



# NEWSLETTER

Half Term 6

19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year!

We have lots of photos to share with you from our last full week in school when all pupils participated in our rewards week. We had a range of activities available for pupils, and in particular they enjoyed a free ice cream the ice cream van!

We are proud that we could show our support for Marcus Rashford by posting positive messages on the mural in Withington.

Last Thursday, we really enjoyed meeting online our new parents and carers for pupils joining us in September in Year 7. I hope they found the information useful.

Please take some time over the school holidays to watch our virtual tour and Year 7 video, on the [school transition website](#).

You will receive your child's end of year report this week together with an important letter about the return to school in September.

Thank you so much for standing by us during this very difficult academic year. We could not have got through it as we have done without your support.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer holidays. I hope those pupils attending Summer School have a great time, and I wish those who celebrate, Eid Mubarak!

Thank you again all parents and carers.

Best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** Holidays can be difficult, support is available from the Food Bank please see the link below, you are able to self refer for this service

[Find a Food Bank - The Trussell Trust](#)

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>

## Diary Dates

Last Day of Term	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 12:00pm
Year 11 Results Day	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Return to School	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021



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### **Year 7 - Mrs Rashford** *It has been a difficult year but I am very proud of our Year 7 pupils!*

We approach the end of what feels like the longest academic year in history. However, throughout this testing pandemic year, the resilience and determination of our students has been hugely impressive. Year 7 have had lots of successes this half term which I am proud of, including fundraising and sports day! Last week we had our fun filled rewards afternoon in which pupils took part in creative activities and sports to celebrate the end of a tough year. Well done to our winners of the Blue Peter Supersize Green Badge, who took part in a two-week pledge to change small things in their lives to make a big difference to the environment. A reminder that we have Summer School week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> August. I hope to see many of you there!



### **Year 8 - Mr Diaz** *Thank you Year 8, you have been wonderful this year!*

Year 8 have been resilient, mature and above all, very positive through their journey in Year 8. Google Classroom has been at the forefront of learning this year, due to lock downs and isolation periods, and I would urge you and your child to please take a break from sitting in front of a screen this summer; please enjoy time with each other, go on family trips, relax in your garden or whatever it may be you decide to do this summer to take a much needed break. I would like to extend my thanks to the Year 8 Year Council Representatives and School Council members, who have been true role models for the year group, leading sessions and discussions in form time but also supporting the school when conducting interviews to appoint new staff. Next year brings new challenges and new experiences, new lessons and new skills; in particular, Year 9 Options for GCSE, which will path your child's journey into Years 10 and 11.



### **Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn** *Year 9 thoroughly enjoyed our end of year activities!*

As we progressed through our final full week of the year, it was great to see so much positivity in Year 9! The early finish to the school day from Monday to Thursday provided a well-deserved break, in addition to the Year 9 Rewards Afternoon that took place on Wednesday. As always, Year 9 engagement in the activities was superb, and a visit from the Ice Cream Van provided the real cherry on top for what was a really fantastic afternoon. There has also been a real shift in pupil maturity over the last few weeks, which bodes well for us all as we enter such a crucial stage of our education in Year 10. We will also be finishing our week on a real positive note as our Rewards Assembly will see form and year group Pupil of the Year Awards given out to our fantastic pupils, as well as some bonus awards too! Have a great weekend and Eid Mubarak to the Muslim members of our DTA Family!



### **Year 10 - Mr Hull** *It has been an enormous pleasure to be your head of year throughout Year 10!*

Firstly, I wish all our pupils and their families a really enjoyable and lovely break over summer. I hope that you get plenty of opportunities to do the things that you enjoy and spend time with people who make you happy. Secondly, it would be wrong for me not to pay tribute to the super work of our PSM, Mr Randles. Mr Randles has been a constant source of support and dedication to this year group. He is moving to take up a new role at pastures new and we wish him the best of fortune. Seeing the enthusiasm and development of our year group and the mature and resilient manner in which they have coped with all the challenges at this difficult social time has been a source of great pride. We really are a fantastic group of pupils and staff and I'm so excited about what we can achieve in the forthcoming academic year. See you in September! Work hard, be kind.



