



# NEWSLETTER

**Safeguarding Tip:** If you are worried or concerned about your child returning to school after half term please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Year immediately. **15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**



Year 10 Achievement Assembly - Well done!

## Headteacher's Message

This half term has flown by. We have packed a lot into a short space of time as all our newsletters testify. The culmination of the half term was marked in the usual way, when we gave the opportunity for selected pupils to present their work and achievements to teachers in our weekly Friday staff briefing. It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of a large group of staff and give a presentation, so well done to all those brave pupils. Do read on to find out more about this event. The end of the half term was also marked by our popular rewards shop where pupils can trade in their well-earned merits for prizes. Some pupils were awarded a golden ticket to watch a film this afternoon. Golden tickets were awarded to pupils based on behaviour and attendance.



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

Following Year 10 GCSE Mock examinations, Year 10 students will start the new half term with a 'Refocus Day' where we shall be focusing their minds on how to improve their work, and their preparation for exams.

Before your child returns to school please could you check that s/he has their planner, pencil case and full equipment with them. They are expected to come prepared to school.

In the meantime, I hope your child takes time to relax and returns to school on Monday 24th February refreshed and ready to learn.

With best wishes,  
Ms S. Finlay

## Dates for your Diary

16th February	Half Term Break
25th February	Year 10 Assessment
14th March	Year 8 Parents Evening
15th March	Coffee Morning - Careers

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# Head of Year Updates

## Year 7 News

It's achievement week and there are many awards up for grabs, from certificates and chocolates to shopping vouchers, including the famous Nandos' voucher! Please join me in congratulating our pupils for their ongoing hard work, resilience and excellence this half term. A special mention goes to Le'mari, with his outstanding performance in this year's Much Ado About Nothing Shakespeare Production, he stole the show with his dance moves and comedic character, well done!



Le'mari as Verges  
Much Ado About Nothing

## Year 8 News

Year 8 ReachOut girls visited Barclays Bank this week where learned about the finance industry. They took part in financial challenges to test their mathematics and strengthen their skills. We hope to develop some financial experts at Dean Trust Ardwick!

## Year 9 News

Last week saw the Year 9 boys competing in the MU Foundation Hub tournament at Whalley Range. After a number of competitive matches the boys got through to the final where they were narrowly beaten. A great effort from the boys who came away with a runners-up medal! Highlights of this half terms achievement assembly were Tania Aji with the most BFL grades this term, 9D Rylands having the best attendance and 9D Whitworth having the most BFL grades – well done everybody!

## Year 10 News

Last week Year 10 have been putting their leadership skills into practice by supporting at the recent school events: Much Ado About Nothing and Year 9 Parents Evening. They have been great ambassadors for the whole school community demonstrating their personal best and pride in the school.



THEME  
OF THE  
WEEK

Week Commencing  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2019



## Achievement Week

'What have you  
achieved this half  
term?'

## Theme of the Week

This week has been *Achievement Week*. Pupils across all years attended an achievement assembly where Heads of Year awarded certificates and prizes to pupils who achieved the highest BFL grades within their year group as well as pupils who were awarded Star of the Half Term within a subject area. If your child has been awarded a certificate, please join us in praising them for their hard work.



# Faculty Updates

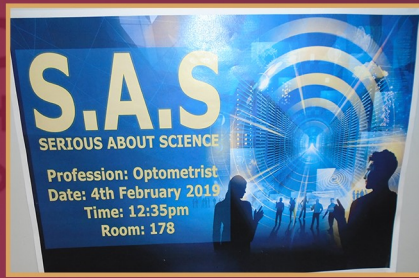
## Mathematics

Year 10 students have been sitting retests from their mock examinations. Following the mocks all pupils were given a green booklet, bespoke to each student, which had five individual topics per paper for students to improve on. This week the retests have shown that Year 10 have made great improvements! Well done!



## Science

Monday 4th February saw our first ever S.A.S (Serious About Science) meet and greet with an Optometrist who works for Specsavers. During the session, pupils were given an insight into the day to day life of an Optometrist who helped link key concepts from the KS4 curriculum to real life applications. Students were left excited and inspired to pursue a career in science. Watch this space for information on our next S.A.S session!



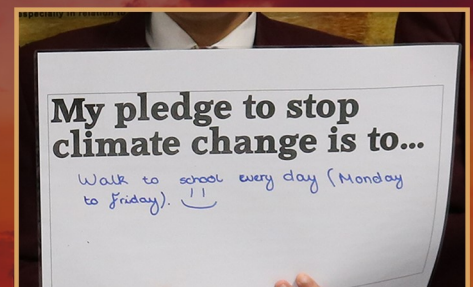
## English

On Tuesday, 20 Year 9 pupils received training from The Children's Literacy Charity to become "Reader Leaders", expert reading mentors who will be matched with Year 7 pupils to provide support and guidance to them so that they develop their reading skills. The training was detailed and extensive, and provided our mentors with a great deal of information about how to help people to read; the Year 9 pupils were fantastic, and extremely enthusiastic about their new responsibility. At the end of the day, the Year 7 pupils joined the group, and completed a trial reading session. We can't wait to see the outcome of this exciting new initiative.



