THE DEAN TRUST
Abraham Moss Community School

# NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher Message

## Mrs. Josette Arnold & Mrs. Faye Bond

Mrs Josette Arnold
Head of School

Mrs Faye Bond
Head of Primary

Dear Parents/carers

Before we start, we would like to join local groups to express how deeply saddened we are by yesterday's events. The local response has been one of support and unity towards those affected following this terrible incident which has left many local people feeling anxious, upset and fearful, especially members of the Jewish community. At Abraham Moss, we welcome everyone regardless of their faith/religion, or none, and it is clear that this support runs throughout the local community and the City of Manchester. Thank you as well to all those parents/carers and members of the community who supported us yesterday. We know that hearing this type of news is alarming when your child is at school and we would like to reassure you that we always liaise with the police and the Local Authority to ensure that we keep children safe.

This month is an important month on our calendar as we are celebrating Black History Month. We had a special guest in school today, Mr Kimoy Walker, Manchester City Council Ambassador for Manchester/Moss Side, who delivered fantastic assemblies to all our secondary pupils to explore and honour the achievements of people of African and Caribbean heritage.

We wish you a peaceful and restful weekend

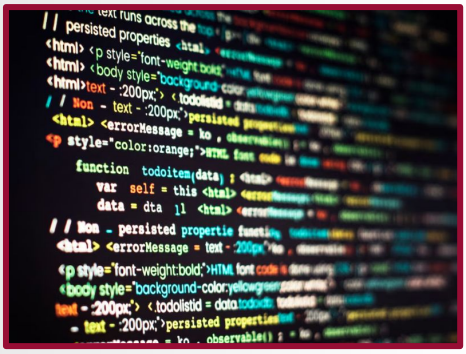
Mrs J. Arnold & Mrs F. Bond

# Request for donations of second hand uniform

Please drop off the following items at the main reception:

- Blazers
- PE Kit (without embroidered names)
- Skirts
- Ties

## Coding Club



Are you curious about how apps and games are made and what's really going on behind the scenes, how lines of code can make so many things happen? Got a passion for problem-solving, or thinking about choosing Computing in Year 10?

Then the **Year 9 Coding Club** is for you!

Starting **Wednesday 11th June**, this after-school club is open to **all Year 9 students**, whether you're a complete beginner or already experimenting with code. We'll be diving into **Python**, one of the most popular and powerful programming languages around.

✅ Create **fun and exciting programs**

✅ Learn the **core skills** every great coder needs

✅ Get a **head start** for Year 10 Computing

✅ Explore the world of tech in a relaxed, friendly environment

**Where is it?**

Coding Club will be weekly in room 315 and take place from 3:15 – 4:15, starting Wednesday 11th June.

# British Values

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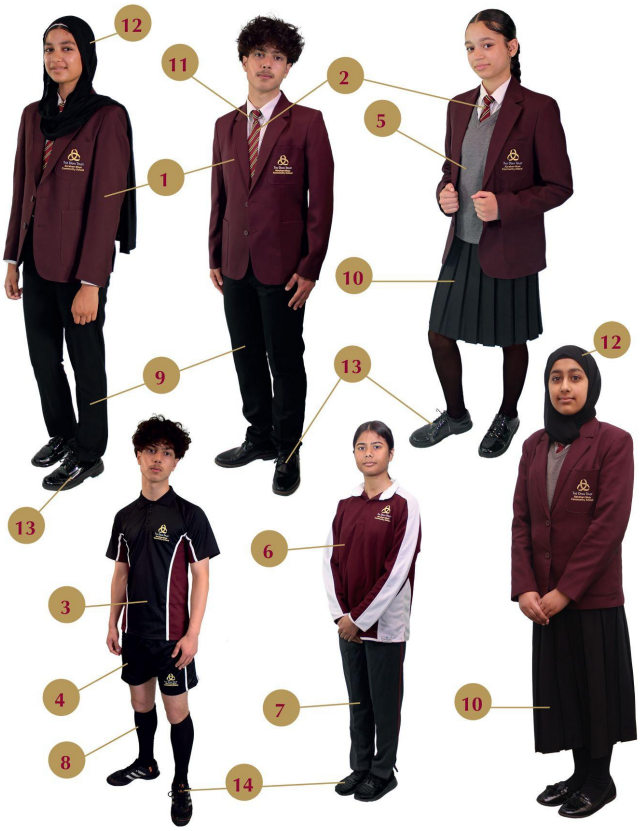
| **Respect and tolerance** | Respect others.<br>Embrace difference.<br>Learn about and consider the cultures of other people.<br>Accept the beliefs and faiths of others. |
| **Rule of law** | Commit to the school rules.<br>Help others do the right thing.<br>Be honest, truthful and loyal. |
| **Individual liberty** | Be responsible for your actions.<br>Work hard to improve.<br>Diligently pursue your goals.<br>Challenge bullying, prejudice or bias with confidence. |
| **Democracy** | Respect all views.<br>Debate in peace.<br>Participate willingly.<br>Express your views confidently. |

# Standards & Expectations

It has come to our attention that some of our pupils have started to wear long jersey skirts that are not part of our school uniform. Please can we remind you of our uniform expectations below and ask that you check your child has the appropriate uniform before leaving for school each day. If any items of uniform are missing, please inform the school should you require support.