### **Year 11 - Mr Smith** *Pupils loved our Rewards Afternoons this week!*

During last week I helped with the organisation and running of our Reward Afternoons. There was been something for everyone, from sports, arts and crafts, baking and even karaoke! Pupils were bursting with excitement and it was wonderful to see so many people taking part, including staff! A highlight of the week for me was refereeing a football match between Year 10 pupils and staff, read on to see some photographs of the action! I hope you have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.



# Headteacher's Commendation

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## **Pedros**

Pedros designed this wonderful badge for our school. We asked a company to create the badge and now many of our staff and pupils wear it with pride. Well done!



## **Alana and Maddy**

Alana and Maddy played a vital role in the filming of our recent transition and promotional videos. They were absolutely outstanding in front of the camera and represented our school wonderfully.

*S Finlay*

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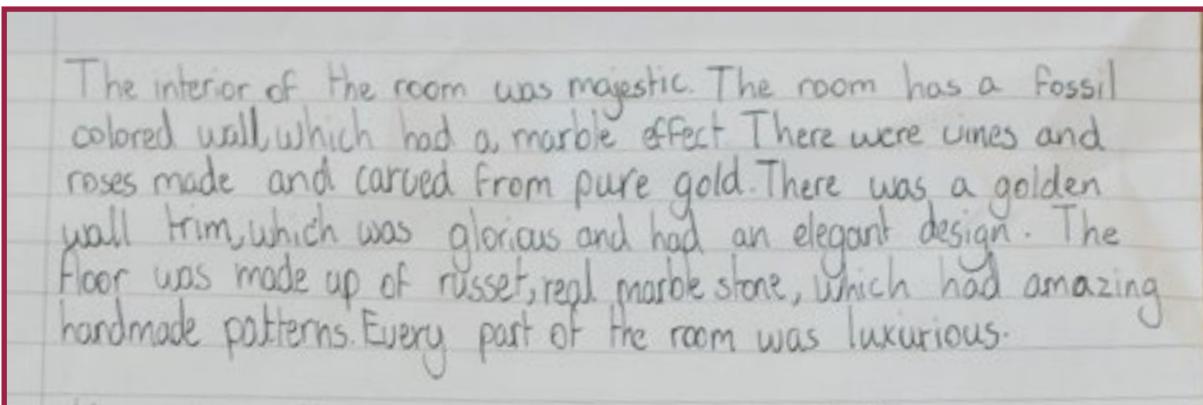
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## Anika and Tajalla

Anika and Tajalla have shown spectacular conduct throughout the entirety of this last term. Their work has never faltered in quality or effort, their behaviour never deteriorating, their conduct presented with excellence and an attitude delivered with passion and resilience. Well done!



*S Finlay*

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## Meet your new head boy and head girl



Hello, my name is Mustafa Al-bazooni and I am excited to be the Head boy for the upcoming academic year. I hope we are able to make the school better, more enjoyable and exciting environment for everybody. I hope that we are all able to benefit from the experience that is school. Thank you, see you soon.



Hello, I am Allison Taylor. I am pleased to be Head girl for my last year at Dean Trust Ardwick. I feel this will be a great time for me to give back to the school. I would like to thank everyone who supported me throughout this election and I am looking forward to working with everyone throughout the next year. Thank you.

