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NEWSLETTER

Head of School Message

Mr S Worthington
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we hosted Year 11 Parents' Evening and we had a record attendance of 90%. It was great all the parents and pupils in attendance, and I hope you all found it useful. Parents' Evening is an opportunity for parents and the school to work together to ensure their child reaches their academic potential and achieves the best possible GCSE outcomes. As part of our commitment to high-quality education, we promise to provide supportive, personalised feedback on your child's progress, alongside tailored advice and guidance.

In the upcoming weeks, we have 2 further evenings for Year 9 pupils; Year 9 Parents Evening and Year 9 Options Evening. We look forward to welcoming Year 9 parents and carers into school, with 2 bespoke opportunities to support your child through the process of choosing their GCSE options, and for general feedback on the progress they are making so far in this academic year. Please encourage your child to make appointments with their class teacher in the coming weeks.

We have a busy Spring term planned with lots of exciting trips, events and extra-curricular activities, such as the Year 11 Geography Field Trip, a visit to Cadbury's World for GCSE Business and DTA's 3rd Community Iftar which will take place in March. Please see this week's newsletter for a range of other important calendar dates.

Best regards,
Mr S. Worthington
Head of School

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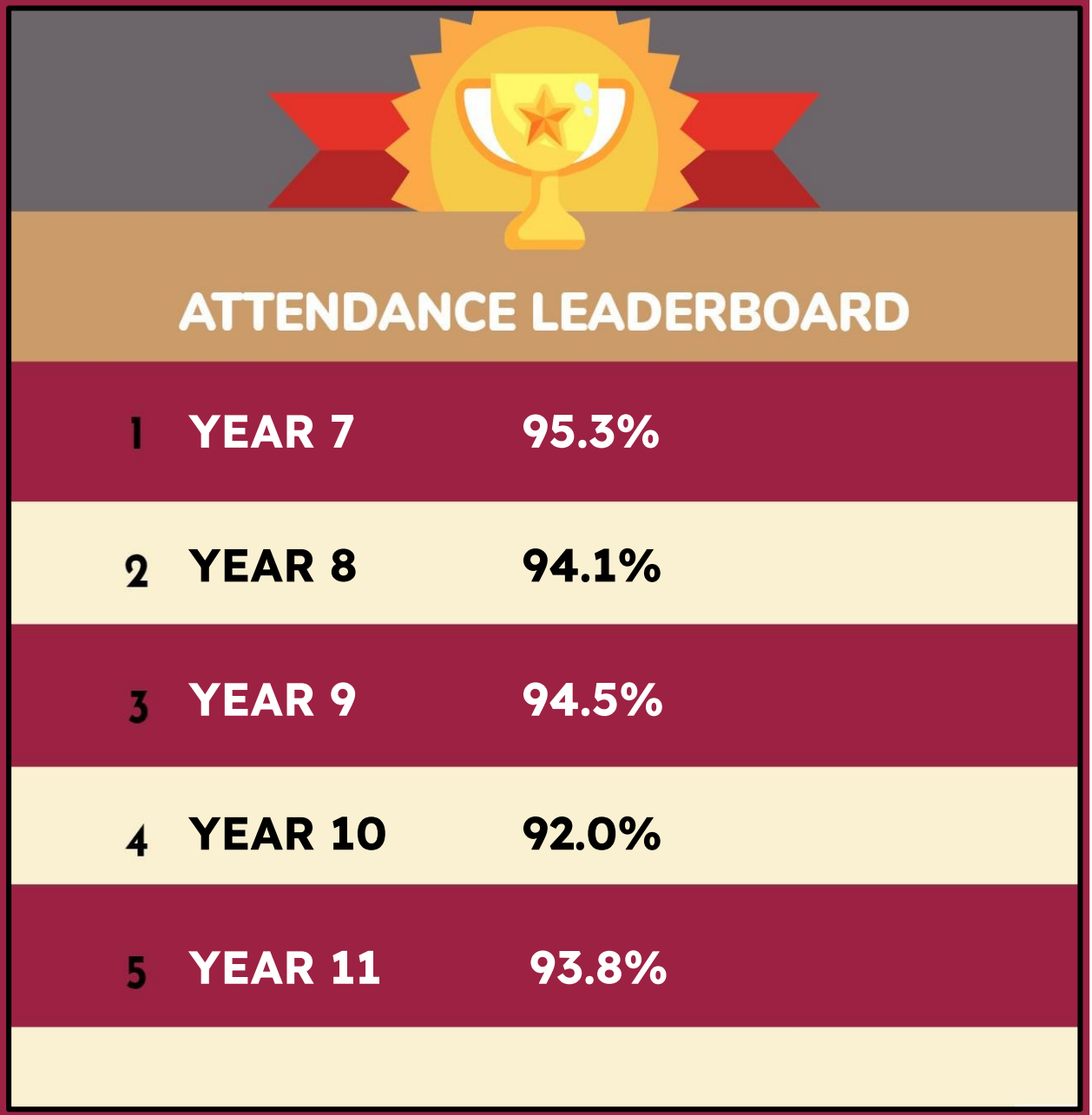
Diary Dates

