



NEWSLETTER

Half Term 2

12th November 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Last week we joined as whole school community to focus on Remembrance, as pupils made wreaths, listened to pupil led assemblies and took part in the 2-minute silence as the Last Post resounded across the school. These occasions help us unite as a school family. Please see the photos and read about the story that one of our teachers shares.



Ms S. Finlay
Headteacher

We are delighted that the majority of Year 11 pupils have attended Booster sessions in English, mathematics and science last week to support them with their studies prior to their first mock examinations which begin next week. Good luck Year 11!

Did you realise that November is the only month where we are in school for the whole time? As such, due to this, and the fact that we are now entering the colder and darker season, we are having a special drive on positivity with our 'Next Level November' drive, where pupils can gain extra positive points on Class Charts. The Year 11 prefects are leading an initiative to enter pupils in a prize draw for exemplary behaviour at breaks and lunchtimes! Pupils are excited at the prospect of sharing a pizza with a friend on a Friday afternoon if they win!

I hope you enjoy this week's edition.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay

Safeguarding Tip:

Early Help is a universal service that supports families in a variety of ways. School can offer Early Help to support you and your child. Please contact the Welfare Team for further information.

Diary Dates

KS4 Manchester United Trip	19 th November 2021
Year 10 Progress Evening	2 nd December 2021
Cadbury World Trip	6 th December 2021
Christmas Show	14 th - 16 th December 2021



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HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGES



Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *Year 7 behaviour has been exemplary throughout the week!*

Hello parents and carers. We are well into the start of half term 2. I would like to say that Year 7 overall has adapted well into Dean Trust Ardwick community. I am regularly approached by staff who have been so impressed with the overall behaviour of Year 7. I would like to thank you for ensuring your child is prepared and always ready to learn. This week all pupils have had assemblies regarding Remembrance Day. Year 7 pupils have been decorating poppies and wreaths which will be put up around the school.



Year 8 - Mr Smith *It is vital that your child takes part in one of our many extra-curricular clubs.*

It has been lovely to see so many Year 8 pupils taking part in the extra-curricular activities so far this term. Following a frustrating year where COVID restricted the number of clubs we could offer, the uptake in participation has been excellent. There has been a real range in clubs from the sporting activities such as football, basketball and netball, to activities such as chess and baking! These clubs are excellent for developing pupils' social and mental health and are such a vital part of their school life. Please encourage your child to choose at least one club a week to participate in.



Year 9 - Mr Diaz *Year 9 are setting a fantastic example to their peers.*

As we settle back into school this half term, it is important that we take time to reflect on our strengths and areas we need to improve as individuals. Year 9 have worked together in forms this week to remember the fallen soldiers that granted us our modern day freedoms and have engaged in positive discussions. We have also had a focus on uniform, appearance and behaviour this week. Overall Year 9 pupils are very hard working, they look smart and set a great example for their younger peers. Please continue to encourage your child to follow on from our role models to be the best they can be. The girls' netball team received an honourable mention in assembly this week after a challenging game. They did exceptionally well as a team, and though the outcome was not what they desired, their efforts were invaluable. Well done!



Year 10 - Mr Chetwyn *Pupils have taken part in remembrance activities this week.*

This week marks an important week as we show our respects on Remembrance Day. We have been doing some great things in form time to learn about Remembrance whilst making our own wreathes. It has been great to see so many Year 10 pupils wearing their poppies, engaging in education about remembrance and creating some fabulous wreathes! We have had our first set of points awarded as part of our Next Level November, with 10T Bridgewater taking the early lead! It's great to see our typical forms knocked off their perch, generating some really positive competition to succeed within the year group. We will keep the positivity going with weekly Head of Year awards for our top positive conduct points in each form, so let's see everyone work hard to keep the positive points going up! Keep up the hard work everyone!