## ...and your head prefect team.



## REWARDS AFTERNOONS

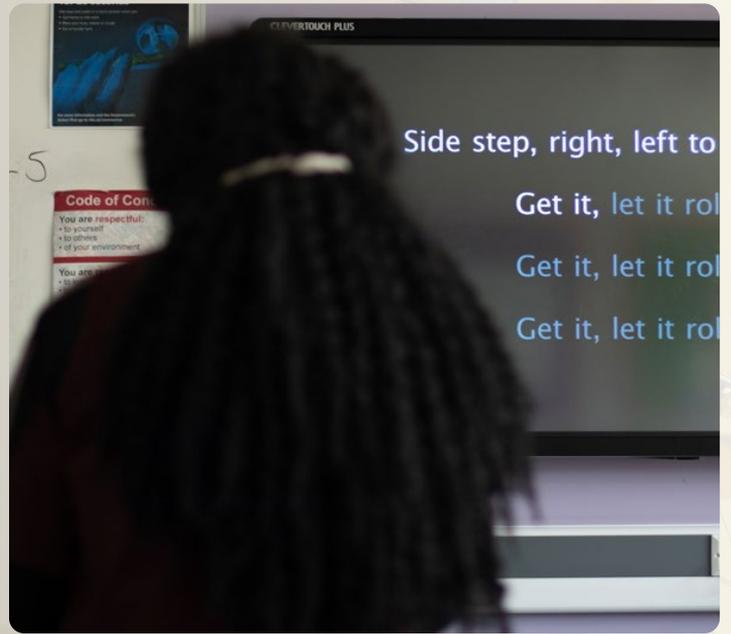
### Rewards Afternoons

*School was full of excitement this week as we celebrated the end of year.*

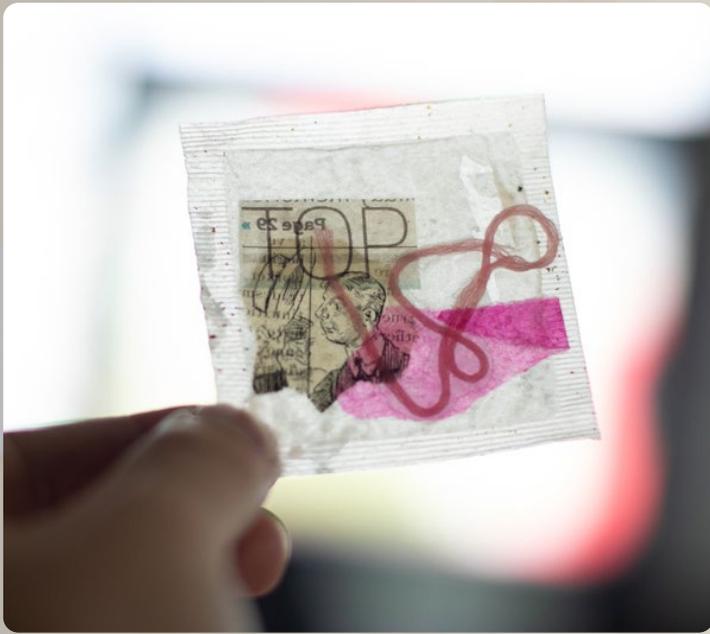
Each year took part in Rewards Afternoon this week. We ran lots of activities from karaoke to football to baking. This has been a very enjoyable way of wrapping up the year and pupils absolutely loved taking part. Not only did we hold activities, but also a very special treat... Ice cream! Pictures speak a thousand words so have a look below and see the excitement for yourself.



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Believe Achieve Succeed

**Science**

*Manchester's DNA Project*

We are currently taking part in a project called 'Manchester's DNA: Place, Identity, History'. The aim of the project is 'To encourage school children to think about the complexity of the demographics in their area.'

During this project, pupils have considered family history and identity as it relates to place through a series of workshops. Through this series of linked workshops pupils had thought about how their identity is described, how it relates to place, and the histories of their communities. They have been researching scientific information of DNA and how it has been used metaphorically to describe the DNA of Manchester. They have been collecting oral histories and maps of their local area. By implementing ideas from the workshops, pupils have produced creative work. Some examples are in the pictures below.





## Humanities

### Blue Peter Climate Heroes

All pupils in Year 7 and 8 were given the opportunity to become a Climate Hero and receive a Blue Peter badge. They were asked to make three pledges which are small changes to their day-to-day life which have large impacts on the environment. The categories for the pledges included power, plastic and plants. An example of a power pledge would be to turn off electronic devices when not in use. After keeping to their pledges for 2 weeks, pupils were asked to create a picture or poster of who they did this. They were very excited to pick up their badges!



