



# NEWSLETTER

11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

The highlight of this week has been Dean Trust Ardwick's performance of Disney's High School Musical. The Performing Arts Faculty embarked on this project in January 2020 and after two postponements were finally able to put on a fantastic production. The depth of talent on display was incredible - there were so many stunning individual performances, from pupils across all year groups. Congratulations to all those that performed and thank you to everyone else who supported the school's final production. Please find the High School Musical highlights inside this week's newsletter.



Mr S.  
Worthington  
Headteacher

In preparation for Remembrance Day, the school's 'theme of the week' has been remembrance. Pupils have spent time in assembly learning how the children of Ardwick Central School were impacted by World War I, in 1939. Additionally, prior to our two-minute silence on Friday, pupils considered the range of individuals affected by wars and were asked to remember ongoing conflicts in addition to those that happened many years ago.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Hassan Arif, Ahmad Hamid and Asim Arif for leading pupils in Jummah prayers this week. Highlights and details of this week's sermon can be found inside this week's newsletter.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington

**Safeguarding Tip: Online abuse can have a big impact on children. Online platforms such as SnapChat have features which make this difficult to manage. Are you aware of your child's interactions online? Please speak to school if you have concerns or want to know more about online safety.**

## Diary Dates

Year 7 Residential	14-16 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 9 Parents Evening	17 <sup>th</sup> November
Careers Trip	24 <sup>th</sup> November
MFL Speaking Exams	28-30 <sup>th</sup> November



## Head of Year Messages



### **Year 7 – Mr Bridden** *Year 7 wowed in the school show!*

The Year 7 team would like to say a huge well done to all pupils that took part in the school's performance of High School Musical. Especially to the Year 7s that took part. We are looking forward to taking around half of the year group on a residential to outward bound (Wales) next week and we will update you upon our return. Remember it is Next Level November so pupils should be aiming for 100% attendance.



### **Year 8 – Mrs Rashford** *Year 8 are competing for rewards!*

Well done to Year 8 who again have the second highest attendance across the school. Year 8's overall attendance for last week was 95.5%. Last week we re-launched Next Level November (NLN) again this year. NLN is an opportunity to celebrate pupils doing the right thing in school and showcase and reward pupils for their fantastic achievements throughout the month of November. Forms will be competing as teams and working towards gaining points to be in the chance of winning and selecting rewards for the form. Currently, 8T Pankhurst are in lead – however, this could change by the end of November!



### **Year 9 – Mr Smith** *Year 9 have been learning about safety!*

The Year 9 pupils have had another busy week in school. We had some fabulous performances in the school production of 'High School Musical', the boys footballers battled hard but eventually lost 3-1 to Chorlton High school in the Manchester Cup, all of which demonstrated the attitude and commitment our pupils have towards extra curricular activities. We also started our Next Level November competition with Piccadilly taking 1st place in the league table this week, I'm sure the competitive instincts of the Year 9 will ensure we maintain our high standards of punctuality, attendance and behaviour!



### **Year 10 – Mr Diaz** *Year 10 have been busy!*

This week, a group of Year 10 pupils attended a Black History Month careers and business trip which was a fantastic success! Our pupils were engaged throughout, representing the school brilliantly. They met some inspirational people and were able to ask questions about their journeys, gaining motivational advice for their own future aspirations. Please join me in congratulating and thanking, Amin, Kayla, Ky, Touray, Quadama and Kyah-Ndey. This week, we have also explored the importance of Remembrance Day. Pupils and staff are encouraged to support raising funds by purchasing a poppy, even a small donation goes a long way. Lastly, we are celebrating achievements each week with our Next Level November competition! There are many prizes up for grabs for pupils and forms going above and beyond. This week, 10Y Bridgewater is in the lead in our form competition and Areeba was the lucky pupil to receive a £20 voucher for exceeding school expectations. Well done everyone!



