



# NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was an incredibly busy one with preparations for our Open Morning in full swing! The event was a huge success and we look forward to sharing lots of photographs in next week's newsletter.

Well done to Year 9 who achieved the highest attendance in the school last week. It is incredibly important that pupils strive to be in school everyday; the below chart shows how many learning hours are lost through absence.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Year 11 GCSE evening. We hope that you have a deeper understanding of the post-16 options available to your child and feel confident in supporting your child through this very important year.

Finally, fantastic news for our inclusion department as they receive funding from Kellogg's which will be used to create a comfortable breakfast club! Read on to find out more...

Enjoy this week's news!

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** If your child has been absent from school, late to school for an appointment, or needs to leave early for an appointment, please bring in your appointment card or medical proof in to school on the same day.

## Dates for your Diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019	Year 10 GCSE Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Year 7 Welcome Evening
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Coffee Morning
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Fundraising Week



58  
Days missed in one year

348  
Lessons missed in one year

60  
Weeks missed in 5 years

1740  
Lessons missed in 5 years



30  
Days missed in one year

180  
Lessons missed in one year

30  
Weeks missed in 5 years

900  
Lessons missed in 5 years



20  
Days missed in one year

120  
Lessons missed in one year

20  
Weeks missed in 5 years

600  
Lessons missed in 5 years



11  
Days missed in one year

66  
Lessons missed in one year

10  
Weeks missed in 5 years

330  
Lessons missed in 5 years



4  
Days missed in one year

24  
Lessons missed in one year

5  
Weeks missed in 5 years

120  
Lessons missed in 5 years



2  
Days missed in one year

12  
Lessons missed in one year

2  
Weeks missed in 5 years

60  
Lessons missed in 5 years

## Head of Year Updates

### Year 7 News

We have now elected form captains and form representatives to assist form tutors and represent their peers in pupil voice. Please join me in congratulating your child if he/she has been elected in their form this week. Next week, we will elect a pupil to join the School Council where they will represent the entire cohort of Year 7 and are elected via an interview with the Head of Year! I look forward to receiving your son/daughter's letter of application.

### Year 8 News

Another fantastic week of excellent performance and progress Year 8! With continued improvement in overall attendance for the year group, we are well on our way to beat our weekly attendance percentage for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in a row! Year 8 conduct also continues to fly high, with more than 97% of BfL grades being good or outstanding in the last week! Furthermore, last week we celebrated our Year 8 star pupil award, with some pupils even nominated for several awards! Incredible! Keep up the hard work Year 8!



Year 8 Weekly Stars!

### Year 9 News

We had the highest attendance out of all 5 year groups last week with 97.9% overall. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school everyday. Over the next few weeks we will be selecting Year 9 peer mentors who will be fully trained for the role of helping fellow pupils who might need further support with settling in to school life and ensuring that these pupils make progress and achieve their full potential.

### Year 10 News

**On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October we have our Year 10 GCSE Evening from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.** All Year 10 pupils, parents and carers are invited to attend this very important evening which will outline a number of the ways in which you can help your children to best prepare for the challenges of the examination years. A letter will be arriving home in the post with further details in the coming days.

### Year 11 News

I have been very impressed with the amount of BfL1 grades we have received as a year group this past week! This is an amazing start to the year! Booster sessions and the study base are due to start again next week, please encourage your son or daughter to attend these sessions where they can access additional support from their teachers.



## Whole School Updates

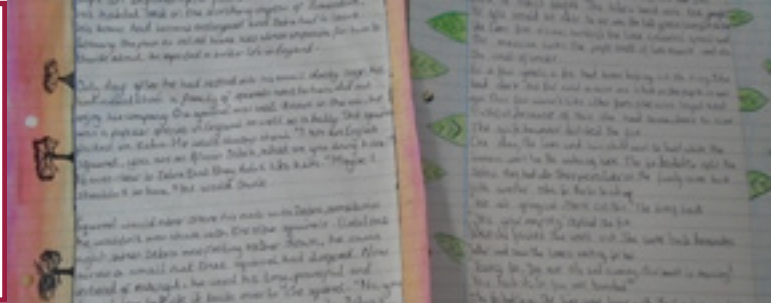
### Mathematics: Greek mathematics!

Pupils have been treated to maths lessons focusing on the Greek influence on mathematics in order to celebrate European day of languages! It has been a great opportunity for pupils to develop an understanding of the origin of much of the maths that we study today! Have a look at the diagram to get yourself thinking! Enrichment clubs are in full flow, and attendance to these is growing nicely. A special mention to our stars of the week! So far Khadija, Muneeb and Renee have stood out as having made exceptional starts to the year! Well done from the Maths faculty!



### English: Creative story tellers...

This week in English Year 7 have been writing their own fables. This term we are exploring and questioning what the purpose of telling stories is. Year 7 have been carefully crafting their own stories in order to convey some very important messages that might help you make the right decisions in life. To the right are examples of their beautiful work!



