



# NEWSLETTER

31st January 2023

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the teacher union, NEU, has declared strike action on a series of dates nationally. The first strike day will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

We have looked at available staffing for that day and we are unable to provide our normal provision whilst ensuring the safe supervision of pupils. The school will therefore only be **open to Year 11** pupils. The school will **not** be open for all other pupils/year groups on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. Your child will be provided with home learning so that they can conduct work remotely.

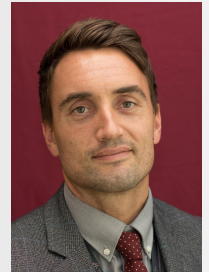
Year 11 are off to a flying start as we are now half way through mock examinations. These examinations will provide pupils with an indication of how well they are progressing in their subjects in addition to providing valuable experience ahead of this summer's GCSEs. I wish all our Year 11 pupils the best of luck!

A further reminder of the Year 9 Options Evening which will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. It is essential that you join us to receive important advice and guidance to support your child's education as they progress to KS4. Any resources you may need are located on the Dean Trust Ardwick website.

If parents and carers haven't already, it is essential to download the My Child at School App so that we can improve our school-home communication. Parents and carers are now required to make payments (including catering) via the My Child at School App. We are running an initiative in school where our pupils will receive a small reward for helping their parents / carer to sign up to the My Child at School App.

With best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

## Safeguarding Tip:

Are you aware of your child's online activity? Social media can be a big worry for parents and carers, with new apps and websites popping up all the time it is hard to keep up. For information, support and guidance in keeping our child safe online visit CEOP Education ([thinkuknow.co.uk](http://thinkuknow.co.uk))

## Diary Dates

Year 9 Options Evening	9th February
Parental Coffee Morning	10th February
Year 8 Reach Out Trip	14th February
Year 7 Reach Out Trip	15th February



## Head of Year Messages



### **Year 7 – Mr Bridden** *Attendance has increased!*

I am proud to say that it has been another positive week for the pupils of Year 7. The overall attendance of the year group has increased this week which is a trend we would like to keep for the rest of the academic year. Please can you make sure that you have all signed in to the My Child At School (MYCAS) website or application. Moving forward this will be used as a key line of communication between the school and yourselves as parents/carers. If you are having any problems getting signed in to the MYCAS app please do not hesitate to call us up or come in to reception where we can support you in person.



### **Year 8 – Mrs Rashford** *Please sign up to the MYCAS app!*

We are well in to our third term. You will have received your child's assessment data for last term. If you have any issues or concerns with your child's progress please do get in touch to make an appointment to discuss. If you have not already done so, please sign up to the MYCAS app. Pupils will be given rewards if their parents or carers have signed up. I would appreciate it if you do this by 28/01/23. If you are having any issues with this please get in touch with school – we will be happy to help.



### **Year 9 – Mr Smith** *Year 9 learnt about World Religion Day!*

The focus in the Year 9 assembly this week was 'World Religion Day' which was led by Mr Carey. We looked at the different religions that make up the world, Manchester and our own school and spoke about how our diversity is our identity and how being part of such a diverse school community will help us all have a greater understanding of people's beliefs and values that may be different to our own. This week we are having a push on trying to ensure that all parents have downloaded the MYCAS app, this is the new parent app that allows for all correspondence and finances to be communicated from school to parents. There is an email that has been sent to all parents with login details and how to use the app. If you have any problems with this please email [admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk](mailto:admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk).



### **Year 10 – Mr Diaz** *Year 10 have an exciting opportunity coming up!*

It has been an exciting week for Year 10 with an Engineering trip being announced! This is an Apprenticeship experience in construction with The Growth Company who have an upcoming 'Have a Go' day. This opportunity is open for pupils with an interest in engineering, electronics, vehicle maintenance and plumbing. Our second opportunity this week has been the announcement of a trip to take part in the Kath Fry Challenge 2023. Year 10 pupils have to complete an application form and return it to Mr Hinton to express their interest and why they would be a suitable candidate. Pupils will fundraise for this event. Lastly, we encourage pupils to maintain high standards in uniform and appearance, at no point should pupils be turning up to school with trainers, make-up or jewellery; these items do not form part of the school uniform and will be required to be removed or confiscated. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to maintain high standards in their uniform and appearance at all times.



