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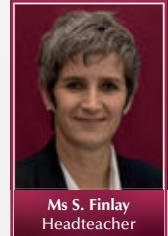
Half Term 2

22nd November 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This second half term is racing ahead very quickly as December is on the horizon. All pupils listened to engaging assemblies on Anti-bullying Week, and are building a Kind Words Wall in line with the national theme this year.



Ms S. Finlay
Headteacher

Year 11 pupils have been working very hard towards their first mock examinations which they have started this week. The attendance at daily after school 'booster' sessions has been impressive so we wish them the very best as they are sit their examinations this week with the mantra in mind: *'If it's to be, it's up to me.'*

The Reach Out mentoring programme has returned at long last following the pandemic, and we have had an excellent attendance from Year 8 pupils.

Read about Mohamma Cho's workshop, Tender Arts drama, and Debate Mate which is becoming a very popular club, and proudly boasts the success of our pupils in the national Expo 2020 Dubai competition! You must read to find out more!

I hope you enjoy this week's edition.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay

Safeguarding Tip:

Being well prepared for your exams is the best way to overcome stress and anxiety, and gives you the best chance of getting good grades.

Diary Dates

Year 10 Progress Evening 2nd December 2021

Cadbury World Trip 6th December 2021

Christmas Show 14th - 16th December 2021

Last Day of Term 22nd December 2021



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HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGES



Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *We are encouraging kindness and positivity this week!*

Hello parents and carers. Last week was Anti-Bullying Week at Dean Trust Ardwick and we wanted to encourage pupils to show kindness towards one another. This month I am giving Year 7 the power to award positive points by nominating their classmates for acts of kindness, inclusion, respect, support. These are all great examples of how our pupils already show kindness. Pupils will be able to nominate each via the Year 7 pastoral team.



Year 8 - Mr Smith *Year 8 pupils have started their Reach Out Programme this week.*

Last week over 40 Year 8 pupils started their first session of the Reach Out Programme. This is a weekly mentoring session where young adults visit the school to help pass on their experience and life journeys to try and help motivate, enthuse and pass on their skills on how to be successful. Pupils had lots of fun and will hopefully become more confident, resilient young people as the programme progresses. I know the pupils are particularly looking forward to the various trips during school time that they will attend! Well done everyone!



Year 9 - Mr Diaz *Pupils have been engaging well with Anti-Bullying Week.*

Pupils have been completing assessments in their subjects last week and soon will be receiving their first reports from staff according to their progress. Year 9 have engaged well with their learning since returning after summer and I am sure they will be working hard to ensure they perform to the best of their ability to ensure positive outcomes. We have also had a focus on Anti-Bullying Week during form time and assemblies, pupils have been encouraged to develop a 'Kind Wall' for their year group to bring the school community together and focus on the good nature of others. Everyone has been encouraged to contribute to this wall as a symbolism of empathy and responsibility to look after one another. I am excited to see how this turns out!



Year 10 - Mr Chetwyn *We are raising awareness of bullying and how to tackle it.*

I enjoyed seeing the Year 10 contributions to Anti-Bullying Week last week. Already we have had some Year 10 volunteers to present in assembly to promote our 'Kind Words Wall'. This is a great opportunity to raise awareness of bullying, including what bullying is and how it can make people feel. Hopefully it will enlighten us all and encourage us to step forward and put a stop to it if we ever see people displaying bullying behaviour, and that includes on social media! Good luck to our Year 10 extra-curricular teams this week too, with fixtures happening almost every week now, which is great to see! Keep up the hard work Year 10!



Year 11 - Mr Hull *"If it's meant to be, it's up to me."*

Last week started with an inspirational assembly from Manchester United Foundation, informing us of the RISE programme. This is an excellent initiative with some exciting opportunities, and as our guest speakers said; "Talent is everywhere; opportunities are not". We encouraged our pupils to consider being part of this wonderful opportunity. We have a hugely talented year group and with our mock exams starting on 22nd November, it is a great opportunity for us to showcase that talent. These examinations are hugely important, they allow pupils the experience of sitting the exams, to gain the benefit from revising for these exams and also the teachers can analyse and learn from the results to see where attention needs to be focused upon in the future. Work hard, be kind.