### **Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn** *Year 11 have some new members of their Prefect Team!*

Year 11 had a positive and productive start to half term 2. One exciting thing for the year group is that we have selected several new prefects to join our talented and successful prefect team. These individuals have gone above and beyond to be role models to pupils in their year group and the wider school community. November also marks the return of Next Level November where pupils have the opportunity to be rewarded for thriving in their school work and behaviour. Keep an eye out in Monday's assembly for our winners for attendance and conduct. Remember this year there are also individual faculty prizes to be won - so work hard in lessons, focusing on doing the basics right and demonstrating the DTA way to your younger peers. I look forward to another successful and purposeful week for Year 11



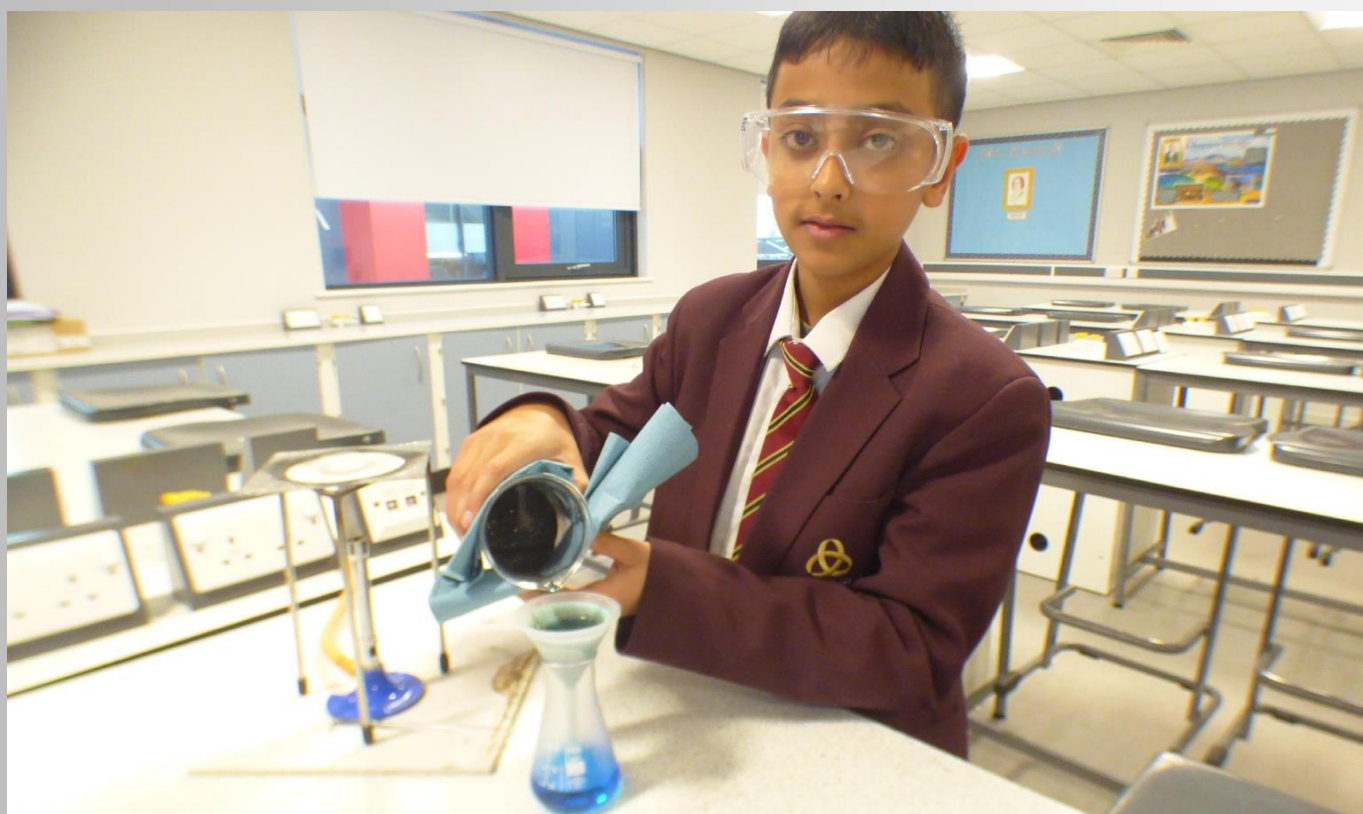
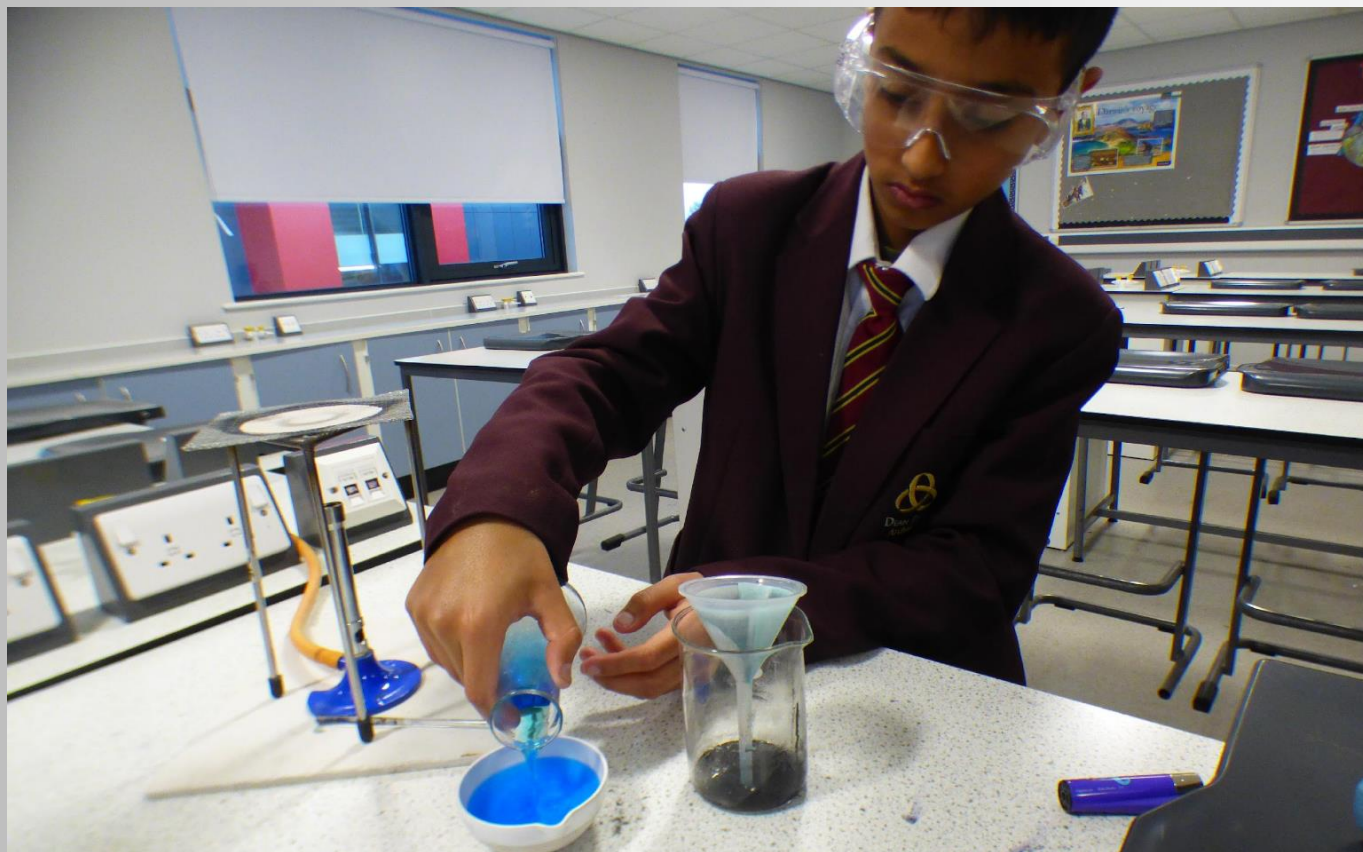
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### Science Club

