



Year 7 and 8 Stratford Trip

# DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:  
School Council Update

Friday 11th May

## Safeguarding Tip:

When your child is playing online games please be aware of who they may be speaking to.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It might have been a short week but it's certainly been a busy one! We are now starting to get ready for the next school year, arranging transition events for the Year 6 children who will be joining us in September and recruiting new teachers and staff to join us as our school grows.

Matt Goodfellow, an internationally published poet visited school this morning. He came and held a workshop with some of our Year 7 pupils. I am sure he was a great inspiration to them.

Our Duke of Edinburgh group go on their first overnight camp this weekend. I am sure they will have a brilliant time and I hope the weather is kind to them. Look out for the article in next week's newsletter with all the details.

I held another of my parent 'drop-ins' today. It's great to be able to meet parents and carers to talk about a wide variety of subjects. I plan to hold these sessions each half term so look out for further information

I hope to see many of you at our first Saturday Coffee Morning tomorrow which starts at 10am. The theme is 'Sex and Relationship Education'. I look forward to seeing you there.

Enjoy the rest of this week's newsletter.

Yours sincerely

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## Headteacher Commendations

Zainab Elbadri Year 9 produced her own cross stitching design.



## Year 7 News

Next week is Assessment Week. The secret to doing well in exams lies in the planning. You can help your child to create a clear revision plan and method of studying that will make them feel in control of their work.

### Tips for revision planning:

- Work out a revision timetable for each subject
- Break revision time into small chunks – 20 to 30 minute sessions with short breaks at the end of each sessions often work well
- Make sure your child has all the essential books, materials, Knowledge Organisers
- Condense notes onto postcards to act as revision prompts
- Buy new stationery, highlighters and pens to make revision more fun.

Can I ask for your support in ensuring your child is fully equipped for school. The number of pupils with missing equipment is slowly on the increase. To be able to fully participate in classroom activities and practise skills and knowledge your child needs to have all the relevant stationary at their disposal. However, the pressure for supplying the correct equipment shouldn't just be on teaching staff: parents and children alike must work together to ensure pupils have everything they need for the school term. Please refer to the uniform and equipment standards drop down menu on the Dean Trust Ardwick website home page for the essentials.

## Year 8 News

This week we have had a push on our high standards in Year 8, from ensuring our equipment and planners are up to date to our impeccable uniform. I am pleased to say that the pupils are looking extremely smart. We have a huge drive on attendance next week and we are encouraging all pupils to push to achieve 100% attendance in order to be in with a chance of winning the attendance prize draw at the end of the half term.



## Year 9 News

This week the Year 9s are getting ready to take part in their practice Duke of Edinburgh expedition which is happening this weekend. Also, they have been discussing in forms extra-curricular activities. It is great to see so many of the Year 9s taking part in clubs and activities to boost their academic and personal progress. Please encourage your child to sign up for at least one club or activity. It is also great to see so many Year 9s completing tasks on their Passport to Excellence. The pupils take their passports home with them on Friday, so please encourage your child to show you their achievements and discuss their successes with them.

Reminder: girls fashion handbags are not allowed within school. See the website for further information in reference to what styles are allowed.

<p><b>Girls' Hair</b> ✓</p> <p>Shoulder length hair tied back</p> <p>Natural colour only</p> <p>Plain black hair band</p> <p>No extreme hairstyles</p> <p>  No loose long hair   No braids   No fashion accessories   No dyeing or tip dyeing   No coloured extensions         </p>	<p><b>Uniform and Appearance</b> ✓</p> <p><u>On or below knee</u></p> <p>Grey box pleat</p> <p><u>Tailored only</u></p> <p>Permanent crease</p> <p>Not above knee</p> <p>No fashion (e.g. skinny), canvas, brushed cotton or denim</p>	<p><b>Girls</b> ✓</p> <p>Plain grey knee length socks or black tights.</p> <p>Plain black and polishable shoes only.</p> <p><b>Boys</b></p> <p>Plain grey or black socks.</p>
<p><b>Boys' Hair</b> ✓</p> <p>Number 3 minimum</p> <p>No patterns</p> <p>No blade cut partings</p> <p>No extreme hairstyles</p> <p>Natural colour only</p>	<p><b>Appearance</b> ✓</p> <p>No jewellery</p> <p>No false lashes</p> <p>No makeup or false tan</p> <p>No nail varnish or false nails</p> <p>Wristwatch only</p> <p>No 'Smart' watches</p>	<p><b>Girls</b> ✓</p> <p>No boots</p> <p>No sandals</p> <p>No pumps</p> <p>No 'bling'</p> <p><b>Boys</b> ✓</p> <p>No 'shoe- trainers' or sports logos</p> <p>No pumps</p> <p>No trainers (for PE- bright ones allowed)</p> <p>No boots (on or above ankle)</p>

## 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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## Stratford Trip

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Mr. Tyrrell and Ms. Chancellor took a group of twenty pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 to Stratford-upon-Avon. The pupils visited the grave of William Shakespeare, and watched a stunning production of *Romeo and Juliet* by the Royal Shakespeare Company! It was a memorable and inspirational day for everyone in the group.