29th January 2025 – Coffee Morning
6th February 2025 – Yr 9 parents' evening
13th February – Yr 9 options evening

Weekly Attendance Update

Results of the weekly attendance from Mrs Charles

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!



Head of Year Messages

Year 7 – Miss Vernon

A huge well done for a fabulous two half terms and a great start to Half Term 3. We are working incredibly hard and are looking at moving up our DTA mountain. Mrs Rahman, Mr Moxam and I are really excited to see how we continue to habituate the DTA Way each and every day. What we would like to focus on is maintaining our high standards, collecting as many 100% stickers as possible and continuing to improve our attendance. Let's make sure we are on time to school and punctual to all our lessons.
Keep up the hard work!

Year 8 – Miss Martin

I want to say a massive well done to year 8 for an impressive start to the first 3 weeks of HT3. Pupils have been making a conscious effort to follow all of the DTA routines and expectations and this is reflected in the curriculum and level of work year 8 are producing in lesson. Keep up the hard work.

A few reminders for parents and carers:
We have seen an increase in pupils wearing flared trousers to school. Please can I remind you that pupils should arrive to school in tailored trousers or a skirt. Thank you for your support with this. Pupils should continue to wear black smart school shoes. Trainers are only suitable for PE or going on to the astro at lunch.

Homework reminder
Across all KS3 year groups, we are having a huge push on supporting pupils completing their Sparx Maths, Sparx Science and Sparx English home work. Pupils can access these online using their DTA username and password. Currently we have around 50% of year 8 completing homework this week. We are aiming to raise that number to 60% for next week, 70% the week after, ultimately leading to 100% completion rates. Pupils will also be in with the chance of winning a prize if they consistently complete their homework. Your encouragement and support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Year 9 – Mrs Rashford

Year 9 have made a positive start back in term 2, we have been pleased to see students taking the students taking on the challenge of new year best me. This has meant many of our students have been pushing themselves to give 100% in all lessons and receiving prizes from Mr Worthington! We are really excited for this upcoming term as Year 9 will be picking their GCSE options that they will start in Year 10. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at both options evening and parents' evening. It is crucial to attend both events so your child is well informed to pick their options.

The Year Team would like to remind parents of school uniform expectations, we have seen rise in flared trousers which are not school appropriate. Please check the school website or contact us if you have any questions regarding appropriate uniform.