### **Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn** *Year 11 had a great Parent's Evening*

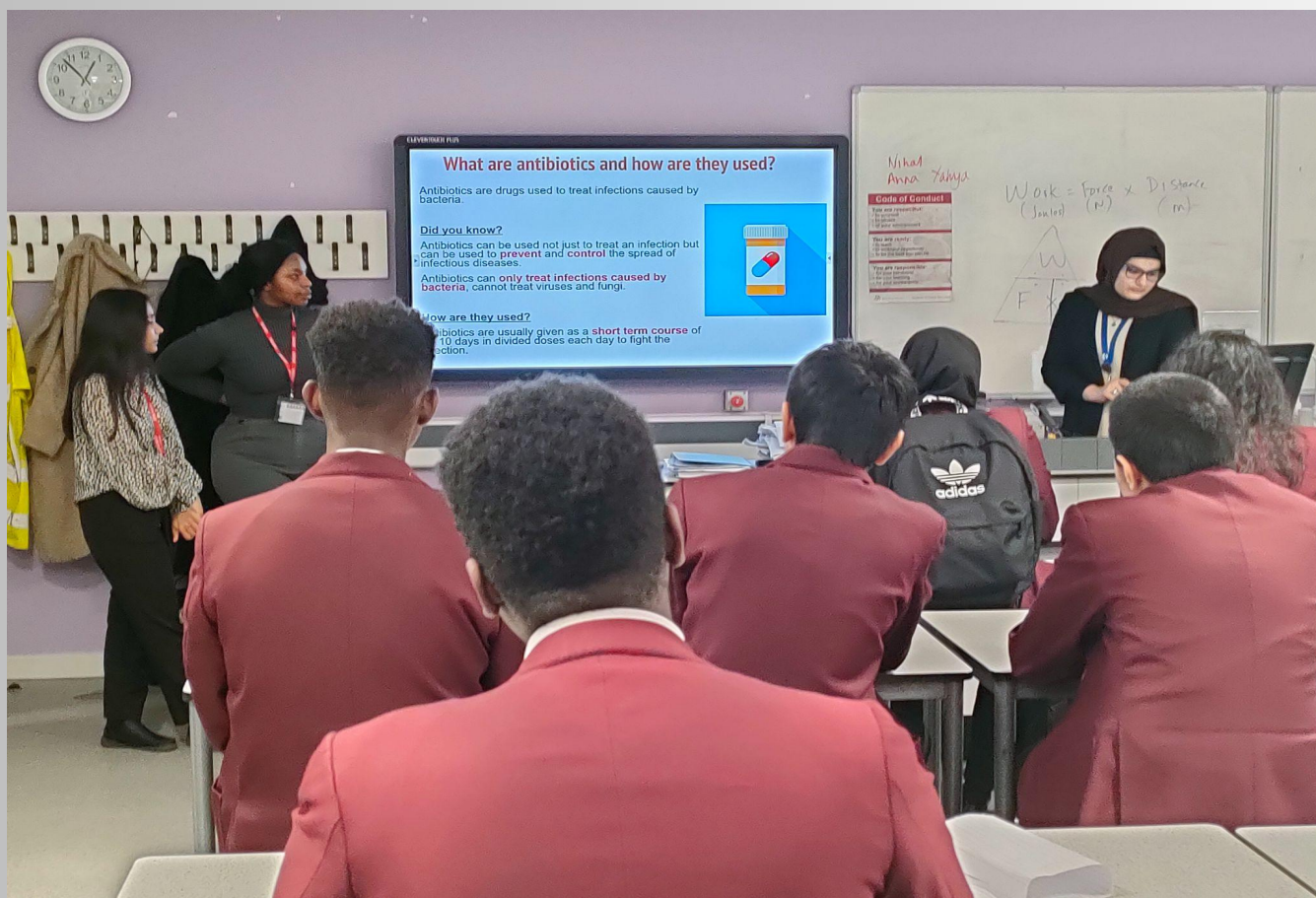
We had a really productive Parent's Evening with a great turn out from parents and carers. I would encourage all pupils to take on board the personalised feedback that you were given from your subject teachers and the Year Team in order to prepare for your upcoming mocks this week. On the topic of mocks, please ensure that you are revising consistently but at the same time taking regular breaks to allow your brain to absorb the information. I want to say a massive thank you to our senior prefects and prefects for their role during duties this week, ensuring that pupils are off corridors and in lessons on time. Keep up all the hard work Year 11.

