



**Safeguarding Tip:**

Bonfire night. Keep everyone well back from open fires and ensure children are supervised at all times.

**Coffee Morning: Friday 10th November**

9:00am-9:50am.

Theme: 'Know Your Way around the Website'

**All Parents and Carers Welcome**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We reach the end of our first half term. Where has the time gone? The school has grown not just in numbers but quality: the quality of learning and standard of work, the level of maturity of a lot of our pupils, the level of ambition and commitment to the school's standards and values, and the quality of staff we have appointed are all evident this term so far.

Pupils have been engaging well in their 'improvement lessons' following their assessments last week, and now know how they need to improve so they are ready for their forthcoming end of term tests next half term.

Please read on to find out about out two Year 9 trips this week and our Achievement assemblies, where so many pupils were awarded certificates for their hard work and efforts.

We look forward next half term to seeing the newly appointed pupil leaders making a difference in the school.

To finish, please do come to our next Coffee Morning on 10th November where we shall be looking at the school website together and hopefully getting some good ideas from you too!

Have a peaceful half term

Yours sincerely

Headteacher



**Theme of the Week**

**Year 7 News**

**Year 8 News**

**Year 9 News**

**Library News**

**Fun Football**

**Humanities**

**Technology**

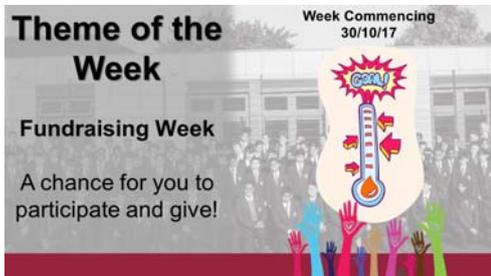
**Physical Education**

**Awards**

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## Theme of the Week

DTA's Fundraising week will be focusing on raising awareness of Manchester's deaf community. Pupils have been learning sign language and have been preparing for this year's first fundraising event, Dean Trust Ardwick's first talent show! All the money raised from the tickets to the show will go to the Manchester Deaf Centre who support children and families in the local community and train interpreters. Look out for more information on our talented pupils and, of course, the winning act in the next newsletter.



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## Year 7 News

Welcome back to the year sevens after a well-deserved half term break. This next half term we have a lot of things to look forward to including the first book swap shop that is happening next week. Also coming up is the very first inter form quiz which will start next week and will run over this half term and finish with a finale between two forms and their form tutors!

This week I met with the Eco-team and we are very excited about firstly the swap shop this week, which is to encourage pupils to reduce, re-use and recycle. This will take place in the library on Thursday 9th November at 1pm.

If you wish to swap a book please hand in your read book to Mrs Hardman and the Eco-team in room 202 Mon, Tue, Wed break next week. You will receive a raffle ticket which you can then exchange for a fresh book on Thursday. I will look forward to seeing you there.



## Year 8 News

This week we have celebrated the fantastic achievements of Year 8s this half term. With our first celebration assembly highlighting those pupils who have been nominated as Stars of the Term by each faculty, the top 5 pupils with the best Behaviour for Learning grades and the top two forms for behaviour and attendance. A huge congratulations to all our winners who enjoyed their free breakfast on Wednesday morning! Keep up the fantastic work Year 8 #ProudtoBelong



## Year 9 News

The reward assembly was a huge success this week. Pupils were issued with a certificate which was presented by Mrs Gooch, school governor. The pupils who received the awards were:

**Top Behaviour for Learning:** Arooj Zulfiqar, Emran Hoque, Xinjun Shen, Haseeb Ahmed, Declan Dyer, Abdullahi Saney.

**Science:** Nancy Appiah for continued excellence and effort in Science.

**PE:** Daha Affi for excellent contribution to lessons.

**Humanities:** Malikah Shabaz for going above and beyond to continue to make progress in her learning.

**RE:** Zaynab Elbadri for excellent effort, concentration and contributions in lessons.

**MFL:** Abdullahi Saney for excellent participation and being motivated to do well.

**Technology:** Ridwan Nur for demonstrating excellent commitment to technology.

**Art:** Khalid Khair for always trying hard in lessons and wanting to improve.

**English:** Zaynab Elbadri for having a really positive attitude to learning and always challenging herself.

**Maths:** Lauren-Lee Thompson for spectacular improvements in Maths and always trying her best.

**Form Attendance:** 9D Lowry (98.7%) 9D Whitworth (98.2%) 9D Rylands (97.2%)

**Form behaviour for Learning:** 9D Lowry (433) 9D Whitworth (433) 9D Rylands (375)

## Modern Foreign Languages

It has been a very scary start to Half Term 2 for the MFL department as this week we celebrated “El día de los muertos” (The Day of The Dead) This is a Mexican Tradition, similar to Halloween, in which people celebrate the lives and memories of their deceased loved ones. In class, pupils learnt about the different traditions and activities that take place each year which range from street parties, creating “ofrendas (altars) at the graves and eating “Pan de muertos” (Bread of the Dead). On top of this, pupils also designed their own “calavera” skull.

