



# NEWSLETTER

## Head of School Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 11 pupils have only 3 weeks left until the start of their GCSE Examinations. Vital and bespoke revision sessions is taking place during now and will continue during exam season and it is extremely important that they are attended by all pupils alongside revision taking place at home.

Attendance during exam season is also essential to ensure your child is receiving targeted revision during lesson time from their class teachers.



Mr S Worthington  
Headteacher

This week we have launched the Year 10 the Prefect Applications, for which they have 1 week to apply. If you are a parent or guardian of a Year 10 pupil who demonstrates resilience, maturity, empathy, strength and creativity by habituating 'the DTA way', please encourage them to apply. Our Prefect Senior Leadership Team play a vital part in supporting the school to ensure all pupils have the best climate for learning. I look forward to my involvement in the recruitment process.

This week we have had some extremely impressive sporting achievements to celebrate, including Year 8 pupil Ikrah who won a silver medal in taekwondo while representing Great Britain at an international championship event in Europe. We love hearing about your child's sporting achievements so please encourage your child to share the great news with us.

Kind Regards  
Mr S. Worthington  
Head of School

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updates!**

## Diary Dates

Reach Out Trip Year 9 and 10- 10am-1pm  
(25.4.24)

May Day Bank Holiday (6.5.24)

Year 8 Parents Evening (9.5.24)

# Head of Year Messages



## Year 7 – Miss Martin

I would like to commend our Year 7 pupils for their hard work and resilience since joining DTA. The year group have really come together as part of the school community and we couldn't imagine DTA without them. We look forward to making lots more memories with this brilliant year group!



## Year 8 – Mr Bridden

This half term is going so quickly. The next 2 weeks will be busy with the start of Year 11 exams. Please can you support the school by ensuring your child is fully equipped to start their school day.

There are a number of pupils regularly turning up to the year 8 equipment checkpoint without the basics.



## Year 9 – Mrs Rashford

This half term we are having a big drive on our attendance. The year 9 attendance, as a whole, for last week as 92.3%. We really want to raise this up, so please encourage the students to come to school.

Thank you year 9 for keeping up uniform standards and staying engaged.



## Year 10 – Mr Smith

This week a group of Year 10 pupils went on a Reach Out trip to BeauraVista Bio Chemical Company for a work experience visit, the aim of the trip was to broaden their knowledge and understanding of different career paths available to them when they leave school. They had a really enjoyable time learning how different chemicals are used in the industry and had hands on experience of this!



## Year 11 – Mr Diaz

As we get closer to the national GCSE examinations, it is natural that pupils begin to feel pressure and may become demotivated, please direct your child to a trusted member of staff for further support and encourage them to create a revision timetable at home. We have another 2 weeks of Masterclasses and other support for Year 11 available after school, these stop on Friday, 3rd May. We have had an issue with Prom payments on 'My Child At School' app, due to this unforeseen circumstance we have extended the deadline date to secure your deposit of £15 by Friday, 10th May 2024, please check your 'My Child At School' app to make this payment. You can either pay in instalments or in one full payment. Congratulations to Art, Photography, Urdu and Arabic pupils for completing their recent GCSE examinations; all pupils will soon receive a copy of their exams timetable, watch this space!

## Weekly Attendance Update

Results of the weekly attendance from Mrs Charles

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!



### ATTENDANCE LEADERBOARD

**1 YEAR 7 94.6%**

**2 YEAR 8 91.6%**

**3 YEAR 9 92.3%**

**4 YEAR 10 89.0%**

**5 YEAR 11 90.1%**

## Maths

After February half term 38 year 8 pupils were hand selected to embark on a journey of resilience and logical thinking for the UKMT challenge. Every Friday lunch time these pupils attended an extra curricular club where they were given previous challenges to practice and then continue at home. The first part of this journey concluded on Thursday 25th April when the nation took on the 2024 challenge. If successful pupils will be selected to continue further with the UKMT challenge.

The UK Maths trust is the leading charity that advances the education of young people in maths. Below is an example of the type of question the pupils were tackling.

Four congruent rectangles are arranged as shown to form an inner square of area  $20\text{ cm}^2$  and an outer square of area  $64\text{ cm}^2$ .

What is the perimeter of one of the four congruent rectangles?

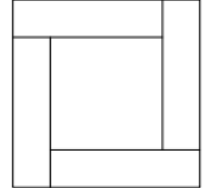
A 6 cm

B 8 cm

C 9.75 cm

D 16 cm

E 20 cm



## Physical Education

We are extremely proud of Year 8 pupil Ikrah who won a landmark silver medal while representing Great Britain at an international championship event in Europe.

