



# NEWSLETTER

We have received some questions from parents/carers concerning coronavirus. We would like to reassure our school community that we continue to follow advice from Public Health England and Ofqual (examinations). We will keep you informed as further advice is published. We will always prioritise the safety of our pupils and look to support them through their studies in this difficult period.

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our next Coffee Morning is due to take place on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. The theme will be 'E-Safety'. I strongly encourage parents and carers to attend the event as it will be a fantastic opportunity for you to receive advice on how to keep your child safe whilst online.

Information and advice, on coronavirus, can be found on the next page. We will contact you as and when we receive updates. I assure you that school is open as normal and pupils are expected to attend.

Wednesday was very exciting as we were joined by members of our executive team and local councillors to celebrate the undertaking of our school extension. Jun, Oways, Moad and Issac represented the school wonderfully and I encourage you to read on for more information!

Also in this newsletter issue, a handful of girls visited the *Auto Trader* offices, in Manchester, to take part in a 'Inspiring Women's Day' workshop. The event was wonderful and we are confident that the pupils involved were both inspired and motivated to pursue pathways to success.

Please enjoy this week's newsletter!

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** If your child requires any medication, please complete a medical consent form and hand this into reception along with the medication – this includes paracetamol. All medication must be stored in the medical room and not carried around school by pupils.

## Dates for your Diary

20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Coffee Morning
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 7 Parents' Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	INSET Day

# COFFEE MORNING

THE THEME WILL BE:  
**E-SAFETY**  
FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020  
9.00 - 10.00AM.



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## Weekly Attendance Best Forms

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7T Victoria	8T Gaskell	9T Bridgewater & 9D Deansgate	10D Lowry	11D Rylands
100.0%	98.2%	99.6%	96.7%	99%

**Weekly Attendance = 95.1%**

**Cumulative Attendance = 96.7%**

## Head of Year Updates

### Coronavirus, COVID-19 Guidance

We assure you that school is open as normal and pupils are expected to attend. We are receiving regular updates and will contact you with any changes that may relate to your child.

#### Should I be worried?

There is no reason to be unduly worried about yourself or your child catching coronavirus.

#### How can I help to prevent the spread of infection?

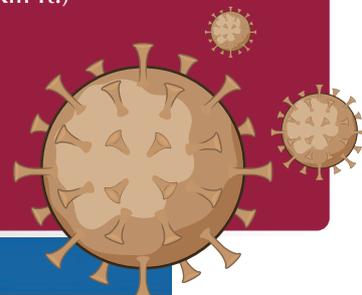
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water. This is particularly important after taking public transport.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin. (Catch It. Bin It. Kill It.)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

#### How can I find more information?

More information can be found at the below link:

[gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public)

Please call the NHS on 111 for additional advice.



### How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze			You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser				
							
Catch it with a tissue	Bin it	Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser	After breaks & sport activities	Before cooking & eating	On arrival at any childcare or educational setting	After using the toilet	Before leaving home
	Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands			Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles			If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels
 Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: <a href="https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools">campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools</a>							

### Year 7 News: Parents' Evening is soon approaching; Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 4.00-7.00PM.

In your child's planner there is a section for your child to make appointments with their teachers (pages 106-107). It is vital that pupils make appointments with their teacher so that you do not miss out on the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Your child must attend parents' evening with an adult. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school and ask for myself, Mr Diaz (Head of Year 7). I look forward to meeting you all on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### Year 8 News

Year 8 attendance dramatically improved this week with over 97% pupils present for the entire week. Studies have proven that excellent attendance leads to excellent grades, so keep it up everyone! In this week's assemblies we have discussed 'kindness'. I encouraged Year 8 to pledge that they would perform a simple act of kindness every day and I look forward to seeing this have a positive impact across our school community.

### Year 9 News

Well done to 9T Piccadilly and 9T Gaskell as both forms had 100% attendance last week! Well done to 9D Rylands who had the highest BfL 1 grades last week! The Year 9 Peer Mentor program is now up and running with mentors meeting regularly with their mentees. It is pleasing to see how both mentors and mentees have built up positive relationships and working as a partnership.