As well as our scary lessons, we have also continued with our extra-curricular clubs for MFL. Tuesday lunchtimes see the return of the ever-popular “Linguascope Club” which is open to all year groups. This club is a great way for pupils to practice vocabulary they have learnt in lesson or even learn new words. If you want to come, don’t forget to ask your MFL teacher for a “Linguascope Pass”!!!

As well as “Linguascope Club”, this week saw the return of Mrs Connaughton’s MFL Club on Wednesday, after school. This week’s film was “The book of Life” which is a cartoon film based on “El día de los muertos.” Watching foreign films are the perfect way to learn a new language so make sure you do not miss the second half of the film next week!

Finally, this week’s Stars of the Week are:

### Year 7:

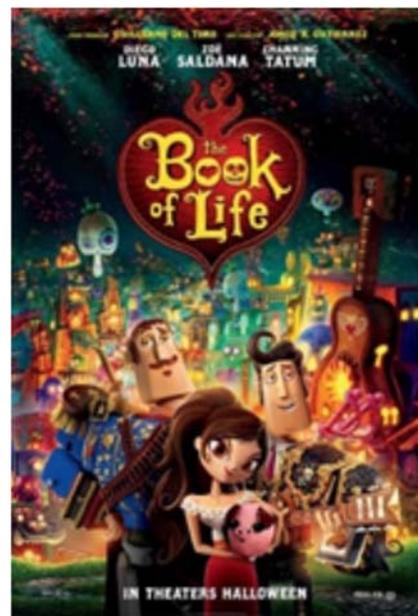
Isha Rashid for excellent behaviour, participation and effort in Spanish

### Year 8:

Oluwadoritimi Adesalu for excellent behaviour and effort in languages

### Year 9:

San Faiq for a diligent approach to his studies.



## English

Form Time Reading: A shared pleasure with a serious aim.

This Thursday morning, we launched our Form-Time Reading initiative. Each form across the school has been given a novel, play or anthology of short stories to read together. The aim is to encourage pupils and staff to share and discuss engaging stories, stories which have been chosen because they tackle and discuss issues pertinent to young people across all cultures and backgrounds today. Pupils and staff alike, thoroughly enjoyed an extended form time during which they were able to get stuck into their stories, spend time discussing crucial issues and at the same time further develop their reading skills.

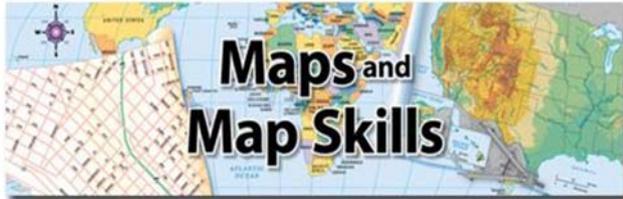
The books chosen cover many topics from the dangers of gang culture for teenagers and the struggle for families living through civil war, to the effects of discrimination across many contexts. I was lucky enough to have the privilege of visiting most forms during the morning and seeing our pupils becoming their characters (accents and all) whilst reading and their visualisation of characters' situations. Pupils left the session discussing their texts on the way out, as well as asking pupils different forms what they were reading during the morning.

A particular highlight for me, was Miss Ellis describing how her form had been watching videos explaining the current crisis in Syria to help them empathise with the leading character in their story, *Dangerous Crossing*, and how some of our pupils from Syria were correcting her pronunciation whilst reading: the whole class learning together through literature!



## Humanities

Welcome back to another jam-packed, exciting half term at Dean Trust Ardwick! This half term, Year 7 and Year 8 are getting stuck into new, engaging topics in both History and Geography. Year 7 are beginning to develop their geographical skills by looking at map skills. We hope to bring this topic to life by getting hands on with maps and our local area. Year 8 are moving over to History, and one of the most relevant topics for Manchester, the Industrial Revolution. Through their work in English on A Christmas Carol, year 8 already have a good understanding of the Industrial Revolution but by matching this up with key historical skills such as source work, we hope to become experts on this topic! Year 9 continue their GCSE work, looking at Medicine through time in History and The Living World in Geography. We look forward to welcoming both pupils and parents to our Options Evening in a couple of weeks, where you will be able to get an insight into our GCSE courses.



