

# Coffee Morning

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

9:00am - 10:00am

## 'Special Educational Needs and Disability'

## DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:

Revision

Friday 8th June

### Safeguarding Tip:

Please remind your child to come straight home from school. Please know their whereabouts.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know we had our first ever Ofsted inspection just before half term. We look forward to sharing the outcome with you as soon as we receive the report.

We have had a great start to what will be a very busy half term. End of year exams are due to take place this month with Year 8 tests on the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> June and Years 7 & 9 on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. Revision homework is now in place and there has been some fantastic high quality learning this week in preparation for the exams. Please encourage your child to revise at home and to use the homework clubs (before and after school) for additional support and revision. Remember free porridge is available for all pupils from 7.45am!

Rehearsals are well underway for the show that is planned for later in the term. All the staff and pupils work so hard on these shows. They have all been fantastic and somehow each one seems more polished and professional than the last. DTA really do know how to put on a show! Look out for dates and details on how to get tickets later in the term.

I would like to remind parents and carers that holidays are not permitted during term time even if it is 'just one day' before or after a school holiday. If you take your child out of school in the week leading up to a holiday, or your child returns late for the start of term due to a holiday, the Local Authority can fine you even if the child is not absent for the full week.

Our next Coffee Morning is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Mrs Bright our SENDCO Lead will be giving a presentation on Special Educational Needs. I hope to see many of you there!

Enjoy the rest of the articles in this week's edition.

Yours sincerely

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## Year 7 News

Welcome back to the last half term for this academic year. It promises to be a very busy one! Pupils in Year 7 have received their revision timetables to help support pupils with independent revision for end of year exams. Please can you encourage your child to use their timetable. Staff have provided resources to support this process.

### Mrs Rashford's tips for successful revision!

Study in a **quiet** place away from the TV and computers etc. that is both light and comfortable.

Create **summary notes** and anything simple that helps your **memory**.

**Get help.** Ask friends and family to **test you**.

**Record yourself** reading notes **and occasionally listen** to them instead of reading.

Take a **5 or 10 minute break** every hour and do some stretching exercises, go for a short walk or make yourself a drink.

Allow yourself some fun-time each day to **relax**

**Eat well.**

**Don't panic** if you feel a bit nervy. A certain amount of **nervousness actually helps you perform** to the best of your ability.

The work that we have started on raising standards of behaviour for learning will continue with a sharp focus on routines for learning. These changes, which instil discipline and help to uphold pupils' right to learn, are fundamental to the success of the school community.

## Year 8 News

This week the Year 8 pupils have been notified of the end of year rewards trip to Blackpool and the criteria that is in place to be in with the chance of attending. Pupils behaviour for learning grades, attendance and punctuality will all be considered. The standards remain really high throughout Year 8 with excellent uniform, appearance and pupils ensuring they are fully equipped for the school day. We are having a real drive on personal excellence and encouraging the Year 8s to aim to achieve BFL grade 1's in their lessons for going above and beyond expectations.

The Year 8s also took part in the first Dean Trust Athletics competition on Thursday which resulted in numerous winning athletes from the year group. This will be featured in next weeks newsletter item from the PE faculty! The pupils were exceptional throughout the day with a clear sense of pride shown by all pupils. Keep up the hard work Year 8, particularly in the run up to exam week!



## Year 9 News

Welcome back Year 9s to this, your final half term in lower school. These next few weeks are vitally important as the Year 9s are going to be recalling their knowledge and applying the skills learnt across this whole year in their end of year tests. In order to give the year nines a flavour of life in upper school, we are encouraging them to take responsibility for their own learning; one way in which they can do this is to learn how to schedule in revision slots. They have therefore been given a blank revision timetable for this week and next week in which they have to populate with tasks and activities, such as self-quizzing, to enable them to be as effective as possible in the forthcoming tests. From the feedback I have heard and discussions I have had with pupils, this is happening, however please encourage your child by asking to see what they are revising and talking through with them the tasks they have recorded. This is also a very exciting

time for our Year 9s as very soon we will be starting the process for selecting our pupil leadership team of Head Boy/Girl, Senior Prefects and Prefects. The Year 9s will soon be having an assembly to discuss this in more detail but it would be great if you could encourage your child to consider applying for such prestigious roles at DTA.



## MU Foundation

On Wednesday 23rd May fifty Year 9 pupils took part in a Personal Development Day on behalf of MU Foundation and the RAF. Delivered by two senior RAF officers, the pupils participated in a collection of activities which were designed to stimulate their problem solving, communication and leadership skills. Those involved commented positively on the experience. The pupils indicated that they found the sessions to be fun and educational, emphasizing to them the importance of appropriate communication and effective leadership. Well done to those who took part and thank you to our guests, Ben and Wayne.



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## Train to Teach with the Dean Trust

Did you know you could train to teach within the Dean Trust at our teacher training centre based at Ashton on Mersey School in Trafford?

Ashton on Mersey Teacher Training aims to develop the outstanding teachers of the future, those who will make a difference in the lives of the pupils they teach and to the colleagues with whom they work.

We are currently recruiting for our 2018/19 Primary and Secondary PGCE programmes.

If you are interested in teaching and would like further information on Teacher Training or to speak to a member of the Ashton SCITT team then please contact Karen Craven, the SCITT administrator [karencraven@thedeantrust.co.uk](mailto:karencraven@thedeantrust.co.uk) for more details.



