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## OPEN MORNING



Come and join us on  
**Saturday 30th September**  
**9am-12pm**  
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## DTA Newsletter

*Theme of the Week:*  
*Ladder to Excellence*

Friday 22nd  
September

Dear Parents and Carers

The school is buzzing this week with news about all our leadership opportunities open to pupils in each year group, giving chance for them to contribute to the continuous improvement of the school. We have a challenging process of application and job descriptions for each role, and we can't wait to see who has put themselves forward for the various responsibilities we have on offer.

We are busy preparing for Open Morning next Saturday and we do hope you are able to encourage parents and carers of Year 6 children to come along.

I would like to draw your attention to our **first ever Coffee Morning on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9am**. We shall hold one every month with the aim to giving you the chance to meet staff, meet other parents, share view and ideas, and hopefully get involved in school life. It will be fantastic to see you there!

Enjoy a good read.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher



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### Theme of the Week

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## Theme of the Week

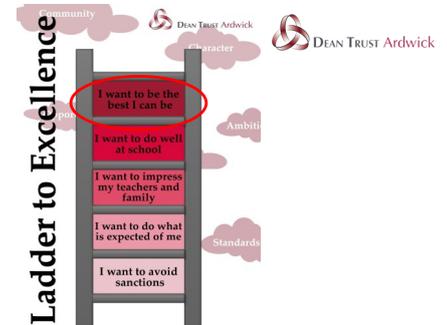
The pupil leadership programme has been launched this week and pupils now have until Monday 2nd October to complete their applications. There are many opportunities for leadership this year including school council, year council, transition leaders, anti-bullying ambassadors and buddies, sports leaders and an environment team. Pupils must prepare an application by answering 3 questions:

Why do you want to be a leader?

What vision do you have for the role?

What skills and qualities do you have?

The application must be handed to the correct member of staff however pupils who wish to join the year council as a form rep must present their application to the class. A democratic system of voting will then be used to decide upon the representatives for the form.



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## Year 7 News

What a fantastic week it has been Year 7, with lots of pupils being recognised for their efforts around school this week. Well done to Zanya Saleh and Ivan Soma, who were both rewarded with tickets to the Manchester United game on Wednesday as recognition of their superb start to year seven. It has been great to see so many of you coming to the library this week during lunch time to work on your homework. If you have not popped into the library yet, we are located across from student services, come in and enjoy the quiet learning environment. Speaking of libraries, we are planning on holding a Year 7 **'book swap shop'** within the next few weeks, so if you have finished with your reading book and would like to pass it on and exchange it for another book, then watch this space. If you are interested in helping me run this activity then please come and make your interests known. Well done for another fantastic week, let's see if we can make next week even better!



# Year 8 News

This week Year 8 have been focusing on the various leadership opportunities that are available in school. Pupils have started to write their letters of application for these roles. We have a high interest in Year 8 pupils wishing to become transition mentors and work with our local primary school children, as well as a lot of interest surrounding the role of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Form Captains and Year 8 council representative applicants will be delivering their speeches in form time this week: we wish all the candidates good luck with their applications. The selected pupils will be announced in due course.



# Year 9 News

This week has been exciting as it marks the official launch of pupil leadership! Year 9 will have many opportunities to lead across the school, however, a key role is school council representative. Y9 pupils are encouraged to become form representative and have been given three simple questions to answer. The school council will be chosen from the subsequent year representative. In addition to the school council, Year 9 will also make up the subject ambassador team, working with Heads of Faculty, to develop the subjects across the school.

Deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017



**Form Rep and Year Council (All year- application to your form tutor)**

To represent the form group at the year council meetings.  
To support the form tutor and HoY with the daily organisation of the form/year group.

**School Council (to be appointed from the year councils- DO NOT APPLY)**

To represent the year group at the school council meetings.  
To work as a team to help shape the future direction of DTA.

**Subject Ambassadors (Y9- Application to the Head of Faculty)**

To support the Head of Faculty with important projects and events.  
To lead by example and act as a voice for the pupils within that subject area.

Deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017



**Anti-bullying ambassadors and buddies (Y8- Application to Miss McShane)**

To support pupils at DTA with issues related to bullying and inequality.  
To use mentoring to offer advice and guidance to victims and perpetrators.

**Transition Team (Y8- Application to Miss McShane)**

To work closely with partner primary schools to build confidence in future DTA pupils.  
To undertake a range of activities including sports leadership and reading mentoring.

**Environment Team (Y7- Application to Mrs Hardman)**

To create opportunities to improve the environmental footprint of DTA.  
To encourage all pupils at DTA to respect and care for their environment.

Deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017



**Sports Leaders (All years- Application to Mr Fuller)**

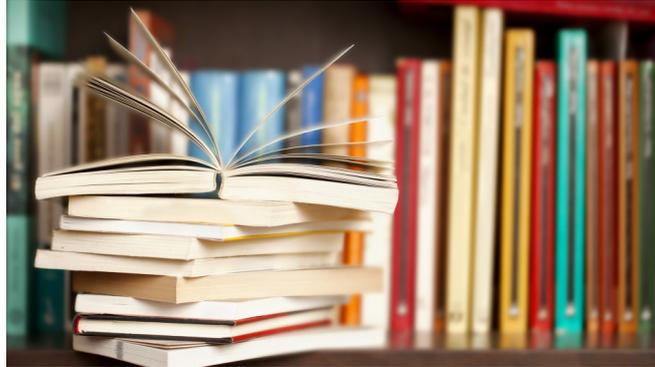
To work closely with the PE faculty to promote participation across DTA.  
To coordinate inter-form, primary and whole-school events.

- You will need to write a letter of application and hand it to the highlighted member of staff before Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.
- You need to include:
  - Why do you want to be a leader?
  - What vision do you have for the role?
  - What skills and qualities do you have?

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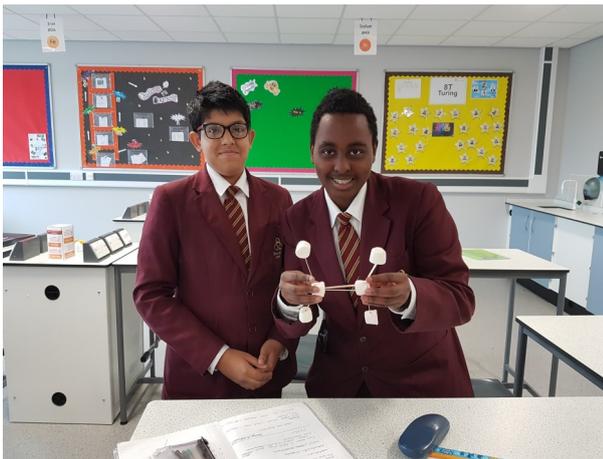
## Library News

It is hard to believe that it is only the end of the third week of term, everyone has settled in and most of our returning pupils have found their way to the library. All of our new Year 7s have had their library induction and have been encouraged to borrow a book: after a short time of looking nice and full, our shelves are well depleted. Fortunately, new books are arriving all the time. As of today we have 1773 books available to borrow and this will grow in coming weeks. There are still some outstanding books from last year so if you have one, please return it to Mrs Bond, no questions asked.



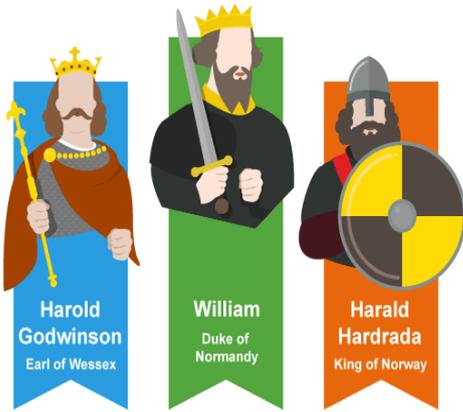
## Science

Extra-curricular clubs have started this week in Science. The STEM club learned about the combustion of methane and how this can be demonstrated in a fun and safe way. In lessons Year 9 have been learning and polymers and constructing edible versions using marshmallows. Year 7 have continued to be wowed with acids & alkalis and how neutralisation can be shown in a very colourful way.



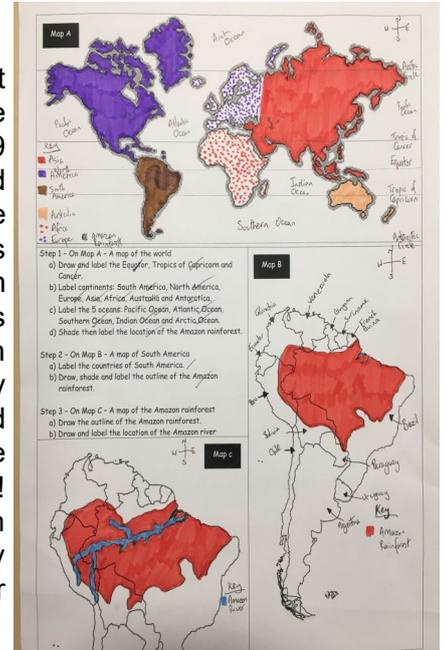


## Humanities



Year 7 are preparing to write their first historical essay, based around the contenders to the throne in 1066. Year 9 have begun to look at how Islam and Christianity have affected medicine. We have also been discussing old wives tales in medicine, such as rubbing a dock leaf on a nettle sting! The weather this week has been particularly helpful for year 8 with their studies of rainfall in the Amazon! They have been plotting data on graphs and using cross-curriculum numeracy skills. We

have seen some excellent work across all teaching groups, well done! Hopefully, the weather in Manchester will become tropical by next week when we start to look at plant adaptations! The whole faculty has been very busy planning for Black History Month with whole-school events planned for October!