Year 10 – Ms Henzell

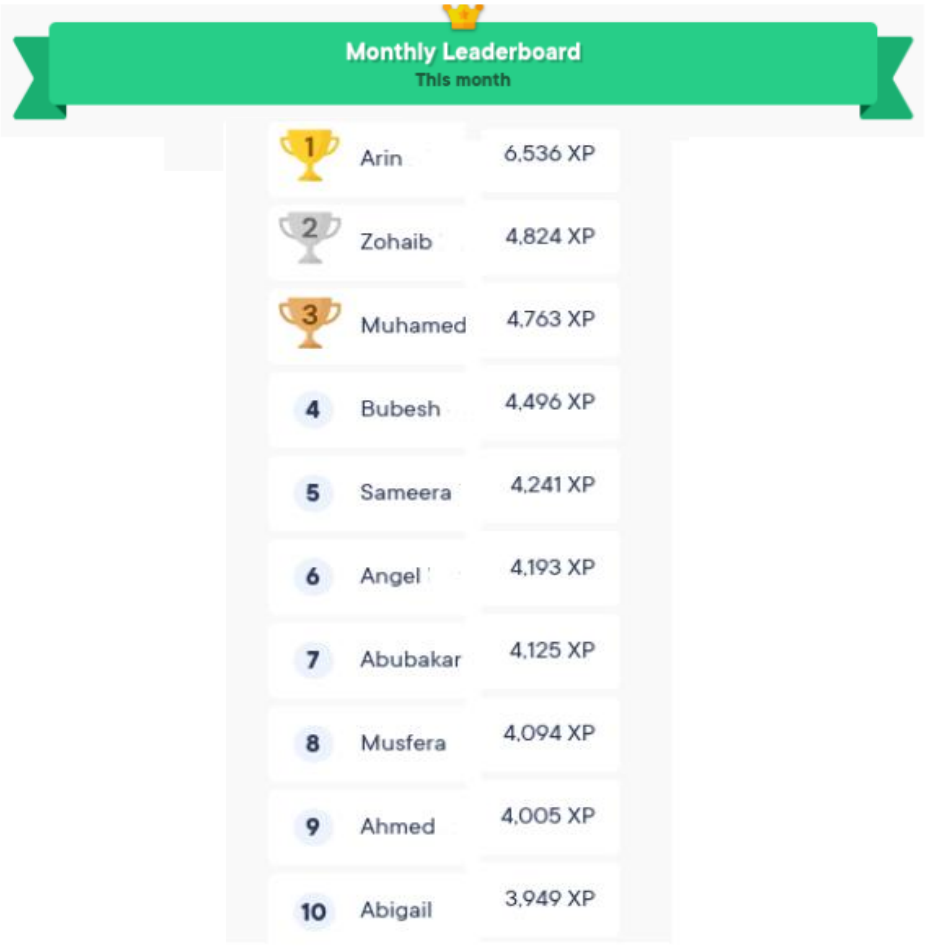
It's been a great start to 2025 for year 10.
Pupils have returned to the school after the end of term break with a renewed sense of positivity, maturity and determination; I am sure this will continue as the year goes on. Students are working hard in lessons and acknowledging just how important year 10 is in terms of being GCSE ready. There is still time for students to self-source for their Work Experience; we have a great variety of choices which shows just how diverse students are in Year 10. Please continue to send in any complete forms. I am very proud of how far they have come from September and I am excited to be on this journey with them

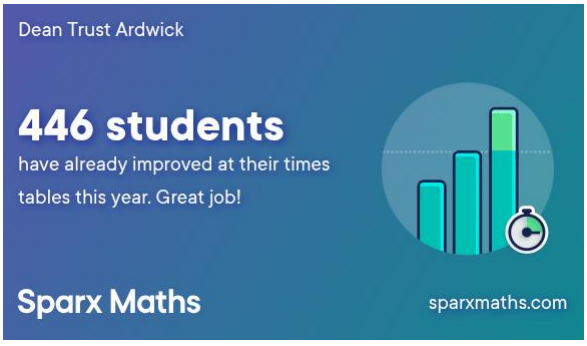
Year 11 – Mr Diaz

Year 11 have been conducting themselves in an excellent manner during their Mock Exams, we are almost half way and I could not be prouder with their level of maturity and eagerness to succeed.
In addition to their conduct during Mock Exams, several pupils have continued to access extracurricular revision sessions across Faculties, including attending Tutor Trust and Masterclass revision programmes.
During times like these, it is normal for pupils to feel nervous, anxious and stressed; it is important that we validate how pupils feel under exam situations. If your child has any worries or concerns, or simply needs help with time management and a revision timetable, please direct them to see a member of staff from the Year 11 Team, that could be their Tutor or any member of the Pastoral Team.
While at home, pupils will want to revise also, but it is vitally as important that they take breaks and do not overwhelm themselves, please ensure that your child is taking rests between revision.

