



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our 12 Days of Christmas attendance initiative has been a huge success and comes to a close with 12 pupils taking home a tub of chocolates each as the final reward. We hope that all pupils have enjoyed the chance to win prizes and we continue to encourage perfect attendance.

Thursday 19th December marked *Christmas Jumper Day* where we came together as a school to raise money for the charity 'Save the Children'. It was wonderful to see pupils and staff donating to a great cause whilst wearing their best festive jumpers to school.

Our annual *Winter Showcase* took place on the 19th December with pupils from all year groups performing to a full house! The show was an incredible display of talent and a true demonstration of the hard work and commitment that the involved staff and pupils committed.

We hope that you enjoy your Christmas break and take the time out to rest and recuperate ready for the new year!

Enjoy this week's news,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Ensure your child goes to bed at an appropriate time and limit the use of electronic devices at bedtime.

Dates for your Diary

9 th January 2019	GCSE Exams Start
23 rd January 2020	Year 11 Parents' Evening
3 rd February 2020	Year 9 Assessment

Merry Christmas 2019!



In order to encourage pupils to have excellent attendance for the remainder of this term, we have launched our festive attendance initiative...

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



Pupils who attend school each day, on time, will enter a draw to win a prize. This began with 1 pupil chosen at random to win a prize on Thursday 5th December and will end with 12 pupils chosen on Friday 20th December!

Head of Year Updates

Year 7 News

It has been an exciting first term for Year 7 and this week we will be celebrating our end of term achievement assembly! Please join me in congratulating all pupils for their efforts and for maintaining high standards since September. This week I have also had the pleasure of meeting with the *Eco-Community Leaders*. This group of outstanding pupils will be driving forward several projects in school and outside within the community to look after the environment around us. Year 7 pupils continue to impress me with their maturity and hard work ethic, I wish you all a relaxing Christmas break and a wonderful New Year 2020. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 6th January.

Year 8 News

As we move into the last week of half term there is lots to celebrate! Attendance and behaviour throughout Year 8 has been excellent! Winners for the *Autumn Term 2 BfL and Attendance League* will be announced on Friday morning with the two winning forms to attend an exclusive cinema showing on Friday morning. Good luck everyone! Finally, we hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming you all back at 8:30 on Monday 6th January!

Year 9 News - Peer Mentors

On Friday 13th December 16 Year 9 Peer Mentors took part in a full day training session in preparation for the *Peer Mentor Programme* starting in January. Part of the training was delivered by Emma Pilling from *Manchester Healthy Schools*. Emma was extremely complimentary of those who took part, saying:

"It was a pleasure to work with your peer mentors. They engaged and behaved so well and made fantastic contributions to the session activities. Also, they were extremely confident in the practical part of the session and showed great maturity. They will be fantastic mentors!"



Year 10 News - Access Creative College visit

On Tuesday 17th December six Year 10 pupils visited *Access Creative College* in Manchester city centre. During the trip the pupils were engaged in a number of different workshops which included music production, graphic design and photography. All of those who attended represented the school brilliantly and gained a valuable insight into a college environment. Well done Jamar, Jason, Elijah, Zamaan, Fatuma and Luke!



