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DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:

Achievement Week

Friday 14th September

Safeguarding Tip: Parents should teach their children principles of respect and acceptance.

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great start to what will be a very busy half term. All the pupils are settling into school really well and are working hard.

Now we have an Upper School (Year 10) and Lower School (Years 7-9) we are referring to the Year 10 group as 'students' and Years 7-9 as 'pupils'. Year 10 love the promotion and our Prefect system is working well.

On Monday we had a Year 10 careers event with a visitor from Oxbridge talking to the students about university life. We want to make sure our students have all the information possible to inspire them, so they can make informed decisions for life after Year 11. We want them all to believe, achieve and succeed!

We have the Year 10 GCSE Evening next week and I hope to see many of our Year 10 parents and carers there.

Enrichment and after school clubs commence next week and our aim is that every pupil attends at least one club. The clubs are varied so there is something for everyone. Please encourage your child to take part.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Half Term 1

20th September: Year 10
Parents' Welcome Evening.

29th September: Open Morning
11th October: Year 7
Parents' Welcome Evening.

19th October: Coffee Morning

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Year 7 News

Year 7 are settling in well to DTA life. They are already making a positive impact in school as well as within the community. Year 7 have received glowing reviews on their behaviour within the community, with someone mentioning that they were a credit to Dean Trust Ardwick on their journey home. This is fantastic to hear. As you are aware, our pupils represent their school and our values while they wear our uniform. I am also delighted to share with you the positive feedback I have had from this week's Year 7 Football Trials, impeccable behaviour, team spirit and competitiveness from pupils set the standards for this year very high! Please, congratulate your child, as we all play a part in how we represent our school together.

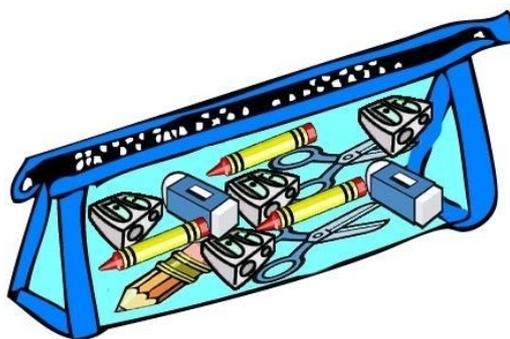
Pupils are reminded each day about taking responsibility for their uniform, appearance and equipment. They should always have their basics with them: planner, full pencil case and a reading book. I would be grateful if you encouraged your child to be organised and take responsibility for these, as we do. So far, we have had very few issues with these and I would like to maintain these high standards with our Year 7 pupils. They are doing a grand job so far.



Lastly, our school photographer will be in school on Thursday, 20th September. I will be in touch with further details about this.

Year 8 News

With the first week completed, I am delighted to say that Year 8 have come back ready and willing to learn, which is a pleasing start to the academic year. I would like to welcome Ms Carter, Miss Ribbands and Mr Ranson who are joining the Year 8 team as form tutors. As we are starting a new academic year I would like to remind you of the importance of ensuring that your child is fully equipped with a full pencil case and planner every day. There have been a few issues and I want to nip it in the bud. Can I also ask that you check planners daily and sign it weekly to check for homework and notes from staff.



Year 9 News

As the new term starts to take shape it has been great to see the positive parts of school life starting to shine through for the Year 9 pupils. The number of BFL1 grades in lessons has been very impressive and demonstrates the type of year group I hope they will continue to be. Two highlights of the week that I enjoyed sharing with the Year 9 pupils included the boys football trials on Thursday evening and the 'stars of the week' presentations on Friday. Both of these events captured the spirit and dedication they need to succeed both inside and out of the classroom and I'm sure I'll see many more of these throughout the term.



Year 10 News

Hello and welcome back to what is going to be a very busy year for the Year 10 cohort! From now on, the school will be referring to the Year 10 learners as students to mark that they are entering a new stage of their education and to further develop an academic focus to studying. It is the start of a new and exciting part of their learning journeys and as such, we wish to invite parents to an evening where you can find out more about how you can support your child in their journey to success. More information regarding this evening will be sent home to each parent very soon, however it is extremely vital that you join us at this event to find out how you can support with revision at home and I look forward to seeing you there.

Some of the Year 10 pupils have been issued their prefect ties and I am super proud of how they have responded so far in helping the new year sevens settle into life at secondary school.

There are lots of exciting opportunities on the horizon for the year group, with the first being an opportunity to hear from visitors from Oxbridge on aiming high and applying for the top universities in the UK when the time arrives. Exciting times ahead.

GCSEs

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 for more details.



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Term Time Holidays

Please remember that the 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.

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.



School Production 'Much Ado About Nothing'

This week, rehearsals began for this year's Shakespeare production: Much Ado About Nothing. All of the actors and directors made an amazing start! Mr. Tyrrell was extremely impressed. Well done to everyone involved!



