

DTA Newsletter

*Theme of the Week:
Passport to Excellence*

Friday 20th April

Safeguarding Tip:
Recognise a positive in your child each day.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new term. As previously mentioned we are looking closely at punctuality this term so thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring the pupils arrived at school on time this week. Please continue to encourage your child to set off from home 5 minutes earlier as the gates close at 8.35am. Please also remind them to bring their planners and pencil cases each day.

We have had some fantastic assemblies this week on the 'Passport to Excellence' that all pupils are involved in. The 'Passport to Excellence' has been designed to inspire our pupils to take advantage of the many wide and varied opportunities at DTA and to record their fantastic effort and achievements.

I am very proud to announce that Dean Trust Ardwick has been judged as outstanding in 2 categories in the LGBT Rainbow Flag awards 2018. Well done to all the staff and pupils on this great achievement.

Another very successful Coffee Morning was held today on the subject of Sex Education and Relationships. We plan to hold some Saturday Coffee Mornings and also another 'Headteacher's Drop-in' this term so please look out for further details of both these events in the near future.

Enjoy the newsletter

Yours sincerely

Ms S Finlay
Headteacher



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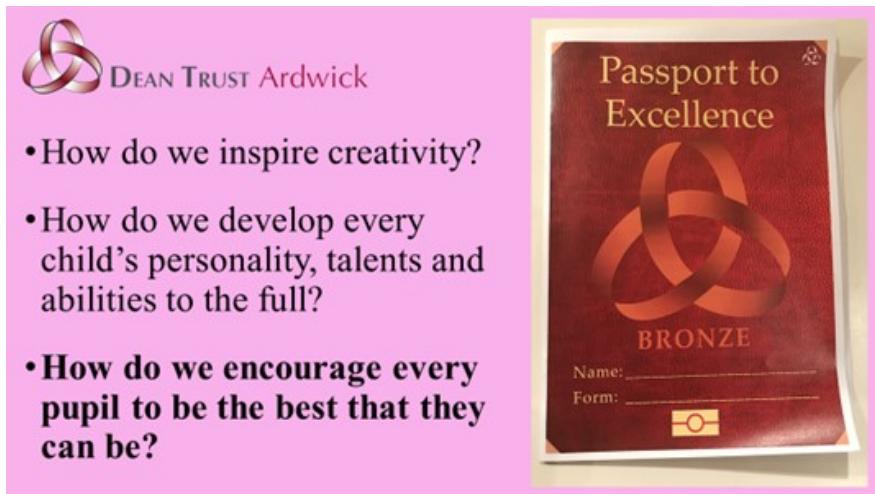
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Theme of the Week

Our theme this week was the Passport to Excellence, with Mr. Tyrrell delivering assemblies to every year group. In the assemblies, he talked about his proudest memories since the opening of DTA in 2015. There were some fantastic photos on display! Mr. Tyrrell's main message for our pupils was that the Passport to Excellence has been designed to inspire them to develop their creativity, personalities, talents and abilities by making the most of the wonderful opportunities offered to them at DTA.



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

- How do we inspire creativity?
- How do we develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full?
- **How do we encourage every pupil to be the best that they can be?**

Passport to Excellence
BRONZE
Name: _____
Form: _____

Year 7 News

Welcome back. I'm hoping that the longer days and warmer weather will continue. The pupils have worked really hard so far this year and we have already learned lots of new and exciting topics. We look forward to another term working alongside you; we value your support helping maintain your child's positive attitude towards their learning.

Please can I ask that you go through the planner with your child to ensure they are completing homework to the best of their ability, before your child hands it in. We are trying to encourage our pupils to apply their literacy skills to all aspects of their work. In addition to this, pupils should read regularly at home.

*Welcome
back to
School*

Year 8 News

ReachOut & Barclays

Barclays Workshop, 18th April 2018

Dean Trust Ardwick, Year 8 Girls

I liked that I could learn about how to work sensibly in a group and I improved my maths skills - Alybah

The workshop was fun because we got to work as a team and share points with each other - Camari

I liked how we were all working together to plan an amazing festival and thinking about all the stuff that would sell tickets in order to create more profit - Duhaa

REACH OUT

Mentoring that works

BARCLAYS

The information of knowledge was aimed perfectly for the target audience and the overall staff involvement was super! – Ms Ashraf, Pastoral Manager, Dean Trust Ardwick



A group of students pitching their festival to the group.



A group of students working with Barclays staff to



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I liked that you don't really need maths to work in a bank and the staff were really nice and helpful - Lana

An extra special thank you to Sophie, Neil and Pauline for helping out on the day!

Year 9 News

Welcome back to school. The Year 9s are in their final term within Key Stage 3. This term is a very important one to prepare pupils for the academic demands of Key Stage 4 and the start of their GCSE courses. I have had some queries recently about the options process from some parents, and I am pleased to say that the pupils have all had a 1-2-1 meeting with either myself or a senior member of staff to discuss their course choices.