### Science: Bunsen burners and enzymes!

This week in Science Year 7 have been using Bunsen burners in the laboratories. Pupils took part in flame tests; flame test are an analytic procedure used in chemistry to detect the presence of certain elements, primarily metal ions, by burning them with a Bunsen burner. Year 10 have been focusing on key concepts in biology. Pupils conducted an experiment to answer: How does pH affect the breakdown of starch by the enzyme amylase?



### Humanities: Who will be crowned the king?

Year 7 have started the new academic year brilliantly; they have been studying the three contenders vying for the throne and the honour of being King of Medieval England. We have seen plenty of enthusiasm and great passion for History. This was particularly the case when deciding 'who should be king'. Year 7 held an election in the classes, with group presentations and posters arguing which contender was best suited to be king. We have had varying results across the year group – but a favourite did emerge; William Duke of Normandy. However, Year 7 will have to wait to next week to find out who did become King.

### Physical Education: Come along to one of our clubs!

Last week in physical education we had a fantastic turn out at cricket club! It was a brilliant display of batting and bowling in the nets across all the year groups. Similarly, we started this week with rugby club. We continue to encourage pupils to attend Rugby club as we have lots of opportunities for competitive tournaments throughout the year!



### Performing Arts: Road safety

Year 9 have worked hard this week, creating their own pieces of 'Theatre in Education'. Each group had a specific message to communicate to the audience and used a range of non-naturalistic techniques in their pieces. The group in the picture chose the message of road safety, with a target audience of primary school pupils.



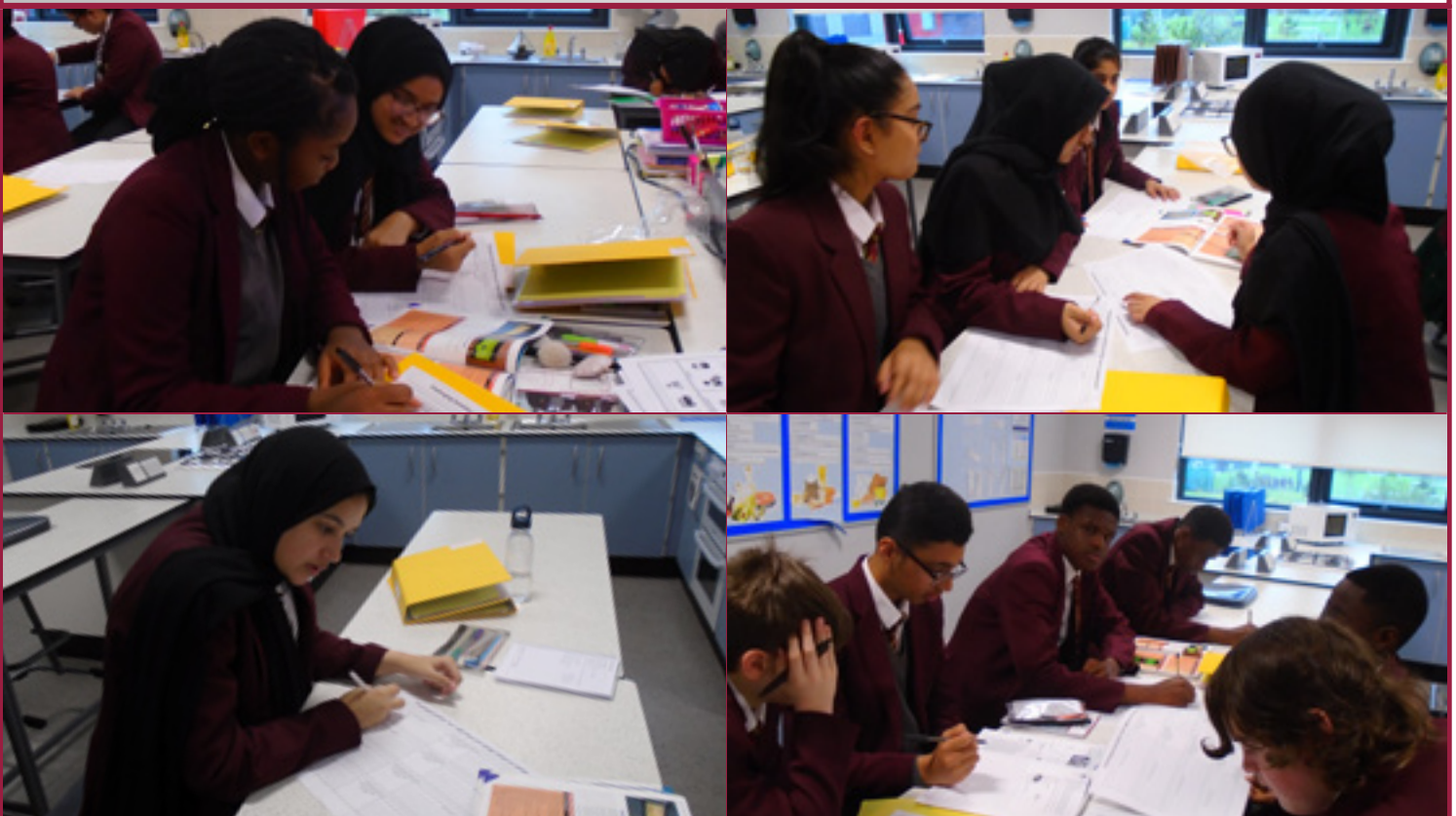
### Design and Technology: Skillful woodwork

This week in design & technology, Year 10 have worked hard starting their table tennis bat project, they have been focusing particularly on accurate measuring and material tolerances.



