



NEWSLETTER

2nd December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

There has been an emphasis on charity at Dean Trust Ardwick this week. Pupils received assemblies promoting World AIDS Day, enabling the school to address some misconceptions around the illness and encourage pupils to support the fight against HIV. On Thursday, pupils either wore a red-ribbon or red accessory to show their support. Also, on the theme of charity this week, Year 8 pupils submitted applications to become Charity Leaders, demonstrating their desire to make a difference to our school community and to live up to our ambitions for them to become 'citizens of the world'. Please see inside this week's newsletter for more details on both World AIDS Day and on Year 8 Charity Leaders applications.

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. In the near future we will be changing our on-line system for catering payments, meaning that parents will no longer be able to use Parent Pay. Parents and carers will be required to make payments via the My Child at School App. There is further information inside this week's newsletter.

A reminder that we will be hosting a parental coffee morning next week, Friday 9th December at 9:00am. I look forward to welcoming parents and carers to the school and sharing some important updates. During the coffee morning we will answer any questions in addition to sharing details on our revision curriculum and outlining some of the support that is accessible via school.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: The festive period can be tough for many – social media can play a part in feeling the need to keep up with expectations and trends, and can leave us feeling pressured and stressed – financially and emotionally. Please contact the Welfare Team at school for support or guidance on the run up to the Christmas break.

Diary Dates

MFL Speaking Exams	1 st -9 th December
Growth Company Trip	7 th December
Manchester United Foundation Trip	8 th December
UA92 Trip	8 th December
Parental Coffee Morning	9 th December



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mr Bridden *Time to get involved with our next rewards initiative!*

This week, we have started our 12 Days of Christmas initiative. All we ask is that pupils are in school and on time every day. If pupils can do this, they will have the opportunity to win some fabulous prizes. The 12 Days of Christmas initiative will run until we break up for the holidays on the 16th December. Remember Year 7, “If you concentrate on small, manageable steps you can cross unimaginable distances.”



Year 8 – Mrs Rashford *Well done Gaskell!*

I am pleased to announce the winning form for Next Level November is 8 Gaskell. Well done to all pupils in the form. We are on the countdown to the end of this half term. There are more opportunities for pupils to receive a range of prizes for outstanding behaviour and attitude as we conclude this half term and 2022.



Year 9 – Mr Smith *Year 9 have celebrated the Next Level November winners!*

Year 9 pupils have had another busy week in school. On Thursday we announced the winners of Next Level November, this has been a competition between form groups through the whole of November to incentivise great attendance, punctuality and behaviour. There has been a real improvement on the whole with the winners being Deansgate just beating Piccadilly (2nd) and Turing (3rd). In our assembly this week, Mr Diaz spoke to the year group about World Aids Day to help to further their knowledge and understanding of this disease and the way in which we can help raise money for such an important cause. Next week, we have two separate trips to Old Trafford to look forward to, one for the Year 9 DTA World Cup football winners and, also, the ‘Best School Day Ever’ trip based around IT skills and careers in the sport/leisure industry.



Year 10 – Mr Diaz *Year 10 have been achieving rewards!*

Thank you to all parents, carers and pupils for attending this week’s Parents/Carers Evening, it was a great success. This week pupils have taken part in our Theme of the Week, World AIDS Day, fundraising to raise awareness and fight the stigma about HIV and AIDS in the UK. We have also ended our Next Level November awards, with 10X Lowry taking the lead in the interform competition with best attendance, behaviour and punctuality. Well done Lowry! Next week, we will be exploring other fundraising activities and we have begun our countdown with the 12 Days of Christmas competition, with many more prizes to be won. Watch this space!



Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn *Year 11 attendance has improved!*