HM Government



NHS  
Test and Trace

## Keep up regular testing this summer!

Encourage your children to keep testing and reporting twice a week over the summer holidays

GET FREE RAPID COVID-19 TESTS  
FROM MOST PHARMACIES OR ONLINE

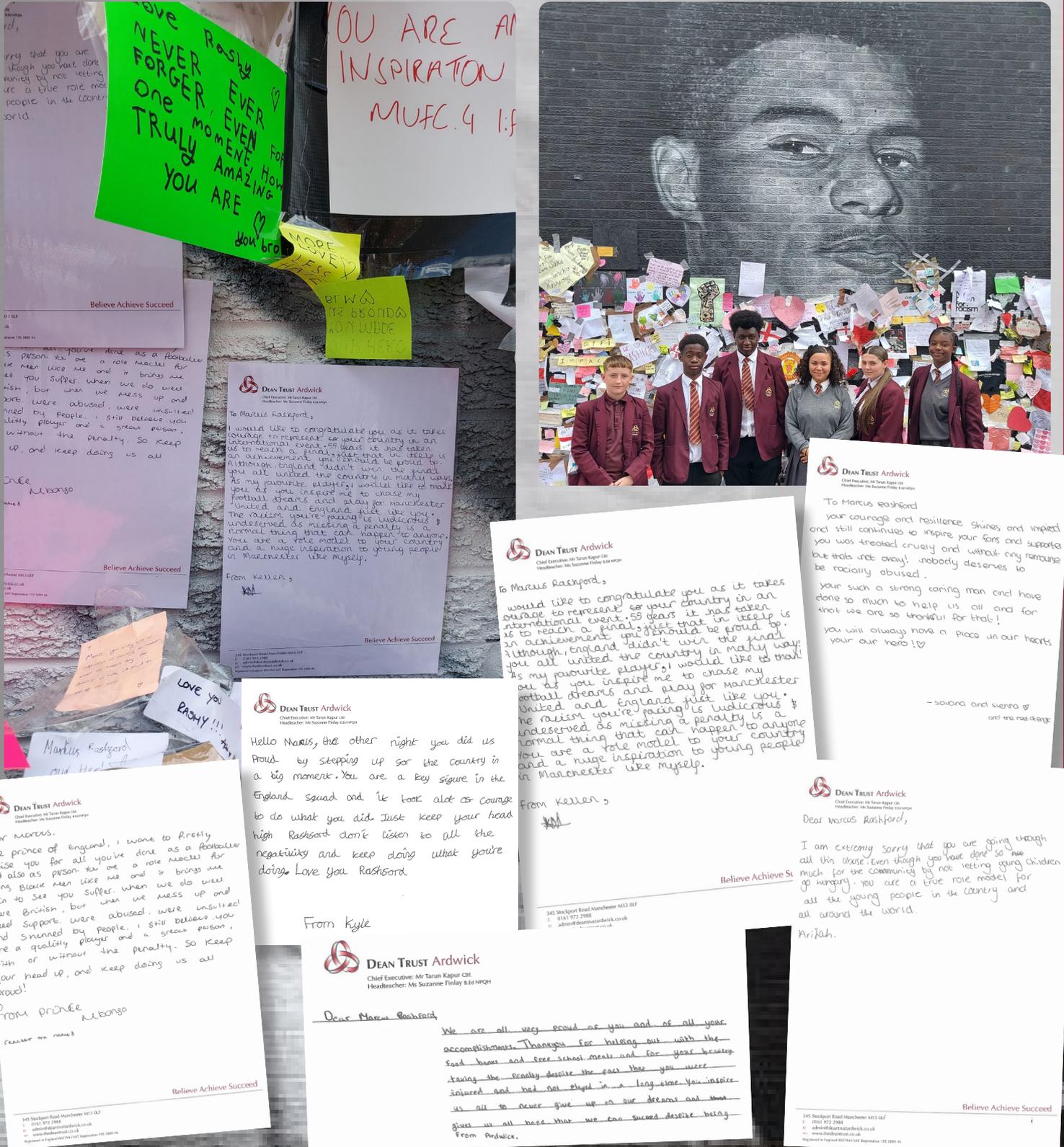
NHS.UK  
/GET-TESTED

**Marcus Rashford Mural**

*Standing together against discrimination.*

A group of our pupils visited the mural of Marcus Rashford in Withington, to add their personal messages to the many other messages of love and support posted on the mural by the local community following the mural being vandalised on Monday morning. We are incredibly proud of the heartfelt messages our pupils have shared in support of Marcus, recognising the positive contribution he has made to our local community and the incredible impact he has had on them as individuals.

