



International Women's Day!

DTA Newsletter

*Theme of the Week:
International Women's
Day*

Friday 9th March

Safeguarding Tip:

Sexual harassment has a detrimental impact on girls' confidence and self-worth.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week with Year 7s sitting their end of term tests. Coffee Morning today brought nearly 40 parents and carers along. I talked through the behaviour policy, strategies and stages involved in this. It is wonderful to see so many of you supporting the school. We have arranged a Coffee Evening on Wednesday 28th March. This will run from 4.00 pm until 5.30 pm and will hopefully enable parents and carers who work to attend.

We also held a Science Workshop for parents and carers on Thursday after school. This was to talk to about the topics that are covered in science and show how the pupils can access the curriculum online. These workshops were introduced following suggestions at Coffee Morning.

This week saw the first of our 'Headteacher's Drop-in' sessions. The afternoon was fully booked and it was so nice to meet parents and carers to talk about a wide variety of subjects. I plan to do another session next term so look out for further information after Easter.

We celebrated International Women's Day this week and held our first Right's Respecting School steering group led by Mr Tyrell.

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

Enjoy the newsletter

Yours sincerely

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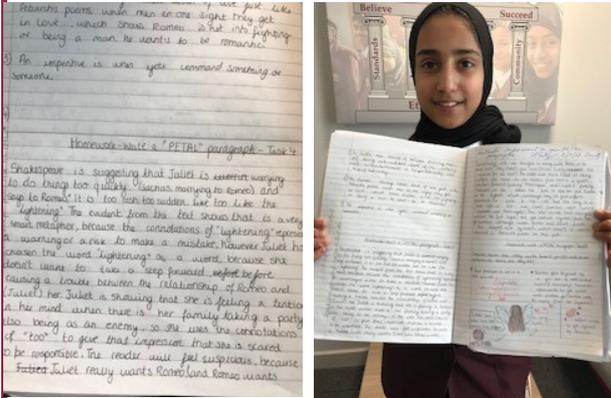
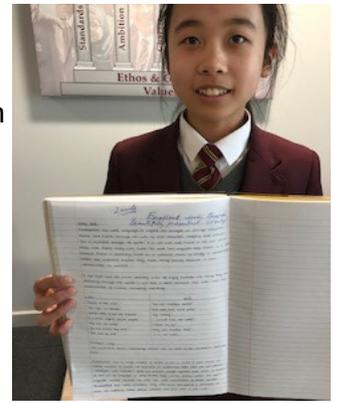
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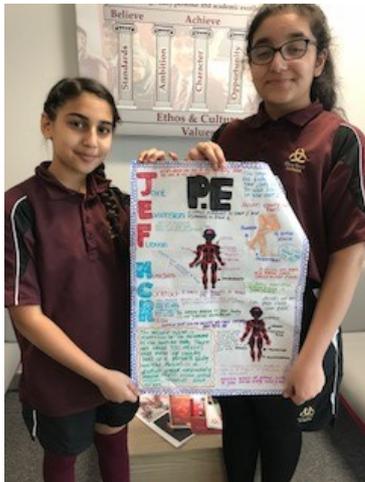
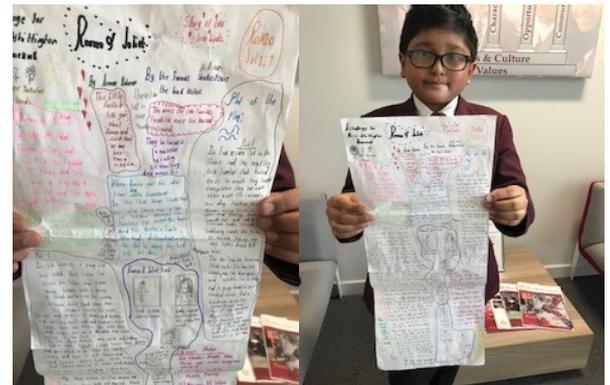
Headteacher Commendation

Amanda Yr7 produced an exceptional quality PETAL paragraph in Miss Ellis' English lesson.



Inmal in Yr7 shows real improvement in her PETAL paragraph in English!

Arman's amazing summary of Romeo and Juliet!

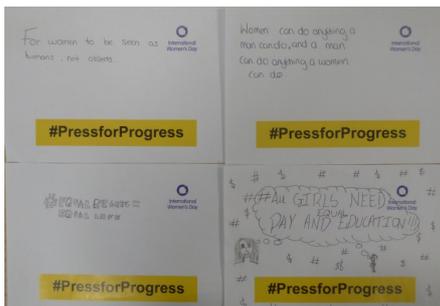


Ifra and Isha Yr7 teamed up to make a PE revision homework poster. Brilliant!