## Design and Technology

Pupils have been learning about mass production and the advantages and disadvantages of this method of production. They have also consolidating all their knowledge on the different methods of production by quizzing each other in lessons and on Kahoot! The pupils in Technology are also excited to start their practical work, which will begin at the end of the week!

## Food and Nutrition

This week in Food & Nutrition, pupils have been learning about the grain chain, wheat and how flour is produced. Pupils will be continuing to perfect their bread making skills ahead of the practical assessment in the coming weeks.

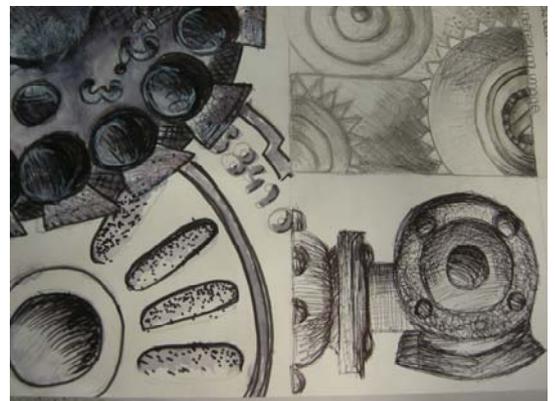
## Art and Design

In lesson this week Year 7 have been working on some spectacular skulls to enter into a competition for our day of the dead themed week in collaboration with MFL. Winners to be announced next week! Year 8 have been completing their biro studies ready to move onto fine liner next week. Year 9 have completed their viewfinder pages with some stunning results.

Art Club- We have complete all of our sets ready for animation. We will be putting final touches to our work characters this week.

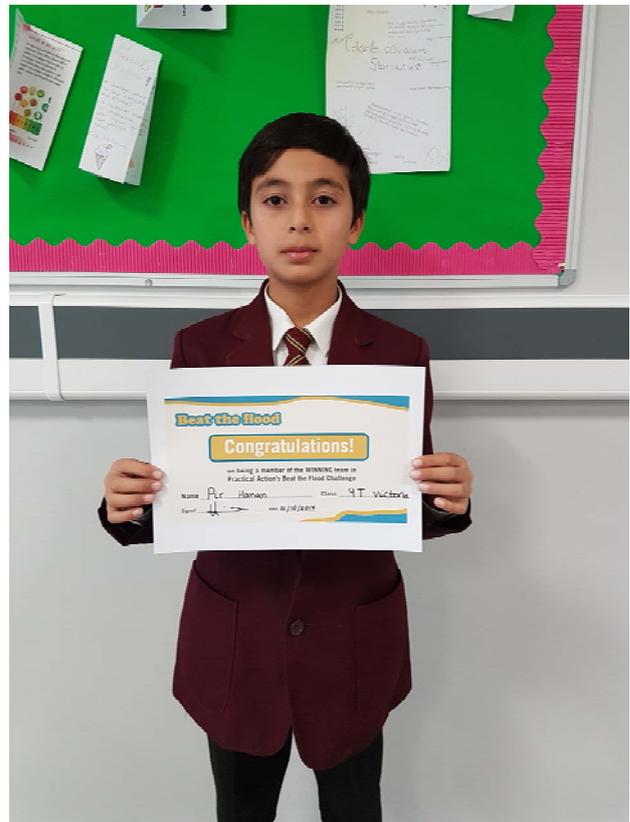
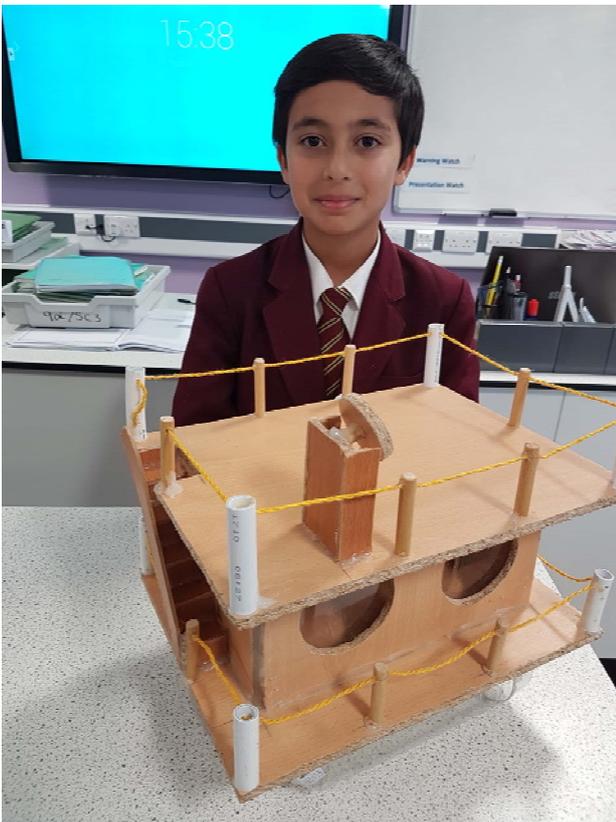
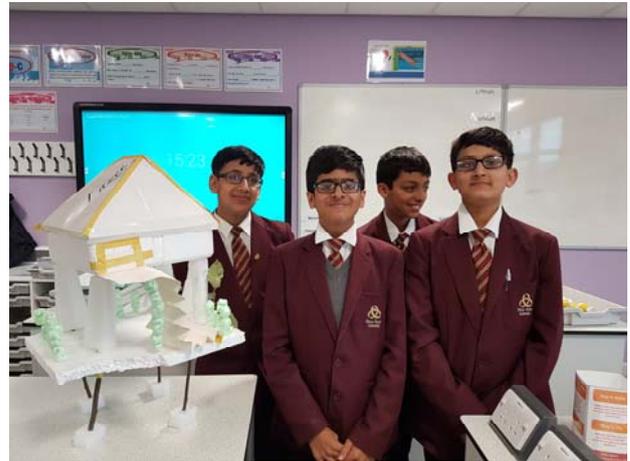
Set Design- Our set pieces are looking suitably atmospheric and we are starting work on gather costumes this week.

