



NEWSLETTER

8th May 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

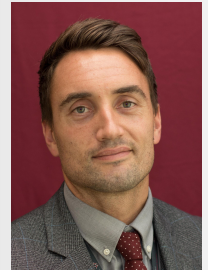
I had the absolute pleasure of celebrating Eid with the school community during our Eid Fair last Friday. We invited our local primary schools to attend as well as our pupils and their families, everyone had a wonderful time. For more information and photos of the event, please see the main body of the newsletter.

We are officially halfway through this half term! It has been a busy 3 weeks with a considerable amount of disruption and I am very proud of all our pupils for taking it in their stride and maintaining high standards. I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of attendance for the rest of the academic year. Please encourage your child to maintain high levels of attendance and punctuality.

With only 4 school days left until the start of the GCSE examinations, it is more than ever for our Year 11 pupils to be attending vital revision sessions and working hard at home to ensure they achieve the grades they have worked so hard for.

We have another bank holiday on Monday 8th May to celebrate the King's Coronation so school will be closed. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Tuesday 9th May.

Best wishes
Mr S. Worthington



Mr S.
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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip:

As the digital world continues to evolve for our children, we as parents must continue to evolve with it. With that in mind, the link below will take you to a 'Parent digital manual on how to be one step ahead of your children and how to appropriately safeguard their use of the internet whilst being able to enjoy all the fantastic things they can access to enhance their online experiences.

Diary Dates

Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)	8th May
NFL Speaking Exams	9th-12th
DofE Expedition	12th-14th



Year 7 – Mr Bridden *Increase in positive points!*

Although this has been a short week in comparison to a usual school week Year 7 have seized the opportunity to impress. We had an increase in positive points awarded this week as well as nominations for star of the lesson.

Our performing arts teacher has also approached me this week to inform me on the professionalism and effort being put in by the year 7's involved in the school performance rehearsals. Like myself, I am sure you are all excited in anticipation to see it.

Year 7 Parents evening has also been confirmed to be taking place on **Thursday 25th May**. Letter will be sent out this week regarding more information.

Hoping you have a restful weekend as well as the bank holiday for the coronation.

Year 8 – Mrs Rashford *Year 8's attendance is up!*

This half term we are having a big drive on our attendance. Well-done to 8 Lowry who are consistently the form with the highest attendance. The year 8 attendance, as a whole, for last week as 94.6%. We really want to raise this up, so please encourage the students to come to school.

Thank you year 8 for keeping up uniform standards and staying engaged.

Year 9 – Mr Smith *National Sign Language Week!*

The Year 9 pupils really enjoyed their assembly this week which was led by Mr Atkinson on National Sign Language week. The pupils found the information really informative on how people with hearing impairments learn and communicate and enjoyed learning some of the basic elements of sign language. We also had a Year 9 trip to Liverpool as part of the STEM initiative, next week Mr Griffiths will include some of the highlights which I know will reflect how much the pupils enjoyed the trip!





Year 10 – Mr Diaz *Year 10 rewards!*

It has been a short week for us all, but a busy one nevertheless, Year 10 Representatives came together last week and have taken responsibility as of this week to support their Form Tutors in checking uniform and equipment standards in form time. As a thank you, all Representatives have been rewarded with a lunch pass for the term and are in for a chance to win a £10 voucher each week in line with the Star of the Lesson awards. It is great to see our Year 10 pupils taking on a leading role like this in supporting their teachers, it demonstrates great maturity and character. Please join me in thanking our Year 10 Representatives for their diligence. We continue to 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 remember to speak up!*

We are now half way through this half term – 3 weeks down, 3 weeks to go. The start of the GCSE examinations are around the corner. This week we have had GCSE Spanish, French and home language speaking. Some of the home languages include, Portuguese, Bengali, Urdu, Arabic and Italian. I want to say a massive well done to everyone who completed their speaking exams. The MFL team have commented on how well prepared the pupils were for these exams. We have also had performance arts exams this week, which went incredibly well. Around this time in year 11, a lot of pupils are beginning to feel the pressure of exams. If you are one of those pupils, please speak to your form tutor or a member of the year 11 pastoral team and we can support you.

The questions I pose to you every week – are you a mountain or a valley person? Now more than ever, the mountain climb may seem particularly challenging but remember you are almost at the summit. Use the support of your mountain guides (teachers and support staff) to help make that climb a bit easier.

