

# NEWSLETTER

**Safeguarding Tip:** Your child's behaviour and the way they conduct themselves affects others. Encourage your child to have a positive impact on other people.

**11th January 2019** 

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM EVERYONE AT DEAN TRUST ARDWICK

# Headteacher's Message

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break with your family and friends and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year as we return to school to start the Spring term.

Following your child's Autumn term report teachers are now stepping up the challenge in order that pupils can meet their targets comfortably by the end of the year. We look forward to issuing the Year 10 mock results very soon.



Just a couple of things to note: outdoor coats should be plain and dark in colour.

Whilst we do not currently have a written regulation regarding hats and scarves, please ensure that what your child wears is sensible and appropriate. I do hope you will come to our Coffee Morning on 25th January which is all about Our Local Community.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay

# **Dates for your Diary**

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14th January	Year 9 Assessments
25th January	Coffee Morning
4th February	Shakespeare Rehearsal
5th February	Shakespeare Play

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# **Head of Year Updates**

## Year 7 News

A Happy 2019 to you all. This week Year 7 pupils have been voting for their new Form Captains and Form Representatives. They have done so in a very mature manner and I would like for you to join me in congratulating our Year 7 pupils for joining in the voting process and more so to those who put themselves forward to be elected. Congratulations to you all and what a fantastic start to the new term.

# **Year 8 News**

Happy New Year and welcome back to all Year 8 after the Christmas break. I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year. This term promises to be jam packed with great opportunities for learning and lots of enrichment activities. Please remember to check for homework and notes from school and sign your child's planner weekly. You can also write in the planners if you have any queries.

### **Year 9 News**

The Year 9 pupils are choosing their final examination options next week. Top Tips; try and choose subjects that you are interested in, don't just choose the same subjects as your friends, don't base your decisions on the teachers you think may teach you and if in doubt speak to your teachers to help you.

### **Year 10 News**

Hello all Year 10 parents and students. I hope that everyone has had a restful break over the festive season and are refreshed and ready to learn in what is the last full calendar year as Dean Trust Ardwick! Very soon students will be receiving their mock examination results and preparing for the challenges ahead by setting goals and targets. As always Mr Ahmed, myself, and all the teaching staff are here to support. Good luck!

# THEME OF THE WEEK Week Commencing 7th January 2019 What is my New Years Resolution?

# **Faculty Updates**

# **Science**

This week in science half of our Year 8 pupils have been learning about the life process of respiration. They have been exercising to experience the effects! The other half of Year 8 have been learning about atoms and how they make molecules through use of the polymod kits!



# **Physical Education**

This week in PE we have started our new extra-curricular timetable. Pupils now have the opportunity to develop fundamental skills before school and during break time. A small selection of pupils decided to develop their basketball skills this morning! We expect all pupils to attend at least one extra-curricular club each week so please check the posters around school and bring trainers to all clubs.



Year 7 are now studying history and the struggle between the King and the Church in medieval Britain – showcasing some brilliant knowledge already – and Year 8 are learning about our ever changing climate and weather in geography. Year 8 have been particularly enthusiastic about completing their daily weather report, and surprise, we have had a few days of rain. Year 9 have come back ready to showcase their knowledge in assessments and Year 10 are showing a great attitude after completing their mocks. We're looking forward to another busy term ahead.

# **Hospitality and Catering**

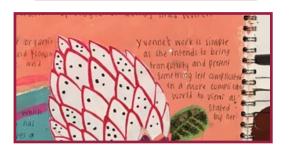
We have had an exciting start to the term with Year 10 making some sumptuous apple turnovers with some stunning results.

## **Design and Technology**

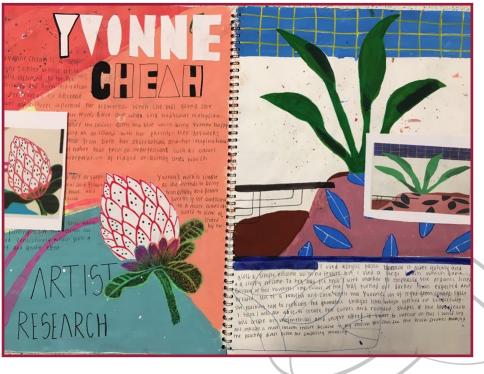
In design technology we have been improving our answers to exam style questions, focusing on our being able to apply the knowledge pupils have learnt since September.

# **Art and Design**

One of our hardworking Year 10 pupils has completed beautiful GCSE Art homework over half term to a very high standard.







# **Whole School News**

### **Manchester Foodbank Collection**

Before Christmas we organised a collection for Manchester Central Foodbank, a local charity focused on tackling food poverty in Ardwick, Longsight, City Centre and parts of East Manchester. Through the generosity of our parents, pupils and staff we managed to donate 30 boxes full! Manchester Central Foodbank provided us with the following:

"Once again, a HUGE thank you for all your amazing work and support in organising these donations! Your donations weighed an amazing 283 kg, which equals 628 meals! Wow!"

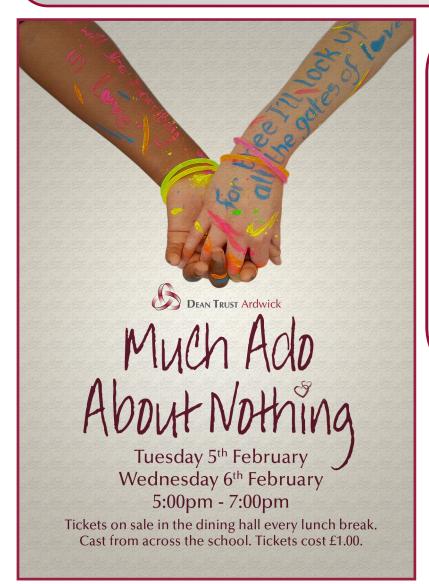
# **End of Year Reward Trips**

This years reward trips will see Year 9 and Year 10 pupils visit Alton Towers and Year 7 and Year 8 pupils visit Blackpool! All pupils have a chance at winning a place on the trip and can increase their chances through:

- Excellent Attendance
- Excellent Behaviour
- Excellent Attitude







# **Much Ado About Nothing**

Tickets are now on sale for our Much Ado About Nothing production. Please see Mr Tyrrell for more information.

"Much Ado About Nothing is a romantic comedy about two very different couples falling in and out of love - and then back in love again! It is arguably Shakespeare's funniest play, and it is full of dramatic twists and turns. Our modernised Dean Trust Ardwick production will not only include fantastic acting, but also exciting music and dance. Come along to be entertained, inspired and educated, all at the same time!"



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