We will continue to encourage and find ways to help our young people make their voices heard; to challenge injustice and prejudice and demand equal respect and dignity for all. Many other pupils have also written letters in support of Marcus Rashford, Bukayo Saka and Jadon Sancho and made pledges against prejudice which have been displayed in school.



love you  
NEVER FORGET, EVEN ONE MOMENT YOU ARE TRULY AMAZING YOU ARE

YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION MUFC 4 LIFE



Believe Achieve Succeed  
Dear Marcus,  
I am so proud of you for being a footballer and also a person who has a role model for us. I know you suffer when we do well but when we mess up and are abused, we are insulted and stoned by people. I still believe you are a quality player and a great person, with or without the penalty. So keep your head up, and keep doing us all proud!  
From Prince Mbongo

DEAN TRUST ARDWICK  
Chief Executive: Mr Simon Taylor CBE  
Headteacher: Ms Suzanne Trisley BEd NPQH  
To Marcus Rashford,  
I would like to congratulate you as it takes courage to represent your country in an international event. 55 years it has taken us to reach a final, you must be proud of an achievement, you should be proud of it. Although England didn't win the final, you all united the country in many ways. As my favourite player, I would like to thank you for you inspire me to chase my football dreams and play for Manchester United and England just like you. The racism you're facing is ludicrous & undeserved as missing a penalty is a normal thing that can happen to anyone. You are a role model to your country and a huge inspiration to young people in Manchester like myself.  
From Keller,  
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To Marcus Rashford,  
Your courage and resilience shines and inspires and still continues to inspire your fans and supporters. You were treated cruelly and without any remorse but that's not okay! Nobody deserves to be racially abused. You are such a strong caring man and have done so much to help us all and for that we are so thankful for that!  
You will always have a place in our hearts your our hero!  
- Savana and Sierra @ and era rose orange

DEAN TRUST ARDWICK  
Chief Executive: Mr Simon Taylor CBE  
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Dear Marcus,  
The prince of England, I want to firstly praise you for all you've done as a footballer and also as a person who has a role model for us. I know you suffer when we do well but when we mess up and are abused, we are insulted and stoned by people. I still believe you are a quality player and a great person, with or without the penalty. So keep your head up, and keep doing us all proud!  
From Prince Mbongo

DEAN TRUST ARDWICK  
Chief Executive: Mr Simon Taylor CBE  
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Hello Marcus, the other night you did us proud by stepping up for the country in a big moment. You are a key figure in the England squad and it took alot of courage to do what you did. Just keep your head high Rashford don't listen to all the negativity and keep doing what you're doing. Love you Rashford.  
From Kyle

DEAN TRUST ARDWICK  
Chief Executive: Mr Simon Taylor CBE  
Headteacher: Ms Suzanne Trisley BEd NPQH  
Dear Marcus Rashford,  
We are all very proud of you and of all your accomplishments. Thanks for helping out with the food bank and free school meals and for your beauty. Having the penalty deserve the fact you were injured and had not played in a long time. You inspire us all to never give up on our dreams and show gives us all hope that we can succeed despite being  
From Ardwick.

DEAN TRUST ARDWICK  
Chief Executive: Mr Simon Taylor CBE  
Headteacher: Ms Suzanne Trisley BEd NPQH  
Dear Marcus Rashford,  
I am extremely sorry that you are going through all this abuse. Even though you have done so much for the community by not letting young children go hungry, you are a true role model for all the young people in the country and all around the world.  
Ariyah.

## Gardening Club

*Our plants have grown so tall!*

Wahabe was very excited to catch up on the progress of the plants that he had sowed last month. Pictured below are a sunflower and corn plant, look how much they have grown! We included an older photo for comparison.



## Free COVID Vaccination Taxi Service

*A free service to the temporary vaccine centre behind Belle Vue Sports Village.*

To support in receiving vaccinations, the local NHS organisation is offering a free taxi service for residents of Manchester which will take them to and from the vaccination centres in Belle Vue and Moss Side. We strongly encourage all to get the vaccination as this is an important step towards keeping schools open.

