



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we remembered our fallen soldiers by honouring a minutes silence in school for reflection. As you will see below, many of our pupils produced their own poppies and added personal messages in a fantastic outdoor display.

We have also supported the National theme of 'anti-bullying' this week with assemblies and projects delivered during Personal Development Curriculum time and a group of Year 10 pupils attended a STEM event hosted by Manchester United which focussed on Cyber Bullying. As a team, they had to crack a cyber code to complete the activity. Manchester-United were so impressed with the group that they were selected for the official photograph and a VIP stadium tour.

On Thursday, I was delighted to welcome our Governors into school. They toured the school, dropping into lessons and spent time with our pupil leadership team. Feedback has been overwhelmingly complimentary and I am very proud of our young people.



Barry Bridden  
Executive Headteacher

## ARMISTICE DAY

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November a number of our pupils visited the cenotaph at Wigan Parish Church Gardens to lay a wreath in commemoration of our fallen soldiers. Pupils conducted themselves impeccably in a fitting tribute of respect on a very poignant occasion. Additionally, across the school poppies which the pupils had created, were displayed with their personal and heartfelt messages to those who lost their lives in the war.

## *In Remembrance*



# Faculty of the Week: Maths



## NUMERACY NINJAS – STARS OF THE AUTUMN TERM



During form time, Key Stage 3 pupils completed a mathematics project called 'Numeracy Ninjas'. The aim of this project is to improve recall of fundamental skills in mathematics that can then be transferred to a wide range of subjects in lessons. The pupils below are the those who have been chosen by their form tutor as having excelled in term one. Rewards can be collected from Mr Dearnley next week. Well done everyone!

<b>7FG</b>	Demi L	<b>8RWI</b>	Conor W	<b>9CM2</b>	Nathan A	<b>9HG</b>	Kaitlin C
<b>7CH</b>	Henry T	<b>8HB</b>	Nali Y	<b>9KWI</b>	Josh H		
<b>7AC</b>	Charlie L	<b>8LB</b>	Ruo W C	<b>9AM</b>	Ryan B		
<b>7LCA</b>	Nikola M	<b>8KGR</b>	Alex H	<b>9LBA</b>	Teoni P		
<b>7OH</b>	Drew S			<b>9PD</b>	Mia B		

## SYMPHONY MATHS PROGRAM

Every Tuesday morning a group of Year 7 pupils gather to complete an online programme called 'Symphony Maths'. The Symphony Maths Programme has been designed to offer pupils access to mathematical themes at a conceptual level so that they gain a deeper understanding of the skills needed across a whole range of topics that are covered in their mathematics lessons. The work done on Symphony Maths has increased pupils' confidence when approaching challenging topics. Also benefiting from the program are our Year 9 pupils, they are volunteering to mentor the Year 7 pupils, promoting a love of mathematics and sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for learning.



## SUCCESS STORIES FROM YEAR 8 PUPILS

**Sophie B** took part in the Leigh Remembrance Parade with cadets. Sophie is a new recruit to the Leigh 316 squadron and she represented Dean Trust Rose Bridge by wearing her school uniform. She will receive her RAF full cadet uniform when she completes her basic training. She has also been chosen to represent the recruits section of her squadron in the Greater Manchester cadet meeting in the new year, which is an amazing achievement as she has only completed five weeks of training so far!

**Amy R**, has just triumphed through a very intense karate grading and has achieved her Shodan black belt.



**Nathan S** and **Charlie M** play for both Wigan St Jude's Under 12's and Wigan Bandits Flag American Football U13's teams. Wigan St Jude's Under 12's last week won the NWC U12's Development Cup Final vs Folly Lane with a score of 52-4. Nathan achieved '**Man of the Match**' for his outstanding performance. Charlie was awarded '**Most Valuable Person**' in the BAFA North v South American Football match which they also won!