Year 9 Enrichment- This week we have painting with different shaped implements to create exciting textures in the paint.



## Science

This term in the Science STEM club, pupils were given the project “Beat the flood”. The challenge was to design a flood proof house for a community on an Island that would withstand the effect of flooding. They had to make a model of their own design that could be tested. The winner was Pir Hanaan who put a fantastic amount of effort into planning and building his house. Well done to all of the STEM club.



## Physical Education

This week in the P.E department pupils are continuing with their new sport, pupils are learning different aspects to each sports and focusing on developing their skills acquisition, decision making skills and tactical awareness. This half term is also busy with extra-curricular events. There are football matches for all years- both girls and boys, athletics events, basketball fixtures, plus many more. We are excited as a department to see how the pupil perform against other school. Finally, this half term pupil leadership roles will begin with pupils taking on responsibility throughout P.E. We are looking forward to our pupil leaders representing the department.

### Year 7 Awards

#### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Term

#### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Term

Rayany Mendes	11
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Arman Rahman	11
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Zoha Riaz	11
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Kiistaps Velavs	10
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Mohammed Yusif	10
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#### Form of the Term Attendance

#### Stars of the Term

English	Oluwafeyiremi Adey
Maths	Arifah Ahmed
Science	Bilal Anwar
Humanities	Shihab Hossain
Technology	Zoha Khan
PE	Isha Rashid
RE	Inmal Ishtiaq
Art	Suhail Abed
MFL	Isha Rashid
Computer Science	Aaliyah Malik
Performing Arts	Mohammed Ali

## Year 8 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Term

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Term

Rowda Osman	12
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Tania Aji	11
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Mahir Ali Khan	11
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Anhaar Buwe	11
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Natasha Tanveer	10
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### Form of the Term Attendance

### Stars of the Term

English	Ajia Rees
Maths	Yidian Liu
Science	Tulsi Wilkinson-Das
Humanities	Rhea Chacko
Technology	Kayleen Ward
PE	Tyler Fitzgerald
RE	Ellie Thomas
Art	Moamel Jawad
MFL	Oluwadoritimi Adesalu
Computer Science	Maria Saeed
Performing Arts	Tahir Choudhury

## Year 9 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Term

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Term

Arooj Zulfiqar	11
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Emran Hoque	9
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Quincy Hughes	9
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Kashif Mehmood	9
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Isihaaq Kahiye	8
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### Form of the Term Attendance

### Stars of the Term

English	Mary Amoakwa
Maths	Muhammad
Science	Isaac Durbin
Humanities	Jun Shen
Technology	Aaliyah Cargill
PE	Moadd Belkhair
RE	Debbie Balogun
Art	Saira Sohail
MFL	San Faiq
Computer Science	Shen Xinjun
Performing Arts	Paige Parry

### Whole School Attendance