Nevras, Muhammad and Nhocshan or their wonderful display on 'The Black Death' in Mrs Rehman's humanities lesson.



Theme of the Week



International Women's Day is celebrated every 8th March to recognise female achievements as well as encourage gender equality. In assembly we learnt about how women don't have equal pay for equal work and that our government only has 22% of women in it! Pupils were asked to make their own hashtags to support International Women's Day's theme for this year: #pressforprogress in form time. Some of our hashtags will be displayed next week.

Year 7 News

We are into the second week of a very short term and it still continues to be busy. Hopefully, we have seen off the worst of 'The Beast from the East' and I look forward to warmer days and longer nights. A reminder that **Thursday 15th March is Year 7 Parents Evening**. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

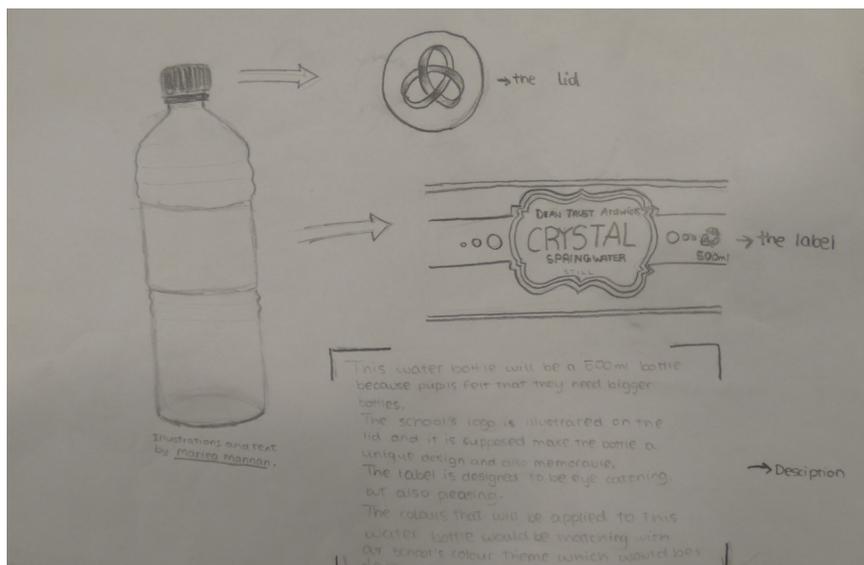
The standard of uniform and attendance of Year 7 still continues to be excellent. Thank you for supporting the school with this.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Year 8 News

This week Year 8s have been celebrating International Womens Day during their assembly and form period. Really in-depth discussions have been had in form time on how our young people could #press for progress, the theme for this year. Also the Year 8s have been taking part in the design competition for the DTA water bottle. The example here is from Mariea from Rylands form. Watch this space to find out the winner.



Year 9 News

Year 9 pupils represented the school in an International Women's Week 2018 event at the Auto Trader offices on Wednesday 7th March. The event provided pupils with the opportunity to experience the workplace and to interact with staff in a professional working atmosphere. Schools across Manchester took part and heard from guest speakers from the world of music, technology, politics and law sharing their experiences of obstacles they've faced, and passed on advice on how to overcome these.

Pupils also had the opportunity to contribute to team tasks and engaging activities focused around positive body image, personal branding, obstacles, goals, and how they can #press for progress (the theme for International Women's Day this year.) Overall the trip was a great success.



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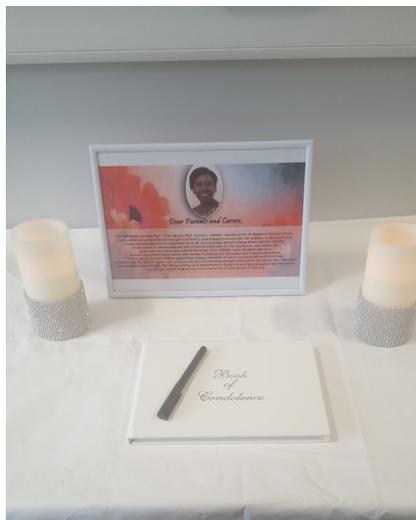
Mrs Bond has been delighted to see so many people around school reading their free World Book Day books. Copies of 'Gangsta Rap' by Benjamin Zephaniah and 'I Have No Secrets' by Penny Joelson were given to all Year 7s: when you have finished your book, why not swap with a friend? If you did not get a book on World Book Day, Mrs Bond has some book tokens left so if you come to the Library she will let you have one and you can take it to the shops and exchange it for a book.

