DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Head of School Message

Mr S Worthington
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

These last weeks, we welcomed back all our pupils after the Easter Holidays. We have had a productive first two weeks of the summer term with all our pupils maintaining high standards and showing commitment to their learning.

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of celebrating Eid with our school community at our Eid Fair. It was heartening to see not only our students and their families but also our local primary schools come together for a joyous occasion. For photos of this event, please refer to the main section of the newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of attendance for the rest of the academic year. Please encourage your child to maintain high levels of attendance and punctuality. With only a short time left until the start of the GCSE examinations, it is important more than ever for our Year 11 pupils to be attending master class sessions and working hard at home to ensure they achieve the grades they have worked so hard for.

Alongside attending school every day and on time, pupils are expected to build independent study habits at home. Completing weekly Sparx homework in English, Maths, and Science is a basic expectation for all pupils. Those who do not complete this work risk falling behind because they are spending less time learning than their peers.

As we approach the end of the academic year, pupils will soon sit their end-of-year exams. These assessments are an important opportunity for them to demonstrate what they've learned, and to secure the key curriculum knowledge required for future academic success.

To help with preparation, pupils are being explicitly taught revision techniques during form time and in lessons. These techniques are designed to help them revise effectively and build long-term memory. We encourage you to speak with your child about how they are revising, and to support them in using these strategies consistently at home.

I look forward to seeing what this final term brings.

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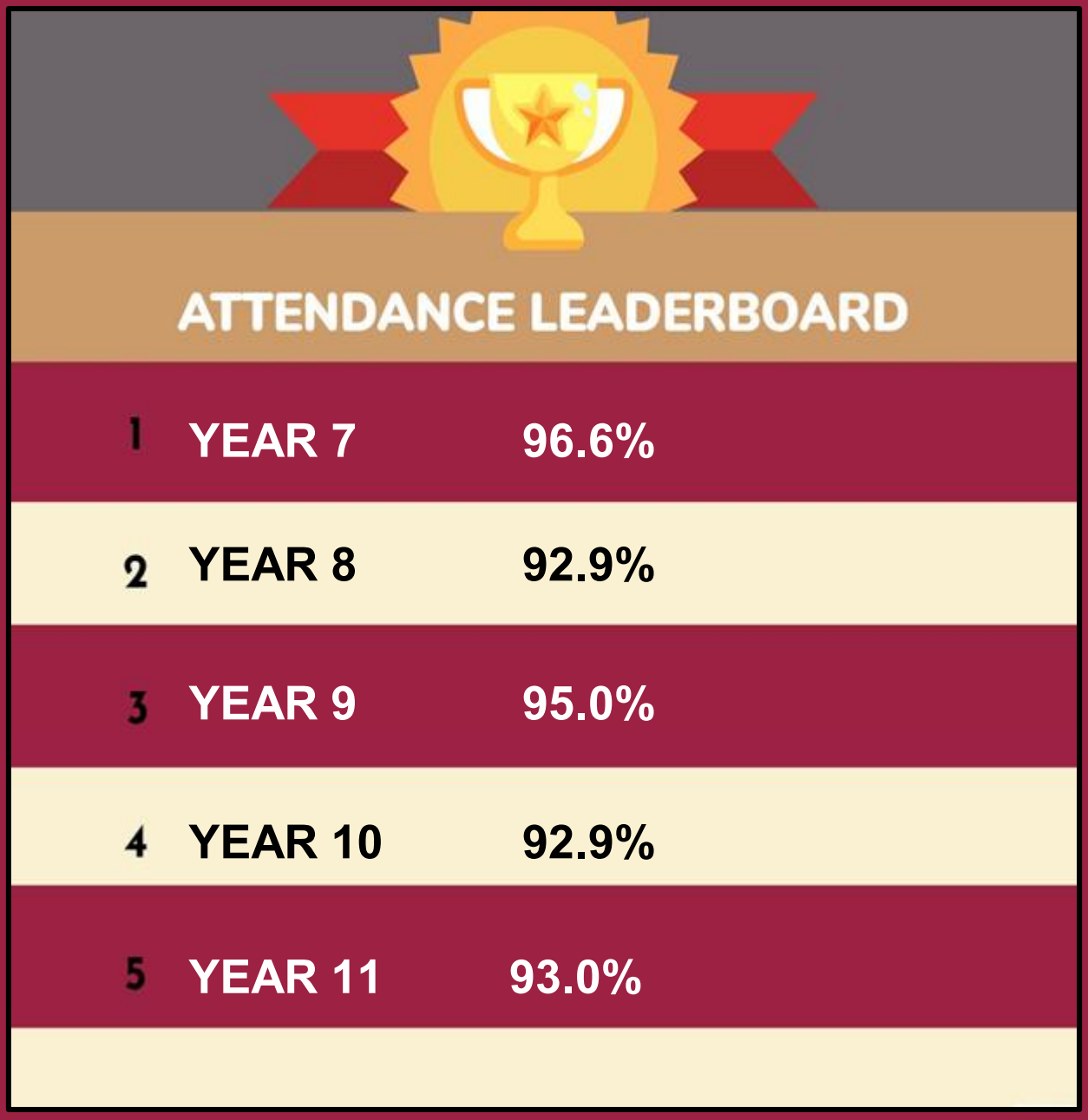
Diary Dates

5th May Bank holiday
23rd May last day of term
2nd June School reopen

Weekly Attendance Update

Results of the weekly attendance from Mrs Charles

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!



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Thursday 24th April saw Year 7's parent and carer's evening.

This was an extremely important event for Year 7 on the school calendar and we strongly encouraged all parents to attend.

Parents had the opportunity to speak to their child's subject teachers about their current progress and how they could support their child with their studies.

Thank you to our Year 7 parents and carers for attending and for working with teachers to ensure the best possible academic outcomes for your children.

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TO THE
CITIZENS OF
THE WORLD
ROOM

Helpful Information…

Free school meals

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money. Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered. With this money we could provide more support to help your child succeed at school and enjoy the same benefits as others, therefore giving your child the best learning experience possible. The parent must be responsible for that child, for example, receiving Child Benefit for them. The parent must also get one of the following:

Income Support, Income based Jobseekers Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit

The guaranteed part of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (CTC) as long as:

It doesn't include an amount for childcare. They are not also getting Working Tax Credit, and their household income (worked out by HM Revenue & Customs) is no more than £16,190 a year. A Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment for four weeks after stopping work, or reducing working hours to under 16 hours a week

Foster children cannot have free school meals even if the foster parent is getting any of the above. Foster parents receive an allowance for looking after the child from Children's Services. Children who go to school in Manchester but live elsewhere get free school meals from the council where they live. Parents should apply to their local council. To make a claim for Free School Meals, please complete this form using the following link https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims.

If you need assistance please contact reception Dean Trust Ardwick