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## Inclusion

This week our group of Year 6 pupils came for a transition club. We had a tour of the school and then played games on the field. They worked in small groups and this will help them build new friendships before their start in September.

The pupils are looking forward to the final week with us, where we will be working alongside Mrs Pendlebury in Food Technology to create something delicious .



## Term Time Holidays

As we approach the end of the school year please remember that Department for Education amendments to legislation do not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on out of school during term time. Schools are not expected to approve any term time leave of absence as exceptional leave.

Parents can receive a Penalty Notice for taking their child on holiday during term time, without consent from school, even if its just a few days before or after a school holiday.

These penalty notices are £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.



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## MFL

For Half Term 6, pupils are starting a brand new topic in Spanish and French. Year 7s will be learning about “La Tomatina” in Spanish and “Bastille Day” in French. Year 8 will be learning about “La Fiesta de San Fermín” in Spanish and “Bastille Day” in French. Year 9 will be learning about jobs in Spanish and school life in French. As it is the last term, the end of year tests are fast approaching. ensure you are revising your grammar!

On Tuesday lunch, pupils can go to “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”!!!



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

Year 7: Taksan Mambu

Year 8: Abdul Wahab Issa

Year 9: Ahmad Abdullah



## Physical Education: Dean Trust Games - 2nd Place!

Pupils have come back after half term with motivation to succeed. Pupils are continuing with their new sports and contributing to interesting discussion around challenging questions. Pupils ability to recall knowledge and skills allows the PE department to plan lesson to stretch and challenge all pupils. Dean Trust Ardwick's Athletics team did fantastically well as they attended Longford park this week where they competed against other schools within the Dean Trust. The following pupils exceeded in their events Georgi (1<sup>st</sup> 100m), Mazin (2<sup>nd</sup> 100m), Jack (1<sup>st</sup> 200m), Elizabeth (1<sup>st</sup> high Jump), Victoria (1<sup>st</sup> 200m), Alex , Ruhale , Ty-Rhys , Tahir (1<sup>st</sup> Relay for year 8), Yasser, Jack , Mazin , Georgi (1<sup>st</sup> Relay for year 7), Jefferson (1<sup>st</sup> long jump), Yousif, Yassser both came 1<sup>st</sup> in the high jump. Dean Trust Ardwick coming an outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> place! A very well done to all athletes that competed!



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# Technology

## Design and Technology

This week in design and technology Year 7 are improving and exploring further skills in Techsoft 2D design, we have begun to work towards our final designs. Year 8 and 9 have been moving onto computers looking at how fabrics and computer skills can work together to create a product.

## Food and Nutrition

This week in food and nutrition we have been learning about minerals and their main functions in the body. We have been focusing on the minerals calcium and iron looking at both deficiency and what happens when you have too much.

## Art and Design

In Year 7 we have been looking at the artist Mr Finch in more depth to create artist research pages and starting to stick our bugs together. In Year 8 pupils have been adding cardboard to their shoes to start to bring their designs to life. In Year 9 pupils have been continuing their hard working moving towards their final out comes.



## Year 7 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Deansgate-158 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Lowry-100%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Madalynne Brogan	7T Picc	14
Mohammed Arfatt	7T Picc	13
Sonali Khandavalli	7T Turing	13
Angela Mozumder	7T Bridge	13
Fatima Munawar	7T Picc	13

### Stars of the Week

PE	Georgi Ivanov
Science	Amanda He
PSHCE	Ismail Baana
Humanities	
English	Jody Marlow
MFL	Taksan Mambu
Art	Abeda Sultan Miah
Technology	Yasmeen Benkhaiti
Maths	Abdulrahman Yunis
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	
Passport to Excellence	

## Year 8 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Pankhurst & Turing-128 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth & Deansgate-99.1%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Armin-Jordan Wagaba	8T Pank	10
Mohammed Harris	8D Deans	10
Mahir Ali Khan	8D MOSI	9
Millie Lapatrie	8T Bridge	9
Hammad Ansar	8D Deans	8

### Stars of The Week

PE	Amer Ullah
Science	Zainob Khan
PSHCE	Oskar Zaradkiewicz
Humanities	Imara Ricketts
English	Abdul Safdar
MFL	Abdul Wahab Issa
Art	Hannah Macmillian
Technology	Tania Aji
Maths	Ajia Raees
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	
Passport to Excellence	

## BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Lowry-79 Grade 1s

## Form of the Week Attendance

## BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Neha Benny	9D Lowry	8
Richard Hughes	9T Vic	8
Halima Ali-Heybe	9D Lowry	7
Isaac Durbin	9D Lowry	7
Declan Dyer	9D Rylands	7

## Stars of the Week

<b>PE</b>	Pir Hanan Kamal
<b>Science</b>	Abdullahi Saney
<b>PSHCE</b>	Malaika Shahbaz
<b>Humanities</b>	Haseeb Ahmed
<b>English</b>	Jacinth Varghese
<b>MFL</b>	Ahmad Abdullah
<b>Art</b>	Kamelija
<b>Technology</b>	Raza Mohammed
<b>Maths</b>	Ricardo Edwards
<b>Computer Science</b>	
<b>Performing Arts</b>	
<b>Passport to Excellence</b>	

## Whole School Attendance

97.05%