

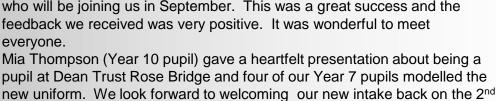
# NEWSLETTER

21st June 2019

#### **Headteacher Message**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Newsletter this week reflects a very busy and exciting week for our pupils. We have had visits to universities, sporting and science events, to name but a few. On Thursday we hosted our new parent/pupil Induction Evening, where we welcomed our future Year 7 cohort and their families who will be joining us in September. This was a great success and the feedback we received was very positive. It was wonderful to meet everyone.





Barry Bridden Executive Headteacher

### **MMU Trip**

July, when they will spend the day in school.

'Be Inspired – Humanities Day'. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, a group of our Year 9 and Year 10 pupils attended taster sessions at Manchester Metropolitan University. Pupils were introduced to subjects such as Criminology, Politics, Philosophy and Sociology. Professors and Doctors delivered lectures which included social issues such as homelessness, slavery and strategies on how to think critically about the world. Pupils embraced the university style of learning, working hard on challenging topics. Well done to all.



#### **UCLAN Trip**

A visit to the University of Central Lancashire took place this week involving 38 of our most able Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. The visit started with a tour of the campus, after which pupils took part in a question and answer session with a student at the university to gain an insight into the reality of life at UCLAN. The final session was careers based where pupils took part in activities with staff to identify potential future career paths and the opportunities on offer. Thanks to all pupils involved for your excellent behaviour and enthusiasm on the day.



# Faculty of the Week: Physical Education

#### **Year 10 BTEC Sport Moderation**

Practical moderations are halfway through and all our pupils have been performing to a high standard. Performances have been excellent and 100% effort has been applied in both football and netball, despite the challenging weather conditions! Remaining dates are listed below;







#### **Next Generation Leaders**

Another successful sports leadership event took place last week with our Year 9 pupils who stood out for their excellent communication skills and confidence when working with others. It was inspiring to see these young athletes step up to the challenge of organising 132 primary school pupils through a range of core skills and activities. The organisers commented on the high quality of their leadership throughout, which was fantastic feedback for their first time. Special thanks go to the Year 10 pupil leaders who helped to 'upskill' the Year 9 pupils in preparation for the event.

Well done to all!







## **Faculty of the Week: Physical Education**

#### 'Quadkids' Athletics

On Tuesday 18th June, some of our Year 7 pupils were selected to attend the Wigan schools' Quadkids Competition, which comprised of four different athletics events; 100m sprint, 800m, javelin throw and long jump. Our chosen athletes had a great day and certainly put in the extra practice in preparation for our Sports Day next month!









#### **Dean Trust Active Challenge**

We are very excited to be taking 100 pupils and staff to compete in our first ever Dean Trust Active Challenge on Tuesday 25th June.

This is an annual event that takes place in the beautiful grounds of Knowsley Hall. Pupils will run alongside pupils (and staff) from all ten schools within the Dean Trust in this 2k event.

#### **The Dean Trust Games**

Last week we were invited to take part in our very first Dean Trust Games. This event takes place every year between all the schools within the Dean Trust and includes the full range of athletics events. Twenty five of our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils competed in all track and field events with lots of successful performances. It was a lovely day and an excellent opportunity to meet our partner schools. Well done to all who attended!



#### **Key Dates:**



**Dean Trust Active Challenge** 2k-4k run - 25th June 2019 (Miss Green)



Soccer Aid Football Fundraiser 24-27th June - lunch times (Miss Warren)



Cancer Research UK Race for Life 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July - PE lessons (Miss Warren)



The PE Team



Mr Floweth



Teacher of PE Teacher of PE

Miss Reilly

Mr Shepherd



Teacher of PE Teacher of PE

Miss Warren



Miss Green



Cunningham Leader of MFL/

Teacher of PE



Mr Knight Geography/





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#### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

Pupils from Year 8 and Year 9 took part in a practice expedition for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in the Lake District last weekend. The pupils were exemplary and an absolute credit to the school in how they conducted themselves. They worked together as a team to navigate their way over 12 miles of tough terrain and spent the night camping at Lake Coniston. The pupils showed fantastic resilience, even when the going got tough and supported each other along the route. There were some sore feet and tired eyes on Sunday afternoon but pupils and staff had a fantastic weekend. A big thank you goes to Miss Sharples, Mr Shepherd, Mr Knight and Mr Cunningham for their organisation of the trip.

The Bronze Award qualifying weekend will take place on the 29th and 30th June.











#### CAREER OPTIONS



Year 9 and Year 10 pupils who had expressed an interest in joining the Police force in the future, attended a working lunch with visiting officer Ms Emma Whittler to find out about her role. Pupils were fascinated to learn about some of the challenges she had faced along with the different options open to interested candidates.



The visit was very successful and we hope to arrange more visits in the future.

#### **SCHOOL LIBRARY**

National Book Tokens are offering an opportunity for schools, to win £5,000 of tokens for their school's library. We would be grateful if you could follow the link below, and nominate Dean Trust Rose Bridge for us to have the chance to win:

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Entrants also have the chance to win £100 of tokens! Thank you for your support.



#### Dean Trust Rose Bridge - Colleague of the Week

This week's winner is... Ms Gibbs (Teacher of Science) in recognition of going over and above to support her department and school colleagues during a very busy week!

Well done!