Year 11 News

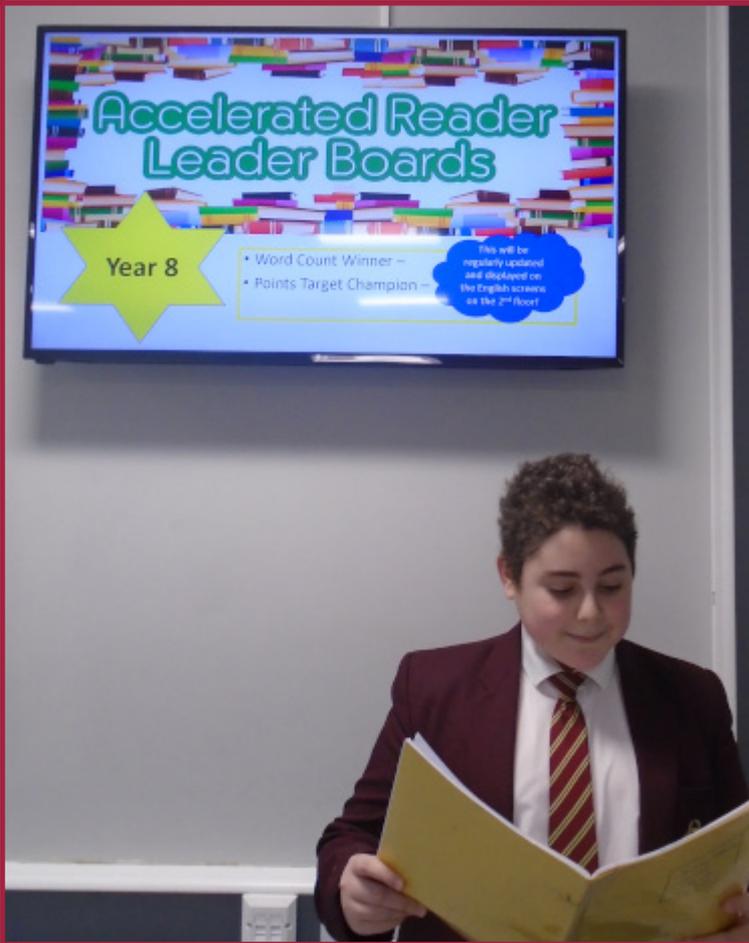
Well done for all your efforts Year 11. You have amazed me with your enthusiasm for applying to colleges and your general attitude to studies. We have not long left now, so make the most of the Christmas break and return with the right mindset for success. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported the school and the pupils in Year 11 at this very busy time. For your reference, the pupils have chosen to purchase a leavers hoodie and in the new year you will receive a letter telling how you can order. Have a wonderful break and we will see you in 2020 for our last few terms!



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English: A pupil's poem

We are coming to the end of term now, and steadily approaching the Christmas break. It has been a fantastic term for the English faculty with pupils gaining invaluable academic knowledge and thriving creatively. Here is a poem by Wassim in 8T2. A lovely reminder that, as a community, we should work together to make positive changes in society!



We need to change the world
Make it a better place
Be kind to each other
Don't judge by the face

Don't bully the weak
But stand up for the poor
All these gangs and violence
Always starting up war

Everybody fighting
Put those knives away
Never stay silent
Always have your say

Terrorist attacks
Ruining Muslim reputation
But all we want is peace
And not evil connotation

Do it for the kid who get killed or kidnapped
Do it for the people who aim at their head and go click clack
Do it for the fish that get killed by our plastic
Around 100,000 a year, wow that's gigantic

What about global warming?
And those greenhouse gases
Kids in America
Getting shot in their classes

