



NEWSLETTER

Autumn HT2

w/c 14th December 2020

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

As promised in last week's newsletter here is an extra edition to share with you the atmosphere in school this last week. We have made the most of the festive season to ensure pupils and staff could celebrate together at the end of an incredibly challenging term. We have managed to create a real sense of community this week despite the restrictions of bubbles and zones.



Ms S. Finlay
Headteacher

Please take a look at our photographs in this special newsletter. Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to give. Pupils have had opportunity this week to show their appreciation to staff for their hard work. Our Head Boy and Girl have produced daily 'Shout out' videos to share pupils' thanks to staff. They have been inundated with messages!

I am also humbled by the generosity of our school community and Manchester United Foundation who have provided a huge number of hampers for some of our families to enjoy over the Christmas break.

Enjoy the photos. I hope they capture for you the vibrancy this school radiates.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas break and the very best for the New Year.

With best wishes,

Mrs. S. Finlay



Safeguarding Tip: Please stay safe this Christmas. Social distancing rules are still in place.

Eco-committee Tip: If you are celebrating Christmas with a tree this year, make sure it is sustainable sourced and dispose of it responsibly.



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Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *Enjoy a much-deserved break!*

We are now at the end of a very busy term. This week saw our first Year 7 Achievement Assembly where we acknowledged pupils' excellent achievements and attendance across all subjects and forms. The school has been full of Christmas activities and all of Year 7 enjoyed their Christmas crackers and dinner on Monday. I want you to continue to ensure that you keep your families safe, so that you enjoy a much-deserved break. Merry Christmas!



Year 8 - Mr Diaz *Year 8 pupils have powered through this term!*

Despite uncertainty surrounding the current global climate, Year 8 pupils have powered through this term, engaging with their learning whether in the classroom or online. This week we have elected a School Council leader, a prestigious position for pupils to be in and only one pupil per year group is voted. We had a total of 5 candidates apply and they all did exceedingly well in their applications, showing up most courage to stand before their year group, stating why they should be elected. A huge and well deserved congratulations goes to Samuel (8T Victoria) for winning most votes in Year 8. A well deserved congratulations to Jenikah (8D Palace) for winning the Head of Year Resilience Award this term, she has made great improvements both personally and academically and this is worth celebrating. I wish you a relaxing and wonderful Christmas break; and I look forward to welcoming the team back to school in the New Year, on the 5th January, 2021. Happy Holidays to you all.



Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn *Every pupil in Year 9 has the capacity to be individually great.*

Another term gone already, time really does fly Year 9! It has been a tough time for everyone, but I have been really proud of how Year 9 pupils have handled such an unpredictable term. We managed to cap a great term off with an amazing achievement assembly, which allowed us to give some well-deserved rewards to pupils before we break up for Christmas. When we return on Tuesday 5th January, our main focus will be consistency. Every pupil in Year 9 has the capacity to be individually great, but true greatness is being able to maximise their potential consistently, every minute of every day. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Year 10 - Mr Hull *I'm bursting with pride with how the whole year group have adapted.*

Hi Year 10. An eventful and unprecedented term is drawing to a close. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank so many of you for your considerable efforts over the past weeks and I hope that you have an enjoyable break over the Christmas period and get chance to spend time with your family. The period since September has been the most challenging and demanding that I've ever known, and I'm bursting with pride with how the whole year group have adapted to these changes and embraced so many challenges. To all the pupils, enjoy your well-earned rest and come back I the New Year invigorated and ready to tackle the hurdles that your GCSE course will place in your path. We are a strong and united group, and we can negotiate this course by working together and being prepared. Work hard, be kind.



Year 11 - Mr Smith *It is important that the Year 11 pupils have a restful and relaxing holiday.*

Year 11 have been showing their appreciation for staff this week by sending 'postcards' and giving video 'shout-outs' to say thanks for all the hard work and support the staff give to them. It has been lovely to see and hear so many messages that demonstrate the positive relationships between the staff and pupils. It is important that the Year 11 pupils have a restful and relaxing holiday and shut off from school for a period of time, but also recognise there will be some time near the end of the holidays that they can use to just make sure they are up to date with all their work and coursework so they start the new year raring to go again. Merry Christmas!





Headteacher's Commendation

PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

Abdul

Abdul was awarded for his work in mathematics. He set Ms Finlay a mathematical task which she found challenging!



Anika

Anika, Year 7 was awarded a Headteacher's Commendation for her thought provoking anti-bullying posters. We can learn a lot from these posters!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Finlay".

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Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable - Important Exam Information

On Monday 11th January, any Year 11 and Year 10 pupils taking Creative iMedia have an external exam in the afternoon. This exam is a whole unit and counts towards their final qualification grade. It is not a mock. Please ensure that all pupils are aware of this and support us in ensuring full attendance and that pupils arrive in the right mindset for success. If any pupil is absent on the day, there is no opportunity to re-sit external exams and they will not receive any marks towards this unit.

After the holidays, Year 10 also begin their first set of mock exams on Tuesday 12th January (see timetable below). Mock exams are important for many reasons, including:

- 1) To get pupils used to the Government's rules and procedures which must be followed during external exams.
- 2) To build pupils' stamina, resilience and practical skills like organisation and exam timing to ensure success during these challenging periods.
- 3) To help inform pupils' predicted grades which are sent with post-16 applications in the October of Year 11.

All pupils have been given information on the topics which will be covered in these exams as well as resources to support their revision.

