

WSLETTER

Safeguarding Tip: It's never too late to strive for excellence, both personally and academically.

12th October 2018

Coffee 19th October 2018 Morning 9.00am - 10.00am



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots of exciting news for you to read about this week. What excites me about our school is that there is something exciting happening every single week. Insightful assemblies were led by pupils from the Rights Respecting Schools Committee in which they shared how this initiative has personally impacted on their lives, whilst other pupils were involved in a dance workshop, a library visit, and some of the school Rugby Team went to Doncaster to design a rugby kit for us.



Ms. S Finlay Headteacher

That's just the pupils! Thank you to all those Year 7 parents who came along to the Year 7 Parents' Welcome Evening on Thursday to learn how you can support your child at home. I am sure you found it useful. I hope I see you at our first Coffee Morning of the year on Friday!

Year 10 are undertaking their first assessments next week, so good luck to them!

Enjoy this week's newsletter.

With best wishes,

Ms . S Finlay

Dates for your Diary

18th October

Year 10 Assessments

19th October

9.00 - 10.00am

Coffee Morning

22nd - 26th October Half Term

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Year 7 News

It has been a fantastic week for the Year 7 DTA Football team against Loreto High School on Tuesday 9th Oct, winning 5-3. Join us in congratulating the following players, Zakariyya Al Rahman, Muzamil Khan, Amin El Hag, Sean Bandele, Abdullah Al-Jadidy, T'Jaunae Smith, Anas Deramchi, Mizanar Rahman, Aryaan Khan, Harvey Mbongo, Kellen Mongeme, Kyle Baker and Daniel Chrowodza. Well done everyone! I am delighted to share how impeccably presented our pupils are and how well equipped they are. I thank you for your support in keeping up high standards.

Year 8 News

Our Year 8 form representatives met recently to discuss their views on improving the school. Their issues were shared with the School Council. The Year 8 attendance continues to be outstanding and above the national average.



Year 9 News

It has been another busy week in the life of Year 9 pupils. Highlights include the Year 9 girls participating in their first football tournament at Whalley Range and the excellent speeches in the 'Rights Respecting Schools' assembly by Kian Duffy and Jazmine Reed.

Year 10 News

Some of the Year 10s attended an Army Residential course last week run by Manchester Utd Foundation. A special mention to Alexis Bedneau and Gracie Henry who led the way in all activities by stepping up and supporting their peers. This week, myself and Mr Tyrell are taking some Year 10s to Oxford University. These are just two of the fantastic opportunities we offer here at DTA.







Theme of the Week

'Rights Respecting Schools Award: How will we achieve our silver award?'

Last year, we achieved the Bronze Award in this fantastic, long-term project to put children's rights and children's voices at the heart of everything that we do. This year, we are aiming for the Silver Award! In the spirit of the project, Mr. Tyrrell used his assemblies this week to give three brave pupils the opportunity to speak about their personal challenges and triumphs at DTA. Their stories showed the rest of the school how much of a difference it can make if we truly respect one another's rights.

Well done to these inspirational pupils!

Rights Respecting School Award 'What part do we all play in making this a rights

respecting school?'

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Faculty Updates

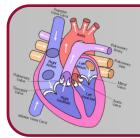


English

Pupils from Years 7 and 8 celebrated National Libraries Week with a special piece of Gig Theatre at Longsight Library. They enjoyed a performance of a new show titled 'Common-Lore', inspired by Angela Carter's Fairy Tales, where traditional folk tales from all over the world collided with the modern world.

Librarians from the public Library commented on how our pupils conducted themselves impeccably and were a credit to the school.





Science

The Year 7s have been busy learning about the human body. In particular, pupils have been learning all about organs and their functions. This week pupils have observed a dissection of the heart!



Physical Education

Year 8 girls football have been standout performers this week winning 5 of their 6 games and drawing the other. Also, eight Year 9 pupils held the Champions League flags at Old Trafford with Manchester United vs. Valencia! Well done to all the pupils involved in extra-curricular this week.









Humanities

Mr Carey has continued to run his Black History Month Film Club, with the most recent film, 'Hidden Figures', receiving 5 star reviews from pupils. Year 7 have found out who won the Battle of Hastings, whilst Year 8 have been learning all about the Amazon Rainforest in Geography! Year 9 have been studying how the world changed so much in the 20th century and Year 10 are making great progress



Performing Arts

On Wednesday 10th October, over 30 pupils took part in a fantastic dance masterclass, taught by a professional dancer from Company Chameleon. All the pupils involved showed great enthusiasm determination and creativity as they learned dance material taken from the company's latest performance.







Food and Hospitality

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering have had their first practical assessment, pupils have modified recipes to create exceptional cake based products. The aroma from room 144 was amazing!







Design and Technology

Cutting, shaping, refining and using the laser cutter has been the focus in Year 10 Design and Technology. Pupils have continued to make their table tennis bat handles ahead of the final prototype.



Art and Design

This week KS3 pupils have continued to focus on observational drawings. The standard of work produced has been excellent, to the right is an example of an architectural drawing by a Year 8 pupil!



PSHE

In PSHE this half term, Year 10 have been exploring mental health. On Wednesday we recognised World Mental Health Day and performed a script the pupils had been working on. Hopefully, our pupils are now more confident talking about mental health and are equipped with the knowledge and vocabulary to do so effectively.



Year 8 Stars of the Week

Subject	Full Name
English	Jureyah Rahman
Maths	Kiera McKew
Science	Jennifer Atika
Humanities	Lisandra Bondereva
Design & Technology	Mohammed Aziz
Art	Adiah Campbell
Food and Nutrition	Adam Njikam Mfelam
PE	Ebrima Manneh
Languages	Ayah Saleh
Computer Science	Alana Flowers
Performing Arts	Keira McKew
PSHE	Ezra Owusu Gyamf

Form Awards

Whole School Attendance 97.23%

Year 7 BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Lowry 82

Year 8 BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Piccadilly 104

Year 9 BfL Grade 1
Form of the Week

Gaskell & Pankhurst 87

Year 10 BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Piccadilly

71

Year 7 Form of the Week
Attendance

Bridgewater, Gaskell & Victoria 100%

Year 8 Form of the Week
Attendance

Piccadilly & Palace 100%

Year 9 Form of the Week
Attendance

Lowry 99.2%

Year 10 Form of the Week
Attendance

Piccadilly 99.5%