Year 11 - Mr Hull *We are now on our penultimate week before the November mock exams start.*

We had an inspirational guest speaker at assembly early in the week who passed the clear and important message – *if it's meant to be, it's up to me*. We are preparing our pupils ready to be young adults in the modern world and taking responsibility for ourselves is a key part of this. This includes making sure we are working to our maximum level in lessons, attending lessons on time with the right equipment and completing all work set. Furthermore, this means focusing on our attendance at booster sessions and being totally concentrated. The booster sessions have been really well attended, and these are boosting our knowledge. A further point for taking responsibility has been the production of personal statements for college applications. Pupils have been given a huge amount of guidance and support, and this support remains available. Work hard, be kind.

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Remembrance Day

Remembering those who gave their today, for our tomorrow.

Pupils have been taking part in a number of activities to pay their respects to those who gave their lives for our freedom. Not only have we been remembering soldiers of the World Wars, but also those who were front-line workers throughout the COVID pandemic.

Forms have produced poppy wreaths, with personalised poppies containing messages to those we remember. A number of pupils produced a video sharing lots of information on Remembrance Day, this was shared during form time and is available to view on our website:

Also, we have our very own veteran amongst our staff team. Mr Hafford donated his old RAF uniform for the week, and children have been fascinated with it!





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Mr Hafford shares his story...

I joined the RAF on 27th September 1988, aged 17. I completed my 6 weeks basic training at RAF Swinderby, Lincolnshire before moving onto my trade training with the RAF Regiment at Catterick N Yorks.

In 1989 I retrained to Supply and Logistics and served on over 10 RAF Stations in the UK and Overseas including Belize and Ascension Island. During this time I represented the RAF in various sports and travelled extensively, including serving in Jordon 1990 (Operation Granby), lead a chemical reaction team during the Gulf War (Desert Storm 1991), sent to Yugoslavia in 1991, pre Balkan War 1991 (Forward Supply Team), and posted to RAF Belize Central America in 1992, working in forward locations across the country.

On my return to the UK in 1993, I joined the Tactical Supply Wing and was trained in 'rotors turning' refuelling which is the process of refuelling a helicopter whilst the engine is running and the rotors are still turning at full speed.

Unfortunately my military career ended when I sustained a major injury jumping from a plane. I completed rehabilitation at RAF Headley Court in 1994-95 where I learnt to walk again over a 8 month period.

I have attended the Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday for the last seven years.





Dance Workshop

Professional dance company, Company Chameleon held workshops this week.

Professional dance company, Company Chameleon was in school on Friday, to deliver a fantastic dance workshop to a group of pupils, across a range of year groups. The focus was on creating new movement and moving in unusual and alternative ways. Every single pupil worked so hard to get involved and showed some excellent technical and creative skills. All the pupils should be so proud of what they achieved. Company Chameleon run dance workshops at their Gorton Studio on Saturday and would welcome new participants of all ages. Please see their website for further details.

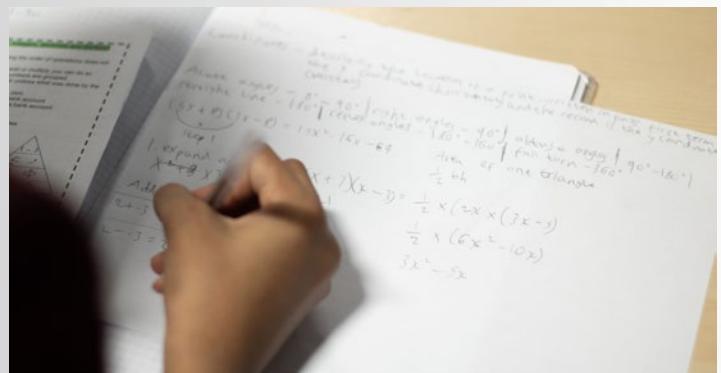




Mathematics

Year 10 are using lots of revision methods to prepare for their GCSEs.

