

Dean Trust Ardwick
presents



MACBETH

Main Hall

Tuesday 13th February 2018 | 5:00pm

with Mariam Salawu as Macbeth

Thursday 15th February 2018 | 5:00pm

with Khalid Khair as Macbeth

DTA Newsletter

*Theme of the Week:
Passport to Excellence*

Friday 12th January

Safeguarding Tip: The school website contains a range of contact numbers for local support services. A safeguarding newsletter is available every week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to visit Dean Trust Ardwick this week as part of the 'Head Swap' initiative. As a visitor to the school I could not have been made any more welcome by the pupils and the staff.

It has been my privilege to be part of this very special school community and to be given the opportunity to talk to pupils about life at the school. What is immediately apparent is the pride that pupils have both in themselves and in the school. The pupils enjoy learning and the school provides a calm yet stimulating working environment to learn and to make great progress. I was particularly interested to meet Year 9 once more. As Headteacher of Broadoak School, I was delighted to offer Year 9 Dean Trust Ardwick pupils our school as a venue three years ago whilst the new school was being built. I immediately recognised many familiar faces on arrival and I was proud to see the transformation from new secondary school pupils to confident teenagers embracing all the opportunities that the school offers.

When I return to Broadoak School I will be reporting back to my staff that I have had the opportunity to be part of one of the best schools in Manchester this week. Thanks again to everyone at the school and have a great term.

Yours sincerely

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Year 7 News

My Name is Mrs Rashford. I have recently been appointed as Head of Year 7 and wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you I have not yet met. I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed to this role and very much look forward to supporting each and every one of you to achieve your full potential over the next 5 years at Dean Trust Ardwick. I have been very impressed with the way that pupils have quickly settled back into their routines, and meeting the high expectations of school. As a cohort, Year 7 pupils have made an excellent start. I am incredibly proud of the way all pupils have adapted in the new term, and how smart they all look in their uniforms. I am looking forward to helping you play a key role in our whole school community and build on the excellent standards you have already set as we head towards Year 8. I will foster a positive atmosphere where all pupils feel valued and understand our joint responsibility for developing your academic, emotional and social skills; so you can fulfil your potential and go on to be successful young adults.



Year 8 News

This week Turing and Deansgate enjoyed a free breakfast for their amazing achievements from last half term, including being the best attending form and the form with the best Behaviour for Learning Grade 1s. Some Year 8s will be starting the Diane Modahl Foundation support sessions in school from Monday, this is a fantastic group that encourages resilience, leadership skills, organisation and self-management. Watch this space for updates!



Year 9 News

Hello and Happy New Year!

I am very pleased to introduce myself as the new Head of Year 9. The Year 9s have reached a very exciting time in their education as they come to the end of Key Stage 3 and look forward to Key Stage 4. Options are a very important first stage in preparing Year 9s for the life in Year 10 and 11. It is vitally important that the options that they have chosen are right for them as individuals to ensure they are set up for life after high school. Due to this, I have held drop in sessions this week for the Year 9s to ask any questions about their option choices and subjects. Moving forward, I will be speaking to the year group to discuss the outcomes of options and what happens next. I look forward to working with all pupils and families this year.



Passport to Excellence

As a school we would like to ensure that all pupils strive for excellence. In order to facilitate this we must provide opportunities for pupils to grow key aspects of their character. A brand new passport to Excellence strategy has been launched this week with all pupils. The Passport to Excellence is an opportunity for pupils to record their journey through each year at DTA. The passport is made up of a range of challenges linked to the 5 pillars of the school community- standards, ambition, character, opportunity and community.

Pupils will move from a bronze passport this year to silver next and finally gold in the third year, however pupils must graduate before moving onto the next passport.

The aim is for pupils to complete as many of the challenges as they can during the year, collecting 'stamps' from staff based upon the evidence they provide. The more stamps pupils collect, the greater the reward at the end of the year. Pupils are being encouraged to complete their passport with 100% effort and commitment, and to try to complete as many of the challenges from each pillar of the school vision as they can.



Humanities

Welcome back to another term in the Humanities Kingdom! This is a jam packed term, with both Year 7 and Year 8 starting new topics. Year 7 have moved on to looking at Medieval Society, whilst Year 8 are looking at a very relevant subject for living in Manchester:- the weather! This week, 13 Year 7s, who had been selected due to the enthusiasm and studious attitude towards history, visited Manchester Cathedral. Next week's newsletter will include a full review of what we did on our trip but the trip was a resounding success. All pupils involved showed high levels of engagement and passion for the topic, and our guide was extremely impressed. All involved really showed off just how excellent DTA pupils are and did everyone very proud! Well done to all those who joined the trip. Below are two pupils' highlights from the trip. Amrita Kumbla, 7D Deansgate and Adib Miah, 7D Lowry.

I really enjoyed the trip. I had never been inside a Cathedral before and it was very interesting. The guide gave us lots of useful information

The trip gave me a good insight into a medieval Cathedral. I didn't realise Manchester had such medieval history. I loved the hanging bridge.