A number of the pupils who went on the trip are also currently rehearsing with Mr. Tyrrell for a school performance of *Romeo and Juliet*, for the Performing Arts 'Spotlight' show in June. They have seen how the professionals perform; now it is their turn to show off their amazing talents!



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## Careers

As part of the ongoing careers development across the school, Year 8 pupils will be taking part in a workshop aimed at developing resilience and promoting employability skills. Katie Hyett from Career Connect will be visiting the school on Tuesday and Wednesday to deliver 50 minute sessions to Year 8 pupils. As a school we have a statutory responsibility to provide careers, advice and guidance to all pupils from Year 8 onwards and these workshops reflect our growing commitment to this important area of a pupils' development.

# CareerConnect

## Humanities

This week in Humanities, pupils are beginning to prepare for their half term assessments. Remember the top tips for revision and the power of three! If you need any blank Knowledge Organisers, please see your teachers. Life on Earth club has been excitedly working their way through David Attenborough's anthology. If you would like to come along, please see Mr Carey. Next week, we hope to begin an exciting new project investigating our ancestry. All of year 7 have been working very hard, with their pitches and speeches to protect Happisburgh coastline! Year 8 have also been getting to grips with their source analysis skills and are well into their slavery topic. If you wish to come to Life on Earth club or History Club please see one of the humanities teachers!



## Physical Education

Pupils are continuing to excel and progress within their summer sports. Pupils are able to recall on knowledge and skills from previous years which enables us as a faculty to stretch and challenge all abilities, motivating them to be the best that they can be. Good luck to the year 8 boy's football team in their final of the Manchester Cup on Wednesday.



## Technology

### Design and Technology

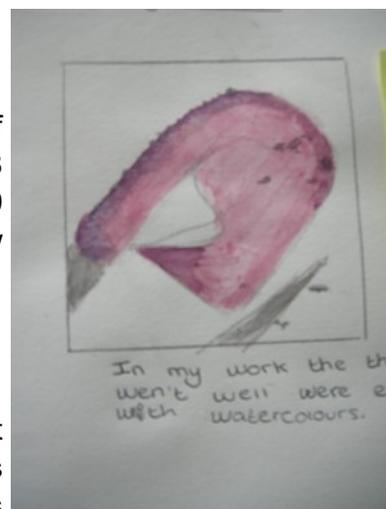
This week in design and technology the Year 7s have been working on a variety of designs for their clocks and starting to use a new skill set in 2D design. Year 8 have been starting to learn some basic stitches including running stitch. Year 9 have been building on their stitch showing examples of cross stitch starting show patterns from their designs.

### Food and Nutrition

This week in food and nutrition the Year 7s have learnt about the macronutrient carbohydrate and revisited our knife skills to make a couscous salad. In lessons pupils discussed why couscous salad is the perfect option for a growing teenagers lunch. In practical lessons pupils have shown their understanding of quality control and some excellent team work.

### Art and Design

In art and design this week year 7 have nearly finished painting their bugs, ready for the wings next week. Year 8s have moved on to papier mache to make sure their sculptures are strong. The shoes are looking fabulous! Year 9 have created some beautiful experiments in relation to their final designs.



## Year 7 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Deansgate-82 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Piccadilly-100%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Yuhang Cai	7D Rylands	13
Lisandra	7D Whit	12
Setareh Ahkami	7D Dean	11
Abdul Sajid	7D Palace	11
Malaika Thompson	7D Whit	11

### Stars of the Week

PE	Oluwafeyiremi
Science	Deniro Green
PSHCE	Xin Di Zhang
Humanities	Rafae Haider
English	
MFL	Amina Ragab
Art	Rio Devaney
Technology	Mehroun Monaf
Maths	
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	
Passport to Excellence	

## Year 8 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Pankhurst-75 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Piccadilly-100%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Rubab Abbas	8D Deans	13
Safoora Nawaz	8D Rylands	13
Morgan Noonan	8D Palace	13
Atif Ahmed	8T Vic	12
Eisha Sakina	8D Palace	11

### Stars of The Week

PE	Saeed Subhani
Science	Zayd Kamali
PSHCE	Yi Yu
Humanities	Muhammed Husnain
English	
MFL	Muhanad Abdlkadir
Art	Ahmet Can
Technology	Tahir Choudury
Maths	
Computer Science	
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# Year 9 Awards

## BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Whitworth-46 Grade 1s

## Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth-100%

## BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Melissa Akar	9D Whit	7
Daniyal Akram	9T Picc	7
Emran Hoque	9D Rylands	7
Melanie Menezes	9D Whit	6
Saira Sohail	9T Picc	6

## Stars of the Week

PE	Sabrina Adebajoh
Science	Jun Shen
PSHCE	Debbie Balogun
Humanities	Kahel Ahmed
English	
MFL	Melissa Akar
Art	
Technology	
Maths	
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	
Passport to Excellence	

## Whole School Attendance

97.05%