



The first 'Big Debate'

DTA Newsletter

*Theme of the
Week:*

*'Behaviour is a
Choice'*

**Friday 5th May
2017**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Mr Platt delivered an assembly on our weekly theme: 'Behaviour is a Choice'. We reminded pupils about learning to take personal responsibility for their own words and actions, and that the choices we make bring with them either positive or negative consequences. We constantly refer to our School Code of Conduct, which is displayed in planners and around the school. We are pleased to say that pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick understand the importance of making right choices by doing what is right, rather than what is popular.

Our Debate Society is gathering lots of interest around the school. It was impressive to see over 75 pupils participate in this our first 'Big Debate' 'Is everyone equal?' in the school hall. Read on to find out more.

If you haven't already downloaded our School Gateway app, then please do. You will need your email address. Please note that we will be operating a paperless system from July, which means we shall not be sending letters home from then onwards. Therefore it is essential you use this app.

We have just waved off twenty four Year 8 pupils as they embark on a weekend's residential Outward Bound trip to the Lake District with Mr Doherty and Miss Bostock! We look forward to hearing about their adventures next week.

Please read on to find out about the exciting work pupils are doing in different subjects. We try and keep you up to speed with their latest work!

Yours sincerely

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Year 7 News

It was fantastic to see such a variety of Year 7s chosen for the Star of the Week awards from their subject teachers this week for going above and beyond with their work and effort. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their free breakfast as a reward! It has also been great to see all the Year 7s eagerly queuing for the reward shop this Thursday and Friday, ready to spend all of their hard earned merits on the great gifts available. Keep up the great work everyone!



Year 8 News

In preparation for your next half-term in two weeks why not try out this revision tip: quiz yourself using your **Knowledge Organiser**.

1. Get a friend or a member of your family to see if you can spell all the key terms in your knowledge organiser.
2. Using one of your knowledge organisers; research one section you would like to know more information about. You could answer an online quiz or make a powerpoint about what you have learnt.
3. Look up the parts of your knowledge organiser you don't understand and create your own extra sections that you would like to add to the knowledge organiser.

Why have views about marriage and family changed so much?
Knowledge Organiser

| Key Words | Definition |
|-------------------------|--|
| Annulment | Roman Catholic practice whereby a marriage is declared 'null and void' or 'invalid' because, for example, the marriage was not consummated |
| Adultery | Sex outside of marriage where at least one of the couple is already married to someone else |
| Civil marriage ceremony | Non-religious marriage ceremony in a marriage registry office or other licensed venue, eg an hotel |
| Civil Partnership | A legal registration and recognition of a same-sex partnership |
| Cohabitation | A couple living together and having a sexual relationship without being married to one another |
| Divorce | The legal ending of a marriage |
| Extended family | Grandparents, uncles, aunts' etc. living with the nuclear family or living very close and having lots of contact |
| Marital Breakdown | When a couple legally joined no longer get on with each other, leading to the end of the marriage by divorce or separation |
| Nuclear family | Mother, father and children living together as a unit |
| One parent family | Where only one of the parents is bringing up the children (this could be due to separation, divorce, death of marriage partner or unmarried) |
| Pre-marital sex | Sex before marriage |

| Key Facts about Marriage |
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| One in seven divorces were granted as a result of adultery |
| The average age at divorce was 45 for men and 42 for women |
| Almost half of these divorces occurred in the first 10 years of marriage. |
| There were 13 divorces an hour* in England and Wales in 2012. |
| This was a total of 118,140 divorces |

Divorce rates

Source: Monthly Vital Statistics Reports

Safeguarding

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you on behalf of the safeguarding team at Dean Trust Ardwick. We have been alerted by Cheshire Police of a 'suicide game' linked to the death of 130 teenagers in Russia amid reports that it has made its way to the UK. The game encourages young people to complete a series of challenges over 50 days, ranging from waking up in the night to cutting themselves. On the final day of the challenge, they are then instructed by their own 'masters' to commit suicide.

I would like to make all our parents aware of this concerning report and I have copied a link to an article published in the Daily Mail recently.

Best wishes,

Mr Platt

Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4446556/Police-warn-Blue-Whale-suicide-game-heading-UK.html#ixzz4fRZE5UXF>

EAL Parent Lessons

Over the past few weeks, a number of parents have been attending English lessons at 4pm on Wednesdays. The lessons have been a great success and both parents and teachers have enjoyed them hugely. Last week a number of these parents attended our weekly 15 minute forum to discuss the school and how we make provision for EAL pupils in particular. If you are interested in getting involved in these free English lessons, please contact Miss Qasim or Mr Shaw.

