



# NEWSLETTER

**Safeguarding Tip:** Fundraising week has been launched to pupils. Encourage your child to help and support somebody less fortunate than themselves.

18<sup>th</sup> January 2019



THE THEME WILL BE

## OUR COMMUNITY

with special guests from our local council

### Headteacher's Message

It was an exciting occasion for Year 10 this week as they collected their GCSE Mock examination results in the hall. We had some impressive results and specific actions will now follow to ensure all students can meet their target grades. With great teaching, their hard work and your support I am certain this can happen!

Read on to find out about our Debate Club experience as they joined grammar schools in the Oxford School Debate competition this week; I am proud of the confidence of our pupils facing sixth form students in challenging debates.

This term's fundraising charity is the Penny Appeal and we look forward to seeing all pupils give willingly to this cause. Please find out more information below.

As you may well know, parking outside school is a big challenge when parents and carers drop off or collect their children from either St Luke's or Dean Trust Ardwick. Please do park responsibly following the restrictions that are in place, and give consideration to other drivers and all the children that are passing by at the time.

Thank you for ensuring your child arrives to school promptly, that is, not later than 8.35am. It is essential for a successful start to the school day.

I look forward to seeing you at Coffee Morning next week, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9:00-10:00am, we have invited our local councillors along to join us in a discussion about our school's part in the local community.



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay

### Dates for your Diary

25th January	Coffee Morning
4th February	Shakespeare Rehearsal
5th February	Shakespeare Play
7th February	Year 9 Parents Evening

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# Head of Year Updates

## Year 7 News

It has been a positive week for Year 7 Netball Team winning their first game against Manchester Health Academy, please join us in congratulating the team! We are also making preparations for the upcoming Outward Bound Trip in April to Ullswater. It's an exciting trip and pupils selected to attend will join an array of activities. If your child has been selected for this trip you will have received a letter with further information and payment method via Parent Pay, I look forward to seeing your child join us!

## Year 8 News

Welcome back to the Spring term You will have received your child's assessment data for last term. If you have any issues or concerns with your child's progress please do get in touch to make an appointment to discuss. This week we see the launch of the Penny Appeal fundraising. Donations will help provide poverty relief across Asia, the Middle East and Africa. I know Year 8 are keen to be involved to support this charity.

## Year 9 News

The Year 9 pupils are looking forward to the competition of trying to raise as much money as possible in charity week as Miss Bostock has made it a competition!! They particularly like the idea of being able to scupper other forms chances by putting silver coins in their collection box... Let the battle commence!

## Theme of the Week

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WEEK

Week Commencing  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2019



## Fundraising

What is my motivation  
to help others?

penny  
appeal

small change  
big difference



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# Faculty Updates

## Science

In stem club this week pupils were given the task to make model bridges using only spaghetti and blue tac. One group of pupils were able to make a bridge that held a mass of 2 kilos/20N of weight! Well done to all involved in extra science enrichment.



## Physical Education

The Year 7 Girls Netball team beat Manchester Health Academy 4-1 with Bushra winning player of the match. The Year 9 Football team lost two difficult fixtures this week, narrowly losing to St. Matthews RC High School 3-2. Well done to all the players involved for both teams. We continue to encourage all pupils to attend at least one extra-curricular club a week to continue their development.

## Humanities

With all the trials and tribulations in parliament at the moment, it has been fitting that Year 7 have been analysing the beginnings of modern day government as we know it today. Building on their knowledge of source work, they have been discussing the creation of the Magna Carta and its lasting influence. There has been some great discussions and there definitely is a few politicians amongst our ranks.



## Hospitality and Catering

This half terms focus is pastry, Year 10 Hospitality and Catering pupils have been learning how to make choux pastry. Pupil's profiteroles looked brilliant!

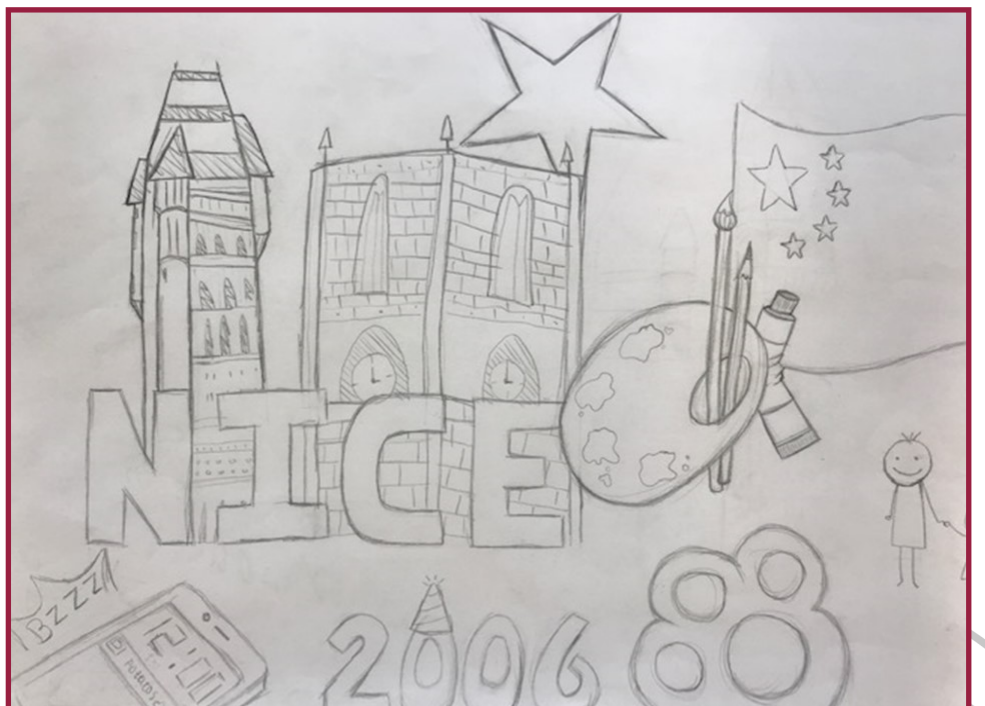
## Design and Technology

Focusing on quality control has been a focus for Year 8 pupils, their Best of British cushions are looking outstanding. Pupil's personalities and creativity have started to come to light on their cotton designs.