### Meet the Department



Mrs Lane  
Head of Department



Miss Banks  
Second in Department



Mr Jones  
Assistant Head teacher



Mr Dearnley  
Teacher of Mathematics



Mr White  
Teacher of Mathematics



Mr Latham  
Assistant Head teacher



Mr McGuinness  
Teacher of Mathematics

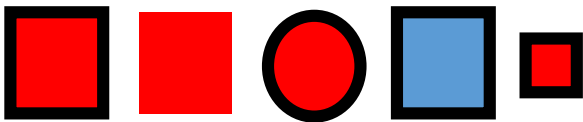


## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

An exciting addition to the extra-curricular timetable is the new **Darts Club** that takes place in MA5 on Wednesday afternoons 3:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. A number of pupils from Year 7 to Year 11 take part in a range of activities that are designed to improve their numeracy skills through darts.

Additionally, we have a Problem Solving Club for pupils, that takes place every Tuesday lunchtime in MA5. This assists them in using the knowledge that they have been developing in lessons and applying it to more abstract problems in a way that may not be immediately obvious. Below you will see some examples of the problems that they attempt in this club. Can you find the right answers?

Any pupils who require help or would like a quiet place in school to complete their homework can attend Homework Club in MA1 and MA5 every Thursday 3:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. Computers are available for access to any online homework which pupils have been set.



WHICH SHAPE IS THE ODD ONE OUT  
AND WHY?

Four numbers are chosen.  
The mean of the first two numbers is 16.5.  
The mean of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> numbers is 10.  
The third number is 6.  
The mean of all four numbers is 14.  
What is the 4<sup>th</sup> number?

$$\begin{array}{r} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline A & 3 & C & 2 \\ \hline & B & 8 & 5 \\ \hline & & 9 & D \\ \hline \hline \end{array} \\ + \\ \hline \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 5 & 4 & 2 & 5 \\ \hline \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

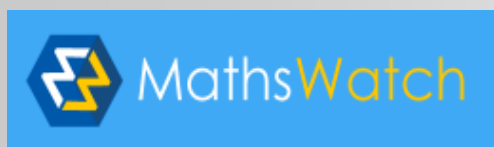
What digits should  
replace the letters  
in the calculation  
to give the correct  
answer of 5425?

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## ONLINE REVISION AND HOMEWORK

Year 10 and 11 pupils are following a GCSE Course and will complete mock assessments throughout the year. The next set of mock examinations will be the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November. All pupils will be given time to revise and revision material will be set on MathsWatch. MA1 will be available at lunch time for pupils who wish to use the computers.

Pupils should be revising in small chunks (little and often). The online resources below are available for all pupils to use.



<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

Pupils have their own individual usernames and passwords. Please see your teacher if you can't remember them. MathsWatch is available on all mobile devices.



[www.methodmaths.com](http://www.methodmaths.com)

## MATHS AMBASSADORS



We recently introduced the opportunity for pupils to become Mathematics Ambassadors, representing mathematics around school. A number of pupils have already successfully met the criteria needed to be awarded the Mathematics Department badge. Why not encourage your child to apply for an Ambassador Badge? All welcome!

### Ambassador Badge Criteria:

- ❖ No behaviour points in mathematics lessons
- ❖ All homework completed
- ❖ Attend or help at a mathematics extra-curricular club, activity or revision session
- ❖ Achieve or master the end of unit tests
- ❖ Year 11 pupils – to attend a minimum of four maths revision sessions

## LET IT SNOW POETRY COMPETITION

How do you spend your winter days? Perhaps waiting for the snow to go sledging, huddling in front of the fire with a delicious hot chocolate or writing an amazing poem? Young Writers are hosting a competition for pupils to have the opportunity to have their work published, and potentially win £20 in gift vouchers. If you are interested, speak to Mr Hayes for more details.



The deadline for entries will be **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Dean Trust Rose Bridge – Colleagues of the Week

This week we launched our new 'Curriculum to Careers' initiative. We now have a Careers Champion in each subject area and they have all received our award this week for their commitment and efforts so far. They are: Mr Hayes, Miss Banks, Miss H Green, Miss Welsh, Mrs Brady and Miss F Green.