She travelled to Bulgaria to compete in the international championship event, where she represented Great Britain. She won three fights on her way to securing a hard-earned silver medal. Ikrah became the first athlete from the Horizon LGA club to have won a silver medal at the tournament, and she definitely did everyone involved at the club very proud.



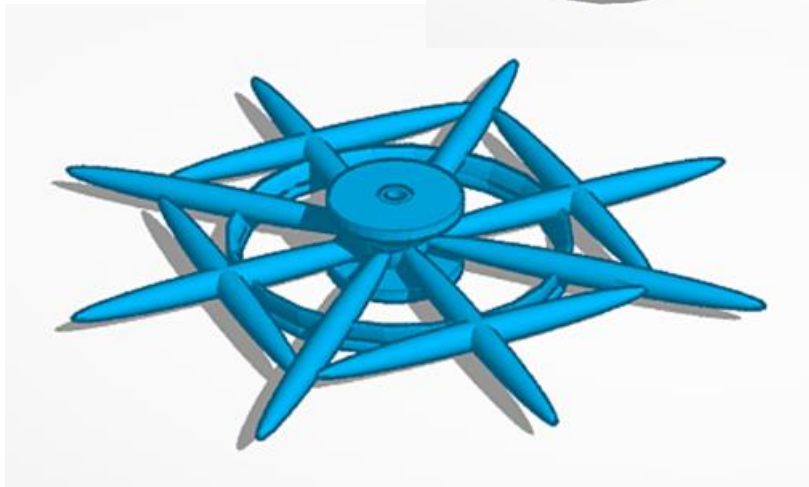
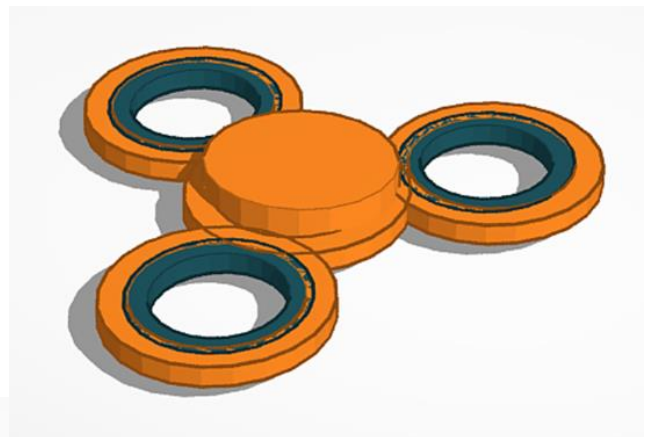
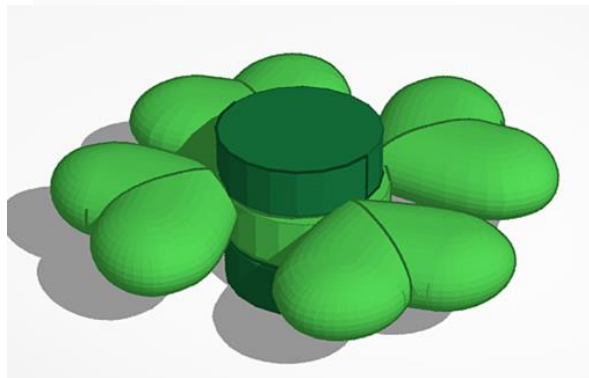
## Design Technology

*This week in Design & Technology the Year 8's Mini Monsters Textile Project has come to an end. The pupils have produced some fantastic monsters! They have shown their creativity fantastically well and really developed with their sewing and stitching skills*



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*This week in Design & Technology the Year 9 pupils have been utilising CAD software TinkerCAD to draw up some fidget spinner designs. Here are some of the fantastic results that the pupils have created to improve on from the original classic fidget spinner model*



# DIARY FOR THE YEAR

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## Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Half-Term  
School closes: Friday 20 October 2023

Half-Term  
School opens: Monday 30 October 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas holiday  
School closes: Wednesday 20 December 2023

Christmas holiday  
School opens: Thursday 4 January 2024

## Spring Term

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 16th February 2024

Half-Term  
School closes: Friday 16 February 2024

Half-Term  
School opens: Monday 26 February 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Easter holiday  
School closes: Wednesday 27th March 2024

Easter holiday  
School opens: Monday 15 April 2024