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## WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

18th December 2017  
9:30am - 10:30am

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DTA Performing Arts Department proudly present the....

# Winter Showcase

## 2017

Celebrating the performing talents of pupils at  
Dean Trust Ardwick

Tuesday 19th December 2017

5pm  
Main Hall

Tickets available next week - please see form bulletin and information screens for details

## DTA Newsletter

*Theme of the Week:*

**School Council**

Friday 15th December

**Safeguarding Tip:** Whilst Christmas can be an exciting period for children, it can be a stressful time for adults. If you need help and advice please contact Samaritans on 116 123

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe how quickly this term has flown by. Such a lot has happened which has moved us forward quickly. I am so proud of all the pupils, staff, parents and governors who have worked tirelessly together to support the school to achieve its vision.

Last Friday we held our second Coffee Morning. This was well attended and we asked parents to suggest topics they would like to learn more about at future events. We received some great suggestions and these will be covered during our Coffee Mornings next term, the first of which is on 12th January. I really hope to see you there so you can join in and share your views.

On Monday an author came to visit us in school. Many of the pupils met him and he discussed what being an author means and held some workshops which was very inspiring for our pupils. Tuesday saw some of our MFL pupils going out to the Christmas Markets in Manchester where they held conversations in Spanish with some of the stall holders. On Thursday lunchtime, Mr Shaw held a Governor Question Time, where three of our governors came into school and were questioned by the pupils. The governors commented on how much they had enjoyed the experience and how tough some of the questions were that our pupils asked them. Finally today the Learn2Earn enterprise team led workshops for Year 9 pupils to inspire pupils about life after school and develop employability skills. Please read on to find out more about all these events.

I hope you have your tickets for the "Winter Showcase" which will be held on Tuesday 19th December at 5pm. I can't wait to see some of our amazingly talented pupils perform on stage and I look forward to seeing you there.

School closes on Wednesday 20th December at 12.00 pm and re-opens on Wednesday 3rd January and of course we expect all pupils to be in school promptly by 8.30 am.

I hope you all have a restful and peaceful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



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## Year 7 News

It has now come to the end of the first term, and I have been really impressed with all our Year 7s since they started with us in September. The transition to high school can be an anxious time for some, but I have been very impressed with the resilience and determination to succeed by all.

The Christmas break gives the Year 7s a well-deserved rest and I am sure that they will come back ready to continue to achieve their academic and personal best.

Next week sees the achievement assemblies; I know most of you are keen to be rewarded with form tutor awards and the illustrious Head of Year award. Who will win? watch this space.

Well done to **7D Palace** who won the first Year 7 inter-form quiz. You will have some prizes delivered to you soon!



## Year 8 News

This week the Year 8s have shared their lunch break enjoying a fantastic Christmas lunch on Wednesday. With crackers on the tables, a Turkey dinner followed by Trifle and chocolate cake to finish the pupils were extremely satisfied heading into their afternoon lessons. Great fun had by all! Next week we have our end of term celebration assembly and rewards afternoon. We have so many prizes and certificates to present so watch this space!



## Year 9 News

The theme for this week has been based on Pupil Leadership. The assemblies have been led by the School Council and I was pleased to see Year 9 pupils involved with the drive for improvement at Dean Trust Ardwick. On Friday all Year 9 pupils took part in a careers event aimed at improving specific skills linked to employment. The Learn2Earn programme was delivered in collaboration with an external enterprise organisation and pupils had the opportunity to work individually and as groups to develop their employability skills.



## School Council lead their first assembly

The School Council delivered their first assembly this week to all pupils. As a democratic school, we ensure all pupils have the opportunity to have a say in the future direction of DTA. This is formally discussed in form groups before being forwarded to Year Council. The Year Council highlight the main areas for development and this is taken to the School Council. The issues raised by the pupils include greater access to water fountains, more assemblies about the importance of actions and consequences, enlarging the PE curriculum and further developing the reward shop. The proposals were delivered to the senior leadership team on Tuesday and the Council now have a clear strategy moving forwards.



