportunity to learn new skills and gain qualifications in a supportive and positive environment. We are currently recruiting for new casual staff, including for the launch of a new site in Stockport. Please see links below.

Casual Youth Engagement Coach

<https://www.candidatemanager.net/cm/p/pJobDetails.aspx?mid=YFDU&sid=BBUF&jid=GTYEYD&a=4hUUmwcebGI%253d>

Casual Football Coach

<https://www.candidatemanager.net/cm/p/pJobDetails.aspx?mid=YFDU&sid=BBUF&jid=GTYEYD&a=4hUUmwcebGI%253d>



## Foundation

## Physical Education

Pupils have been showing brilliant progress over the number of weeks in their new sports. Year 7 boys training with the MU foundation officer Mr Buckley as a pathway through to the year 7 first team. Ms Brooks From the MU foundation is delivering football through the curriculum to enhance both core and advanced skills. Well done to the Year 8 Netball team that beat Loreto High 19-0 this week!



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## Humanities



This week in Humanities we have been getting creative by finding different ways to measure and predict the weather. All Year 8 classes had a go at measuring the clouds, using the windows! Sorry Ms Finlay but we promise all the pen came off. We also had an exciting week as a faculty as we have decided to run some new Humanities clubs from after the Half Term. Make sure you keep an eye out for them.

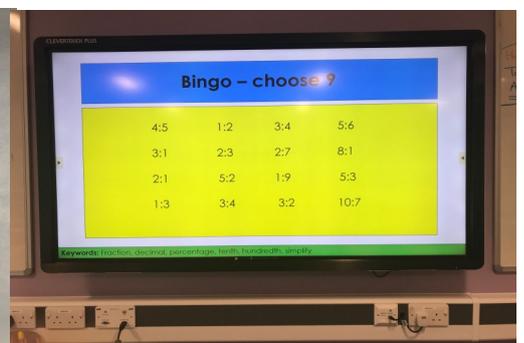
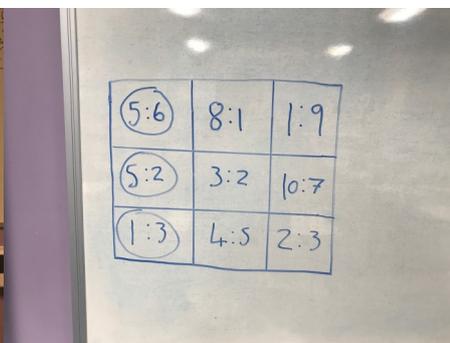
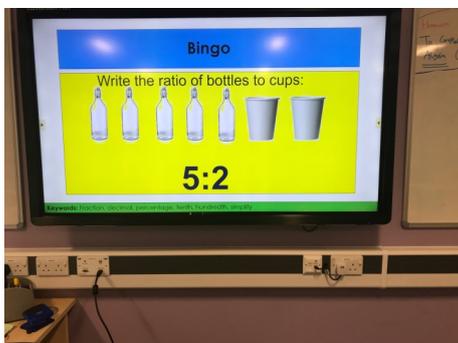


On the 27<sup>th</sup> January it was Holocaust Memorial Day and all pupils had a chance to listen to some stories of the survivors and send them a few thoughts on what they heard. We had over 400 post cards which were completed and they are being sent off today! Thank you to our Humanities and Diversity Ambassadors from Year 9 who gave up their lunchtimes to sort through the post cards and send them off!



## Mathematics

In the past week, pupils in the Maths classes of 8TB1 and 7T1 have been learning about ratio, such as how we can simplify ratio's and how can we split objects using ratio?. In order to consolidate this knowledge, pupils have been taking part in a game of ratio bingo at the end and start of lessons this week. The concept of the game was for pupils to select 9 different ratio's on put on offer to them and write them into a 3x3 grid. Were then presented with a number of different objects on the whiteboard and had to put these into ratio form. Merits were on offer for pupils who managed to get any correct ratio's in a line going horizontally, vertically or diagonally as well as the bonus prize of three merits if anyone managed to have all nine ratio's (a full house) in their grids. Pupils were thoroughly engaged and enjoyed these activities with lots of competition and lots of valuable learning taking place.



## Technology

**Design and Technology:** This week the Year 7s have been learning some nifty skills on 2D Design, adapting images and using the contour tool to start to create their brilliant clock designs. The Year 8s have continued to use their skills on 2D Design to produce their Memphis inspired desk light. The Year 9s have been busy in the workshop starting to put together their speaker PCB.