The Big Debate

The DTA Debate Club will be holding its first Big Debate on Friday in the Main Hall at lunchtime. The motion under discussion is: ***This House believes that we are all equal.*** The debate will take place in front of a live audience of pupils and teachers and will be followed by questions and a vote. Look out for the result next week.

School Council

The Year 8 DTA School Council met this week and continues to provide fabulous, innovative ideas for the school. Ideas which are being discussed with Mr Doherty this week are: a school garden; the summer fete; and displays for the school walls.

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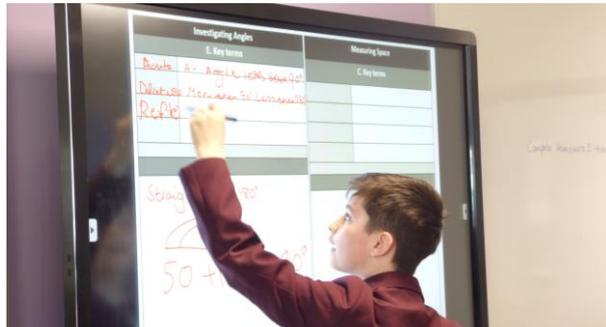
Animal Farm: It's not all Greek to Year 8!

This week, Year 8 have continued their study of Animal Farm by George Orwell. We have delved into Aristotelean Rhetoric to discover how Old Major presents his case for revolution to the animals. It was agreed in 8D3 that his use of Ethos was by far the most persuasive technique. Alongside this we have been putting together complex arguments about whether or not the 'New Dawn' of Animalism has made things better for the animals. The jury seems to still be out... until Chapter 5!



Mathematics

This week in maths we have been using our knowledge organisers to help us remember as much information as possible. Miss Hessom's Year 7 class were given just 2 minutes to look at their knowledge organiser, revise it and quiz each other before all of the information was taken away and they had to see how much they could remember. Year 7 were fantastic at this, completing nearly all of the Knowledge Organiser. If you practise this at home it will also help you remember a lot more! Well done Year 7!



Physical Education

This week pupils have been assessed in their sports. On the whole pupils have taken to their first sport this term really well. They have done this by transferring skills from previous sport and showing massive amounts of determination when learning completely new skills, as a department we are very happy with the progress of all the pupils. Next week pupils will be participating in a new sport, therefore they need to ensure they have appropriate kit for the weather. Next week year 8 will be playing in a Manchester United HUB tournament and we wish them the best of luck in this. I hope that their hard work in training will pay off.



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MFL

Year 7

¿Qué hay en Manchester?

COMPETITION: Merits for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Year 7 pupils are challenged to create a leaflet about places to visit in Manchester as a tourist using recent vocabulary from lessons; your leaflet must be in Spanish and will be displayed in your MFL classroom. All entrants to hand in their leaflets to Mr Diaz, room 106, by **Friday 12th May**. ¡Buena Suerte!

Year 8

TIP OF THE WEEK

Learning vocabulary is difficult if you struggle with remembering words, right? Why don't you ask a friend to QUIZyou? It's simple, quick, easy and fun!



COMPETITION

Merits for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Can you remember all of Half Term 4's vocabulary for Spanish / French, **including** spelling? We challenge you to see your MFL Teacher by **Friday 12th May** and test your memory! ¡Buena Suerte!

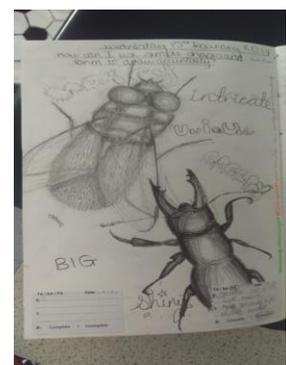
Art

In lessons this week we have been adding descriptive works to our sketchbook pages to annotate our drawings. We have completed and presented our chalk and charcoal drawings.



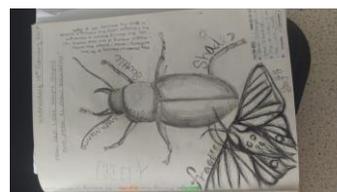
Art Club

We are putting finishing touches to our mural ready for the grand unveiling! Here is a sneak peak!



Set Design

Will resume next week to start work on Matilda!



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Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:

Deansgate – 92 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Bridgewater – 100%

BfL Grade 1 Top Five Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners are:

Morgan Noonan
Shayaan Zahoor
Aleem Busow Miah
Rahila Shehu
Raffia Toqueer

Year 8 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:
Whitworth – 40 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Top Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners are:

San Faiq,
Alan Baez,
Zahra Batool,
Aisha Noor,
Alishair Shah

Form of the Week Attendance

Bridgewater – 98.2%

Congratulations!

Whole School Attendance

This week's full school attendance is

96.4%

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