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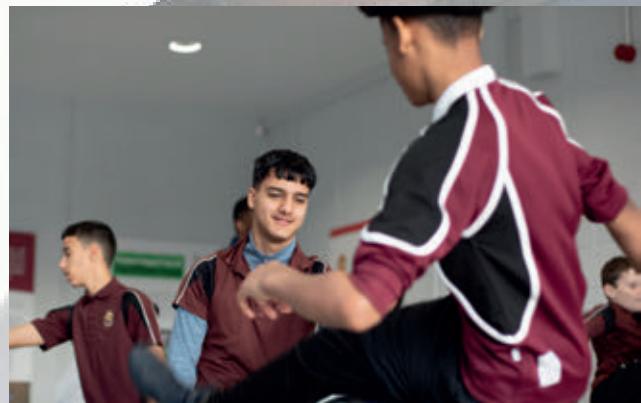


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Taekwondo Workshop

Team GB Taekwondo practitioner, Mahama Cho visited school to hold a Taekwondo workshop.

Following his previous visit ([8th October 2021 Newsletter](#)) we were very eager to welcome Mahama back to school to continue his inspirational work with our pupils. During this visit, Mahama held several taekwondo workshops in which he tested pupils' reflexes, flexibility, fitness and speed. Everyone involved had a very enjoyable time and are eagerly awaiting the next workshop! Please enjoy the photographs below.





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Tender Arts

Workshops on unhealthy relationships and domestic abuse.

Over two days, a group of Year 9 and 10 pupils have been working with Tender Arts on unhealthy relationships and domestic abuse. They explored such statistics as 1 in 3 woman experience domestic violence at some point in their life and the age group most at risk of relationship abuse is 16-24, which is why this topic is so relevant to our pupils. They were able to highlight early warning signs, different forms of abuse and how to access and offer support to those who need it. During the second day, they arranged this information using speeches, signs and drama to create a performance that they delivered to the whole of Year 9. Pupils who took part not only had to discuss a serious subject matter, but also show the confidence to perform in front of their peers. As young people start to develop relationships, it is important that they are aware of how to safeguard themselves, and their friends, from any potential risks. For further information, or to access help and advice on unhealthy relationships or relationship abuse pupils can access the SHARP system on our school website, contact Brook or Tender Arts.





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Debate Mate

Increasing speaking and listening attainment whilst improving a range of higher-order thinking skills.

Debate Mate is held every Tuesday. Last week we had another excellent turn out, 43 pupils. One group was given 5 minutes to write a speech selling an item which had been given to them. This would have been easy if the items were not a table, chair, bottle and a box of tissues. This activity challenged pupils to use their imagination to sell unusual products. The group with the best ideas won. Another group was given unusual items to fight with during a 'Zombie Apocalypse'. Pupils were very enthusiastic about this activity. Another successful session enjoyed by all!



Congratulations to...

Ella and Ridh who have earned their place in the SEMI FINALS of the Expo 2020 Dubai. The Expo 2020 Dubai is an exhibition of the entire world where 191 countries participate hosting pavilions showcasing their culture, cuisines, art, technologies and innovations.

The final is on the 2nd December. If you see these pupils please wish them luck. If they win, it will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for them to visit Dubai.

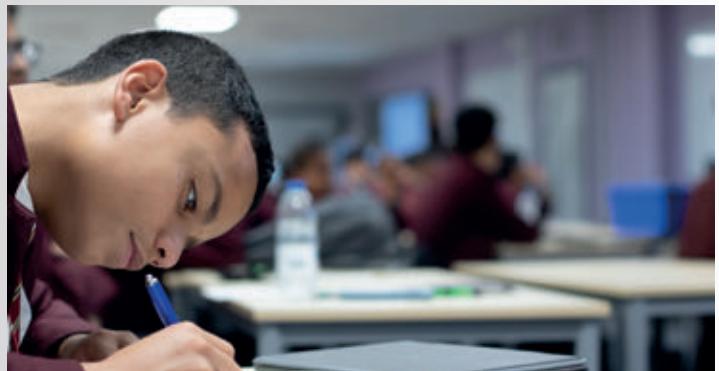
They have done our school proud already in making it to the Semi-Finals.



Mathematics

Attendance to booster sessions has been great!