Maths homework leaderboard…

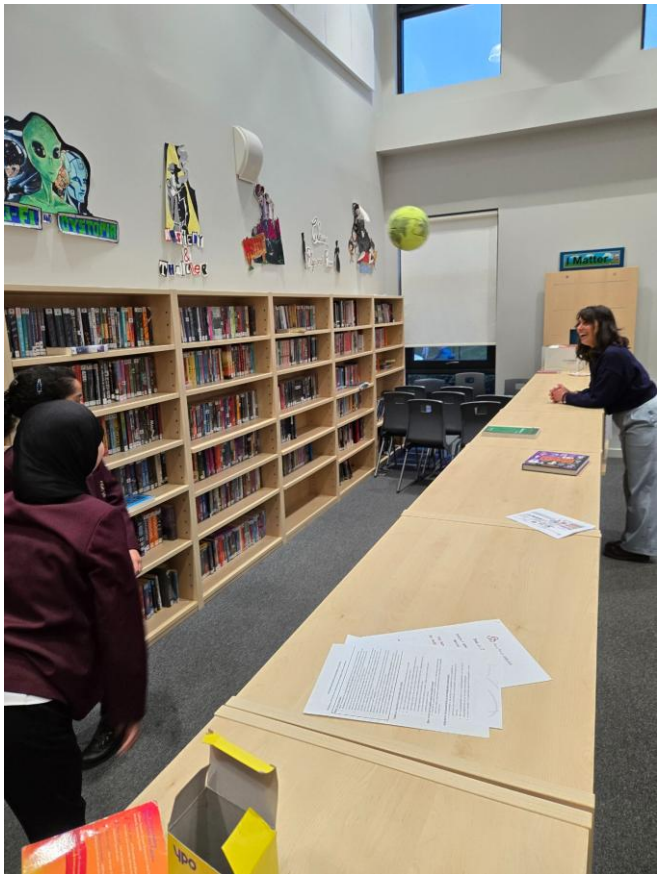
Take a look at the top 10 pupils in the school and how many points they have earned since January!
Don't forget, pupils will also be in with the chance of winning a prize if they consistently complete their homework. Your encouragement and support with this would be greatly appreciated.





Extra Curricular Activities…

Great success in our first ever taskmaster club! It was encouraging to see pupils engage in a club that leaves so much to their imagination. It was really interesting to see how their minds work when the challenge is so new and when there are no expectations or clues about how to solve it - this week we had everything from a square of chairs to a funnel made of exam desks. The taskmasters are excited to see the pupils' teamwork and problem solving develop. It's good for them to learn that sometimes failure can lead to deeper understanding and greater success



Ardwick & Longsight Together

Longsight Health and Wellbeing Event

Tuesday 28th January 2pm to 6pm

Northmoor Community Centre
95-97 Northmoor Road, Longsight, M12 5RT

- **Flu and Covid Jabs**
- **Information Stalls**
- **Money Saving Tips**
- **Free Refreshments**
- **Money Advice**
- **Freebies**
- **Free Books**
- **Health & Wellbeing Support**

