



# NEWSLETTER

**Safeguarding Tip:** If your child has any concerns which have arisen during the break please encourage them to speak to a member of staff, use the text service or use the safeguarding letterboxes.

1<sup>st</sup> April 2019



## HAPPY EASTER

### Headteacher's Message

As we draw the Spring term to a close, I would like us to reflect on all the wonderful things the school has accomplished this term. Our newsletters are crammed with exciting news every week, and as you will see from reading them, our pupils have a huge variety of experiences and opportunities at their fingertips.

We wish our Year 7 Outward Bound adventurers the best of luck as they begin their residential outdoor pursuits weekend in the Lake District, and we also congratulate our Year 10 students who are now embarking on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

I should like to thank all Year 7 and 8 parents and carers for their attendance at the very important Parents Evenings this term, and for those who attend Coffee Mornings. Year 10 students have impressed us this half term with their commitment to utilising the after school study base and booster sessions provided by teachers and it is pleasing to know that most students have accessed these facilities.

The Summer term will be very busy with our first GCSE examinations for some Year 10 students in languages and formal exams for the rest of the school. We also have our major annual events such as Sports Day, Awards Evening and end of year rewards trips to look forward to. We are planning for our next Year 7 cohort of pupils to start in September, which will then mean we have a full school from Years 7-11. Yippee!

Enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to seeing your child again on Tuesday 24th April. Thanks again for your support.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

5th April 2019	Easter Break
23rd April 2019	Return to School
10th May 2019	Coffee Morning

### Whole School Attendance

97%

Year 10 Best Form Attendance	Year 10 Best Form BFL Grade 1s
Victoria 99.2%	Lowry 74 BFL Grade 1s



## Head of Year Updates

### Year 7 News

We have come to yet another end of term and summer is fast approaching. Year 7 have had an excellent term full of academic achievements and extra-curricular successes! This week marks our first Outward Bound trip to Ullswater on Friday, please ensure, if your child is attending, that they arrive to school between 8.00-8.30am to depart on time. Have a restful Easter.

### Year 8 News

Well done to all Year 8 pupils who were rewarded during achievement assembly this week. A special congratulations to 8D Palace who are the Year 8 Fundraising Champions for last term and received a trophy for their efforts in raising money for charity. I hope you have a Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing Year 8 after the break, ready and prepared for the next half term!

### Year 9 News

It was great to see Year 9 pupils rewarded for their effort, behaviour and attendance during achievement assemblies this week. Highlights included 9D Rylands winning the attendance prize and 9T Pankhurst winning the prize for the most BFL1 grades. Michael Alberts won the Head of Year Award for having the best ATL grades on the spring report. Well done to all those who received an award!

### Year 10 News

It has been a fantastic half term for Year 10; they have embraced the extra support provided through attending after-school booster sessions and the study base. Make sure that you take some time over the Easter break to rest – but do remember that there are some exams for some subjects when you return from the holidays.



### Theme of the Week - Achievement Week

We end this term with our achievement week in which pupils are awarded for their achievements in subjects, behaviour and attendance. Each Year group attended an achievement assembly where prizes and certificates were rewarded with a special mention for Zakariyya, Angela, Michael and Shamico who received the Head of Year Award for outstanding commitment to their learning and demonstrating a drive to achieve personal and academic excellence.

A number of pupils from across the year groups were invited to this week's staff briefing to display their outstanding work in front of a hall packed with teachers. You can see their wonderful creations above!



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## Faculty Updates

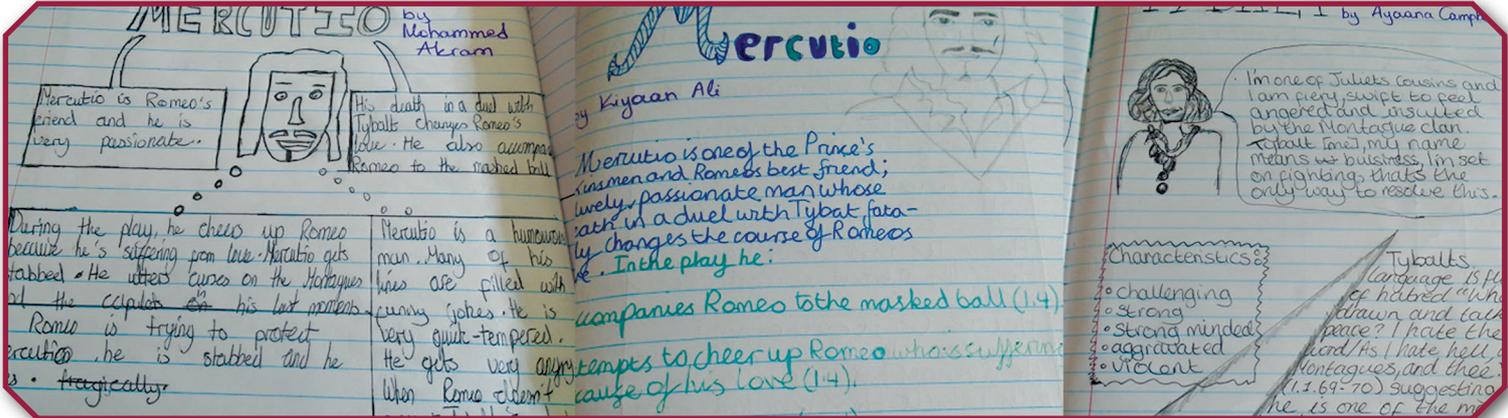
### Mathematics

Lego club is going from strength to strength! This week pupils Lokesh, Shihab, Abdulrehman, Shahriyar, Zaki, Mohammed, Mashu, Aaron, Kujaan, Aryaan, Abdullah, Daniel, Nadeem, Allah-Yar, Adnan, TJ and Abas, made models showing their favourite subjects. Can you tell which is which from Art, Science and Maths?