## Humanities

As Year 8 come to the end of their Geography unit on Weather, they have not only begun to realise the impact that their daily life can have on the wider world, but how their everyday actions can actually effect their own future. This impact is climate change. Climate change is one of the great challenges facing the world, and it is something as a school, community and individuals that we can influence for the better. This has even led to a number of pupils putting their learning into action and making 'Climate Change Pledges'.





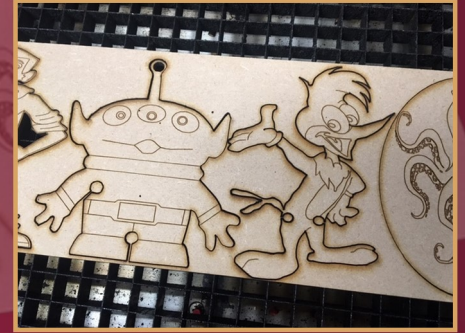
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## Physical Education

Congratulations to the Year 9 Netball Team for winning their league following a 24-8 victory against Chorlton High School. Well done to all the girls involved in the brilliant achievement. For pupils who love cricket, Cricket Club is a must! We have a professional coach who is dedicated to improving pupils cricket skills.

## Design & Technology

This week at CAD Club, pupils have been creating their own headphone wraps, further developing their design and making skills to generate a functional product.



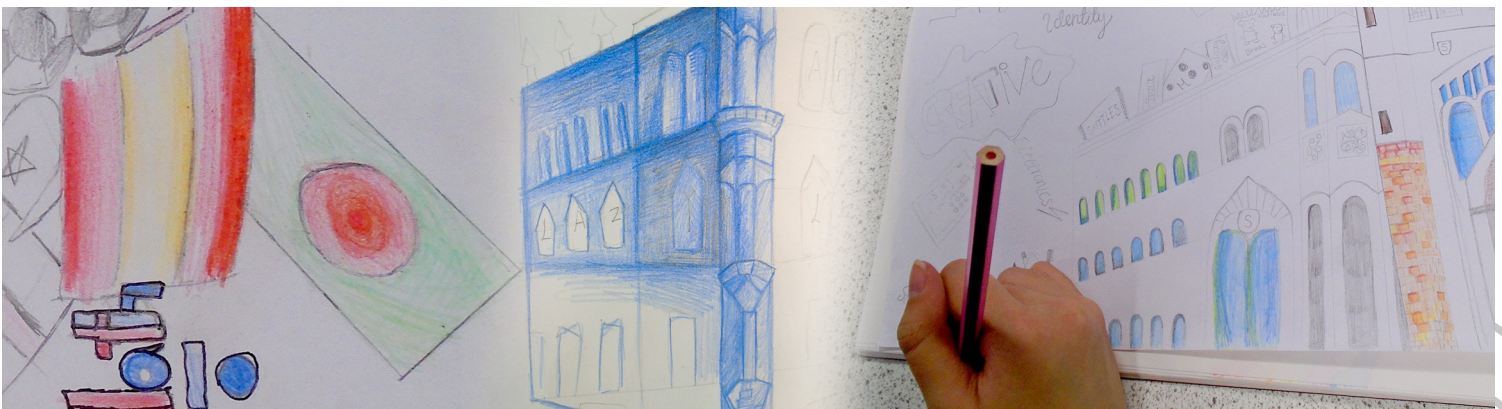
## Hospitality & Catering

It was pastry assessment week in Hospitality and Catering for the Year 10 students. Students planned and created a range of skilled savoury and sweet dishes all completed to a very high standard. All products presented looked, smelt and tasted amazing. Well done!



## Art & Design

Year 8 have been working on adding tone, mark making and splash of colour to their brilliant designs for their assessment this week. Although still a work in progress they look brilliant so far!





# Faculty Updates

## Modern Foreign Languages

We are looking forward to next half term when we will be beginning taster sessions of Russian for Year 7 and 8 pupils – please see Ms Sayeed for further details! Modern Foreign Languages film club will be running again after half term with Ms Connaughton on Tuesdays, 3.15-4.30pm.

## Performing Arts

The BTEC Performing Arts group took part in a practical workshop, where they had to explore the idea of taking on the movement traits of an animal to enhance their characters in a section of 'The Lion King'. All pupils worked with enthusiasm and confidence, producing fantastic end results.



## Business and Information Technology

Year 7 and 8 pupils have been completing their half termly assessments, reflecting on what they have learned throughout this term. This week has also seen the launch of the iDEA Duke of York award with many pupils joining the extra curricular activity and demonstrating the range of digital skills they boast!



## Inclusion

This week sees the start of our Peer Mentoring program. A carefully selected group of Year 7s have been paired with Year 10 students to help each other develop their reading skills. We hope to involve more pupils as the program grows and look forward to seeing friendships blossom.