Library News

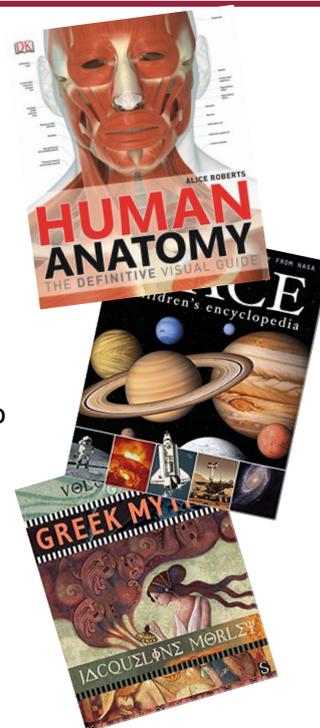
We have some fantastic new books in the library. Proving popular this week have been:

Sonya Hartnett – The Midnight Zoo

Bernard Ashley – Shadow of the Zeppelin.

And Jaqueline Morley – Greek Myths

We have lots of new non-fiction on subjects ranging from space, to states of matter to human anatomy.



MFL

This week, the MFL faculty took 15 Year 9 pupils to the University of Manchester in order to promote studying languages for their GCSE's. The day began with an interesting talk about why language learning is important and the pupils were surprised to find out that only 6% of the world's population speak English as a native language. After the talk, the pupils created a short play, performed in a foreign language. The Spanish group used last term's topic of Healthy Living to create a scene that warned of the dangers of drinking alcohol while the French group used the topic of Food and Drink for inspiration to create a restaurant scene in which one of the customers was poisoned. Both plays were extremely impressive and we have the videos to show the rest of Year 9! Lastly, the pupils had a taster session in Italian to promote further language learning in the future. Overall, the day was a huge success and the pupils returned to Dean Trust Ardwick feeling excited and motivated to continue learning languages. All 15 pupils were a credit to the school and we received a lot of positive feedback about their behaviour, attitude and language ability from the University.



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

Year 7: Muhammed Yusuf for outstanding effort and contribution with great knowledge of topic

Year 8: Jay Tait for going above and beyond for assisting in the classroom

Year 9: Devante Henry for excellent effort in Spanish with a great level of maturity.

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Physical Education

In PE this week pupils are continuing with their new sports. Pupils are now participating in either rugby, football, netball or handball. It fantastic to see pupils ability to recall theory knowledge and range of skills that they have learnt in previous years. Brilliant attendance at extra-curricular clubs since the start of term, let's keep it up. Good luck to Mr Taylor-Johnson and the Year 8 Football team against MCMA. Miss Henshall will be taking over the netball extra-curricular which will be taking place on Tuesdays after school.



Technology

Design and Technology

This week in design and technology the Year 7 pupils have been putting finishing touches to their desk tidys using acrylic paint and posca pens. The Year 8 pupils have been busy using PVA glue and the pillar drills to complete their Memphis desk lights. The Year 9 De Stijl speakers are looking stunning, the CAD work has been spray mounted to MDF and the cases cut out using the laser.



Food and Nutrition

In food and nutrition there has been a meeting called for the upcoming and exciting DTA Bake Off, this a baking competition similar to the popular BBC program. If you would like to enter, see Mrs Pendlebury. All Year groups have started their new projects and will begin their food practicals next week; Year 7 will be making Cheese Swirls, Year 8 will be making Part 1 dough and Year 9 making macaroni cheese.

Art and Design

In art and design this week we have been looking at watercolours in Year 7 learning basic skills and colour theory. In Year 8 we taking inspiration from fashion designer Alexander McQueen and designing shoes based around controversial issues. Year 9 have been working on 2 colour polyprints based on their mechanical objects project.



In set design we are creating frames for our trees from wire mesh, ready for the upcoming Macbeth production.

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Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Bridgewater-174 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Piccadilly 100%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Minahil	Arab	7D Palace	9
Setareh	Ahkami	7D Dean	8
Kent	Cai	7D Lowry	8
Laraib	Minhas	7D Lowry	8
Abdullahi Mohamed		7T Bridge	8

Stars of the Week

English	Angela Mozumder
Maths	Ramisa Alam
Science	Ayer Saleh
Humanities	Tirna Porter-Bell
Technology	Zoha Riaz
PE	Nabeed Chowdhury
RE	Mia Pender
Art	Orlando Thompson
MFL	Muhammed Yusuf
Computer Science	Amar Al-Bayati
Performing Arts	Mohammed Lagha

Year 8 Awards

Form of the Week Attendance

MOSI-129 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Rylands 97.7%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Rubab	Abbas	8T Bridge	8
Jabreel	Abdala	8T Gaskell	7
Latifa	Abdalla	8T Turing	7
Muhanad	Abdlkadir	8T Gaskell	7
Zain	Abid	8T Turing	6

Stars of the Week

English	Abdul Rahman Alenizy
Maths	Hannah McMillan
Science	Rhea Chacko
Humanities	Tasmia Choudhury
Technology	Darea Mohammed
PE	Kumbukeni Kanwendo
RE	Jaafar Althabhawee
Art	Ruby Deborah
MFL	Jay Tait
Computer Science	Ahmet Can
Performing Arts	Enas Sawalim

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Whitworth - 108 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth 98.6%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Melissa	Akar	9D Whit	6
Faried	Butt	9T Vic	5
Aaliyah	Cargill-Ward	9T Vic	5
Arooj	Zulfiqar	9D Rylands	5
Rafee	Ahmad	9D Whit	4

Stars of the Week

English	Alicia Boss
Maths	Amna Arif
Science	Issac Durbin
Humanities	Alishair Shah
Technology	Fathia Yinusa
PE	James Hennessy
RE	Ataya Ricketts
Art	Alicia Boss
MFL	Devante Henry
Computer Science	Demarco Williams
Performing Arts	Nancy Appiah

Whole School Attendance

97.3%