



First Day Excitement!

DTA Newsletter

Friday 8th
September

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to a brand new year at Dean Trust Ardwick. This is our third year in the school's history and we are delighted to have all our Year 7 pupils join us. They look immaculate in their uniform, as do all the other pupils in the school. I would like to thank you for your fabulous support in ensuring our high standards are met.

We now have three year groups and it is exciting to see the school growing year by year. We extend our welcome to all our new staff who have joined us too. We hope everyone will be very happy with us as we work together to build a great school.

We are already enjoying the benefits of our new sports pavilion which is also available for community use, and we have now opened up our second floor to pupils!

Please look at the calendar on our website to find out when our main events are. In particular we have our annual Open Morning on Saturday 30th September 9-12pm, where the school is open for parents and carers who may be interested in their children joining us in Year 7 2018. Please do tell your family and friends about this event.

We look forward to starting coffee mornings for parents and carers this term where you can visit us for a chat and learn more about the school. Please look out for more information on the website and in our newsletters.

We hope you have downloaded our School Gateway app which provides you with a range of information including after school clubs.

Enjoy our first newsletter for the year.

Yours sincerely

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Year 7 News

Welcome to Dean Trust Ardwick Year 7. What an amazing start you have had with us so far in your learning journey. I am sure that this year, all of you are going to 'Believe, Achieve and Succeed'. Remember to demonstrate your very best in everything that you do, every day. I am hopeful that you are going to embrace all the opportunities the school has to offer; so remember to get signing up to an after school club! Your form tutor and I are here to support you in your transition from primary school, so please do ask us your questions.

Mrs Hardman – Head of Year 7



Year 8 News

Welcome to the new school term Year 8!

I hope you all had a restful and happy summer break and you are all back eager to learn. We have so many exciting developments this term including new staff, new rooms and a whole new floor that has opened in the main building. We would like to welcome our new Form Tutors who have joined the year team – Miss Hessom (PALACE), Mr Carey (RYLANDS) and Mr Fuller (PICCADILLY). We have numerous opportunities for pupils to develop their leadership skills this year and I hope to see many of the Year 8 names signed up for these ventures which you will find more information on as the year progresses. I hope we all have a fabulous first term upholding our extremely high standards of daily personal and academic excellence.

Miss McShane - Head of Year 8.



Year 9 News

A warm welcome back to the pupils of year 9, for what promises to be a bust and exciting year. Following the departure of Mr Doherty, I will be the new Head of Year. I hope the pupils and parents of Year 9 have had a restful break during the Summer as the standards and expectations will continue to grow this year. One of the major developments this academic year will be the inclusion of more careers-based learning, where Y9 pupils will have the opportunity to start the process of preparing for later life. This will coincide with the options process later in the year where Y9 will choose the pathway for their next stage of education. As a school we will keep all pupils and parents informed of key dates and events in the lead up to this important time. I am also excited by the many leadership opportunities that will be available to Y9 this year, as I look towards them helping shape the direction of the school as positive role models to Years 7 and 8. If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Platt—Head of Year 9



English

Theseus, Macbeth, Scrooge, murder, intrigue and deceit – welcome to a new year at Dean Trust Ardwick. The English Faculty have started this year by raising the bar of expectation for our pupils even higher, and I'm not just referring to our move up to the second floor. Each of our year groups is starting the year by delving into a morality tale to discover the reason why stories are so powerful; but really understand how texts are constructed by writer's to affect their readership.

Year 9 have immediately begun their journey towards their GCSE Literature qualification studying Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. This has been planned to coincide perfectly with the rigorous rehearsal schedule which is now underway for our School's production of this play. Meanwhile, Year 8 have gone back in time to Victorian London to study Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and Year 7 are discovering the origins of the story form and following a journey of literature through time from Greek myths to the modern short story.