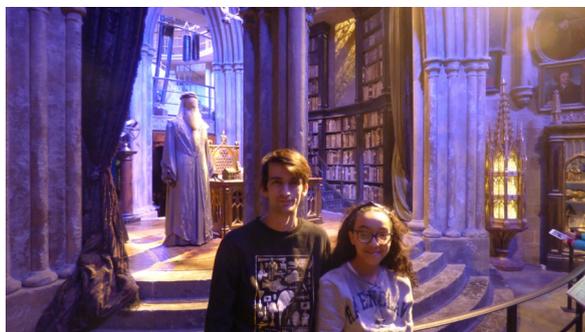
### School Council Nominations

- Congratulations to all of the pupils who have been voted in as **Year Council** representatives.
- Four people from each group will now have the opportunity to form the **School Council**.

**What difference can you make to DTA?**

## Harry Potter Studio Tour

Last Friday, a group of 50 lucky pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 went on a magical daytrip to the Harry Potter Studio Tour in London. All of the pupils and staff on the trip had a wonderful, inspirational time, and the behaviour of pupils was outstanding. Mr. Tyrrell is already excited for next year's trip!



## Boxercise

For the second Wednesday in a row, a group of Year 9 girls took part in a fantastic boxercise class after school. All of the girls had a fantastic time:- and they are already making excellent progress! Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Tyrrell look forward to expanding the club in January.



## Governors' Question Time

At lunchtime on Thursday three of our governors kindly gave up their own time to come and be grilled by the DTA Debate Club panel, and members of the audience. Many thanks to Dean Warren, Andy Wilson and Sarah Gooch, who gave the pupils some fascinating insights into the decisions behind how the school is run. Thank you also to Ayah, who did an amazing job of running the event.



## Author Visit

It has been a very busy week in the library this week. We got off to a brilliant start when we welcomed author **Alex Wheatle** to school. He had a crammed day delivering writing workshops, reading from his books and telling the incredible story of his life. Alex had a very difficult beginning and made some bad choices early in his life but he told us that the thing that turned his life around was reading, widely and voraciously. We were all inspired by his story and his words. His books 'Liclle Bit', 'Crongton Knights' and 'Straight Outta Crongton' are all available from the school library.

The week is being finished with another joyful event. Pupils who have achieved excellent results in Accelerated Reader this term have been invited to a special celebration afternoon in the hall. We are very proud of the efforts they have made this term and the improvement in their reading.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.** lots of pupils have books which are overdue. If you bring back an overdue book **before TUESDAY**, I will enter your name in a draw to win a selection box. Happy Christmas from Mrs Bond.



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## Christmas Hampers

Last year, we supported Coffee4Craig and collected donations for the homeless of Manchester. This year, Dean Trust Ardwick have proudly supported the Greater Manchester Police Christmas Hamper Appeal. All forms have produced a Christmas food hamper of non-perishable food items that will be donated to families in Longsight, Levenshulme and Ardwick that would otherwise go hungry over the winter holidays. Over Christmas, the expectation to indulge a little can leave many people more stressed than usual when providing for their children- we hope our hampers will ease those worries, fill stomachs and raise a smile in our local community during this festive time. Many thanks to all pupils who were able to make a donation.



## EAL

This week EAL classes have been reflecting on their test week by completing a writing task expressing their emotions now the assessments have passed. Year 7s produced interesting writing on how the exams were different to their previous schools and how they prepared for them, showing improvements on their writing skills. An excellent reflection was written by Fatiha in Year 8, describing how she has tried very hard to catch up and do the best she could as she only started with Dean Trust Ardwick at the very end of October. In just over a month she has learnt so much and shown a true dedication to her studies. Well done!



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## Winter Showcase

Rehearsals are well underway for the Winter Showcase, which will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Tickets are FREE and available from school until Monday. If you have already got a ticket, there will be refreshments available from 4.30 on Tuesday, prior to the show. Pupils have worked extremely hard to put a fantastic show together, and it promises to be a wonderful evening.



## Mathematics

This half term pupils have had the opportunity to see how mathematics is used in Art. We have been looking at how shapes and patterns tessellate and how a particular artist and mathematician, M.C. Escher, used transformations to produce some amazing pieces of art work.

