



DofE: Year 9 set up for a night's camping!

# DTA Newsletter

*Theme of the Week:*

*Mental Health  
Awareness Week*

Friday 18th May

## Safeguarding Tip:

Be aware of any changes in your child's mood and encourage them to talk. #itsoknottobeok

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first anniversary of the Manchester Arena bombing nears the pupils have been making origami roses for the Manchester Together charity. We will be holding assemblies on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to remember those who lost their lives or were injured in the bomb and our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who were affected by this terrible atrocity.

We are very proud of our Year 8 football team who won the Manchester Schools Champions League. Fantastic achievement boys!

The Duke of Edinburgh overnight camp was a great success! The sun shined (most of the time) and staff from the camp said our school was the most respectful school they had ever had. Read on for all the details.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that lessons and learning in school continue, as normal, right until the last day when we finish for the Whitsun holidays. Please note that holidays cannot be authorised by the school and we would ask you to be mindful of this when booking holidays or trips. Fixed penalty notices will be issued by the local authority if pupils have 5 or more days of unauthorised absence. We finish school next Friday at the normal time of 3pm.

Enjoy the rest of this week's newsletter.

Yours sincerely

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## Year 7 News

Well this half term is flying by and there is only one more week of school before the deserved half term break. Next week we have our achievement assemblies as well as our fundraising afternoon on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May and the rewards afternoon for selected pupils on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please can I remind parents of the following:

We expect parents to take an interest in their child's homework and encourage them to complete it to the best of their ability. The following guidelines are offered to support parents in establishing good routines for home learning.

- Encourage students to find a suitable comfortable and quiet place for completing home learning task, ideally an area that has a table. This area should be free of distraction such as TV, music etc.
- Establishing a regular routine e.g. 4.30 - 6.00 pm every weekday is home learning time. This will be helpful in setting up good habits.
- Use the planner to check that tasks are fully completed by the deadlines set and check all home learning is recorded for their child/children.
- Check the planner each night and sign in the space provided each week.
- Use the planner to communicate with teaching staff.

Thank you again for your support.

## Year 8 News

This week the Year 8s are celebrating a fantastic achievement with the year 8 Boys football team being crowned Manchester School CHAMPIONS after a victorious 3-2 win on Wednesday! Next week see's our half termly rewards assembly to praise those individuals who have gone above and beyond in all subjects this half term. Pupils will also be informed of our end of year trip and the criteria they have to achieve in order to be in with an opportunity to attend. We still have a focus on our 100% attendance week and prizes will be awarded in the achievement assemblies next week! Good luck to all.



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## Year 9 News

We have been extremely lucky at Dean Trust Ardwick to receive a generous donation from The Sporting Chance Initiative to support us in the delivery of The Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is their message;

“The Sporting Chance Initiative was set up in 2012 by a group of friends on a voluntary basis with the aim to provide funds to children and young adults from underprivileged backgrounds, in order to give them a 'Sporting Chance' in academics, sport and health.

Although we are a small charity, our projects are based locally and internationally with 100% of money raised being donated to our initiatives.

We recognise the need to support young adults in our local area and are really pleased to be able to partner with Dean Trust Ardwick to provide equipment for Duke of Edinburgh as we believe this will teach vital skills that are easily transferable alongside providing an enjoyable experience for those involved.”

We are incredibly proud of our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh pupils who took part in their Practice Expedition this weekend in Edale. This was their first experience of walking for two days and camping. The participants had to walk for a total of 12 hours carrying all of their camping equipment!

They were joined by Miss Hessom, Mr Sheldon, Miss Ellis, Ms Ashraf and her daughter, Miss Whittington, Miss Aulich, Mr Tyrell and his wife Mrs Tyrell, Miss Fitzgerald, Mrs Bond, Miss Peters, Mr Wilson, Mr Platt, Mrs Collins-Walsh and even Mr Tyrell's dog, who all volunteered to give up their weekend to help support the trip. Each group of seven pupils were joined by two members of staff who support the pupils in using their maps and compasses to find their way around Edale Valley in the Peak District.

They needed to work as a team particularly when faced with tasks of putting up their tents and cooking their evening meal. We definitely have some budding chefs in the group, Mr Sheldon and Miss Hessom particularly enjoyed visiting each group for a sample from their menus!

Unfortunately our evening was a little damp with rain lasting throughout the night but we cheered ourselves up with toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate. By morning the rain had cleared and after breakfast we successfully cleared away all of the tents and started day two of the walk. The pupils did extremely well during their walks despite a few twisted ankles and sore feet, every group made it back to the car park in time for the sleepy coach ride home. Our pupils were amazing they covered between 15 – 20 miles during the weekend and still made it in to school on Monday ready for Assessment Week! Well done everyone and thank you to the staff who supported this trip.



## 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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## MU Foundation

On Friday 11th May, thirteen Year 7 boys travelled to Manchester Health Academy to compete in the final Manchester United Foundation Hub football tournament of the year. The boys were split into two squads - one made up from members of the Year 7 school team ran by Mr Burney and one comprised of those who have showed outstanding commitment to extra-curricular sessions ran by Mr Buckley.