A quick message on standards. Our uniform standards and expectations remain high until the very end, therefore, please ensure when you are in the correct uniform at the gate with ties and blazers on, ear phones and airpods out and jewellery off.

There will be more details released about prom over the next few weeks. Watch this space !



Weekly Attendance Update

Results of the weekly attendance from Mr Chetwyn and Mrs Pett

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!



ATTENDANCE LEADERBOARD

1	YEAR 7	96.5%
2	YEAR 8	94.6%
3	YEAR 9	93.2%
4	YEAR 10	92.7%
5	YEAR 11	92.2%



Debate Mate

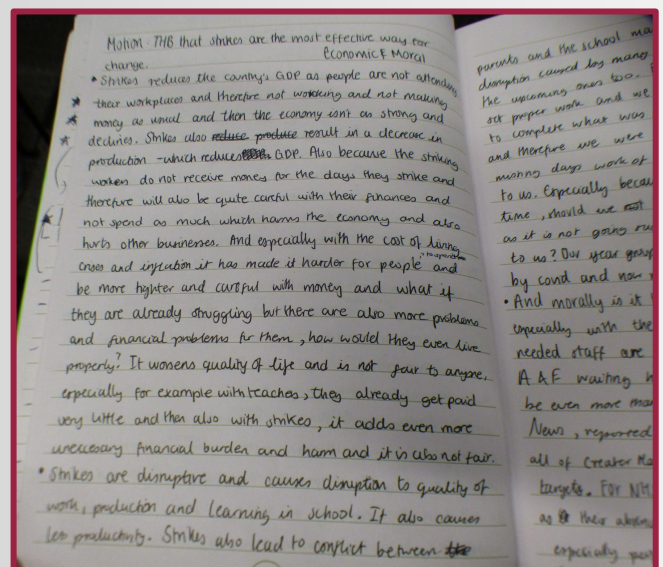
On the 26th April we took 12 pupils to the Debate Mate Cup Final at University Academy 92 where they took part in 3 Debates. They had 15 minutes to prepare for each Debate and had to speak for 5 minutes on the following topics:

- This house would ban non-essential cosmetic surgery.
- This house This house believes striking does more harm than good.
- This house believes the most successful social movements have clearly identifiable leaders.

We did not win the Debate Mate Cup Final but we did win 5/9 debates and are extremely proud of how well our pupils participated!



We have been successful in another Debate Mate competition which is the 'Urban Debate League.' In this competition we currently hold 1st place in the Manchester district and are 3rd nationally across England. We will be competing for first place nationally on the 5th July in the Bank of America, in London.



School Messages

Eid Fair 2023

28TH April we were delighted to host our school's very first Eid Fair – we were thrilled to have food by Dutch Fishmen and Bon's street food, it was delicious! We also had stalls from Redbrick Academy, Longsight as well as toys, henna and face painting. We invited our local primary schools to attend and parents, children and pupils had a wonderful time. Thank you to all our pupils who helped out: Marwa and Hafsa with the henna, they didn't stop all evening! Aryas, Imad, Iqrah, Shaheera, Meeriab, Nawferdeen, Zarrish for their help with mocktails and face painting. Zareena and Shanae did a fantastic job with the photos as you can see here!



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Eid Fair

More Photos!



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Maths

Lead up to exams!

Things have been very busy in the maths faculty, lately. There has been a lot of year 11 revision going on in the lead up to the GCSE examinations which fall on **Friday 19th May, Wednesday 7th June** and **Wednesday 14th June**.

After Paper 1, all pupils will receive predicted papers 2 and 3 to focus their revision.

Sparx Homework Success!

Students in your school have completed

28,209 hours

of personalised learning
on Sparx Maths this year!



690 students

have already improved at their times tables
this year. Great job!



2,493,647

questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far
this year

Sparx has continued to be a major success this term, we have nearly reached 2.5 million questions answered so far this year, with a current total of over 28,000 hours of personalised learning taking place. 690 pupils have improved their times tables ability and all classroom teachers are noticing a massive improvement in maths ability from those pupils who do their homework each week! Keep it up! A big shout out to 7y/Ma3 who have the highest completion rate for last week and to 9y/Ma2 who have the highest average XP per student.