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Mathematics

Welcome back to Mathematics at Dean Trust Ardwick. The Mathematics department has grown, as well as having Miss Reynolds (Head of Mathematics), Miss Hessom (2nd in Mathematics) and Mrs Milner we have gained Mr Burney full time from his stint as a PE teacher. We also have two brand new Maths teachers; Mrs Ince and Mrs Annan. We have all been so excited to teach Year 9 and Year 8 again, as well as meeting all of our new Year 7s. This half term we will be looking mainly at the number system, from the basics such as finding multiples and factors to the more complicated – calculating bounds of numbers and completing calculations with standard form. Also look out for some of our extra-curricular clubs including 'Maths on the Edge', Problem Solving and the return of the popular Maths Games Club! We look forward to seeing you all attending at least one of these clubs.



Science

The Science faculty is very excited to be back in school as there are lots of amazing experiments to be done this year. Pupils in Year 7 will be learning about cells, acids & alkali and forces in the first term. Year 8 will be covering modules about microbes, chemical reactions and light & sound. Year 9 will be making the transition to GCSE style modules which will cover genetics, chemical materials and further forces. The extracurricular clubs starting in the second week of term are a fun Harry Potter style Science club and a challenging STEM club that will enrich the pupils knowledge further. We had better break out our broomsticks!



Humanities

As the new school year begins I would like to start by welcoming back all of our returning Year 8 and 9 pupils, parents and carers, as well as our new and wonderful Year 7 pupils and their parents and carers. The school is growing and it is an amazing sight watching the school mature and develop with a committed community of pupils, parents, carers and staff.

The welcoming of new members of our DTA community does not end there though, as the Humanities faculty are very lucky this year to not only have Mr Platt, Miss Bostock and Miss Jones continuing to deliver outstanding lessons, but we are boosted by the arrival of Miss Williams and Mrs Rehman, both of whom are bringing an abundance of expertise, experience and enthusiasm to the faculty.

Speaking on behalf of the faculty I can assure pupils and parents that we are all excited to continue to develop and evolve the Humanities faculty, which has already begun with the movement of our classes to the first floor, an area which we are now calling the Humanities Kingdom!

So as our tans begin to fade, and the memories of laying on the beach or around the pool begin to dwindle, be excited for the coming school year and all of the opportunities and potential that it holds!

Good luck



MFL

¡Hola! Bonjour! Welcome to the MFL faculty at Dean Trust Ardwick – we hope you are ready for an exciting year ahead! You will be studying a variety of exciting new topics in Spanish and some of you will also be doing French whilst learning about cultural topics such as festivals, food etc. Outside of lessons we will be running different clubs where you can practice your vocabulary through fun games as well as opportunities to practice other languages such as Italian and Arabic or watching films in a foreign language. Are you ready to travel the world with MFL this year?



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Technology

At Dean Trust Ardwick, Technology is split into three very exciting subjects; Design and Technology, Food and Nutrition and Art and Design. In Technology we love making and learning about many different engaging topics in all of the subject areas; during Key Stage 3 you will create a range of products from CAD CAM clocks to spring rolls! I hope you are as excited as we are to get stuck into your learning and develop a fantastic variety of skills that you can show off to your friends and family.



Performing Arts

Performing Arts at Dean Trust Ardwick is an exciting and challenging faculty. Pupils take part in weekly drama, music and dance lessons, as well as exploring musical theatre projects. Alongside a broad and varied performing arts curriculum, we offer many extra-curricular opportunities and clubs, such as choir, Shakespeare productions and full-scale musical theatre works. Look forward to seeing you all in our extra-curricular clubs soon!



Physical Education

Welcome to the Dean Trust Ardwick Physical Education faculty. We are excited for the academic year ahead with some fantastic opportunities during lessons. This term, in Physical Education, pupils will be developing their knowledge and understanding in a range of sports: Football, Basketball, Netball and Dance. During extra-curricular clubs and fixtures, pupils will be able to work collaboratively alongside the Manchester United Foundation and the Rugby Football Union creating new teams and developing club links outside of school. This is a fantastic opportunity for all pupils to immerse themselves into and develop new skills and friendships.



Computer Science

Welcome back to the Computer Science faculty Mr Harrop new to the school this year will be providing a broad range of topics across KS3 such as programming, networking, data representation and understanding how computers work. This will provide the foundation to progress into a GCSE computing qualification. The department is very excited and ready to teach all the bright and enthusiastic pupils.

