

NEWSLETTER

30th September 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to those parents that joined us for our annual Open Evening this week. The evening was aimed at prospective pupils and parents who will shortly be applying for a secondary school place, for September. It was fantastic to see so many of our parents at the event with the younger siblings of some of our current pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupil helpers for making a positive contribution to the event. They were all exemplary role models and a credit to the school, especially our Year 11 Head Prefects who supported me the presentation to parents.



Worthington
Headteacher

Congratulations to those pupils that completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition in Delamere Forest last weekend. I was very proud to receive an e-mail from the assessor who stated that 'rarely have I returned home both very humble and very proud of being associated with the Award Scheme'. Please see inside this week's newsletter for further highlights of the pupils' fantastic achievements.

Please can I encourage our parents and carers to download the My Child at School App so that we can improve our school-home communication. Moving forward, we will use this as our main form of communication with parents. There is a detailed guide inside this week's newsletter explaining how to access and set up the app.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington

Safeguarding Tip: The weather is getting colder and wetter. Please send your children to school with a coat. If you have any concerns, please contact the Welfare Team.

Diary Dates

Year 8 Immunisations 6th October

Year 7 Welcome 13th October

Evening

Year 11 MUF Careers 17th October

Trip



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 - Mr Bridden Year 7 continue to impress staff!

Year 7 continue to fit into DTA and learn the rules and expectations. Uniform standards have been great and our new Year 7 cohort have made a great first impression to our staff! Thank you to those pupils who stayed to help at the Open Evening. It is great to see these new pupils advertising DTA to prospective pupils already! Keep up the good work!



Year 8 - Mrs Rashford Congratulations Stars of the Week!

Well done to the Year 8 Stars of the Week winners for last week who each received a free breakfast. This week pupils had a presentation regarding the up and coming HPV vaccinations on Thursday the 6th October. All parents and carers should have received an online consent form to fill in. Please can you check that you have received this and completed it as soon as you can. If you do not consent to your child having the vaccination please state this on the form too.



Year 9 - Mr Smith We are so proud of our Year 9 pupils!

This week, the Year 8 pupils have been running their hustings for the form captains. It has been great to see so many pupils putting themselves forward for the role and reading/listening to their speeches as to why they feel they are deserving of the role. There are many great leaders in our year group who have the character and personality to succeed in this role and we look forward to the start of their journey! It was also great to see so many pupils helping out at the Open Evening this week. This demonstrates how proud the pupils are of their school and how much they want to promote this to prospective parents. They really do live up to our moto 'Proud to Belong'!



Year 10 – Mr Diaz Year 10 have been thinking about their futures!

This week pupils have explored how MacMillan works as an organisation to support people in their care. This has sparked some great discussions in form and during assembly last week. We have also celebrated European Day of Languages, there are 52 languages (and possibly more) spoken at Dean Trust Ardwick, it's in our DNA! Pupils have celebrated their heritage by sharing their own knowledge of languages and finding out how many staff in school speak more than one language. Our school community is hugely diverse and must be celebrated. Lastly, many Year 10 pupils have developed their interests in careers, from the recent Post-16 evening. Pupils have pursued more information in careers and/or studies that they're passionate about.



Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn We have been looking towards the future!

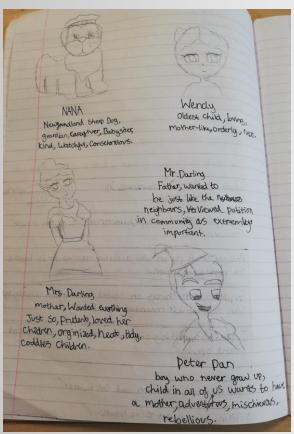
I would like to highlight last week's Post-16 Information Evening. It was amazing to see so many Year 11 pupils attended to explore their options for the future. What matters now is putting the hard work in, every minute, every day, to make sure that we all achieve our desired placements once we leave DTA! Mr Fuller spent some time talking about the 'DTA Way' at Post-16 evening, encouraging everyone to adopt the best mindset possible moving forwards. We look forward to seeing that in the way we act and work every day! Keep being great Year 11!