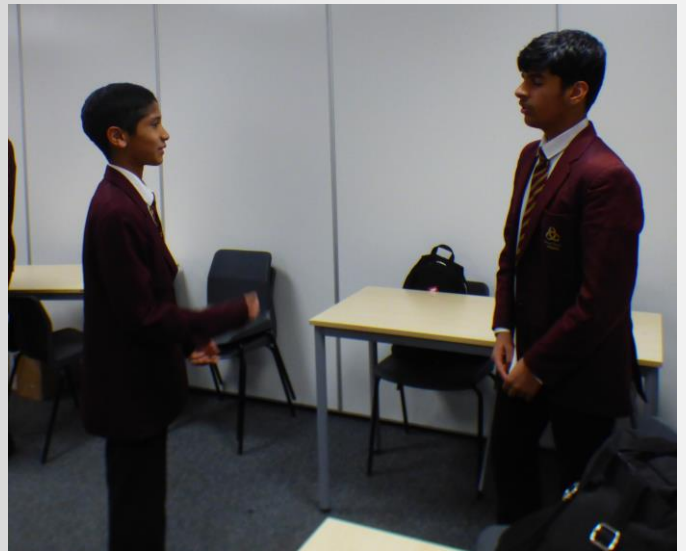
Personal statements should now be completed and handed in to your form tutors ready for references to be added. I want to say a massive thank you for all the collective effort in making sure that pupils are coming to school and being on time. Our attendance this week rose significantly due to these efforts, so well done. Remember keep getting the basics right as those break through moments do not happen overnight. They happen with consistency, commitment and dedication over a period of time. Think of the ice cubes or the bamboo that we looked at this week in your revision booklets! I also want to say a massive well done to Zak, Fawzy, Joseph and Oliver for winning the World Cup trials. They now have the opportunity to go to Old Trafford for a stadium tour! Polite remind that the 12 days of Christmas started on Thursday 1st of December. There will be daily prizes available for good attendance, punctuality, behaviour and commitment to learning. Keep an eye out in form time for those prizes.



Debate Mate

Well done to all who attended!

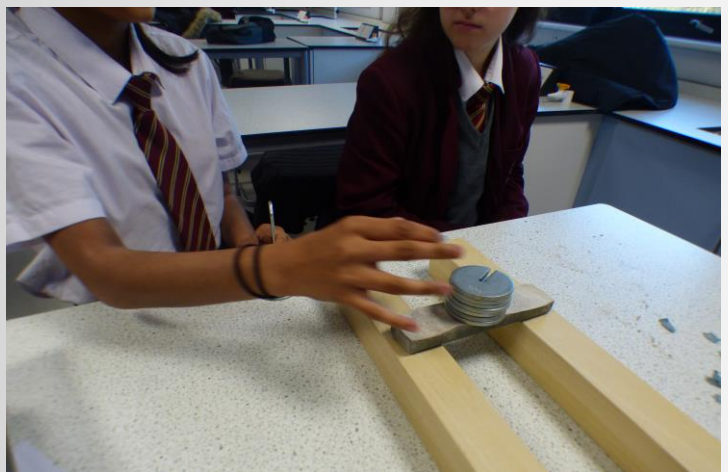
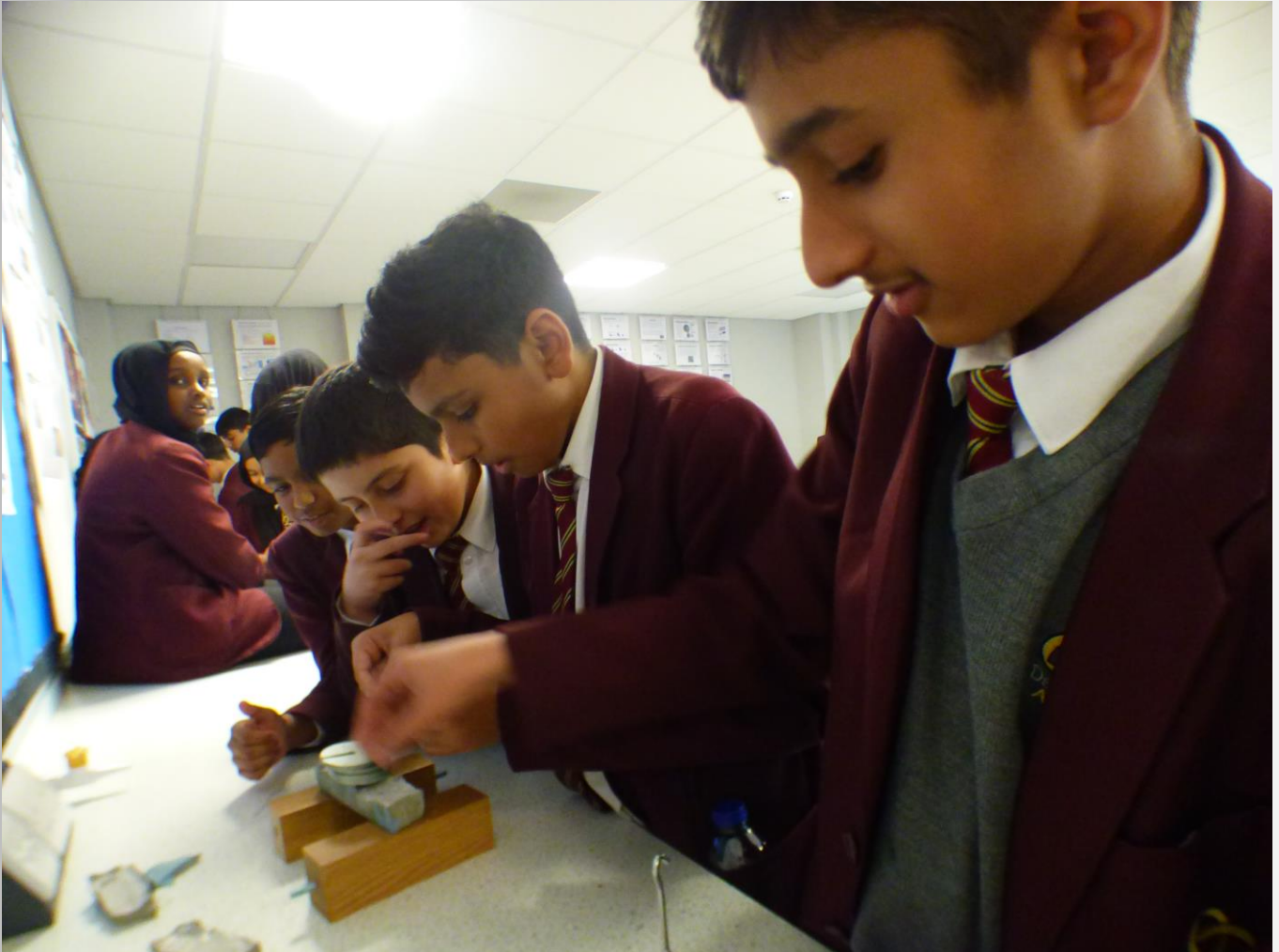
Pupils have attended Debate Mate for another week running. They have continued to develop their skills and we are really proud of the progress they are making.