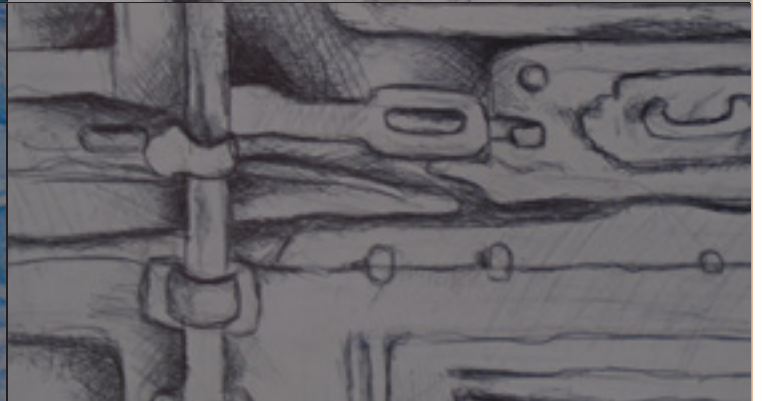
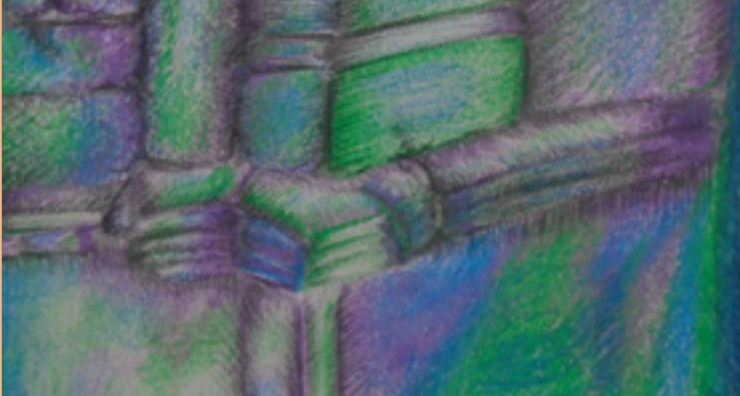
### Hospitality and Catering: ★★★★★

Year 10 pupils have been busy understanding the impact that star ratings, reviews and standards have on a business both positively and negatively. Pupils have been analysing sites such as Trip Advisor to gain a deeper understanding and to debate on whether they would trust the reviews or not. Excellent discussions from all pupils in classes, well done!



## Art and Design

Year 10 are completing work at an impressive pace with exceptional quality! We are focusing on the artist Ian Murphy and Rob Wilson!



### **Inclusion: Detective reading!**

This week in Inclusion, we have seen some extremely positive behaviour. We have been looking at comprehension in a variety of texts, including Matilda, Stormbreaker and The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas. The pupils have been playing detective whilst looking for clues to the who, when, what and why. Whilst writing up their evidence we have been trying to use our best subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions.

### **Kellogg's Breakfast Club Funding!**

Inclusion are proud to announce that Kellogg's has awarded Dean Trust Ardwick £1,000 to use towards creating an inclusive and enjoyable club before school to help feed pupils in the morning.

Dean Trust Ardwick was selected to receive this boost as Kellogg's announce they are to double their investment in breakfast clubs in 2019 as more and more schools struggle to find the budget to fund this service for their pupils.

This funding will help us to provide our breakfast club services for our pupils and their families thanks to the support from Kellogg's.

Kate Prince, Corporate Social Responsibility manager, at Kellogg's, said *"We're proud to have spent 20 years supporting so many schools across the UK. We believe all children should have the opportunity to start the day with breakfast, and we know that equipment and resources are just as important to clubs as the food itself."*

Kellogg's has supported 3,000 school breakfast clubs with funds, food and training over the last 20 years – that's 70 million bowls of cereal to children all over the UK since 1998.

We are thrilled to have received and cannot wait to start this exciting project. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Mrs Galvin-Lynch in Inclusion.

### **Library**

You can explore our school library from the comfort of your own home through our Library website:

[www.readingcloud.net](http://www.readingcloud.net) Use code: 021621

You can find out the latest recommendations, write reviews and share your favourite books with your friends. If you would like to know your username to log in, please come and see Mrs Bond in the Library.



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