



NEWSLETTER

3rd May 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very busy week in school. Our Year 11 pupils have had their PE moderation and also Photography exams this week. Formal exams begin on Monday 13th May so please encourage your child to revise and get a good night's sleep prior to the exams.

We are thrilled to announce that this week marked the beginning of our new partnership with the Manchester United Foundation. Through this, our young people will have the opportunity to not only have access to a wealth of sporting activities but other initiatives involving careers advice and guidance in a number of industries. We have also welcomed (pictured right) Miss Gibbard who joins us as Assistant Headteacher, (Teaching and Learning), and Mr Walsh, Assistant Headteacher, (Pupil and Parent Engagement). Both are very excited to be joining Dean Trust Rose Bridge team and I'm sure they will introduce themselves to you in due course.



Barry Bridden
Executive Headteacher



****Uniform Update****

We have now been able to secure two separate Fittings Evenings, which will take place on the following dates. These dates are split into specific year groups as follows:

Pupils who are currently in Years 7 & 8

Tuesday 4th June, (3.15pm–7pm)

Pupils who are currently in Years 9 & 10

Wednesday 5th June (3.15pm – 7pm)

Forms will be given out to the pupils during 'Form Time' next week, which will need to be completed and handed in during the fitting evenings. It is important that you attend the appropriate evening for your child and that **you accompany them** in order to ascertain the appropriate sizes and complete the necessary order form.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Miss Sharples.



REVISION - Year 11

As we near the final weeks before the exams begin in earnest, some of our Year 11 pupils have been in competition with their peers using Seneca Learning. This is an extensive revision website that tests pupils and ranks them against their peers. The subject area leaders at the moment are Jack Cuff, Ethan Armstrong and Nichola Rhodes. Keep up the good work your commitment and dedication will all be worth it.

Colleague of the Week

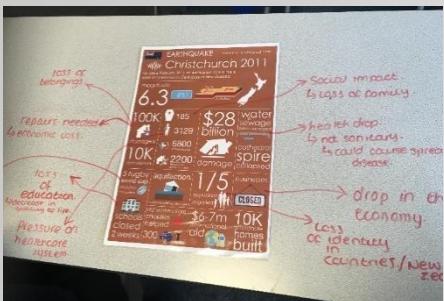
This week's Colleague of the week is Miss Smith for going above and beyond!



Faculty of the Week: HUMANITIES

Geography

Year 11 geography pupils have now completed their fieldwork. Pupils visited two places within Wales; Llandudno and Rhyl. In Llandudno, pupils collected primary data using environmental quality surveys. In Rhyl, pupils measured coastal groynes to investigate whether hard engineering at the coast is effective. Pupils are using the primary data in geography lessons as preparation for their Paper 3 examination on Thursday 13th June.



Infographics.

Pupils have been using infographics in geography revision sessions to help them retain key case study information. Pupils find infographics a very effective source of revision material.

Spanish

Barcelona Trip: A reminder of the payment schedule. The latest installment was due on the 30th April 2019. A total of £150 should now have been paid. The next payment of £50 is due on or before the 31st May.

MFL Star Awards



- Year 7 – Alex Harris – Improved effort and resilience in Spanish lessons.**
- Year 8 – Jayden Ainscough – Continuous positivity and effort in lessons.**
- Year 9 – Gracie O’Brien – Fantastic spoken Spanish in lessons.**
- Year 10 – Bailey Williams – Excellent commitment to Spanish.**

Year 10 GCSE Spanish

Year 10 are nearly at the end of their module of work titled ‘Destino Arequipa’ pupils have been studying a variety of spanish speaking places. Pupils have been looking at how to describe where the places are, what you can do there and what the positives and negatives are.

A reminder that Year 10 GCSE Target 5 revision club is on Wednesdays at **3:00 until 3:45pm**

History

It's been an exciting time in the History department over the last few weeks. Year 7 Pupils have been investigating castles and how they developed over time. The pupils were given the opportunity to build their own Motte and Bailey castles and the standard of these was extremely high – judging these was very difficult. All pupils who produced a castle will receive a reward, however here are the ones that we thought were the most accurate and these pupils will receive a special award.



The star award goes to Alfie Peet for his amazing model with Claudia Kowalska, Lily-Jai Greenway and Isabel Fagan also receiving awards



DTRB Literacy Focus Summer term 1.



The literacy focus across all subjects for this half term will be the use of colons and semi-colons.

Did you know, the colon and the semi-colon represent a break within a sentence that is stronger than a comma, but less final than a full stop?

Semi colons separate ideas, for example in a list-'the speakers were: Dr Sally Meadows, Biology; Dr Fred Eliot, Animal Welfare; Ms Gerri Taylor, Sociology; and Prof. Julie Briggs, Chemistry.'

Or, they *link* two ideas which are closely related-'I read the book in one evening; it was not very helpful.'

Colons introduce ideas, for example, 'the four venues will be: Manchester; Liverpool; Leeds; and Sheffield.'

Do you think you use them enough? Do you use them correctly? **Challenge** yourself and see where you can include them in your homework.

Reading Skills

In English, we have focused on boosting reading skills. I am pleased to say that a number of pupils in the Reading Plus group have made fabulous progress, adding between 1 and 2 years to their reading ages since November. It is vital that by Year 11 all pupils have reading ages of at least 16, in order to access GCSE papers and get the best possible results in all subjects. These pupils are well on the way to achieving that goal. Each has received a postcard home, so that parents can share in their success.



Pupils will have the opportunity to join the scheme and make rapid progress.

Special congratulations go to Jake Rhodes (Y8) and Lucas Hilton (Y7) who achieved gains of 3 full years in their reading ages! (pictured left)

WAY Graduation (Wigan Aspiring Youth)

Tuesday 30th April 2019 was the graduation for pupils involved in the 'WAY Programme' (Wigan Aspiring Youth) at the DW Stadium. These pupils started the programme 6 months ago and have completed twilight sessions in a subject of their choosing at St John Rigby College. They have been attending these sessions every other week from 4:00pm-6:00pm. pupils have worked extremely hard completing a range of activities at a college level in a subject they will have never done before as well as completing additional homework. They have also been working alongside 270 pupils from other schools.

During their graduation, their work was showcased on screens whilst parents/carers had the opportunity to celebrate their achievements with them. There were guest speakers from those who had helped to run the programme (St John Rigby College and GMHigher) as well as the Mayor of the Wigan Borough, Councillor Sue Greensmith.

It was a wonderful evening and a great chance to celebrate the achievements of our pupils and those from schools across Wigan.

Congratulations to our Graduates:

- **Matthew Disley (Sports Injuries)**
- **Faith Taylor (WAY to action - Psychology - mental health)**
- **Catherine Rhodes (STEM)**
- **Mia Thompson (WAY to action - Psychology - mental health)**
- **Adam Omar (STEM)**
- **Cody Slater (Languages - employability and business language - Spanish and French)**
- **Alex Dworzecki (STEM)**



SATURDAY SCHOOL

In order to improve school attendance, safeguard children and ensure all pupils reach their academic potential we must prevent pupils from truanting lessons and missing key learning.

Saturday School will run from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm every Saturday for pupils who truant lessons or whose lates amount to a significant loss in learning. This will enable pupils to catch up on key learning they have missed. Pupils will be given a letter and parents/carers contacted individually if this is required.