Year 10 Exam timetable from January 11th

Day/Date	P 1,2 and 3		P4 and P5	P6
		9.10-11.30 (2 hours 20 mins)	12.05 - 1.40	2.10-3.00
Monday	11th Jan	Lessons as normal	Creative iMedia External Exam for Year 10 and 11 (1 hour and 15 mins)	
Tuesday	12th Jan	Design Technology (2 hours)	Triple Science: Physics (P4 Physics lesson followed by P5 exam for 45 mins)	Lessons as normal
Wednesday	13th Jan	Maths Paper 1 (45 mins) P2 and P3 lessons as normal	Music Technology (1 hour)	R.E (1 hour)
Thursday	14th Jan	Triple Science: Biology (45 mins) + Combined Science (45 mins) P2 and 3 Lessons as normal	Child Development (1 hour and 15 mins)	Lessons as normal
Friday	15th Jan	English Language Paper (1 hour and 45 mins)	Business/Enterprise (1 hour)	Lessons as normal
Monday	18th Jan	English Literature Paper 1 (1 hour and 45 minutes)	Geography (33 minutes) P4 lessons as normal	Lessons as normal
Tuesday	19th Jan	Sports Studies (1 hour)	History (1 hour 15 mins)	Lessons as normal
Wednesday	20th Jan	Maths Paper 2 (45 mins) P2 and P3 lessons as normal	P5: Triple Science: Chemistry (45 mins)	
Thursday	21st Jan	Hospitality and Catering (1 hour 30 mins)	French and Spanish Reading and Writing (Higher 45 minutes + 1 hour; Foundation 35mins + 45 mins)	Lessons as normal
Friday	22nd Jan	Art (5 hours)		
Monday	25th Jan	Lessons as normal		
Tuesday	26th Jan	Art (5 hours)		

SCHOOL MESSAGES

A very special guest...

Pupils were visited by a very special guest on Thursday. Spreading Christmas joy and excitement throughout the school, he was a hit with all pupils and staff!



SCHOOL MESSAGES

Humanities

What an eventful, rewarding and challenging term we have all had, and I am sure that all teachers, pupils, parents and wider staff body are ready for a well deserved holiday break. Amongst the litany of challenges which this term has posed, for pupils and staff alike, we have also been blessed with some exceptional work. This has been recognised by the Humanities faculty throughout this week, where two pupils from every class were selected by their teachers as Humanities Star of the Term. These pupils were rewarded with a certificate and a chocolate selection box, which were awarded throughout this week. Furthermore this week also recognises the conclusion of the Year 11 GCSE Pod competition, where pupils were competing within classes, and as a year group, to watch, download and listen to the most GCSE Pods. Results are still to be calculated as I write this, but it has been great to see such an uptake in pupils engagement with the website, which provides accessible revision materials for the pupils.

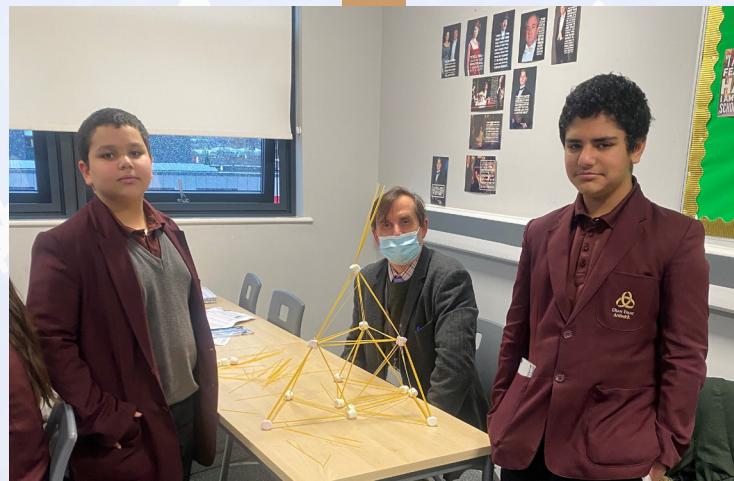
Finally I speak for all of the Humanities team when I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we hope that the new year brings good fortune for everyone and we look forward to seeing all of the pupils return in January.



SCHOOL MESSAGES

Science

Class 8T5 were absolutely fantastic this week in their 'building of the tallest element' competition! Very well done to Mustafa and Wassim for creating the tallest tower and winning the prize – the effort from all pupils was absolutely fantastic and a joy to be a part of!



Manchester United Foundation

A number of pupils from Year 9 & 10 have taken part in the 'Boys 2 Men' programme with Mr Griffiths, our Manchester United Hub Officer. The weekly sessions have consisted of a variety of workshops which explore different topics such as goal setting, perceptions and resilience. The sessions use practical activities and group discussion whilst relating the topics to them individually and their own experiences. Pictured above are pupils receiving their certificate for completing the 6-week programme.



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Christmas Rap

Staff were treated to a Christmas themed rap on Thursday, by a group of very talented pupils. They were rewarded with a Manchester United gift bag for their efforts which, as you can see from the below photos, they were very excited about!



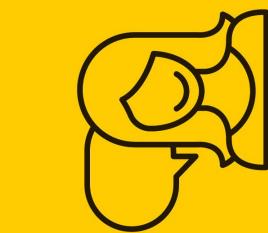
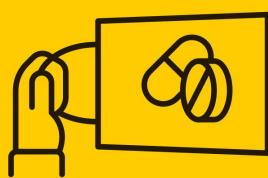
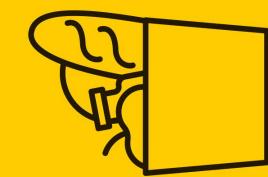


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