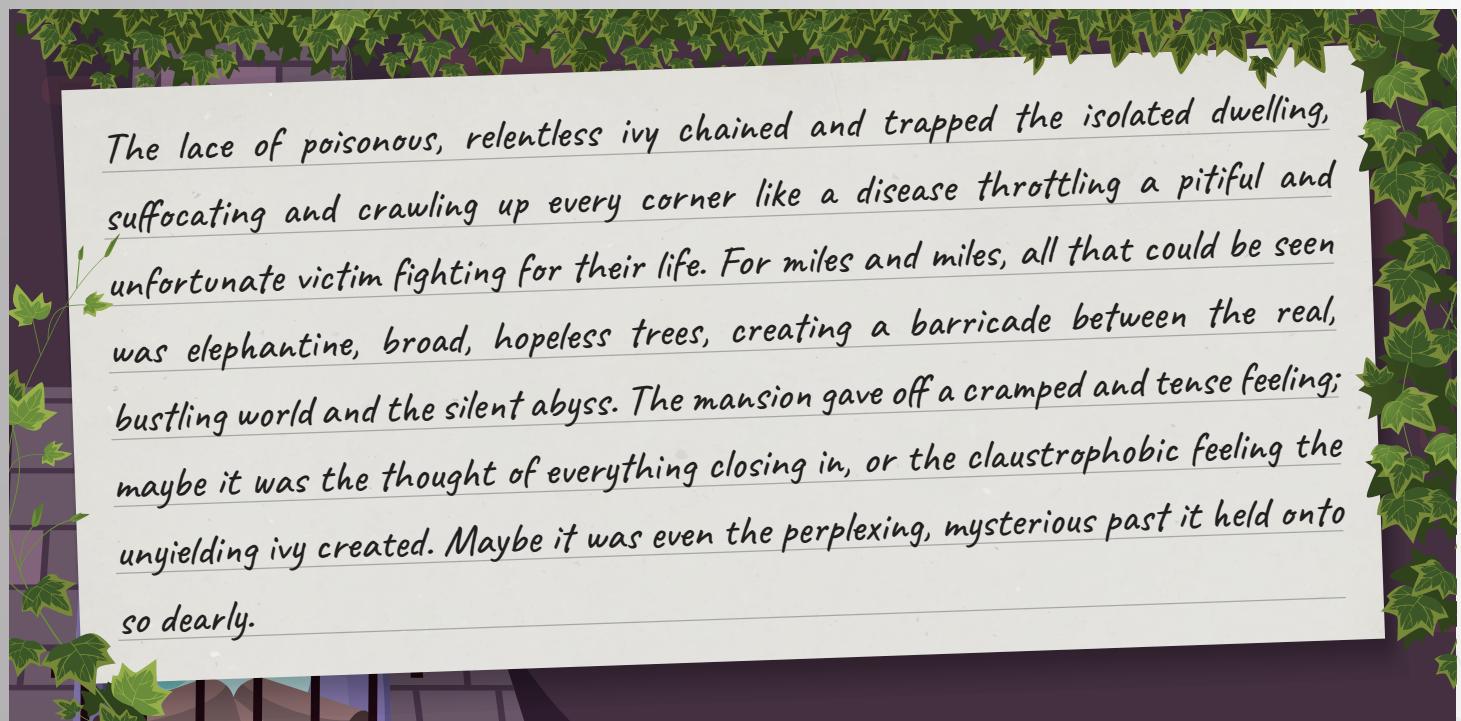
With Year 11 Mock exams fast approaching it was great to see so many Year 11 pupils attending booster classes after school for mathematics. Teachers and pupils worked together to cover a range of topics including vectors, linear graphs and functions. Well done to all the Year 11 pupils that attended and continue to show a great attitude to learning! We wish you all the best in your upcoming mock examinations.



English

Creative writing on an isolated setting.

During a creative writing lesson, Kanta in 8T2 wrote the following incredible description of an isolated setting:



SCHOOL NEWS

Hospitality and Catering

Baking club has been a huge success!

This technology faculty has been baking up a storm with our new baking club members! Pupils created a batch of chocolate chip cupcakes each, which allowed them to develop their baking skills. It was fantastic to see the older year groups, with their advanced culinary skills, assisting with the younger year groups who are new to hospitality and catering lessons. The smell of cupcakes filled the corridors and pupils produced some mouth-watering results! All are excited for their next practical which will be scones!



Technology

Women in Technology (W.I.T)

This week also marked the beginning of a new club within design and technology, Women in Technology or (W.I.T) Club for short. This club is focused on increasing the number of women in technology increasing diversity and inclusion within the technology sector and helping to inspire the next generation. The attendees will participate in projects around the school utilising their computer aided design skills and practical technology skills. This week the group helped create a variety of form shields for each of the Year 7 form groups at Dean Trust Ardwick utilising CAD design and the laser cutter.