Pupils were then given the task to produce their own pieces of mathematical art. Here's what they had to say;

"I really enjoyed creating a pattern using tessellation by translating my shapes" Angela (Yr 7)

"I have used rhombuses to create the effect of cubes and then I tessellated them" Fatima (Yr 7)

"I have created a picture using maths and art. Maths is found in every subject. It is found in different problems and provides solutions. You can't succeed in life without it" Ajia (Yr 8).



## Physical Education



Pupils have been participating in their new sports this week. With Year 8 and 9 it is amazing what skills pupils can still remember and demonstrate from last year. This is enabling the PE staff to deliver more challenging lessons which aim to further develop pupils sporting abilities. Extra-curricular has been a massive success this term as clubs within school have always been bursting with pupils. Pupils that have represented the school have also done an amazing job of spreading the DTA name into the community. The PE faculty hopes pupils have a good rest over the Christmas period and are ready to go again in January.



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## MFL

This week, the MFL faculty selected 10 Year 7 pupils who have been outstanding in both Spanish and French to go to the Christmas Markets in order to have a taste of the Spanish and French stalls. This was a fantastic opportunity for these pupils to experience the two cultures as well as having the opportunity to speak with some native speakers. The pupils and staff all enjoyed the day out and at the end; everybody bought a crêpe – a French style pancake – with Nutella of course!



On Tuesday at lunch, pupils can go to “Linguascope Club” which is open to all year groups. This club is a great way for pupils to practice vocabulary they have learnt in lesson or even learn new words. If you want to come, don’t forget to ask your MFL teacher for a “Linguascope Pass”!!!

In Mrs Connaughton’s MFL Club, which is every Wednesday after school, pupils finished watching “Petit Nicolas en Vacances” which is a French sequel to “Petit Nicolas” which the club have already watched.

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

Year 7: Ithar Hossain for a consistently high standard of work and mature approach

Year 8: Zak Sharif for good participation in class and working hard to improve

Year 9: Aisha Khalid for outstanding effort and attainment in both languages



## Humanities

### The History Of Christmas

Dating back over 4000 Years  
Christmas has been one of the most popular celebrations of all time. It all started with the Romans. The Romans welcomed one of their gods, Saturn. The Christians wanted to spread their celebrations but the Christians would forbid their yestrads. So when the son of God was given birth to, as the Roman celebration represented the birth of the just born, the Christians changed the festival to suit baby Jesus and the Romans agreed. The festival featured sharing, spending, giving and welcoming. That when St. Nicholas took place. He was a very generous man and gave gifts to many people. Henceforth, we now have the tradition of Santa Claus.

#### Left

Mohammed Aziz 7T Turing

#### Right

Nabeed Choudhury 7T Turing

It’s very nearly the winter break! As an extra-curricular project, some Year 7s have investigated the history of Christmas.

Very well done to all those involved.

# Merry Christmas

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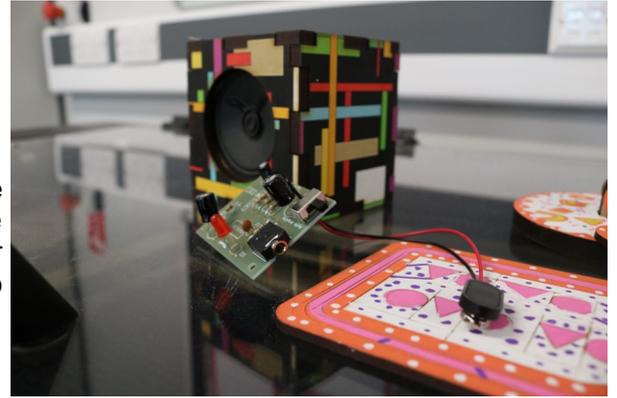
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# Technology