Year 10 pupils have been preparing for an end of unit assessment. They have been able to utilise and improve their revision techniques through a variety of tasks. From flash cards; to mind maps; to testing each other verbally, Year 10 have retrieved powerful knowledge. At Key Stage 4 it is imperative that pupils can use revision to apply the knowledge they retrieve. Therefore, the pupils were also exposed to 'Goal free problems'. These problems are GCSE style questions without a specific question to answer. The aim is to unlock and combine as many mathematics topics as possible, within one question. This skill encourages pupils to read through questions thoroughly and to understand that mathematics can interlink topics, especially at GCSE. I look forward to seeing more revision throughout Key Stage 4 to strengthen the retrieval and application of knowledge which will allow all pupils to thrive as citizens of the world!



Library

Pupils took part in National Non-Fiction Month.

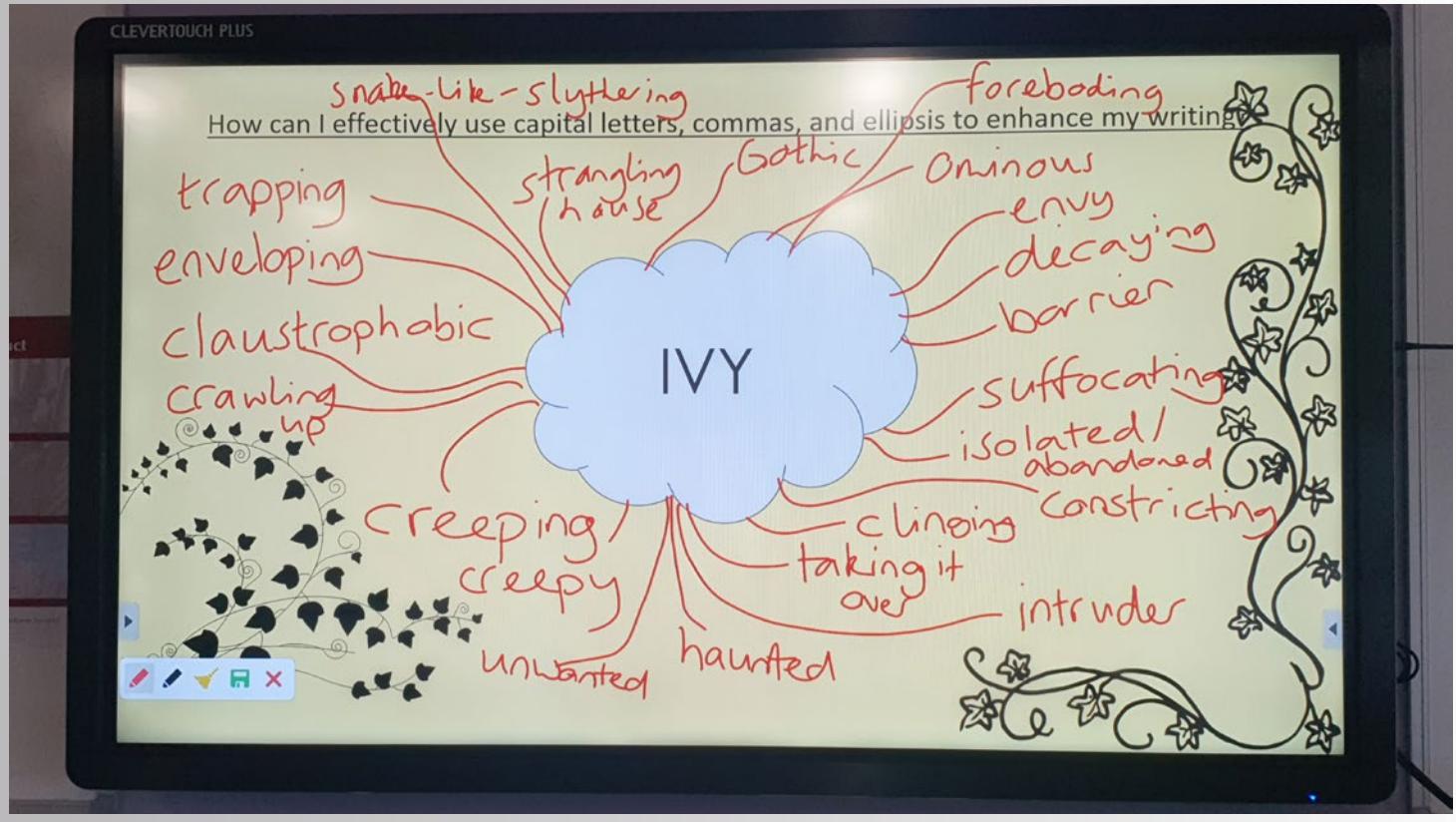
November is National Non-Fiction Month and this year the theme is 'Heroes'. This week, we had workshops in the Library to celebrate non-fiction writing. Our pupils entered a national competition asking them to write about why they think Marcus Rashford is a hero. We researched Marcus Rashford and completed 'Hero Fact Files' to gather as much information as possible. Pupils also looked at extracts from Sophia Thakur's book Superheroes: Inspiring Stories of Secret Strength, to see how to write with both facts and emotion! We had some great entries and the pupils enjoyed learning about and recognising an inspirational, local hero!