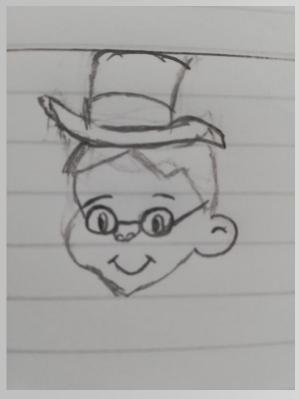
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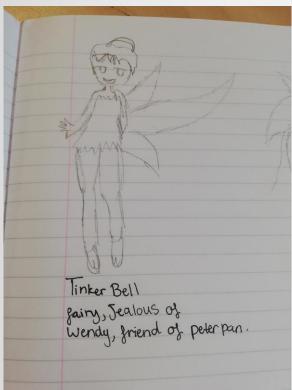
English

Well done for your hard work, Maryam and Nihal!

Maryam and Nihal from 7X2 have created some sketches of the main characters of Peter Pan, the book we will be reading this term. Miss Polychronidou is really impressed with their work!



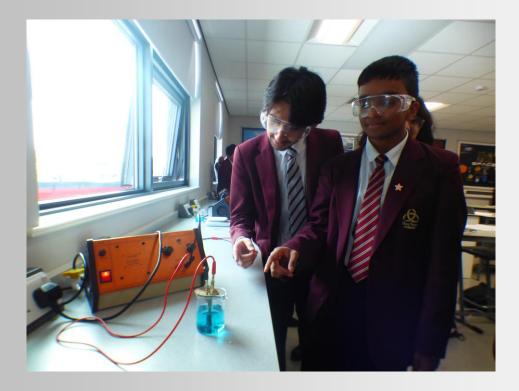




Biology

Our pupils enjoyed participating in an experiment!

Year 10 Triple Biology looked at the break down of hydrogen peroxide with catalase, an enzyme produced by the liver. This reaction is extremely important in protecting humans from hydrogen peroxide, a toxic substance produced by the body. Catalase converts hydrogen peroxide to oxygen and water, which are harmless to our body. Pupils tested the gas bubble to establish that oxygen was indeed produce. They were excited to see that the gas lit the glowing splint, which is the chemical test for oxygen gas. This linked their chemistry knowledge to biology.





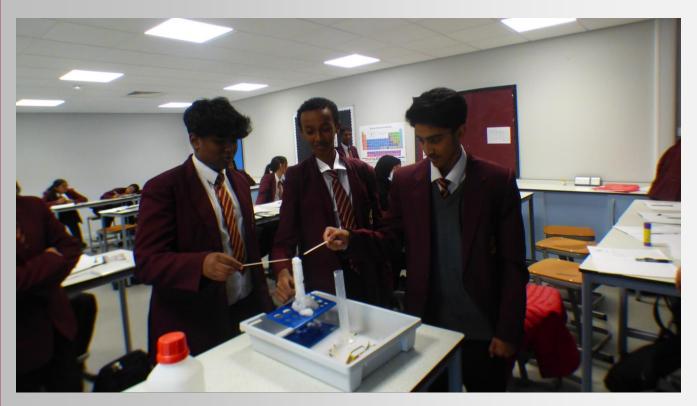


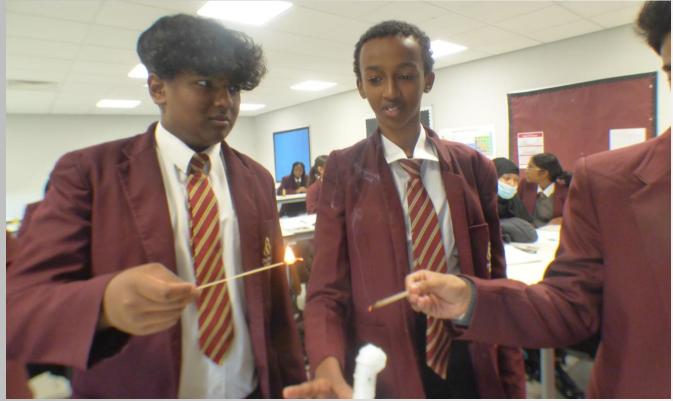
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Chemistry

Our Year 11 pupils have been working very hard!

Year 11 Chemistry, pupils extracted copper using the method of electrolysis. Pupils have been learning different methods of how metals are extracted from their ores. This week they learnt electrolysis (using electricity to separate metal ions) and applied that knowledge to extract copper from copper sulphate solution.





Physical Education

Well done to our new Sports Leaders!