## Technology

This week in Technology the Year 8s have been busy developing their knowledge of the Memphis design style. They have been using their Memphis moodboards to help them produce their own Memphis designs. The pupils have been learning how to use 2D design to draw and colour. Above you can see some fantastic examples of work by the pupils in Year 8!

## Food and Nutrition

This week in food & nutrition, year 8s have been learning about intensive farming and organic farming. We have had some great discussions in regards to livestock rearing. In year 9 we have learnt about different dietary needs, looking closely at how lifestyle, religion, health and personal choice can effect a person's diet. Next week we will begin our practical lessons (w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September) starting with bread dough for the year 8s and skewers for the year 9s.

## Art and Design

*Art Lessons:* This week in year 7 we have been continuing our work on mark making, and thinking about how we apply tone using our pencils and biro's. Year 8 have been challenging themselves through drawing from primary observation and year 9 have started looking at how to use viewfinders to select interesting images.

*Art Club:* With a record number of members in particular boys! We have completed our murals for our school; they show our school values and show an incredible amount of skill from our pupils in Year 8 and 9. This week Kaveiah from year 8 has been an absolute star, perfecting her painting skills and giving up her own time to attend every evening possible!

*Set Design:* Our first week back! We have started work on our set pieces with a stormy, rainy feel for our production of *Macbeth*.



# Physical Education

Extra-curricular has rocketed in the opening weeks with over 300 pupils attending sporting extra-curricular clubs last week. If your child has not yet attended an extra-curricular club then please encourage them to do so, it's a great way to develop social and technical skills. In lessons year 7 pupils are focusing on mastering certain skills and techniques to enhance their gameplay. Year 8 pupils are looking at their decision making skills and how they can impact game situations. Finally, year 9 pupils are focusing on how their knowledge of tactics can influence a game.



## Year 7 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Victoria—136 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth, Bridgewater, Piccadilly  
100%

### BfL Grade 1 stars of the Week

Noor Ullah 7T Bridge

Xanta Dunn 7T Bridge

Inmal Ishtiaq 7T Gask

Lukhvindar Kaur Pritam 7T Bridge

Rayany Mendes 7T Turing

### Stars of the of the Week

**PE**-Ramisa Alam

**Science**- Hassan Eljenaid

**MFL**- Rayany Mendes

**Maths**-Rafae Haider

**Humanities**- Shihab Hossain

**Technology**-Amber Javaed

**Art**- Ayah Saleh

**RE**- Shereese Weaver

**English**- Ifra Mir

**Computer Science**- Mia Pender

**PA**- Yasmeen Benkhaiti

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## Year 8 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Deansgate—145 Grade 1s

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Ansar, Hammad  
Mardenborough, Dannika  
Tait, Jay  
Cumberbatch, Renico  
Javed Un Nisa, Waleed

### Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth, Bridgewater, Victoria, Deansgate,  
Turing  
100%

### Stars of the of the Week

**English**-Ty-Rhys Smith  
**Maths**-Zain Nawaz  
**Science**-Malikia Said  
**Humanities**-Muskan Jan  
**Technology**-Jefferson Abreu  
**PE**- Kai Daley  
**RE**- Adarsh Radhesh  
**Art**- Eshan Ali  
**MFL**-Zain Al-Nousairy  
**Computer Science**-Amaadh Hussain  
**PA**- Kai Daley

## Year 9 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Whitworth—127 Grade 1s

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Faiq, San  
Hoque, Emran  
Mehmood, Kashif  
Batool, Zahra  
Ghafoor, Tallat

### Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth 100%

### Stars of the of the Week

**Performing Arts**- Zaynab Elbadri  
**Computer Science**- Fathia Yinusa  
**Maths**- Nathaniel Gunter  
**MFL**- Abdullahi Saney  
**Science**- Illes Bognar  
**Technology**- Suliman Ahmad  
**Art**- Aneesha Riley  
**English**- Fathia Yinusa  
**PE**- Ricardo Edwards  
**RE**- Aaliyah Cargill-Ward  
**Humanities**- Sapphire Quinn

### Whole School Attendance

This week's full school attendance is  
**97.7%**