On the day, those present were given a unique opportunity. All 20 teams competing in the tournament were each supported by a member of the Manchester United under 18 squad - a group of players who already know what it means to represent one of the biggest football clubs in the world. Under the guidance of the team coaches, the players interacted, engaged with and organized the teams before, during and after games. They also conducted warm ups, managed in-game situations and tactics, and informed the boys of what life is like as a young professional player.

The two players to help Dean Trust Ardwick during the day were Aidan Barlow and Aliou Traore. The boys who played were delighted to have the support of these promising young players and took on their advice in reaching the semi-final stage of the competition. Both squads left the competition enlightened, inspired and hungry for future competition.

Well done to all of those involved and thank you to Manchester United Foundation for organising such a fantastic event!



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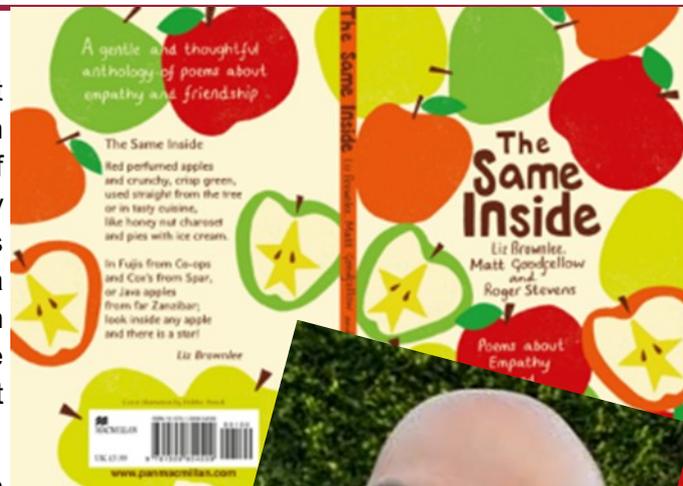
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## Performance Poet Visit

Performance poet Matt Goodfellow visited Dean Trust Ardwick to launch the "Bigger Book Bash" poetry competition in early May. Ex-teacher Matt, worked with a number of enthusiastic Year 7 students who will act as Poetry Ambassadors in the future, as Dean Trust Ardwick embraces the Manchester Children's Festival. Students will be writing a poem about the themes of *Friendship and Empathy* with some lucky winners having the chance to perform at the Festival. These themes are consistent with Matt's latest book, *Same Inside*, which deals with these issues.

Matt's inspirational and motivational workshop left the students feeling enthused, as he performed his own poetry and gave away secrets as to what inspires him to write and communicate. This included a touching poem dedicated to his late mother, as well as a light-hearted poem about his lazy son, titled "Why can't I stay in bed?"

We greatly look forward to seeing the impact on the students as those who attended the workshop lay down the writing challenge to their peers.



## Physical Education

This week, the Year 8 Football Team won the Manchester School's Championship League!!!

The league began on 13<sup>th</sup> November with a 3-0 win against Wright Robinson. This was followed by a 7-0 victory against King David and a 10-2 win against Cedar Mount. These wins ensured that DTA finished in the top two of their league and qualified for the Semi-Final against MCMA. A 3-1 victory against MCMA put us through to the Final against MCA.

The final against MCA began with the worst start, conceding after 10 seconds! However, two minutes later Jayden Martinez (7D Rylands) levelled the game with a delicate chip over the goalkeeper. In the middle of the first half, Yousif Al-Bazooni (7D Palace) scored with a header from a corner to put DTA 2-1 up going into half time. 10 seconds into the second half, MCA scored again to level the game at 2-2. For much of the second half, the game was at a stalemate. However, with two minutes left, Renico Cumberbatch (7D Rylands) beat the keeper with a low shot and won the game 3-2! Every member of the team did the school proud and were led by a brilliant captain, and Man of the Match, Aleem Buscow-Miah (7D MOSI).

The Year 8 football Team have a second final next Thursday against St Peter's RC High School. Good luck!



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## PSHCE

Pupils have been learning how to make origami roses in their PSHCE lessons. The paper shows the names of the 22 victims killed in the bombing at Manchester Arena on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. Pupils have been sharing their memories and feelings about the terror attack in their lesson, discussing what Manchester spirit, how the community persevered through hard times and to rise above fear. The charity 'Manchester Together' will be handing out these roses, and roses made by other Manchester high schools, at the memorial event in the city centre next Tuesday. Dean Trust Ardwick will also be holding assemblies to allow us time to reflect and remember together.



## Careers

Year 8 pupils took part in a careers workshop this week delivered by Career Connect. The aims of the session were to grow resilience and prepare pupils for employment-based skills development. Next week we will be holding our half termly achievement assemblies. These are always a highlight as pupils are rewarded for attendance, effort and attitude in form and across school. Heads of Faculty also nominate pupils based on attitude in lessons. The challenge for last week was based on attendance and as a result we held our termly 100% attendance week. All pupils who achieved 100% attendance last week will have their names entered into a draw with a chance to win a voucher for Nando's, game or Primark. I am proud to announce that the school attendance for Terms 1 and 2 this academic year was the highest of any secondary school in Manchester- well done to the pupils and thanks to the parents for your support.