Science

Year 9 pupils have been doing Science experiments!

This week, Year 9 pupils have been looking at composite materials and they had a go at making their own concrete blocks. Different groups looked at different ratios of the materials needed to make the concrete. The blocks were then tested for their strength using masses. Pupils compared their data to decide which ratio of materials worked best to make the strongest concrete block.





World Aids Day

Thank you to Mr Diaz for promoting such a worthwhile cause!

Thank you to everyone who has donated for this great cause #RockingTheRibbon and to those who wore red on Thursday, 1st December. The fight against HIV and AIDS continues and it is very real for people living in our world. HIV does not discriminate and anyone can contract HIV, but with the right preventative measures and medication, people can lead a very long, healthy and happy life. Ignorance spreads HIV so education and understanding the facts is the key to breaking the stigma. Mr Diaz is still counting all the donations and will be announcing next week how much has been raised, all donations will be sent to the National AIDS Trust, UK.





World Aids Day



Prayer Room

Well done to all of the pupils who have been participating!

Prayer passes are proving very popular for Fridays and it is amazing to see so many pupils attend every lunchtime across KS3 and KS4. Today's Khutbah (sermon) was on courage and being brave even if something wrong is happening around you and treating people with kindness delivered by Ahmad and Hassan. Next week is the last Jummah of the school year so remember to get your pass from Ms Sayeed from Tuesday to Thursday!



Parental Notice: Parking

Parents and Carers must not park on the double yellow lines on Daisy Mill Road under any circumstances. Parking on the double yellow lines is dangerous and can cause a serious risk to pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick, St Luke's and to other road users. Please arrange a convenient location to collect your child away from Daisy Mill Road to help keep our pupils safe.



Parental Notice: My Child At School App

Please ensure that you download our new communication app, My Child at School. The app will allow you to stay up to date with how your child is doing at school and ensure you receive all school communication, including school reports. If you require support downloading the app, please speak to reception or look out for our next drop in session.