## Art and Design

Year 8 have produced some stunning designs for their project, exploring aspects of identity. Pupils have been looking at Manchester's architecture and combining it with their own typographical designs!



## Dean Trust Ardwick Running Club

DTA Running club continues to go from strength to strength. In the early morning drizzle on Wednesday morning, there were standout performances from Adam Mfelam, Billie Gooch and Rayan Elmansouri. It was also great to see newcomers Malikia Said, Dan Lawrence and Kade Murray making such a positive impression.

## Join DTA Running Club

Meet at 7.45am on Wednesday, in the Dining Hall, in your PE kit.

Get fit, have fun and make new friends!  
Challenge yourself to do something different this week,  
and be the best that you can be.



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### Who will win the Fundraising Champions Trophy this term?

Collect points for your form by putting 1p and 2p coins in your collection box.

Take points away from other forms by putting 5p, 10p, 20p or 50p coins in their collection box.

All money raised will go to the Winter Appeal, helping refugees and orphans in Syria survive the freezing conditions.

You have until the end of this half term.

## Penny Appeal

This weeks theme has been fundraising. The charity we are raising for is the Penny Appeal and money will go to refugee camps in Syria, Lebanon and Afghanistan and provide food, shelter and heating to ensure the poorest of people survive the freezing winter weather. Pupils have been asked to bring in any spare change such as 1ps and 2ps to put in their forms collection box. Each penny grants their form a point. However, pupils can put silver coins in other forms collection boxes which will take points away from that forms total! The form will the most points will win this terms Fundraising Champions Trophy!

## Year 10 Mock Exam Results

Year 10 students received their mock exam results on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. We hope that the practice has given them and you and experience which will help prepare you for official examinations. Subject teachers, form tutors and all staff are available should your child need additional guidance regarding subject content, or advice concerning the pressures of examinations. Please reiterate that this support is readily available as required.

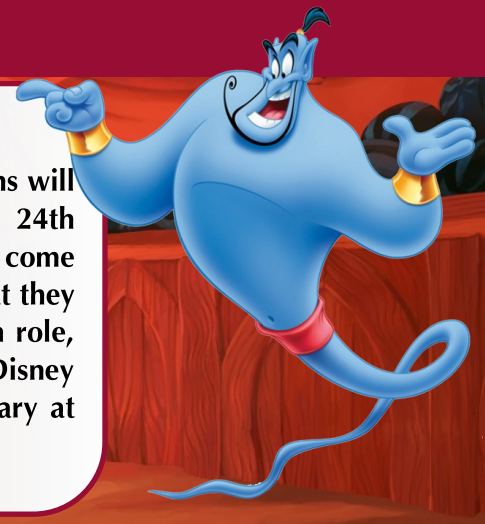


# Whole School News



## Aladdin Show 2019

Auditions for our Aladdin show have now opened! Auditions will take place on Wednesday 23rd January and Thursday 24th January. Pupils and students wanting to apply need only to come on one of the days. They should prepare the monologue that they have been working on in class. If they wish to play a main role, they should also prepare a small section of a song from a Disney film. There will be an extra audition on Friday 25th January at lunchtime for those involved in Much Ado About Nothing.



## Online Safety

Following the Christmas holidays, your child may have received new technology, including phones. I would like you to remind your child of the need to keep themselves safe when using social media:

- Use the privacy settings on the phone to limit who reads their feed
- Keep location settings off when on social media
- Do not share personal information or images/video with anyone online
- Do not accept a friend request from someone you do not know in real life
- Know how to block or report anything concerning on sites and apps they use. Use Net Aware to find out how.
- Look out for the CEOP icon to report any suspicious or concerning areas on apps/sites
- Check out the NSPCC tools, including being Share Aware.
- Remember that online behaviour – including sharing personal information – should mirror behaviour in person
- Perhaps download the Ziplt App to help you to deal with requests for inappropriate photos.

If your child has have received or sent any information, images or video to someone whom they do not know, they may want to talk about this with someone. Your child can share a concern with staff at school. The named staff for safeguarding in our school is Mr Platt.

## Dean Trust Ardwick Debate Club

On Monday, the Dean Trust Ardwick Debate Club took part in the regional round of the Oxford Schools' Debate Competition, a highly prestigious national debating competition, which took place at Manchester Grammar School. We entered 4 teams into the competition, who debated against teams from a selection of top selective and Grammar schools in the North West, including Manchester Grammar School, Urmston Grammar, Bury Grammar School and Bolton School for Boys. Our teams, made up of 8 pupils from Years 7-9, did fabulously well, despite being up against some much older pupils (some of whom were in Years 12 and 13), and were a real credit to themselves and to our school. Unfortunately, none of our teams made it through to the national finals, but it was a fantastic experience, and the Debate Club is already looking forward to its next challenge.

## Form Awards

### Whole School Attendance

97.01%

Year 7 BfL Grade 1

Form of the Week

Lowry

195 Grade 1s

Year 7 Form of the Week

Attendance

Whitworth

99.3%



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