There are also lots of new fiction books in the Library this week including Neil Gaiman, Jo Nesbo and Cathy Cassidy.



Ms Herbert

On Friday, Mrs Qasim and former Medlock pupils held a remembrance assembly for Ms Herbert, the Headteacher of Medlock Primary School. Special memories and kind words were shared by pupils along with Ms Brown, a teacher from Medlock. It was lovely to hear all of the memories and clear to see Ms Herbert was a wonderful headteacher who will be dearly missed. There is also a Book of Remembrance held in the school for pupils and staff to write down their memories and messages.



Mental Health Champion School

Dean Trust Ardwick is striving to become a Mental Health Champion school. Over the next half term key members of staff are completing workshops aimed at developing the mental health support for staff and pupils. Once created, the strategy will also involve pupils with developing a support programme. DTA has been selected to work with schools across Manchester to promote this important issue in school and at home.

Humanities

This term, Year 8s have been learning about consent as part of the IMatter programme. In PSHE, pupils have been practising ways of showing consent and showing when consent is not being given. They have done this through drama activities where they learnt about respecting everyone's personal space and then through a piece of work called 'Consent Traffic Lights'. Here is pupils from 8DB1 showing their understanding of what consent looks and sounds like. If parents and carers would like more information about the content of the IMatter programme, please contact Miss Bostock through the school telephone number.



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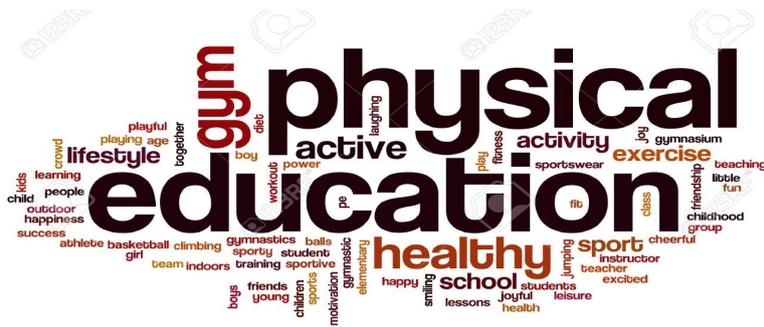
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Physical Education

Pupils are making fantastic progress with their new activities and interesting discussions around our challenging questions. Pupils are enhancing their literacy skills by embedding these skills through the inclusion of *literacy for life* strategies in lessons. This week Year 7 pupils have sat their PE theoretical test paper. Year 8 and 9 have their test this upcoming week, therefore we encourage all pupils to revise using the revision material we have provided and the resources that are on Moodle. Good luck to the girls Year 8 Netball team that are playing a number of local schools in the knockout cup this week.



MFL

This week, Year 7 had their end of term tests. The MFL tests have consisted of two translation tasks: English to Spanish and Spanish to English. Next week, Year 8 and 9 have their tests so make sure you revise by using your Knowledge Organisers, Vocabulary Booklets and Memrise!



Another great website to help with revision is “Linguascope” Make sure you get a Linguascope Pass from your teachers and come to “Linguascope Club” on Tuesday lunchtimes.

Two Manchester University pupils returned on Wednesday this week in order to deliver another taster session in German to some of our Year 8s. These taster classes will be over 4 weeks and pupils will learn how to introduce themselves, count to 12 and they will learn about German culture. This week they learnt all about typical German food and clothing.

Finally, this week’s Stars of the Week are:

Year 7: Amanda He for top score on Memrise

Year 8: Muhammad Ahmed for top score on Memrise

Year 9: Alicia Boss for great participation in class



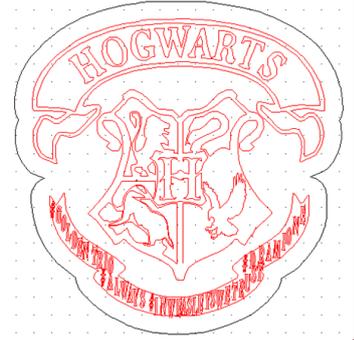
Technology

Design and Technology

Year 7 have uploaded their fabulous designs ready to be sent to the laser cutter!! This week is assessment week and we have been focusing on how to answer our long answer questions using point, evidence and explain.