### Year 10 News

One of our Year 10 pupils M. Al Hariri has taken part in a poetry competition organised by the Hearing Impairment team for Manchester. His poem has been entered and is being judged by Marcus Rashford who is supporting the team and currently learning sign language. Attached is a picture of Marcus's Instagram page and Modar's poem is one of the photographs included. The winner will be announced on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### Year 11 News

Wednesday was a proud moment as Issac, Moad, Oways and Jun represented both our school and year during the *Dean Trust Ardwick Ground Breaking Event*. All four pupils were incredible on the day; as they joined Manchester City counsellors and members of the executive team. Well done!

## Dean Trust Ardwick Ground Breaking Event

As you will be aware, we are currently undertaking a £4.5million project to extend our school; providing space for an additional 120 pupils. The project will see *Seddon Construction* build a two-storey extension to our current building, as well as refurbishments to current classrooms and modifications to the school landscape.

To celebrate the commencing of construction, we held a ceremony on the 11<sup>th</sup> March where we were joined by Councillor Amna Saad Omar Abdullatif and Councillor Tina Hewitson. Also in attendance was Tarun Kapur, CEO of The Dean Trust, alongside our Head Girl, J. Shen, and Head Boy, O. Sherif. Representing the *Seddon* project team was Nicola Hodkinson, Business Services Director, and Katy Harris, Preconstruction Director.

Tarun Kapur CBE, CEO of The Dean Trust stated: *'The Dean Trust is delighted to once again be working in partnership with Manchester City Council to support the growing need for school places in the city. The project, which is being delivered by Seddon, will provide additional accommodation both for our pupils and staff, as well as for the wider community that it serves. This will enable local children to attend a local school, delivering a first-class education and learning environment which we believe the community rightly deserves.'*



## English

How engaged are you with Accelerated Reader? Have you been quizzing? Have you hit your points target? Has your Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) improved? If the answer is no - then get reading! The English faculty are working on an amazing end of year celebration for those pupils who have excelled in their reading this year. So, what are you waiting for? Go to the library and pick a great read!

I AM AN  
ACCELERATED  
READER

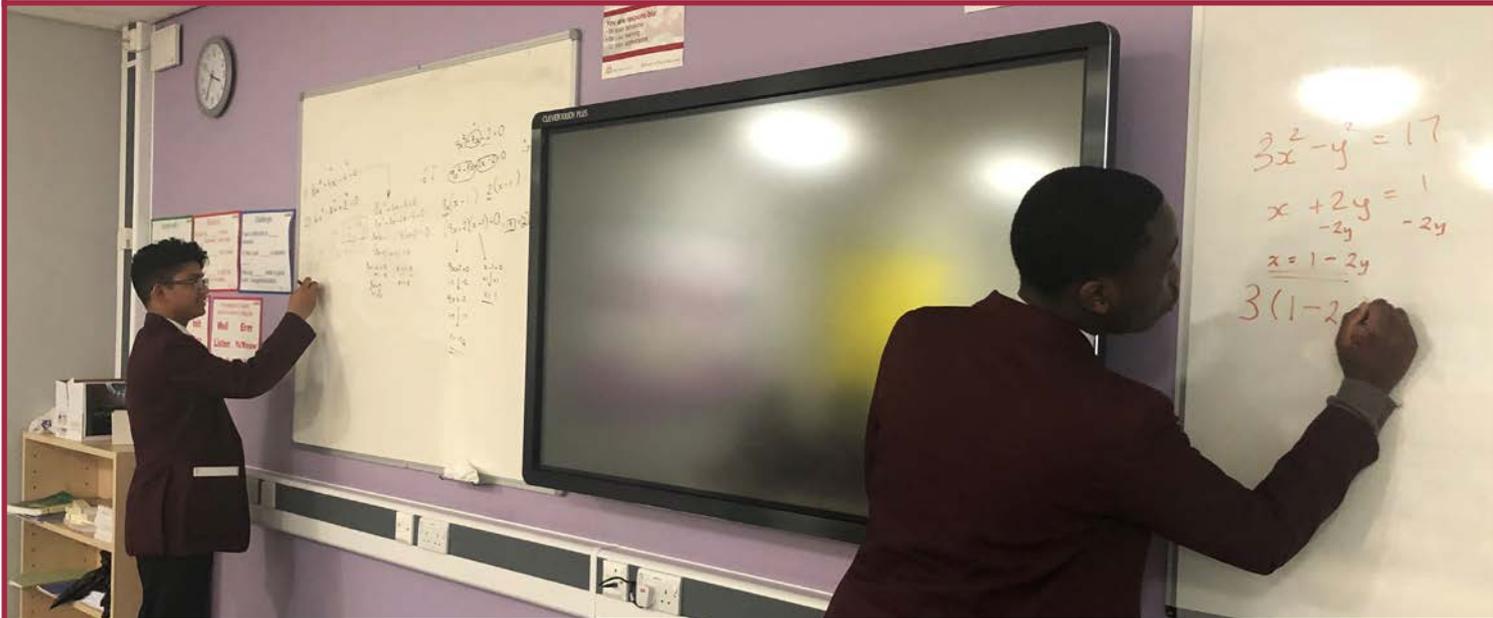
## Science: S.A.S - *Serious About Science!*

