



# NEWSLETTER

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

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

This week we have been celebrating National Science Week and National Pi Day. Our pupils have enjoyed a range of activities including an astrophysics session with Jodrell Bank, a daily Science quiz, a Year 7 Science Extravaganza trip and a Pi Treasure Hunt around the school. It has been the perfect way to follow up the focus on literacy from World Book Day last week. Thank you to Mrs Fitzsimon and Mrs Arends for all your hard work in bringing Science and Maths to life for us all.

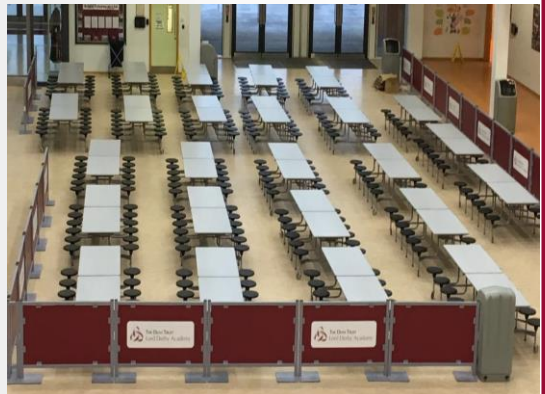
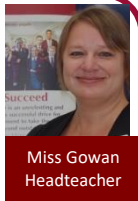
We launched our new 'all seating' area in the Atrium on Tuesday. We have introduced this system to ensure our pupils can continue to eat and socialise in a calm and safe environment and to help us to be fully prepared for our further increase in pupil numbers in September. I would like to thank our pupils for how readily they have embraced the new arrangements and for the positive feedback they have given to me and the Senior Team throughout the week.

Next week we are looking forward to our Year 8 pupils spending time involved in enrichment activities on the Lord Derby Estate and to welcoming all Year 7 parents and carers to the school for the first Year 7 Parents Evening on Wednesday.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



## WINNERS 4<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

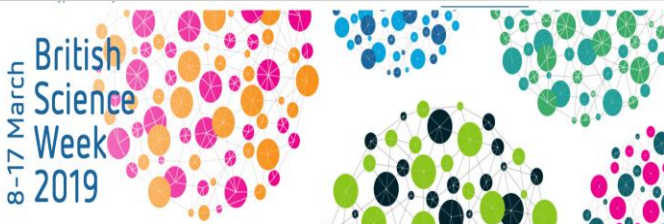
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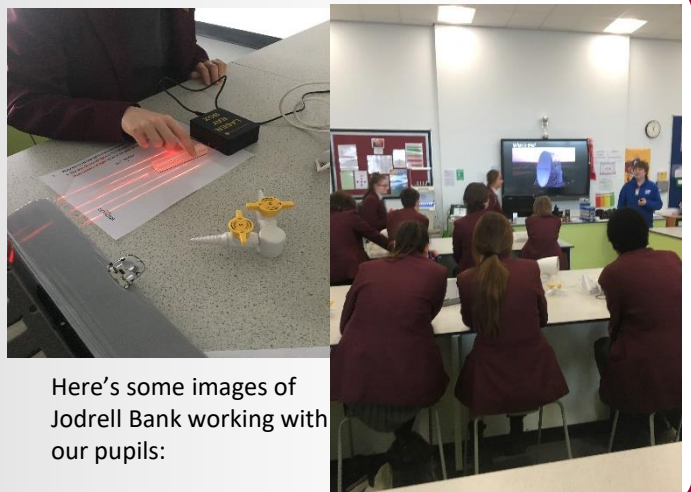
## WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Liam O'Tool 7V2!

Please see Miss Morris to redeem your prize!



It's been a busy week in the Science Department as we have been celebrating British Science Week. As well as lots of visitors in school and trips out of school, we have been running a Science house quiz every lunchtime and the competition has been fierce – not least between the members of our SLT! The winning house will be announced in next week's newsletter along with some images from our FLASH BANG SHOW.