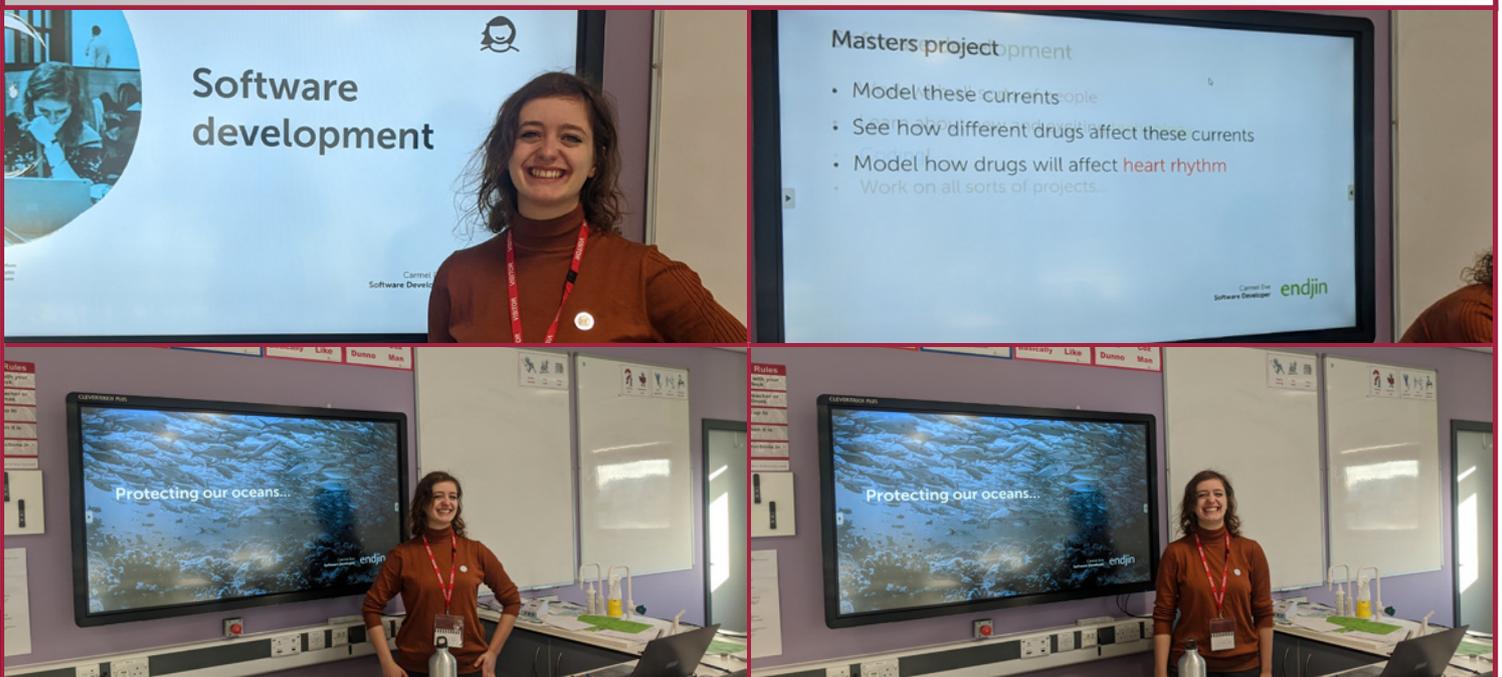
The arena concert
Got people in tears
But made Manchester stronger
And face their fears

What about Momo?
All those kids who died
People who fought for education
But died when they tried

So before you do something
Or say a word
Always remember
You can change the world

Science: S.A.S (Serious About Science) Club

This week in Science Year 10 and Year 11 had the pleasure of meeting a wonderful lady named Carmel who is a software engineer with a physics background. The aim of the club is to give our Key Stage 4 pupils awareness of careers associated with science that they would not normally look into. Thank you to those Key Stage 4 pupils who attended and showed interest, I am sure you made Carmel feel very welcome at Dean Trust Ardwick.



Mathematics: Designing theme parks!

Year 8 have been applying their shape and number work to design a theme park from a mathematical perspective! They have had to think hard about how best to use space, calculate areas and consider income and expenditure in order to create the most profitable theme park. There have been some impressive pieces of work, and there are clearly some budding entrepreneurs amongst our Year 8s! Well done to all for their hard work on this project!

Ride Investment

- Oblivion bought in an APPROXIMATE 150,000 additional VISITORS PER YEAR.
- The average income PER VISITOR is £23
- Oblivion cost £12,000,000



How long will it take to pay back the cost?

Humanities: Eco Committee Awards Ceremony

Last week saw the Humanities Eco Committee attend the prestigious 'School Eco Awards'. This was reflective of all the hard work and effort we have seen across school by the Eco Committee; recycling paper, introducing Dean Trust Ardwick water bottles, leading assemblies and securing gold and silver awards for Dean Trust Ardwicks's eco credentials. However, Dean Trust Ardwick Eco Committee were not just in attendance at the ceremony, they were there to collect the award for the 'Best School in the Waste Category'! They were presented with the award by BBC nature presenter Steve Backshall, who said they had done a fantastic job recycling! Well done Ms Ribbands and the Eco Committee.