Humanities

This week in the Humanities Kingdom, all three year groups have been getting stuck in to their new topics!

Our five GCSE classes have already shown excellent potential and are keen and determined to succeed over the next 2 years!

Year 9 have already started looking towards their GCSEs by beginning their study of 'Twentieth century history'. All pupils have shown interest and enthusiasm in this topic and we are now experts in different types of the Suffrage movement! Year 8 are looking forward to gaining an in depth understanding of the Rainforest over the forthcoming term, there are some difficult key concepts to learn but they have shown great determination already to get to grips with them. Year 7 are well on their way to securing the vital historical skills they need to succeed at History by looking at chronology and time periods, as well as beginning to look at sources! Keep an eye out for the extra-curricular History club starting soon, you'll need to bring your detective cap!



Physical Education

Pupils have made an excellent start to the term in Physical Education. The broadening and interleaving of the curriculum has enabled pupils to experience a wide range of activities including Football, Rugby, Hockey, Netball and Basketball for half term 1. Furthermore, some of our Year 10 pupils have received Skateboarding lessons this week. The company 'Projekts', led an introduction to Skateboarding providing a new learning experience. Pupils found this new experience extremely engaging with many developing their balance and confidence on a skateboard.

Similarly, pupils have been fantastic in their recalling of theoretical components within lesson in particular with their anatomy and physiology knowledge. Lessons have emphasised ball familiarisation and ball movement within classes as well as the application of technique amongst older age groups. Alongside curriculum time, this week has been an exciting period within extra-curricular. A wealth of clubs are on offer to all pupils during dinner and after school. We are also pleased to record the amount of pupils attending various trials across year groups. Pupils' participation has been excellent and we expect their attitudes towards sport to continue throughout the year. This year we welcome 4 new members of staff to the faculty: Mr Smith, Mr Beaumont, Miss Murphy and Miss Morrison. Special congratulations to Miss Morrison on completing her half marathon last weekend.

Technology

Welcome to the technology faculty to Year 7 and welcome back Year 8, 9 and 10! I hope your first week in technology has been exciting and you are ready to get stuck into developing not only your knowledge and understanding but your practical skills too!

We have a very exciting year ahead with lots of new and exciting changes to the curriculum. Soon in Years 7-9 your practical lessons will start so it is very important to understand all the rules of keeping safe in the workshops and food rooms.

Year 10 have thrown themselves into the new Key Stage 4 curriculum and have already started their skilled practical lessons. Pupils who are taking the L1/2 Hospitality and Catering course have started cooking and developing their cake making skills through the creaming method and producing some outstanding upside-down cakes. On Friday 7th September pupils used a variety of fruits to make their first practical outcome, below are some of the work baked.

In Key Stage 4 Design and Technology pupils have been developing their understanding of timbers ahead of making the table tennis bat, pupils have also started looking at how the Non Exam Assessment is structured by analysing the different parts.

In Art and Design, the Year 10 pupils have started to explore through mind mapping the elements that make up their project theme – Microorganism. Pupils have been busy researching and gathering resources and artist information to create an excellent start to the project.

Finally, in technology we have many different extra-curricular activities for you to choose from. We would love you to join at least one club, if you would like to join speak your class teacher or Miss Entwistle.



Year 7 & 8 Awards

Year 7 BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Lowry
130 Grade 1s

Year 7 Form of the Week Attendance

Piccadilly
99.4%

Year 8 BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Deansgate
143 Grade 1s

Year 8 Form of the Week Attendance

Rylands, Deansgate & Piccadilly
100%

Stars of the Week	
Years 7 and 8	
Subject	Full Name
English	Mohammed Shahwiaz
Maths	Kelly Cai
Humanities	Laney Le Joyle
Design & Technology	Georgi Ivanov
Art	Mohammed Aziz
Food and Nutrition	Clesio De Castro
PE	Sean Bandele
Languages	Muhammed Abaid
Computer Science	Ayanna Akil
Performing Arts	Taio Robinson
PSHE	Tierre-Leron Annan

Year 9 & 10 Awards

Year 9 BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Whitworth
158 Grade 1s

Year 9 Form of the Week Attendance

Lowry
97.8%

Year 10 BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Lowry
98 Grade 1s

Year 10 Form of the Week Attendance

Lowry
100%

Stars of the Week	
Years 9 and 10	
Subject	Full Name
English	Jazmine Reed
Maths	Ashah Smith
Humanities	Ajia Raees
Design & Technology	Kamran Nadeem
Art	Rahila Shehu
Food and Nutrition	Mohammed Takroori
PE	Billie Gooch
Languages	Morgan Noonan
Computer Science	Leah Maria Joyce
Performing Arts	jefferson Abreu
Business	Zehrab Taskeen
Creative iMedia	Tallat Ghafoor
PSHE	Yusuf Gulzar

Whole School Attendance

97.08%