During Serious About Science Club, Year 9 and Year 10 pupils were given the opportunity to meet a pathologist with a background in medicinal science! Pathologists are primarily responsible for the study of body fluids and tissues. They also take part in laboratory tests to monitor the health of patients with chronic conditions. Yet again, another very inspiring job with scientific roots!



## Mathematics

We are very impressed with the Year 10 pupils who have been attending mathematics booster sessions after school every day. Pupils have seized the opportunity to study topics prior to studying them in lessons, as well as revising and developing understanding and building on the knowledge of prior topics they have previously seen. Earlier this week, in mathematics booster sessions, pupils were exploring simultaneous equations with Mr Eklas. These specific booster sessions are for the Year 10s, however, there are plenty of opportunities for all pupils to be involved with clubs and sessions put on by the mathematics faculty.



## Physical Education

We have had a number of results this week in physical education. The Year 10 Football team lost 2-3 to Wright Robinson in a competitive fixture this week. Also, the Year 8 Girls Netball team advanced to the knockout stages of the Manchester Netball Tournament. The team advanced through the group but were beaten by group winners St Matthews. Well done to everyone involved. Pupils attendance at Badminton has been excellent in recent weeks with lots of pupils across different year groups attending!

## Performing Arts

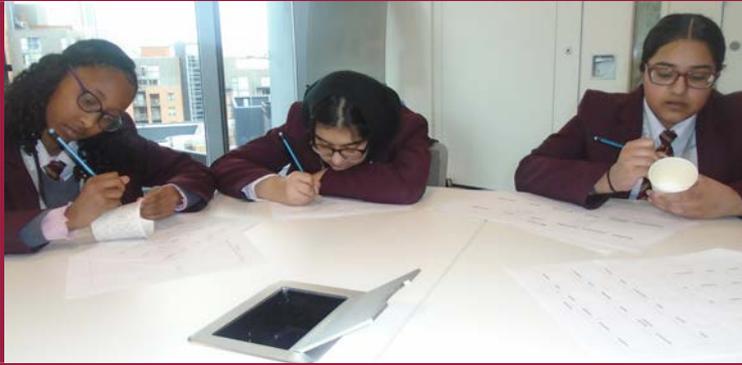
Year 10 music pupils are currently developing their music sequencing skills for their first BTEC assignment, which will be assessed in May. They have spent many weeks learning about music technology techniques, using a software programme called Soundation. Pupils are now creating a tutorial presentation to demonstrate their knowledge. Fatuma has worked incredibly hard to explore the software and has found some very interesting ways in which to demonstrate her knowledge.