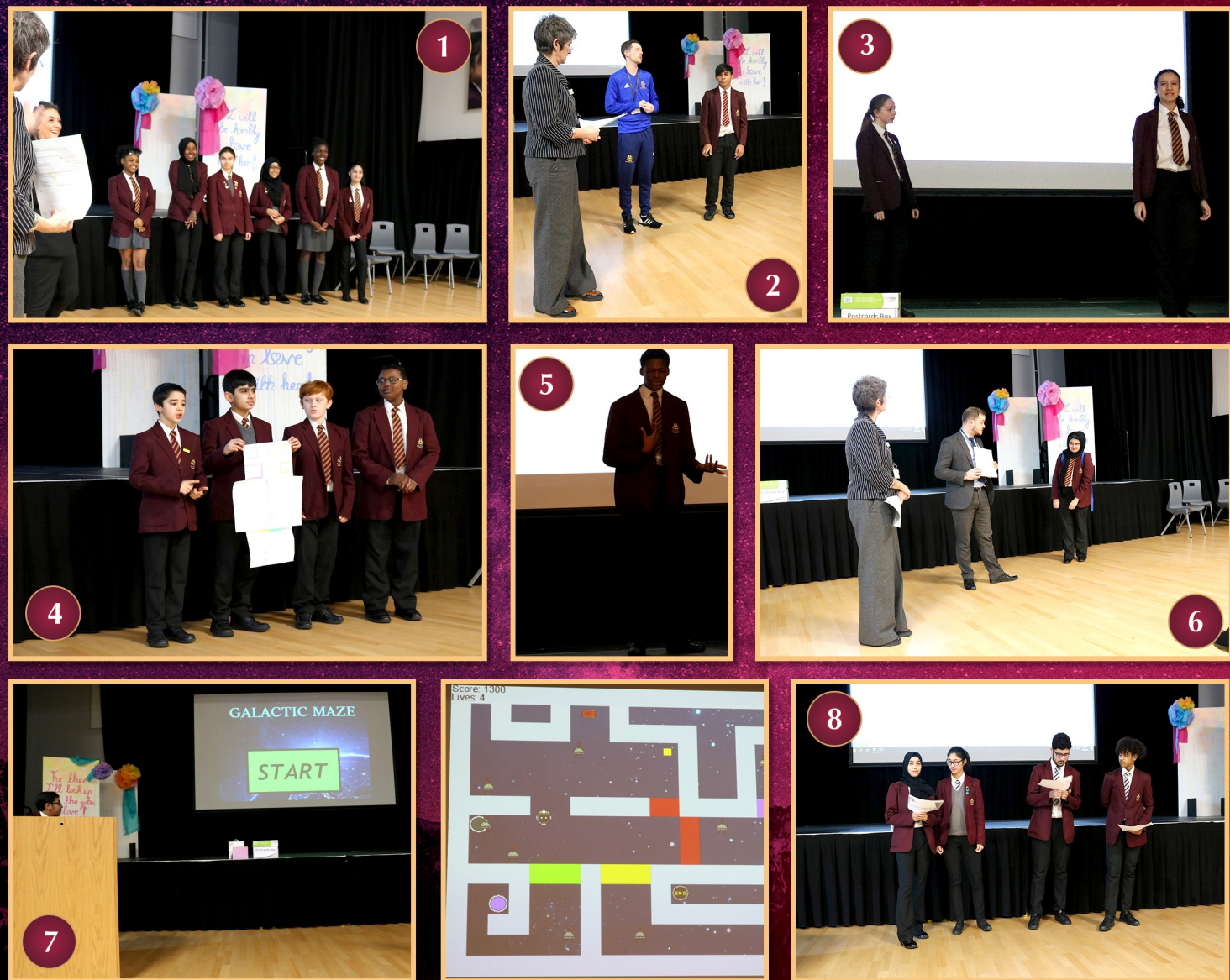




# Achievement Week

## Pupil Achievement Briefing

Each half term, Heads of Faculties are invited to nominate pupils from their subject area to present outstanding pieces of work in front of a hall full of Dean Trust Ardwick staff. This is a fantastic opportunity to reward pupils who demonstrate ambition through daily personal and academic excellence. The nominated pupils not only displayed courage, when presenting their work to a hall of staff and peers, but also pride in their work and themselves. Please join us in celebrating the pupils achievements and we ask you to encourage your child to aim to become the best that they can be.



- 1- Year 9 Girls Netball Team won all games this season finishing first in their league!
- 2- Georgi has been invited to join Sale Sharks player development programme. This is a trail in which Georgi could end up playing for Sale Sharks Junior team.
- 3- Billie and Alyamama perform a reading of *Hamlet* "to be or not to be". Billie and Alyamama were praised for their dedication to performing in school productions.
- 4- Joseph, Hannan, Zakkiriyya and Ahmed presented their political party based on democracy and a manifesto around immigration, youth crime and homelessness. They were voted the best political party by their peers.
- 5- David performed the monologue used in his *Aladdin* audition to secure the lead role. We look forward to his
- 6- Mr Stroud presented Aisha's outstanding work, an entire page wrote entirely in Spanish from memory.
- 7- Zain walked us through his very own game which he created in his last unit of work. It looks incredibly professional!
- 8- Tanya, Jun, Haseeb and Khalid presented their findings from a recent trip to The University of Manchester.