*Pupils have started their debating journey!*

In Science Club, pupils made salts of copper sulphate. They made soluble salt (Copper sulphate) by neutralising the acid (sulphuric acid) with a base (Copper Oxide). Students worked really hard to follow the method, use the correct equipment and make the salt safely and successfully.





## CREST Award

*Pupils have started some exciting projects!*

Pupils have started the CREST Award, a pupil-led project in the STEM subjects run by Mrs Rakhtopol and Mrs Mulrayan. For their Bronze award, pupils complete a ten-hour long project and for the Silver award, they complete a thirty-hours long project. Over the course of a project, teams of students design their own investigation, record their findings and reflect on their learning. This process gives students a taste of what it is like to be a scientist and engineer in the real world! Pupils in Years 9 and 10 had a range of projects to pick from. One of our Year 9 pupils has chosen to build a rocket using different resources that can be used to generate electricity. Another group of Year 9 pupils are working on a project focusing on healthy living and medicine. Some Year 10 pupils are continuing their previous research project. Keep an eye on the newsletter to find out how the projects develop in next few weeks!





### Debate Mate

*Pupils have started their debating journey!*

This week was the first week of Debate Mate this year. We had a great turn out from many pupils across Years 7,8 and 10.

Debate Mate is a programme which runs after school debating clubs in primary and secondary schools across the UK. In previous years, Debate Mate has held the Debate Mate Cup Final at the Houses of Parliament and Westminster City Hall, where pupils debated important issues around climate change, the rise of technology and its place in today's society, as well as political issues such as prison reform.

For the next 17 weeks, pupils will be learning the art of debating and how to debate in a formal setting for one hour from 3.15pm to 4.15 pm on Tuesday each week. The club is run by specially trained, and DBS-cleared university students, and the techniques are delivered through a series of fun and interactive exercises and games. Debating is shown to improve pupils' critical and creative thinking, confidence, teamwork, leadership, aspirations, resilience and self-management. Pupils who have been on the programme often see substantial progress in their speaking and listening skills, and their engagement with school and a range of pupils have been shown to benefit from (and enjoy!) this club.

This week during Debate Mate, pupils had to gather in a circle and listen, then repeat what each person said about 'What they would want to go down in History as.' This tested their listening and communication skills. The next task was whether they agreed or disagreed with the statement and then they had to explain 'Why.' Two of the statements which pupils discussed were whether a tax should be put on greasy foods and whether celebrities were good people to act as role models.

Keep reading for more updates on Debate Mate!

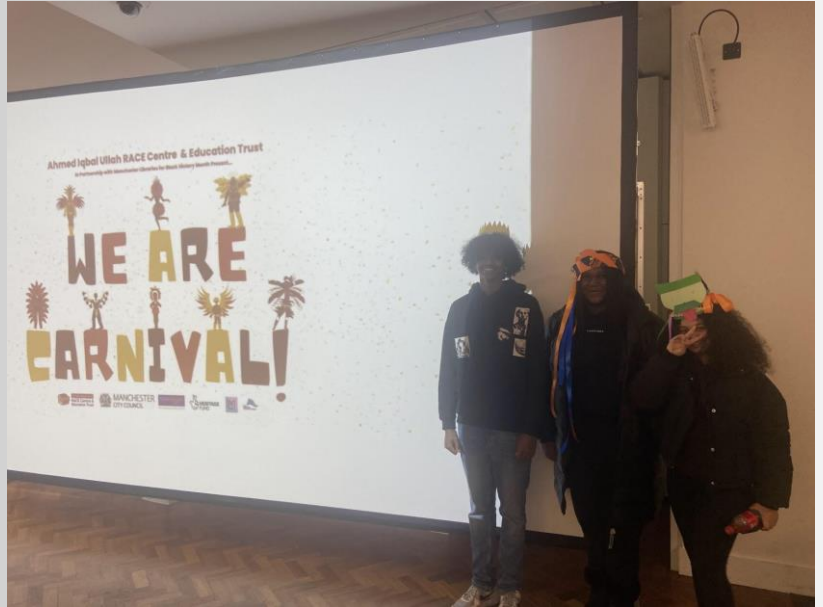




**Black History Month**

*Pupils visited Manchester Central Library!*

Three of our Year 11 pupils visited Manchester Central Library for a Black History Month: We Are Carnival Event. This event was run by the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre.



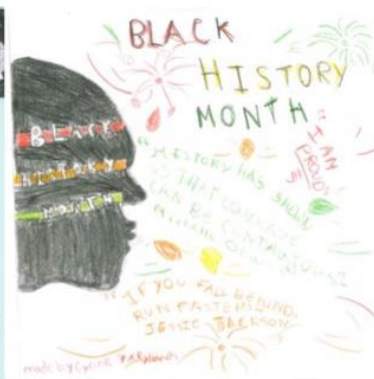
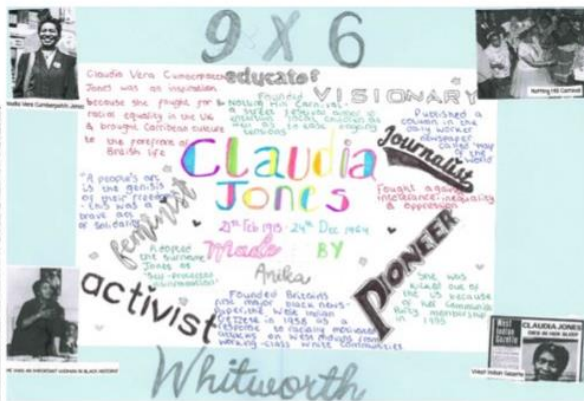


## Black History Month

*Pupils designed posters!*

During form time, pupils created posters for Black History Month. These posters will be put on display in school. Thank you to all of the pupils for the creativity and research they put into these posters!

