



NEWSLETTER

Autumn HT2

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Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Here we are, one week into our revised school day structure and all pupils attending school every day! Year 11 pupils are settling into new routines in the extension and mock exams are now completed.

Year 7 pupils are enjoying their breaks on the new 'extension' yard, together with the sole use of the new dining hall where they can play board games at break, as well as eat their snacks too. This means that all year groups are taking their breaks separately, in their bubbles, and without mixing with other year groups.

Nevertheless, we are currently working to further improve break and lunchtime provisions for all pupils.

We have two weeks to go until the end of term and pupils shall be continuing to work hard in lessons right up to the last morning before our Christmas break.

We look forward to Year 8 'Virtual' Parents Evening this Thursday. Information about the evening has been sent to all Year 8 parents via text, with a link to the school website. It is very important that you log on and attend this, albeit virtually, so teachers can let you know how well your child is doing at school.

We also have another visit from the 'Schools Infection Survey Team' this week for Years 7 and 8, and staff who have registered but did not have the test last time.

I hope you enjoy this week's edition. The school dining hall looks very Christmassy, and as I write this, two Year 7 pupils are decorating my office Christmas tree as a reward for good work! Read on to see who they are...

Enjoy a good read everybody.

Best wishes,

Mrs. S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay
Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: It is getting dark early now, make sure your child is able to contact someone in an emergency on their way home.

Eco-committee Tip: Make your own compost bin for all of your food waste. This can then be used to grow more veggies!



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Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *Congratulations to 7T Piccadilly and 7T Turing!*

We are nearly at the end of this term, with only 2 weeks left until Christmas! It has been a busy one and continues to be so. We celebrated our Year 7 Stars of the Week with a number of pupils being awarded for exceptional behaviour and attitudes. Well done to all pupils who won an award. Congratulations to 7T Piccadilly who had the highest amount of BfL grade 1s last week. They managed to amass 344 BfL 1s between them. Also, well done 7T Turing who had the highest attendance at 99.5% for last week!



Year 8 - Mr Diaz *I am very proud of all Year 8 pupils.*

Year 8 have been preparing a speech and putting themselves forward in forms to be voted by their peers on several Leadership opportunities available to them. Each form has successfully elected a Form Captain, a Line-Up Crew and a Form Representative. Each post is different with varying levels of responsibility, but all are highly regarded nevertheless. It has brought me immense pride to see pupils engage with these opportunities and build the confidence to apply for them. Soon, we will be holding our School Council votes, only one pupil in the entire year group will be elected for this prestigious post and I have been overwhelmed with joy while reading the letters of form valiant Year 8 applicants.



Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn *You could be in for the 'Grand Prize Draw', a £50 Amazon voucher!*

Another great week for Year 9; we have adjusted fantastically to our new COVID-19 surroundings and processes, following the successful opening of the new school building. The consistency that this now represents for Year 9, in terms of the same location and timetable every day, can only be a good thing! The return of form time and assembly was excellent this week too, and it was great to finally be able to speak to you all in person! What we'd now like to see is Year 9 pupils working extra hard to ensure that they maintain the current excellent record for BfL 1s & 2s. There is lots of daily and weekly prizes to be won, not to mention the 'Grand Prize Draw' for a £50 Amazon voucher, so keep up the hard work Year 9!



Year 10 - Mr Hull *We must continue to grasp each and every opportunity!*

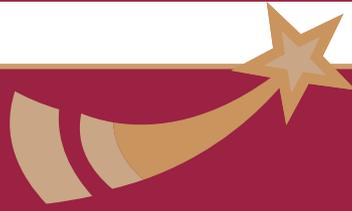
Hello Year 10. As we enter December and the advent calendars start to open up, as do sections of society as we prepare to move towards Christmas and the national lockdown ends. Once again, Year 10 pupils have set truly high standards with immaculate uniform. What has really pleased me as Head of Year, has been the displays of incredibly responsible and mature behaviour around school with pupils looking after each other. We finished our two-week behaviour drive that saw some pupils' levels of behaviour soar, and this was recognised with prizes and an audience with Ms Finlay to congratulate those who saw sustained improvement. Elsewhere, Ms Williams' History class and Ms Bright's Child Development classes couldn't be separated for the title of 'Class of the Week'. From next week, we will retain queue jumping privileges for our top behaved and most improved pupils. See if you can be one of them! Work hard, be kind.



Year 11 - Mr Smith *It has been an exciting week for Year 11 pupils!*

Year 11 pupils have had the privilege of 'moving in' to the new building. All of their lessons are now based in the new 'E block' which is a fabulous space to learn in and allows the year group to be in school full time. Following a number of positive cases and subsequent periods of isolation for different groups of pupils we are now back to our full complement of all 300 pupils, which is great to see! Pupils are now busy completing their applications for the various sixth form colleges around Manchester and must keep an eye on the information that is regularly updated on the Year 11 Google Classroom. If you have any questions regarding this please come and see one of the 'Year Team' in our new office E202.





Headteacher's Commendation

Anika, Year 7 produced this thought provoking picture about a man who shows respect to someone who has died in the war. This was part of her work on Remembrance Day during her humanities lessons.



Modern Foreign Languages

The MFL faculty have loved having all 5 year groups in this week. Year 11 have completed their French and Spanish reading and writing mocks this week. We are very proud of the revision and hard work that you put in to these exams.

A reminder for all year groups that you can access a fantastic online dictionary at the following website: www.wordreference.com, for any vocabulary that may not be in your knowledge organisers and vocab booklets.

Furthermore, for Year 7, 8, 9. You can use www.linguascope.com to access fun and interactive games to practise your language at home. The username and password for this website is on your google classroom or alternatively you can ask your MFL teacher.

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- Français
- Italiano
- Português
- Català
- Deutsch
- Svenska
- Nederlands
- Русский
- Polski
- Română
- Čeština
- Ελληνικά
- Türkçe
- 英汉词典
- 英和辞書
- 영-한 사전
- قاموس إنجليزي - عربي

Humanities

As we progress through the autumn term, the humanities team are focusing on a different year group every week for the newsletter. This week it is the turn of Year 9. Throughout the term Year 9 geography lessons have been focused upon deserts and rainforests. Each year deforestation rates are increasing across the world's rainforests; more and more trees are being cut down in order to meet growing population pressure. As a school, and a faculty, we feel it is important to raise awareness of this issue and are doing so during our tropical rainforests scheme of learning. The photo shows how much of Manchester would be chopped down in 24 hours, if it were a rainforest. The Eco-committee are looking to further explore these issues and help the school lower its carbon footprint, we implore all of our students to join!



Ms Finlay's Christmas Tree

As a special treat for their hard work, Redante and Monawara were asked to decorate Ms Finlay's office Christmas tree! You can see in the pictures below that they did a wonderful job at making it very festive!



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