English

8T2 came up with some fantastic ideas of how to describe ivy while working on Gothic creative writing in English. They have really challenged themselves to use interesting vocabulary and figurative language, and we can't wait to read their extended writing pieces when they start them next week!



Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Faculty need YOU! We are looking for more performers to join the cast of our Winter Showcase. Please see the information below for days/times of each rehearsal. If you would like to join the cast, please just come along to the sessions. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Performing Arts team.

Winter Showcase 2021

The performing Arts faculty are putting on a spectacular festive show on Tuesday 14th Dec at 1.30pm and 5.30pm



We need lots performers to be part a variety of performance pieces.

We are looking for:

ACTORS to be part of some festive comedy sketches and to perform scripted acting pieces **TUESDAYS 3-4PM Main Hall**

DANCERS to be part of an exciting, creative dance piece **TUESDAYS 3-4PM Activity Studio**

DRUMMERS to be part of a Samba style performance (a visiting tutor will teach you how to play) **WEDNESDAYS 3-4.30PM Activity Studio**

SINGERS to perform group songs. There may even be opportunities for solos! **THURSDAYS 3-4PM Activity Studio**

MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMERS to take part in an extract of the musical **Annie** **THURSDAYS 3-4PM Activity Studio**



Physical Education

It has been another busy week for fixtures this week at Dean Trust Ardwick.

Early on in the week, the Year 9 netball team had their first netball game in 2 years. They scored the first two goals but unfortunately missed out on the win. Miss Henshall and Miss Walker were extremely impressed with how the girls played!

The Key Stage 3 girls took part in a football tournament over at Wright Robinson College on Wednesday. They drew one game and won the remaining two fixtures (1-0 & 5-0). Well done to Queen Olapade for her MOM goal scoring performance.

The Key Stage 4 girls took part in the same football tournament at Whalley Range on Thursday evening. The girls won 5 out of 6 games. A big shout out to our goal scorers Isha (1), Laney (7) and Madalynne (9). Miss Pemberton was proud of the way the pupils conducted themselves and performed. Well done to all the Year 10 & 11 girls who played!

The Year 8 boys football team narrowly missed out on a win in the cup. The boys put in a solid performance and were unlucky not to get the 3 points and move into the next round. Lastly, the boys basketball team had their first fixture of the year. They put in an excellent performance and beat Cedar Mount 26-17. A very promising start for the team as they prepare for more fixtures to come. Keep up the hard work and well done!



Year 11 Booster Sessions

We have had a fantastic number of Year 11 pupils turn up for the booster session running last week. We had a record turn out over 194 pupils turn up for the Science booster class. Pupils are studying and preparing well for the Mock Examinations starting from Monday 22nd November until the 6th December.

Prayer Room

Our Prayer Room will be opening again from next Monday. This will be a quiet, safe space for pupils to visit on their lunch and pray. The room will be open to Year 7, 8 and 9 from 12.40-12.55pm, and Year 10 and 11 from 12.55-1.10pm. Please see Ms Ashraf for more information.