### Recognising Black History @ DTA

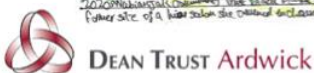
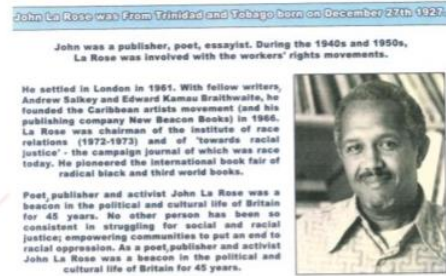
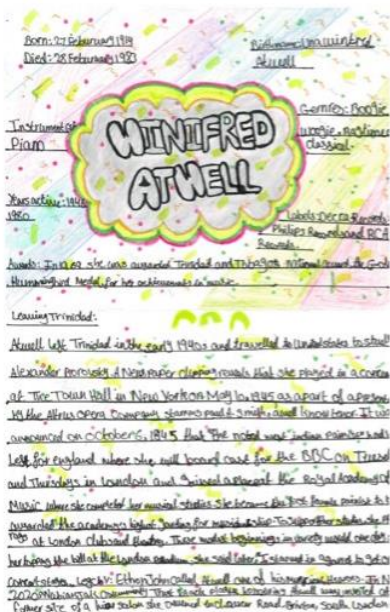


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**DTA Celebrates Black History Month**  
 Name: Faith Robinson  
 Form Group:  
 The name of the inspirational Black Briton we have chosen to research is: **Mary Seacole**  
 The reason why they are an inspiration:  
 She was a nurse, a writer and a pioneer. She was the first Black woman to be recognized as a nurse in the British Army. She was also a writer and a pioneer in the field of nursing. She was a woman of many talents and a true inspiration to all of us.  
 Dates of importance:  
 Mary Seacole was born in 1818 in St. Vincent, the Grenadines. She died in 1882 in London, England.  
 Further information about their life/achievements:  
 Mary Seacole was a nurse and a writer. She was the first Black woman to be recognized as a nurse in the British Army. She was also a writer and a pioneer in the field of nursing. She was a woman of many talents and a true inspiration to all of us.  
 My opinion of this person and what we gained from this research:  
 I am truly inspired by her life and her achievements. She was a woman of many talents and a true inspiration to all of us. Her story is a testament to the power of hard work and determination. We can all learn from her example and strive to be like her in our own lives.  


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George the Poet is a true icon for people of colour, and has helped greatly towards empowering Black Lives Matter. He is a rapper, spoken-word artist, and poet. He believes in collaboration and co-operation, and wants education to improve his aspect on Black History and people.



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**STEVE McQUEEN**  
 STEVE McQUEEN IS A BRITISH FILM DIRECTOR, FILM PRODUCER, SCREENWRITER AND FILM EDITOR. HE IS KNOWN FOR HIS BRITISH-INSPIRED FILMS, IS ACADEMICAL AWARDS WINNER AND RECEIVED THE BAFTA AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTOR.  
 IN 1974, HE WAS NOMINATED FOR BEST DIRECTOR AT THE 46TH ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS FOR BEST PICTURE.  
 IN 1976, HE WAS NOMINATED FOR BEST DIRECTOR AT THE 48TH ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS FOR BEST PICTURE.  
 IN 1978, HE WAS NOMINATED FOR BEST DIRECTOR AT THE 50TH ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS FOR BEST PICTURE.



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**Prayer Room**

*Thank you to the pupils leading these prayers!*

Every Friday during this Winter period, we have been able to provide a facility for pupils to pray Jummah prayers, led by our Year 10 and 11 boys: Hassan, Ahmad and Asim. Today's sermon was on the importance of working hard and doing your best, written by Ahmad. It aligned with our DTA values, inspiring pupils to be the best that they can be.

Jummah takes place at the following times:

KS3: 12.45pm

KS4: 1pm

Pupils can continue to get passes from Ms Sayeed every week if they wish to attend – these are currently limited in number.

**Natasha's Law**

Due to Natasha's Law, pupils must not bring any food in to school to share with other pupils. We also ask that parents do not bring any cakes into school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