## Standards of Appearance

- Shirts should be tucked in;
- Skirts should be loose fitting and reach the knee or be the **longer box pleat version** available at Ziggy's;
- Jewellery is **not** permitted;
- Hair should be smart in appearance, of natural colour, with no extreme haircuts (head shave, tram lines, etc);
- No makeup, false tan, nail varnish, or **false nails/eyelashes**;
- A school tie should be worn at all times;
- Plain black shoes, no trainers;
- Blazers must be worn at all times apart from in extreme hot weather, this will be communicated at Headteacher's discretion.

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| 1 | Burgundy blazer with logo |
| 2 | Tie school colours clip-on |
| 3 | PE polo top with logo |
| 4 | PE shorts with logo |
| 5 | Grey jumper with logo |
| 6 | PE Rugby long sleeve top |
| 7 | PE Black/burgundy track pants |
| 8 | PE Black socks with logo |
| 9 | Tailored plain black trousers worn with black socks |
| 10 | Black box pleat knee/ankle length skirt worn with black tights |
| 11 | White button collar shirt |
| 12 | Plain black headscarf/hijab |
| 13 | Plain black shoes |
| 14 | PE - Trainers & football boots |
| School bag | |
| Required in school every day<br>Pencil case with blue, black, green pens, pencils, eraser, ruler, sharpener and a selection of coloured pencils. Also a compass, protractor, scientific calculator and highlighter pens. A small dictionary. Not permitted are felt tip pens and Tippex | |

# Standards & Expectations

# Standards & Expectations- Primary

It has come to our attention that some of our pupils have started to wear leggings and trainers that are not part of our school uniform. Please can we remind you of our uniform expectations below and ask that you check your child has the appropriate uniform before leaving for school each day. If any items of uniform are missing, please inform the school should you require support.

**Standards of Appearance**

- Burgundy sweat top or cardigan;
- Polo shirts should be tucked in;
- Skirts should be black **pleat knee length version** **worn with black tights**;
- Plain black trousers worn with black socks;
- Plain black headscarf/hijab;
- Jewellery is **not** permitted;
- Hair should be smart in appearance, of natural colour, with no extreme haircuts (head shave, tram lines, etc);
- No fancy hair clips or headbands;
- Plain black shoes, no trainers;
- Red/white check summer dress (summer only with white socks);
- Tailored plain black shorts (summer only with black socks)

With your support, we will continue to improve the standards at AMCS. Together, we will continue to make progress, giving all our pupils the best life opportunities by developing hard-working and dedicated young children with high standards and aspirations.

# Standards & Expectations

## Equipment

All pupils must bring the following items to school.

| Item | School Standard | Not allowed |
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| Appropriate black school bag sturdy and large enough to carry all belongings | Appropriate black school bag sturdy and large enough to carry all belongings | Fashion bags<br>'man' bags/ cross body bags<br>plastic bags<br>carrying belongings in blazer pockets |
| Pencil case | **Basics:**<br>Two BLACK ink pens<br>One RED pen<br>One PURPLE pen<br>Two pencils<br>Eraser<br>Rigid ruler<br>Glue Stick | Blue pen for written work<br>Correction fluid<br>Felt tip pens |
| Optional other equipment | Coloured pencils<br>Scientific calculator<br>Dictionary | |

On the first day back tutors will check all pupils have the correct equipment for the Summer term.

Sanctions will be applied for failing to meet equipment standards.

# Standards & Expectations- Primary

All pupils must bring the following items to school.

| Item | School Standard | Not allowed |
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| Book bag | Burgundy bookbag with logo, which is large enough to carry reading books and planner. | Fashion bags<br>'man' bags/ cross body bags, plastic bags or backpacks |
| PE Bag | Burgundy PE Bag with logo | Backpacks or plastic bags |
| Lunch-Bag (if on packed lunches) | Lunch bag, can be any colour | No backpacks |

# Digital Safety Information

## Managing Screen Time

**Are you worried your child has too much screentime or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time?**

Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you. This first link discusses how to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time:

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child/

The next link provides advice on how to tackle too much screen time and what the signs of having too much are:

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/deal-with-it/

This final link provides a guide on how to create a balanced digital diet:

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/

# Digital Safety Information

## Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

### Google Family Link:

This is a parental control app from Google that lets you:

- See activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location (using their device).

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

https://families.google.com/familylink

### Apple Family Sharing:

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions.
- Share purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

https://www.apple.com/uk/family sharing/

# Digital Safety Information

## Monitoring Apps (paid for):

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family
- Qustodio: https://www.qustodio.com/en/
- Family Time: https://familytime.io/

## Smoothwall Parent Online Safety Workshops

As part of Kat Howard from Smoothwall work with Manchester LA they are putting on a series of workshops for families across Manchester LA.

These workshops are to be held online, by Kat, and provide parents with up-to-date information, advice and guidance regarding online safety at home.

Please find the links below for your families to sign up for both this term and next term.

**Monday 17th June - Primary parents' workshop 6-7pm -**
https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uOkpglA1QmSJj7RrNAbxow

**Thursday 20th June - Secondary parents' workshop 6-7pm -**
https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FC8rhDTQTru7Kfg2R1SmjA

If you need any further information, please contact Kat Howard;
katherine.howard@smoothwall.com

# Digital Safety Information - Useful Websites for Parents

https://www.internetmatters.org/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://www.childline.org.uk/

https://www.educateagainsthate.com/

https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/