**Food and Nutrition:** This week the Year 7s have learnt about the macronutrient protein and why we need protein in our diet. In practical's this week we have put our time management and bridge and claw grips into practice by making vegetable Cous Cous.

In Year 8 we have learned about the social, ethical, economic and scientific issues revolving around genetically modified foods. In our practical lessons we have shaped and baked our artisan style bread, with some fantastic results. This week in Year 9 we have been busy learning about the importance of choosing our food seasonally and the benefits of doing this.

**Art and Design:** This week Year 7 have started to create 3D body shapes for their bug, we explored the storytelling, environmentally conscious artist Mr Finch and his fabulous creations to influence our own ideas. Year 8 have worked on their watercolours and started playing with cardboard manipulations, exploring texture and how to represent what they have drawn in a 3D form. Year 9 have developed ideas designing a layout to explore painting. We have experimented with the marks different types of brushes make. In Art Club we have continued with our various ongoing projects, including LGBTQ displays, World Book Day displays and piece of work for our Anti Bullying Ambassadors. Set Design is working away to get our props finished on time for Macbeth.



## Performing Arts

Performing Arts extra curricular clubs are well underway and pupils are developing some outstanding skills. We are, however, looking for more participants: the details are listed below. #

If you want to join a lunch time club, please see Ms Vercoe or Miss Bostock for a lunch pass. If you would like to attend an afterschool club, you can simply show up! We look forward to seeing you there!

Also: we will be making a very special announcement about the **SUMMER PRODUCTION** very soon, so keep your eyes and ears open!

**Yr 7 DTA DANCE COMPANY**

Starting next **MONDAY LUNCHTIME** in the Activity Studio.

Dance Technique  
Learning set dance material  
Looking at professional dance works.

You **MUST** order a lunch bag  
You will need to  
bring  
your PE KIT



**'WESTENDERS'**  
**Performing Arts Club**

Wednesdays 3-4pm  
Activity Studio

For more details, please see Ms Vercoe



**PIANO CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES**  
Room 108

Please see Miss Bostock for a lunch pass



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## Year 7 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Palace-161 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Victoria 99.2%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Zoha	Riaz	7D Dean	12
Tirna	Bell-	7D Lowry	11
Amanda	He	7D Palace	11
Amrita	Kumbla	7D Dean	11
Varshini			
Oluwafeyiremi	Adeyo	7D Lowry	10

### Stars of the Week

English	Orlando Thompson
Maths	
Science	Bilal Munawar
Humanities	Zanyar Saleh
Technology	Lisandra Bondereva
PE	Mohammed Takoori
RE	Xanta Dunn
Art	Ayah Saleh
MFL	Shereese Weaver
Computer Science	Setareh Ahkami
Performing Arts	Danyal Raja
Passport to Excellence	

## Year 8 Awards

### Form of the Week Attendance

Turing-117 Grades 1s

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Lowry 100%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Duhaa	Dokhane	8T Picc	17
Tahir	Choudhury	8T Bridge	16
Yonis	Dattilo	8T Gaskell	15
Fatiha	Hossain	8D MOSI	15
Sumayah	Ahmed	8T Vic	14

### Stars of the Week

English	Nela Gaborova
Maths	
Science	Safoora Nawaz
Humanities	Yidian Liu
Technology	Hanad Muse
PE	Ruhale Abraham
RE	Kian Duffy
Art	Hadeeka Khan
MFL	Kofi Nsiah
Computer Science	Tina Nguyen
Performing Arts	Kamran Shinwara
Passport to Excellence	

# Year 9 Awards

## BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Whitworth-69 Grade 1s

## Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth 99.5%

## BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Rebecca	Caminito	9D Whit	9
Nimra	Mohammad	9D Whit	9
Alicia	Boss	9T Picc	8
Kameliya	Klimasevskaya	9T Bridge	8
Nancy	Appiah	9D Whit	7

## Stars of the Week

<b>English</b>	Mozammel Akbari
<b>Maths</b>	
<b>Science</b>	Alyza Shakoor
<b>Humanities</b>	Jun Shen
<b>Technology</b>	Malikah Shabaz
<b>PE</b>	Fatima Bukhari
<b>RE</b>	Gracie Henry
<b>Art</b>	Naveedul Alam
<b>MFL</b>	Arooj Zulfiqar
<b>Computer Science</b>	Tyrell Morrison
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Emi Sam
<b>Passport to Excellence</b>	

## Whole School Attendance

97.2%