After another busy week in PE, we were delighted to hear that our Year 7 pupil, Ikrah, won gold at the National Taekwondo Championships last weekend In Sheffield. This is a fantastic achievement and we cannot wait to see what Ikrah achieves in her up-coming tournaments. This week we also selected our new Sports Leaders for the academic year. The pupils will begin their roles next week and we look forward to seeing them in their new role. A huge congratulations to those selected!

Parental Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came!

On Friday morning, we hosted our first Parental Coffee Morning of the academic year. It was so lovely to see faces familiar and new! The coffee morning is a great opportunity to discuss current topics at school and to receive parental feedback. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who came and to the staff who attended. We look forward to the next one!

Chess Club

Lots of pupils attended our Chess Club!

On Our extracurricular timetable was kickstarted this week. We have lots of different extracurricular opportunities for pupils and they provide a great chance to learn new skills and meet new people. Pupils will be shown the extracurricular timetable in form time. On Wednesday after school, Mr Varghese ran the first meeting for Chess Club. Lots of pupils attended and it was great to see them competing and strategising. Thank you to Mr Varghese for running such a great club.



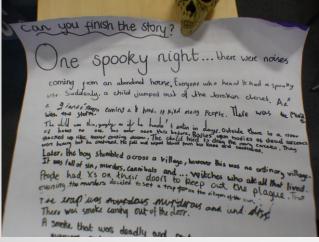


Open Evening

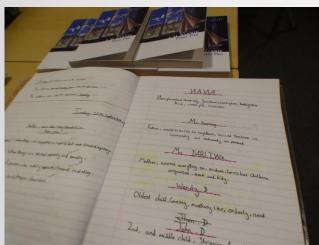
It was great to meet some potential future pupils!

On Thursday evening, DTA hosted an Open Evening for prospective parents/carers and pupils. It was a great evening with lots of information from all of the faculties. It was great to see some potential future pupils and to welcome our visitors to DTA. Thank you to all of the parents/cares who came to the evening. Thank you, as well, to the staff who stayed to help and made the evening a success!











Macmillan Cancer Support Charity Cake Sale

Pupils supported a charitable cause!

On Friday, we raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support by decorating and selling cakes at break and lunchtime. Thank you to Ahmed, Renad, Mohammed, Ayah, Samirah, Ali, Vivienne, Vanya, Anna, Seema, Paris and Mr Musa'ad for decorating the cakes. Macmillan Cancer Support is a great cause and we are very proud to support it. Thank you to staff and pupils who bought a cake and donated to this charity.





My Child At School App (MCAS)

Bromcom's MyChildAtSchool Parent/Carers app is designed to increase the parental/ carer engagement between Parents/Carers and Schools by sharing key information about their children's day to day school information.

How to Access MCAS

To login to the MCAS parent portal you will need to have a valid email address registered with the school and an invitation code which the school would have sent you via email. The email will come from SCHOOL and the subject will be MCAS-Redeem Invitation Code, if you follow the link in the email, it will take you to step 4. If you do not have an invitation code, please contact the school reception for one, as you will not be able to access the Parent Portal without one.

1. From within your web browser type www.mychildatschool.com this will open the log in page which looks this this:

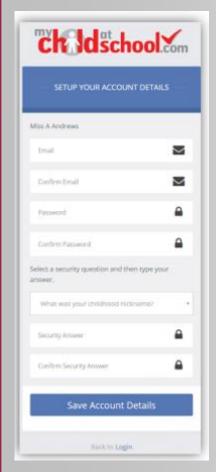


2. Click on redeem invitation code. This will take you to a new screen.



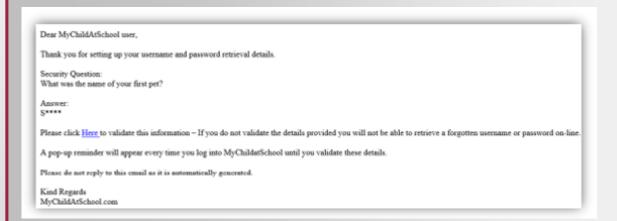
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 - School ID: 13080
 - Username (you will find this on your invitation email):
 - Invitation Code (you will find this on your invitation email, this is a 10-digit code)
- 4. Click on I am not a robot and redeem code

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5. Enter the required information to setup the login details then click on save account details. A message will be displayed that the new log in setup has been successful.

6. An email will be sent to the registered email
address asking you to verify your log in information. If
this is not done you will not be able to recover your
account details or reset your password in the future.



- 7. You will now be able to log in using your new log in details
- 8. Download the MCAS App