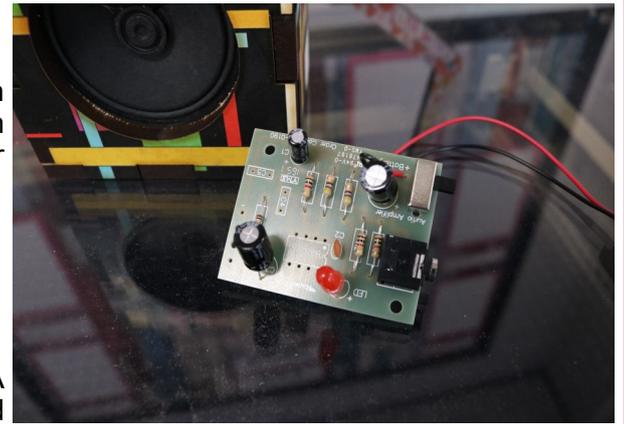
## Design and Technology

This week in design and technology the Year 8 pupils have been busy assembling their desk lights to a commercially viable standard. In Year 9 the pupils have been finishing off their circuits and assembling the speaker casing. Lots of pictures to follow next week of the finished projects!



## Food and Nutrition

This week in food and nutrition in Year 8 and 9, we have been consolidating our knowledge by going through the exam questions and finding out where we need to improve on. After the break Year 8 and Year 9 will be moving on to new projects.



## Art and Design

In lessons this week Year 7 have been looking at the artist EA Seguy, Year 8 have been having some sensitive and meaningful conversations about the controversial designer Alexander McQueen and Year 9 have been working on some charcoal etchings inspired by Jim Dine.

Art Club have been touching up their painting skills, with the older pupils teaching younger pupils how to use acrylic paint in preparation for our LGBTQ displays.



Set Design have created a multitude of papier mache props ready to be painted this week.



## Year 7 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Palace—127 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Deansgate, Lowry, Whitworth,  
Bridgewater, Gaskell - 100%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Setareh Ahkami,	7D Dean	10
Maram Althabhawee	7D Lowry	10
Minahil Arab	7D Palace	10
Rayany Mendes	7T Turing	10
Arman Rahman	7T Bridge	10

### Stars of the Week

<b>English</b>	Fiza Choudhury
<b>Maths</b>	
<b>Science</b>	Shahriyar Abdullah
<b>Humanities</b>	Uwais Bashir
<b>Technology</b>	Amanda He
<b>PE</b>	Nadeem Ahmed
<b>RE</b>	Caitlin Foy
<b>Art</b>	Setareh Ahkami
<b>MFL</b>	Ithar Hossain
<b>Computer Science</b>	Nhocshan Liu
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Hassan Eljenaid

## Year 8 Awards

### Form of the Week Attendance

Piccadilly —129 Grade 1s

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Turing 100%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Ikram El Ouargui	8D Lowry	11
Fatiha Hossain	8D MOSI	11
Nela Gaborova	8D Deans	10
Habebrahman Solaiman	8D Rylands	10
Jay Tait	8D Rylands	10

### Stars of the Week

<b>English</b>	Billie Gooch
<b>Maths</b>	
<b>Science</b>	Amer Ullah
<b>Humanities</b>	Ahmet Can
<b>Technology</b>	Muhammed Syed
<b>PE</b>	Zarar Atif
<b>RE</b>	Amina Qaiser
<b>Art</b>	Jay Tait
<b>MFL</b>	Zak Sharif
<b>Computer Science</b>	Wolda Kalyesubula
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Shakira Samms-Alcott

## BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Lowry—68 Grade 1s

## Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth 99%

## BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Mary Amoakwa	9T Vic	4
Sulaiman Ashiq	9T Bridge	4
Muhammad	9T Vic	4
Mia Deans	9T Picc	4
Zaynab Elbadri	9T Picc	4

## Stars of the Week

<b>English</b>	Isaac Durbin
<b>Maths</b>	
<b>Science</b>	Musa Manneh
<b>Humanities</b>	Malaika Hussain
<b>Technology</b>	Zaynab Elbadri
<b>PE</b>	Josh Chambers
<b>RE</b>	San Faiq
<b>Art</b>	Safiya Ali Mohammed
<b>MFL</b>	Aisha Khalid
<b>Computer Science</b>	Reuben Depasios
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Musa Manneh

## Whole School Attendance