## MFL

This term in Year 7 French, pupils are learning how to use the Past Tense "le passé composé". As part of this, we have learnt the acronym DR MRS VANDERTRAMP for verbs that take être in the Past Tense. Amina Ragab (7T Victoria) created this beautiful poster on these verbs and has earned the MFL stamp in her Passport For Excellence! If you want to earn the MFL stamp, go the extra mile to create an extra piece of work for MFL!

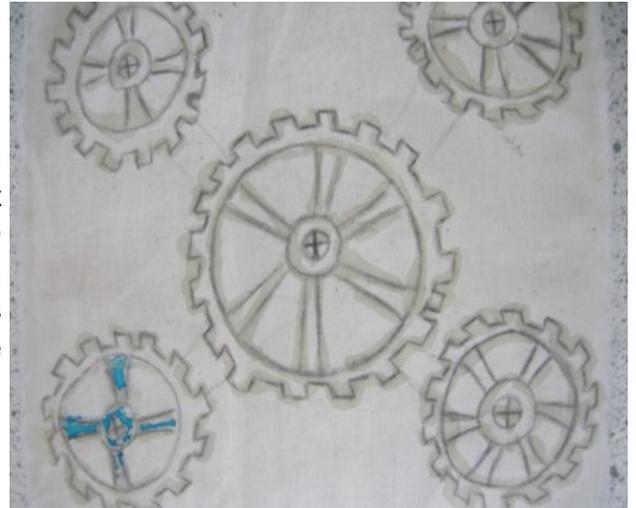
On Tuesday at lunch, pupils can go to "Linguascope Club" which is open to all year groups. This club is a great way for pupils to practice vocabulary they have learnt in lesson or even learn new words. If you want to come, don't forget to ask your MFL teacher for a "Linguascope Pass"!!!



# Technology

## Design and Technology

This week in design and technology Year 7 have been working hard with looking at how their clocks will suit their target audience, they are being introduced to basic skills using the CAD program 2D design. Year 8 and 9 are working towards drawing out their cushion design and adding colour to the designs through both stitch and fabric paints. Both year groups are focusing on what being british means to them.



## Food and Nutrition

This week in food and nutrition we have been cooking chicken nuggets, we have been using a food probe to check the temperature of the chicken and make sure it is safe to eat. Many pupils decided to marinade their chicken at home or add extra herbs and spices to give their nuggets extra flavour! In theory lessons we have been looking at the macronutrient protein our focus being on how our bodies use protein for repair and growth.



## Art and Design

In Year 7 we have been focusing on adding decoration to our designs looking at the importance of recycling and how waste impacts our planet. In Year 8 we have been putting finishing touches to the first layers of papier mache. In Year 9 we are continuing to experiment with materials and how they look, focusing on what order we should use them in.



## Year 7 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Deansgate– 101 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Turing-100%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Malaika Thompson	7D Whit	9
Raheema Ahmed	7D Dean	8
Lisandra Bondereva	7D Whit	8
Zara Jan	7D Dean	8
Rayany Mendes	7T Turing	8

### Stars of the Week

PE	Inmal Ishtaiq
Science	Lariab Minhas
PSHCE	Muhammad Munawar
Humanities	Arman Rahman
English	Angela Mozumder
MFL	Trezeguet Newby
Art	Amanda He
Technology	Zara Jan
Maths	Noor Ullah
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	Kelly Yuhang
Passport to Excellence	

## Year 8 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Deansgate– 101 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Bridgewater-100%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Fatiha Hossain	8D MOSI	10
Ajia Raees	8T Turing	9
Maria Al- Bayati	8T Turing	8
Tyler Fitzgerald	8T Pank	7
Maryam Khan	8T Vic	7

### Stars of The Week

PE	Faruq Ojo
Science	Kasim Motin
PSHCE	Holly Whyte
Humanities	Shakira Samms-Alcott
English	Jayden Martinez
MFL	Neringa Maitayte
Art	Omair Khalid
Technology	Joy Araf
Maths	Jennifer Abreu
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	Casey Harling
Passport to Excellence	

## Year 9 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Whitworth-82 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth-100%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Melissa Akar	9D Whit	6
Naveedul Alam	9T Picc	5
Halima Ali-Heybe	9D Lowry	5
Afriem Begum	9T Vic	5
Neha Benny	9D Lowry	5

### Stars of the Week

<b>PE</b>	Deborah Balogun
<b>Science</b>	Josh Se
<b>PSHCE</b>	Fatima Bukhari
<b>Humanities</b>	Abdullah Saney
<b>English</b>	Halima Ali-Heybe
<b>MFL</b>	Tazmin Begum
<b>Art</b>	Paris Green
<b>Technology</b>	Joshua Newell
<b>Maths</b>	Zakariya Alrayni
<b>Computer Science</b>	
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Ayaz Rahman
<b>Passport to Excellence</b>	

### Whole School Attendance

97.06%