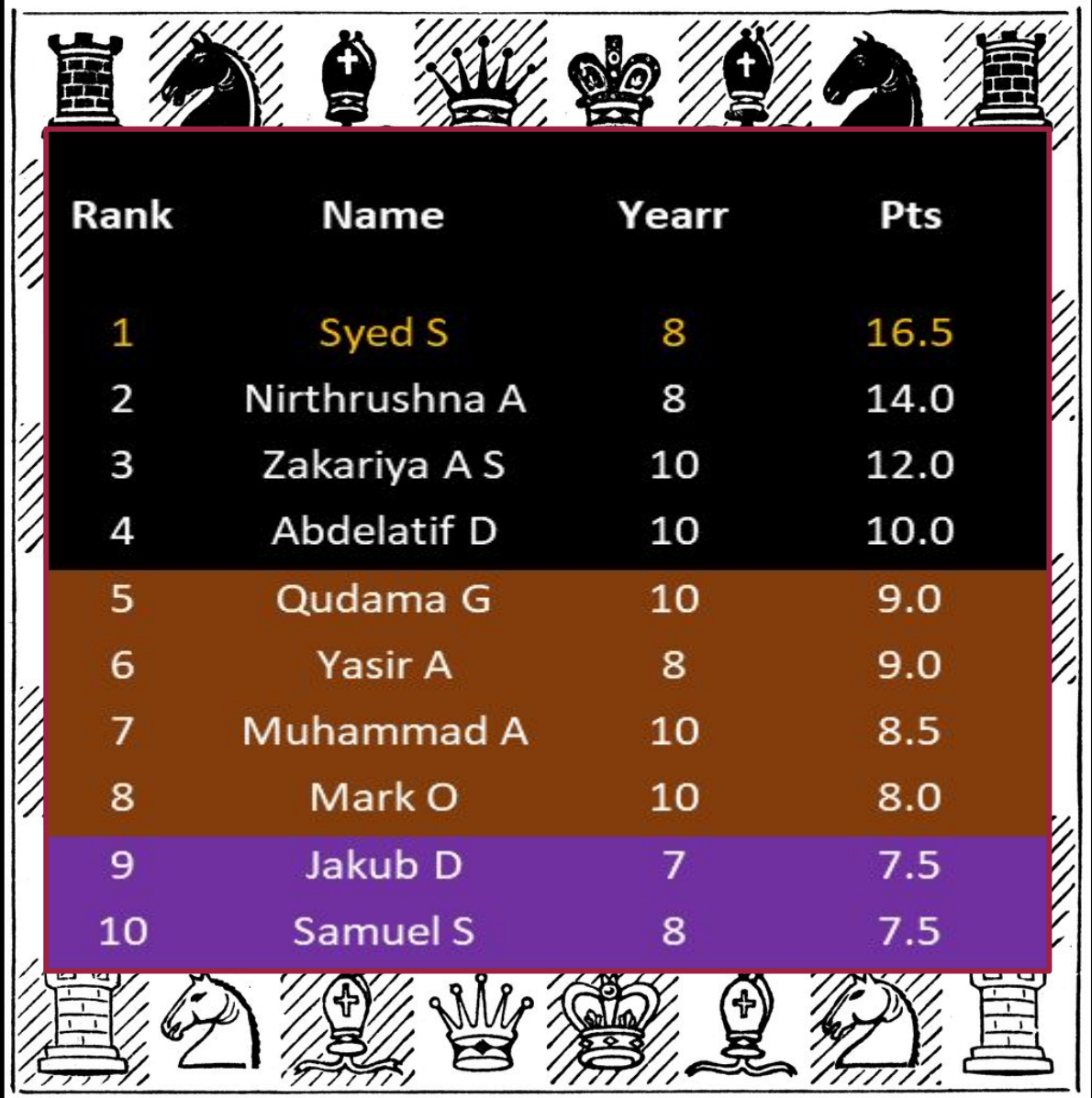


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Chess Stats!

Chess club is continuing to go from strength to strength. Well-done to 126 pupils who have attended chess club and taken part in the lunchtime blitz league since the start of 2023! Congratulations to Syed S in Year 8 who leads the way with 16.5 points and a total of 16 wins from 23 matches. A special mention also goes to Fadlollah K in year 8 for moving up 24 places this week. The following pupils also performed strongly and are currently ranked in the top 10 across the school:



Rank	Name	Yearr	Pts
1	Syed S	8	16.5
2	Nirthrushna A	8	14.0
3	Zakariya A S	10	12.0
4	Abdelatif D	10	10.0
5	Qudama G	10	9.0
6	Yasir A	8	9.0
7	Muhammad A	10	8.5
8	Mark O	10	8.0
9	Jakub D	7	7.5
10	Samuel S	8	7.5



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.