## Auto Trader Trip

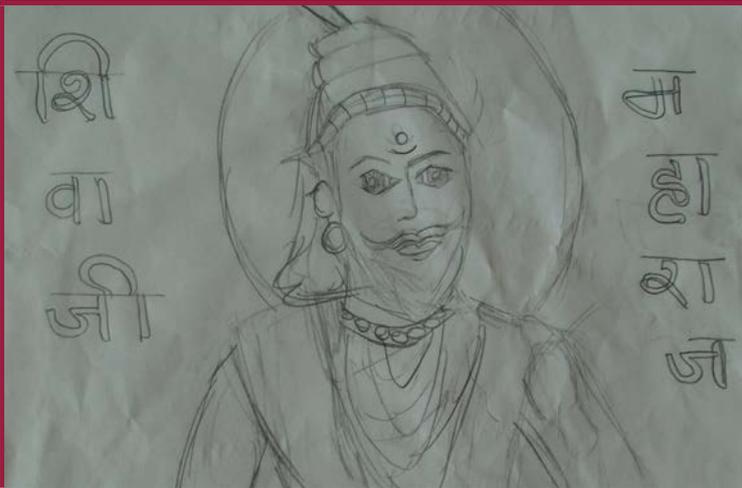
To celebrate *Inspiring Women's Day 2020*, Ms Ashraf took a handful of girls to the *Auto Trader* offices in Manchester. Upon visiting, pupils were greeted by six amazing women who had either setup, or are running their own business, organisation or movement. The aim of the trip was to inspire young women to think beyond careers and instead think about how they can use their skills, passions and qualities, to influence others and bring about a positive impact.

Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed interactive workshops, between talks, and had the opportunity to share their own opinions and views. It was a rewarding day for the girls to be a part of and we hope that it added to their drive and motivation in all areas of life; aiding them to develop a clear vision of their future.



# Humanities

Year 7 are continuing to show their amazing commitment to learning and have produced some outstanding homework this week. Pupils are studying the geography of India this term, and have showcased their initial knowledge by making posters showing the human and physical geography of India. This extended learning outside the classroom will definitely help them as they continue to develop their knowledge on India this term. Well done Year 7!



New delhi

Himalayas  
Ajanta and Ellora caves in Maharashtra

Karnatak on the River Ganges

Kapaleeshwar temple in Chennai

These are famous places in India and are either human-made or a physical feature.

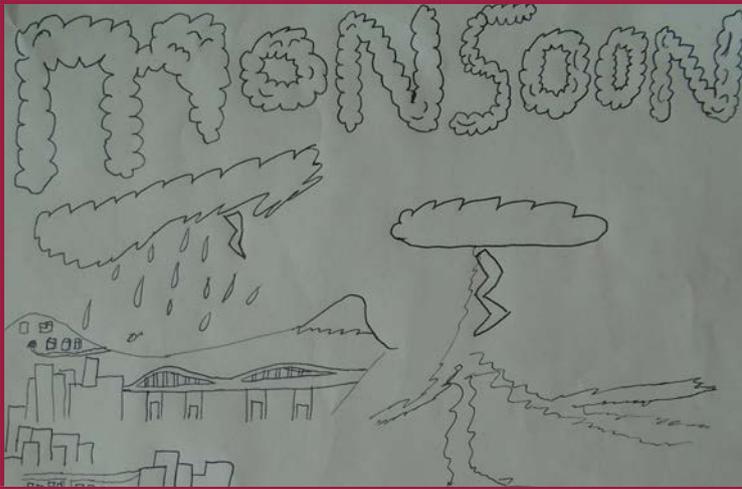
These are also good places you could visit as a tourist.

Ganges River

Indus River

Himalayas

Thar Desert



## Human

By 2025 India will have the 4th largest economy after China and the USA.

Large Indian cities include Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, and Pune.

There are nearly 80 cities in India with a population of 1 million people or more.

India used to be a part of the British empire, gained independence in 1947.

Over 80% of people in India are Hindus, 18% are Muslims, 2% are Christian and the remaining are Buddhist or Sikh.

The largest city in India is called the metro with 22,478,000 inhabitants (more than the USA).

India is the world's largest democracy with a political parties and general elections held every 5 years.