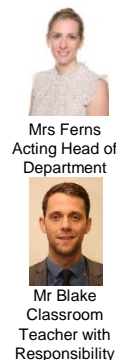


Here's some images of Jodrell Bank working with our pupils:

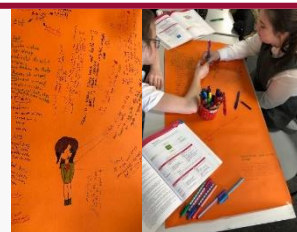
**EMINATIONS** - Pupils should be spending at least one hour per week revising for each subject at home using revision guides and workbooks. There are also a number of apps which pupils can use for revision, a couple of popular free apps are Quizlet, Gojimo and Chegg flashcards. These can be used to help pupils revise a wide range of subjects and are useful for revising at home on phones and tablets.

Date	Exam Board	Subject	Year group
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Pearson	Health and Social Care	10 and 11
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	AQA	Design & Technology	11
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June am	WJEC	Food preparation & Nutrition	11
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June pm	OCR	Child Development	10 and 11

KS3 pupils will also have an assessment in the summer term to track their progress in technology. The best way for younger pupils to prepare is to ensure all class and homework is always completed to a high standard to ensure success. Parents can track behaviour for progress and support with homework through the Class Charts app.



**Child Development** - Year 11 have been working hard to complete their controlled assessment tasks. Pupils have been analysing the benefits of different toys before planning and carrying out activities with a child aged 1-5 to compare their development with physical, intellectual and social milestones. The deadline for coursework is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Year 10 have been working on their understanding of how to recognise, manage and prevent childhood illnesses. We have been investigating the impact of diet on children's health and pupils used a range of sources to carry out their research.



Both Year 10 and 11 need to revise for their **examination on 10<sup>th</sup> June. The exam is 50% of the final grade.** A good way to revise is by using the Quizlet app. Pupils can join Mrs. Fern's Child Development class using the link <https://quizlet.com/join/Ynchr3HHk>. Pupils will find a range of study sets to help with revision and they can choose methods of revising to suit their personal learning styles.



**Design and Technology** - Year 11 Design and Technology continue to work on their Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) and are currently working on their analysis and evaluation. Their NEA is worth 50% of the final grade and pupils encouraged to re-visit and improve their work before final assessment and moderation.



**Non-Exam Assessment deadline is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Recommended websites for revision: [www.technologystudent.com](http://www.technologystudent.com)



## GCSE Food, Preparation & Nutrition

### Year 11 Food Examinations 2019

Food practical examinations will be starting the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Practical examinations will be three hours long, morning sessions will start promptly at 8.30am and afternoon sessions will begin at 12.30pm. All pupils will bring home a letter with their time and date and a shopping list for their examination. If there are any issues please ring school and ask for Mrs Hampson.



Some examples of GCSE Food Examinations from last year



## Technology Enrichment

CAD club (computer aided design) takes place on Tuesday 3.15-4pm in the hub with Mrs Ferns and Mr Blake.

Pupils will be able to learn how to use **2D Design when designing profiles for laser-cutting or engraving.** Within 2D Design is a vast array of image manipulation, pattern design, vectorising, font design and alignment tools (to name just a few) that make it the ideal platform for graphic design where the results could be for sublimation-printed fabrics, packaging graphics, display and presentation.

**The club will be open to pupils in key stage 3 and 4. Pupils that attend regularly and produce high quality work may also be able to enter the TechSoft 2D Design Competition 2019.**

**Hair and Beauty** - Year 11 have been working extremely hard and already secured 75% of their GCSE marks, most of them are working towards achieving distinctions. Year 10 have already sat their external exam.

Both years are working on their next assignments: Year 10 Enterprise Assignment - To research the hair and beauty market and identify/create a new product or service that can be introduced into a business and design a business plan.

Year 11 are on their last assignment – The Design Brief. To design and create a look for the front cover of a magazine based on the 1960's.

### Key dates coming up:

11th April - Deadline for total completion of final assignments for both years ready for upload to awarding body.