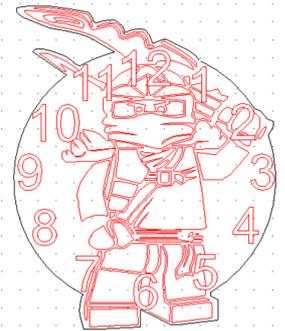
Year 9 have been continuing putting together our PCB components using our perfected soldering techniques.

With assessment week starting next week we have been focusing on recalling knowledge from Year 7 and 8 as well as brushing up on our more recent learning.



Food and Nutrition

This week in food and nutrition the Year 7s have been completing their assessments with their modified cheese swirls. This year we have added some really exciting adaptations including the use of herbs and tomato puree right through to chocolate spread with sprinkles! Delicious! In Year 8 this week we have been revising hard in light of the upcoming exams next week. We have been making our dough ready for practical assessments on our pizza and we have been choosing from a variety of exciting toppings including sweetcorn, olives, peppers and herbs. In Year 9 we have also been preparing for our practical assessment where we will be making sweet and savoury pretzels. We have been experimented with different shapes and designs for our pretzels using playdough to practice with.

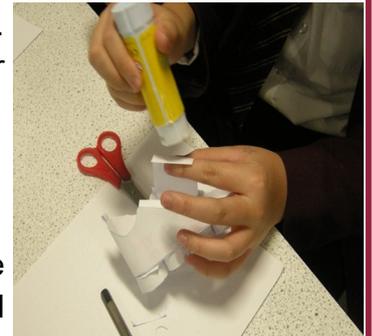


Art and Design

This week in art Year 7 have been creating exciting entrapments which include our recycled resources, some of us have explored using crisp packets and multi-coloured plastics whilst others raided the fabric scraps to start to create some really original outcomes. In Year 8 we have been continuing experimenting with our nets. This week we have really focused on how we can manipulate and change them to suit our designs. We have been bringing in ideas from our cardboard experiments and our design work to add to them.

In Year 9 we have focused on finishing off our stunning paintings using acrylic paints, really looking at blending and mark making with different types of brushes. We looked at how we can mix colours that link to our work starting off with just the primary colours with black and white.

Art Club- In art club we have been looking at focus of anti-bullying, creating a large scale poster for our Anti-bullying Ambassador's.



Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Palace-100 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Gaskell & Palace 100%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Shakeel Kalam	7D Deansgate	13
Kent Cai	7D Lowry	11
Amanda He	7D Palace	11
Amrita Varshini Kumbbla	7D Deansgate	11
Jerone Simon	7D Palace	11

Stars of the Week

English	Nuur Buule
Maths	Inmal Ishtiaq
Science	Zarah Fletcher
Humanities	Aisha Aslam
Technology	Amber Javaed
PE	Ifra Mir
RE	Elongliken Odey
Art	Dalya Mohammed
MFL	Amanda He
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	Wahaj Al-Muliya
Passport to Excellence	Ayah Saleh

Year 8 Awards

Form of the Week Attendance

Deansgate-135 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Bridgewater 100%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Fatima Mahboob	8D Deansgate	15
Fatiha Hossain	8D MOSI	13
Mahir Ali Khan	8D MOSI	12
Ajia Raees	8T Turing	12
Cristina Rosta	8T Gaskell	12

Stars of the Week

English	Yi Yu
Maths	Ahmet Can
Science	Fatiha Hussein
Humanities	Samira Mohamud
Technology	Jazmine Reed
PE	Mohammed Hossian
RE	Siobhan Heaney
Art	Omaima Khalid
MFL	Muhammed Ahmed
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	Aryan Salamzada
Passport to Excellence	

Year 9 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Lowry-48 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Rylands 99%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Zahra Batool	9D Whitworth	10
Richard Hughes	9T Victoria	10
Sulaiman Ashiq	9T Bridgewater	9
Arooj Zulfiqar	9D Rylands	9
Aisha Noor Sabir	9D Lowry	8

Stars of the Week

English	Kelis McLaughlin
Maths	Malikah Shahbaz
Science	Alyza Shakoor
Humanities	Halima Al-Heybe
Technology	Zehrab Taskeen
PE	Ricardo Edwards
RE	Quincey Hughes
Art	Simon Pramod
MFL	Alicia Boss
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	Rafee Ahmad
Passport to Excellence	

Whole School Attendance

96.9%