## School Messages

### Science

*Thank you to the representatives from Boots!*

Separate Science students in Year 10 were invited to a lunchtime talk from Boots Pharmacists to learn about antibiotics and antibiotic resistance. Pupils and staff enjoyed the short presentation and were able to ask questions about what they had learnt. There will be more talks from Science professionals over this term, so watch this space!



## School Messages

### Physical Education

*Well done to everyone taking part in PE opportunities!*

We have had another busy week of fixtures in the PE department. The Year 7 netball team had their 2<sup>nd</sup> fixture of the school year. They were unfortunate to be defeated by a strong Wright Robinson team. Miss Henshall was impressed at how the team worked together and their resilience displayed up until the final whistle. A huge shout-out to the 'player of the match', Mama!

Mr Beaumont and the Year 10 football team had their first league fixture of the academic year. The team hosted St Anne's on Wednesday night which was a challenging game. The team took 1 point away from the game after a 2-2 draw. Goals from Ali and Habib gained the team the point. Well done to those involved, especially Mohammed for his 'player of the match' performance.

This week we saw some of our pupils rewarded with the Barclays Go lead certificate. The pupils took part in a course last year in order to improve the participation of female participation in sport. The pupils developed a wide range of leadership skills and fed back all their new ideas to a member of the Youth Sport Trust. They were very impressed by the ideas from the pupils and were excited for what is to come. We look forward to developing our leadership team as we look to recruit our new cohort. Well done to all those involved: Tia, Hifz, Nevadah, Kayra, Anaiyah and Husna.



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### Mathematics

*Well done Year 11, we are really impressed!*

Year 11 have voluntarily been revising Iterative Methods after school in Maths. Practice makes permanent, keep it up Year 11!

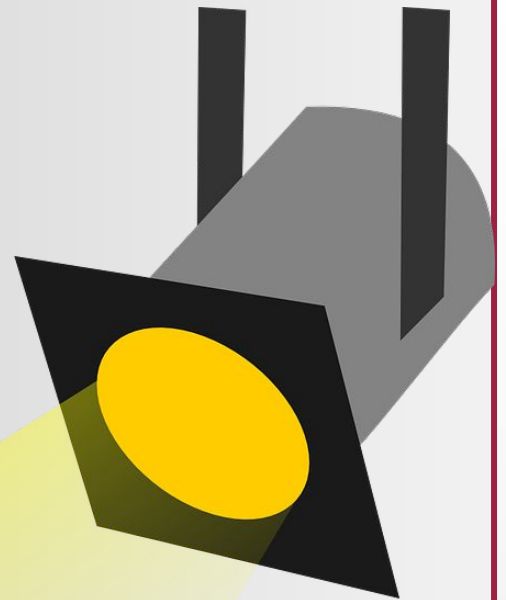


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### Enrichment Spotlight

*Well done to all of the pupils who attended!*

Pupils have attended a board game club after school. This is a great way to meet new people and learn new skills while having lots of fun!



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### 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.