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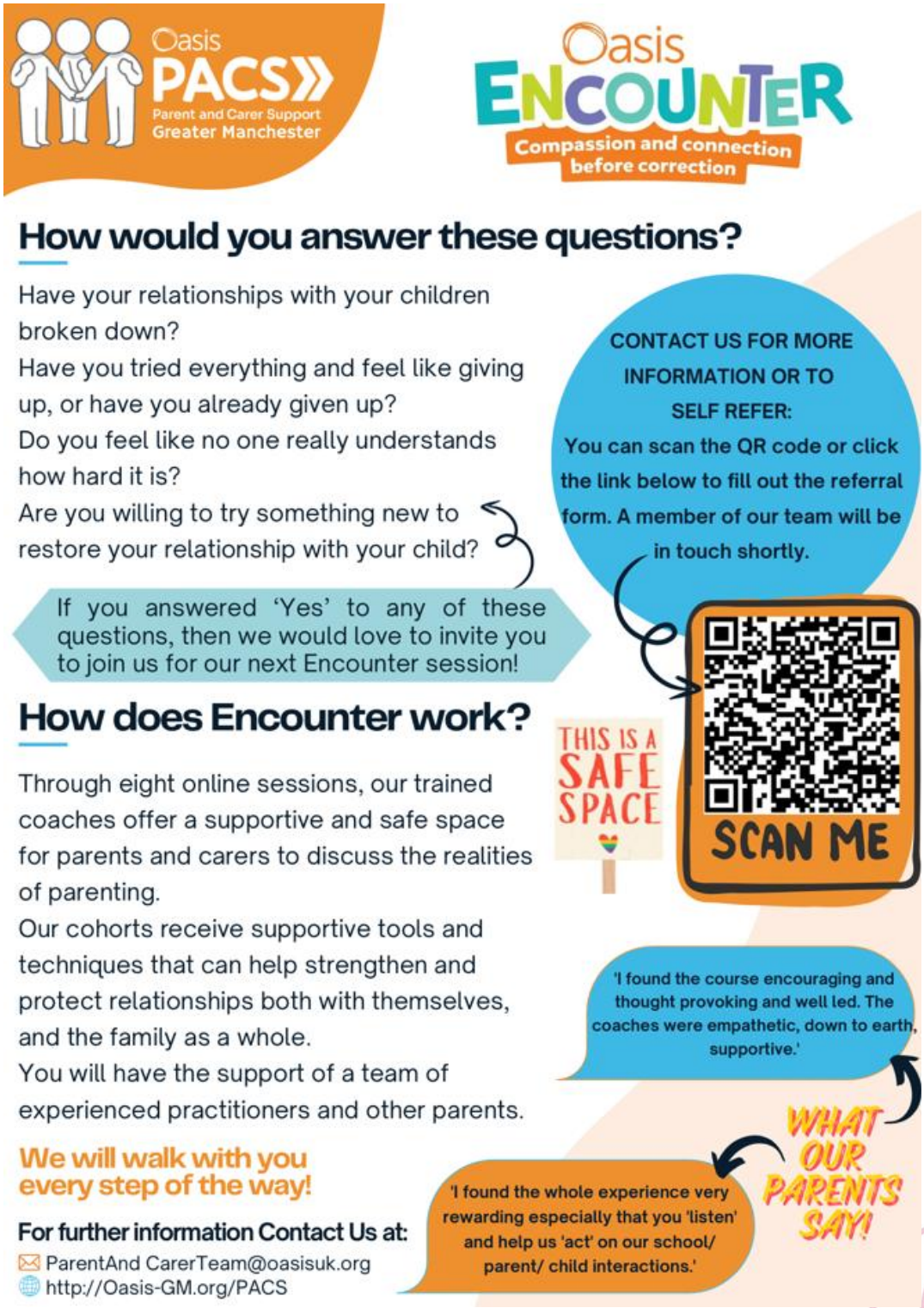
No Need to Book Just Drop In

NCA Northmoor Community Association

We Matter

Manchester Local Care Organisation

Manchester City Council

We have arranged a pilot parenting course in school that is usually delivered on line to parents. In the last coffee morning 6 parents wanted to sign up for the course online, so we think that parents might benefit more from doing the course together!

On 29th January Nicole from PACS will be joining us at the coffee morning to discuss with parents and sign up any interested in being involved in the course.