## INDIA'S Human and Physical Features

### Physical

- India is the 7th largest country in the world. It covers 3,287,263 km<sup>2</sup>.
- India has a monsoon climate with a winter (December-February), summer (June-September), and monsoon (July-September), human-made.
- India has 3 major rivers: the Indus which flows through Pakistan, Tibet, and Bangladesh. The Ganges river (2525km) which flows through India and Bangladesh. Finally, the Brahmaputra (2830km) flows through Tibet, India, and Bangladesh.
- The Himalayan mountain range is in the north of India.
- The northern plains, mountains of the peninsular plateau, the Great Indian Desert are examples of India's physical features.
- India also has 7 islands.



## Human Physical Geography

The physical features of India. These are 7 very famous tourist attractions. They can be divided into six categories in India such as:

ending on their geographical features:

1. Taj Mahal
2. Kelangarh Fort
3. Ajanta Temple
4. Mumbai skyline
5. Solapur
6. The Northern Plains
7. Peninsular Plateau
8. Coastal Plains
9. Islands

What is a map?

What is Human Geography?

What is Physical Geography?

What is a compass?

What are the different types of maps?

## Physical And Natural Geography Of INDIA

Human

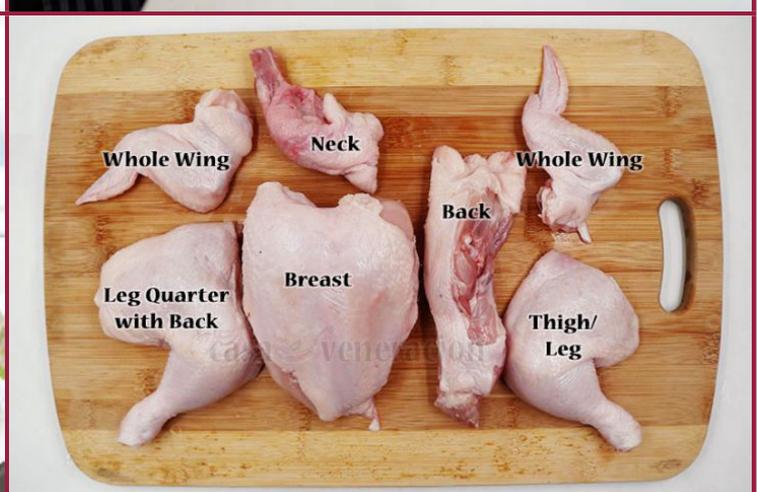
Physical

Natural

Northern India is almost covered by...

## Hospitality and Catering

This week Year 10 pupils have been developing their skills in jointing a whole chicken. Pupils developed their knife, food safety and learnt a new dish during the practical lesson. The chicken kiev's created were all executed to an extremely high standard.





# NUTRITION FACT SHEET



## HYDRATION

### Why is water so important?

When we're born water makes up about 75% of our body weight. Our bodies are constantly losing water through sweating, breathing and going to the toilet. It's really important that we replace the water that we lose because water helps us to carry nutrients around our bodies, remove waste products from our major organs and control our body temperature. It helps us to concentrate too!

### Sugar laden liquids

In the UK, children are having nearly three times the recommended amount of sugar each day. The majority of this sugar tends to come from sugary

drinks which can damage our teeth and don't help to rehydrate us as much as water does.

Energy drinks contain caffeine and other stimulants, as well as being packed with nearly three times the recommended amount of sugar. In large quantities, these can affect your sleep, potentially cause anxiety and affect student's behaviour. The sale of energy drinks to children under the age of 16 has now been banned in many supermarkets to limit harmful effects.

It is important to try to drink 6-8 glasses of fluid each day and make as many of these plain water as you can.

When it's hot or you exercise you lose more water through sweating, so it's even more important that you drink some extra water.

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

create a chart so you can record how many glasses of water and other drinks you all have each day. If you don't drink 6-8 glasses of water each day, try to set yourself a challenge to drink more.

**Top tip:** If you don't like water and usually add squash or juice, try to gradually reduce the amount you use. Your taste buds will change and you might start to like plain water. You could also add some fruit like lemon or lime to your water to flavour it in a healthy way.