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Physical Education

Well done to the Key Stage 4 basketball team in their competitive fixture against St Peters. Most pupils are experiencing, for the first time, playing above their age and competing against a more difficult and experienced opposition. Well done to all the pupils involved showing brilliant resilience and determination. Similarly, well done to all the pupils involved in the Year 7 and 8 netball tournament.



Inclusion

This week pupils have been working on their fine motor skills. This involves strengthening of pupils muscles in their hands and help to explore their creativity skills whilst being careful. Each pupil chose to decorate the first initial of their name with a variety of crafts. The options they could choose from included glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, cotton wool balls, pom poms and tissue paper to produce a mosaic effect.

As you can see the pupils not only worked hard creating a masterpiece but they were incredibly proud of their work.



Manchester United Foundation Christmas Party

On Tuesday 10th December five pupils from Year 7 attended the annual Manchester United Foundation Christmas Party at Old Trafford. The pupils, who were selected for their outstanding behaviour and attitude in class, enjoyed food, refreshments and party games and were visited by current Manchester United assistant coach Michael Carrick. Each pupil in attendance received a brand new pair of football boots courtesy of Michael Carrick's Foundation and an MUFC goody bag too. The pupils all agreed that these were amazing early Christmas gifts!



Manchester United Foundation UEFA Europa League Flagbearers

On Wednesday 12th December ten pupils from Year 9 had the privilege of holding the Europa League flag at Old Trafford Stadium prior to the Manchester United - AZ Alkmaar fixture. Selected for their outstanding attitude and application, the pupils carried the flag in front of more than 65,000 fans before enjoying the game. All of those who attended had a fantastic time and were hugely grateful for the opportunity.



Manchester United Foundation Primary School Football Tournament

The second partner primary school football tournament of the academic year took place on Tuesday 17th December. Plymouth Grove, Stanley Grove and St. Chrysostom's were represented during the tournament with St. Chrysostom's emerging as competition winners for the second time in a row. A huge well done to Kian, Adam, Zak, Billie and Haider who all gave up their time to help to run the event as Sports Leader. Thank you all!



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Art and Design: Rob Wilson Artist

The artist Rob Wilson visited our Year 10s this week. Pupils were treated to a live demonstration of how he creates his work and were given signed canvases for the best questions asked! Rob also judged the winning entry for our 'My Manchester' final pieces with Steven taking 1st place, Hassan snapping up 2nd and Mouna earning 3rd. Steven received a signed copy of Rob Wilson's book as his prize!



Hospitality and Catering: Catering for Governors

Year 10 pupils have been busy testing their practical skills in a two part lesson by baking stained glass biscuits. Pupils created a gingerbread biscuit using the melting method before chilling and cutting their biscuits into festive shapes. Once complete pupils were required to fill the centres with crushed boiled sweets and bake to finish their products. An excellent effort from all pupils in the final practical lessons of 2019!



Design and Technology

This week in design and technology, Year 8 pupils have begun transferring their 'Best of British' designs onto their fabric pieces. The designs will be sketched onto the fabric and then a combination of painted colours and threads will be added for decoration!



Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day 2019

On Thursday 19th December we came together in an effort to raise money for the charity 'Save the Children'. Money raised during the event will be used to help children in some of the poorest countries in the world. With a donation of just £1, staff and pupils were allowed to attend school wearing a festive Christmas jumper! If you would like to support our efforts in raising money for 'Save the Children' you can text *JINGLE* to 70050 and donate £2. Thank you.



TEXT JINGLE TO 70050

TO DONATE £2 TO SAVE THE CHILDREN.

You'll be billed £2 plus standard rate text message.
We receive 100% of your donation.
By texting **JINGLE** you agree to calls about fundraising appeals, campaigns, events and other ways to support. Include **NO PHONE** to opt out of calls. Queries? 02070126400. Read our Privacy Policy www.savethechildren.org.uk/privacy



Winter Showcase 2019 ft. *The Grinch*

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas with our annual *Winter Showcase* performance. Parents, carers, staff and pupils were treated to an evening of magical Christmas songs and outstanding displays featuring scenes from 'The Grinch' and 'A Christmas Carol'! Thank you to everyone who turned up to support the cast and we look forward to announcing our next show later in the year.