### English

This week in English, some Year 7 pupils have been focusing on the characters of Mercutio and Tybalt Romeo and Juliet. Here is some of the brilliant posters they have produced focusing on character exploration of them both. Well done!



### Science

Year 8 had a great time making this periodic table in science! We created it in celebration of 150 years since Dimitri Mendeleev first arranged the elements in this way. 2019 is the international year of the periodic table of chemical elements!



### Physical Education

During physical education lessons, pupils have been preparing for their practice expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The Duke of Edinburgh expedition will take determination and resilience so we hope that through additional training during lessons pupils will develop the mental strength needed to complete their award.



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### Modern Foreign Languages

Cities in Spain will be busily preparing for the upcoming Easter festivities, notably during “Semana Santa – Holy Week”. Parades will be held where people will carry statues of Jesus and Mary and take the time to remember Jesus’ death and resurrection.



### Humanities

This week has seen many pupils putting their knowledge to the test, and completing assessments in humanities. However, pupils found the time to continue to attend ‘Geography in the News’. This is a lunchtime club run by the Humanities department, where we look at how everyday news can be seen through a geography perspective. It has been particularly interesting this week, with pupils analysing the intricacies of Brexit using their Geography knowledge.



### Design and Technology

Pupils in Key Stage 3 classes have been busy designing ideas for their products ready for next half term, pupils have been very creative and have explored a range of themes.

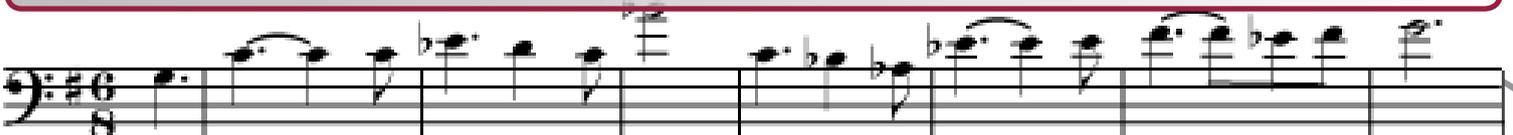
### Food and Hospitality

Year 10 pupils have been jointing a chicken and creating their own main course using the chicken breasts, the outcomes from the lesson were fantastic as pupils are starting to present their work as complete dishes.



### Performing Arts

Over the last half term, Year 7 pupils have made excellent progress in their music composition skills. They have used their knowledge of the elements of music to compose a motif for one of the characters from Harry Potter. We have heard some fantastic pieces of work as part of the assessment. Well done Year 7!



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### Art and Design

Art Club did some fantastic drawings from life to develop them into some fashion designs for our upcoming project.



### Inclusion

This week in our department pupils have been working on regulating emotions. This work is done through one to one conversations with pupils, using reflective questioning on how best to react to situations that may arise. We have found a range of mature responses which helps pupils across the school.

## Whole School News

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Over the last two weekends our Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants went on their first 'Duke of Edinburgh Practice Walks' to Dovestones Reservoir. 60 pupils completed a 6 hour walk around the reservoir and surrounding area. Our pupils were fantastic throughout both days; they learnt to use a compass, navigate using a map and put up a tent and we even managed to stay dry as there was no rain! These trips were such a success thanks to the efforts of our staff. Over the two weekends 17 members of staff kindly gave up their Saturday to assist with the smooth running of the expeditions and to also take part in a bit of tree-climbing. We are looking forward to our first camping weekend which will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019.



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### Congratulations Emma!

Please join us in congratulating Emma Smith on achieving her Catering Level 2 NVQ Award with distinction! Emma has worked at Dean Trust Ardwick as part of the Mellors Catering team for over 2 years and during this time she has studied for her NVQ course as well as attending hospitality industry training.

'I am so proud to receive a distinction in Catering Level 2 and I have learnt so much more about the catering industry through the hospitality industry course.'

### Pupils' Vote on Brexit

In an effort to get pupils debating about current events, Mr Shaw organised a re-run of the 2016 referendum: Should the United Kingdom leave or remain in the European Union? During form time pupils discussed reasons for and against before being asked to vote. Well, the results are in and although there are still some forms who need to submit their results, it is quite clear that pupils are majority pro-remain.

#### Overall

Remain - 435

Leave - 34

93% vote to remain.

#### Year 7

Remain - 47

Leave - 4

#### Year 8

Remain - 155

Leave - 14

#### Year 9

Remain - 162

Leave - 11

#### Year 10

Remain - 71

Leave - 5

### Eco-committee Litter Pick

As pupils left school to start their Easter holidays, the dedicated members of the eco-committee stayed behind in an effort to 'Keep Manchester Tidy'. Pupils from across all years grabbed their litter pickers and set out to clean the school grounds with special guest Katrina Keane, Ardwick Neighbourhood Officer. The litter pick was a huge success and it was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to show how proud they are of their local community.



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