**Slots available at the Covid vaccination clinic at Belle Vue Sports Village for Manchester residents aged 18 or over. 1st dose and 2nd dose (if after 8 weeks)**



**Belle Vue Sports Village  
Pink Bank Lane  
Manchester  
M12 5GH**



## Covid vaccination mini bus service



Restrictions will soon be lifted so it's more important than ever to get vaccinated to protect yourself and your loved ones

To help make it easier to get vaccinated we are offering a free mini bus service to local businesses and community groups to and from our vaccination centres in Belle Vue and Moss Side.

The mini bus can take up to 6 people and those using the service will be given priority access and will not have to queue to get vaccinated.



This service is for people who need their 1st dose or for those who need their 2nd dose and had their 1st more than 8 weeks ago.

To book a mini bus or for more information please contact



richard.taylor@manchester.gov.uk  
07989 384185

viola.robinson@manchester.gov.uk  
07779 980993

## OddArts Company

*An incredible, interactive performance for our pupils.*

The wonderful OddArts Company were in school on Friday to perform for our pupils. They tackled difficult topics such as anxiety, stress, depression and other mental health issues. Our pupils absolutely love their performances and are full of enthusiasm when asked to join in!



**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Brave the Shave**

*We are so proud of our incredibly brave Miss Dickinson!*

'So far £482 has been raised already towards Macmillan Cancer support which is absolutely unbelievable! There is still time left to go even further with this total and raise as much as we possibly can for this amazing charity! The sky is the limit and every penny helps towards this cause. Thank you so much to all those who have already donated, your contributions have made this fundraising a huge success already! Please use this link <https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/elloise-dickinson> to donate if you want to donate.' Miss Dickinson

Miss Dickinson was incredibly brave today as she shaved her hair to raise money and awareness for Macmillan Cancer Support. It felt as if the whole school was out to show their support as staff and pupils gathered in the yard to watch. We are so very proud of Miss Dickinson and the incredible work that she is doing. Lots of pictures below!



**Identity: What makes me, me?**

*An identity intervention with Mr Tait.*

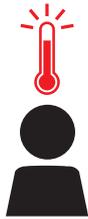
Malek, Year 7, took part in an identity intervention with Mr Tait in which they designed wearable masks with words and images that represented who they are. Malek was encouraged to use lots of colours in his design and you can see from the photographs that he achieved this.



# PLEASE HELP TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS SAFE WHILE CASES OF COVID-19 ARE INCREASING.

**If in doubt, take a test.**

The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are:



High  
temperature



New continuous  
cough



Change to how  
things taste or smell

If you have any of these signs, you must **stay at home** and book a free PCR test as soon as possible.

A PCR test is for people who think they have symptoms of COVID-19. It is a swab test that is sent to a lab to be analysed.

Sometimes, people with COVID-19 do not have the three main symptoms listed above. Instead, they have any of the following symptoms:



Diarrhoea



Sore throat



Muscle or full  
body aches



Tired and  
unwell



Headache that  
lasts a long time



Blocked or  
runny nose



Sickness or  
vomiting

6 July 2021

Dear parents/carers,

**Wider symptoms testing - If in doubt, take a test**

Schools in Manchester have been working together with the Public Health and City Council Education team over the last year to manage the COVID pandemic response.

Schools are following the government guidance with some additional measures brought in locally to help us manage COVID cases.

This has been a tough year for everyone, and I would like to personally thank all our schools and thank you and your children for everything you have done to keep each other safe, particularly our most vulnerable residents.

We need to continue to do everything we can to stop the spread of the virus and get the infection rate down.

Some people may not think they have COVID because they do not have the classic symptoms and could be spreading the infection to others.

Schools and parents are telling us that there are some pupils and staff testing positive with other symptoms, so we are now asking people to take a PCR test for these wider symptoms too.

Testing has a key role to play in helping us keep the virus under control until we have more people in Manchester immunised. The more cases we find, the better chance we have at stopping it spreading.

Please find attached more information on the other symptoms we are asking people to get tested for and some information on the type of test needed and self-isolation.

I would also encourage everyone who is eligible to take up the COVID vaccination offer. We now have a wide range of walk in and pop up clinics across the city and the details can be found in the COVID section of the City Council website ([www.manchester.gov.uk](http://www.manchester.gov.uk)).

I thank you for your cooperation and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for working with us.

Yours sincerely,



David Regan  
**Director of Public Health for Manchester**