These have all taken place; parents and pupils will be informed in due course. However, what is of high importance this term is that you continue to support the school and your child by ensuring that your son/daughter make as much progress that they can in all subjects. Ways you can support your child is to ensure that:

- You discuss their learning journey with them by having a dialogue about the topics which they are studying within each subject.
- Encourage them to read at home, take a look through their English reading record.
- Review and sign their planners. Check that their homework is being completed to the high standards we expect.
- Ensure that attendance and punctuality is a priority. As I have communicated with you before, lost learning time due to absence does have a negative impact on progress and results.

I was delighted to see some great results from the most recent set of results and, because of this, I have sent some very special letter home to some of the Year 9s congratulating their efforts and achievements.

If you would like to know further how you can support and encourage your child, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Ashraf at school.

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 karen.craven@thedeantrust.co.uk for more details.



THE DEAN TRUST
Believe Achieve Succeed

DTA Debate Club

This week in Debate Club there were impassioned speeches about the recent airstrikes on Syria, with pupils making powerful and articulate arguments against Britain's intervention. It was clear that, as well as being passionate and interested in the topic, the pupils were deeply knowledgeable and aware of some of the intricacies of the situation. Thanks to Amina Rahman, Ayan Saleh, Hanad Muse, Haider-Ali Mohammed and Sumaya Jeilani for their fabulous contributions.



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Aiming Higher

Year 9 pupils have now completed a 5 week careers-based workshop based on growing resilience and mental strength in preparation for examinations and the world of work. The sessions have been delivered by our Partner Careers service, Career Connect. These workshops are part of a comprehensive program of careers advice which the Y9 pupils have accessed including an enterprise day delivered by the RAF, a skills day delivered by Manchester Higher and a Learn2Earn day delivered by another external provider. In a recent survey 89% of pupils felt that they were better prepared for the next stage of their education as a result of the careers advice on offer.

Equipment and Planners

We are currently having a big push with high standards of equipment and planners. Pupils have responded very well to this initiative as these two essential items of equipment are key to organisation and success at school. All pupils must have a Dean Trust Ardwick pencil case and equipment, and planners must be signed every week. It has been wonderful to see pupils moving between lessons with their planner and pencil case on show, indicating their desire to be ready for their next lesson.

Year and School Council

All pupils have had the opportunity to have a voice this week with form time being used to discuss key issues from around the school, including suggestions for the end of year rewards. Form time discussions will be taken to the year council meetings next week where the council will decide which pressing issues should be taken to the school council meeting the following week.

Code of Conduct

We are pleased to announce that we are almost ready to launch our new DTA Code of Conduct. The new code of conduct has been produced following extensive consultation with pupils, parents and staff, and marks the next stage of development of the school. I have been amazed with the quality of contributions from all parties, particularly with the maturity in which pupils approached the task and with the common themes and rules which have emerged across the school. Further details to follow.

LGBT+

At Dean Trust Ardwick, we work very hard to promote an inclusive environment to make all members of our local and school community feel welcome. Across the school, we adopt a positive stance on LGBT+ support and provision. We aim for all pupils and staff to show respect and tolerance for our LGBT+ community and our efforts have been recognised by The Proud Trust. Our school has been acknowledged for having an outstanding inclusive curriculum and skilled teachers, who will continue to deliver pioneering initiatives in their subjects. If you have any questions about LGBT+ support please contact Miss Bostock, student services or The Proud Trust.



SPOTLIGHT: Romeo and Juliet

Rehearsals for the Shakespeare section of the upcoming performing arts show hit new heights this week, with fantastic progress made by all participants! The acting and direction throughout the week were superb, and it was wonderful to see a talented team (including members from every year group!) working together so effectively.



Physical Education

This week in PE at Dean Trust Ardwick, pupils have come back after half-term with fantastic efforts and attitudes about starting their summer sports. Pupils will now be learning and developing new skills in either tennis, rounders, athletics and badminton. The final figure for Sports Relief reached an outstanding total of £275! Good luck to the Year 7 and 8 rugby team who have been training with a coach from Broughton Park and have a match against Manchester Academy next week.

Humanities

Welcome back to another jam-packed, exciting half term at Dean Trust Ardwick! This half term, Year 7 and 8 are getting stuck into new, engaging topics in both history and geography. Year 7 are continuing to develop their geographical skills by looking at Coasts and Coastlines. We hope to bring this topic to life by getting hands on with experiments and our local area. Year 8 are moving over to history. Through their work on the Industrial Revolution, Year 8 already have a good understanding of the British Empire but by matching this up with key historical skills such as source work, we hope to become experts on this topic! Year 9 continue their GCSE work, looking at Crime and Punishment through time and The Living World in geography. We look forward to this summer term and we hope to have some news on some trips in a few weeks' time! Keep your eyes peeled.



Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Piccadilly-152 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Zoha Riaz	7D Dean	9
Setareh Ahkami	7D Dean	8
Minahil Arab	7D Palace	8
Mazin Salih	7D Palace	8
Noor Shirziar	7D Lowry	8

Form of the Week Attendance

Lowry-100%

Stars of the Week

PE	Rayany Mendes
Science	Amina Ragab
PSHCE	Daniel Abbas
Humanities	Ithar Hossain
English	Ansia Yates
MFL	Reham Nur
Art	Dalya Mohammed
Technology	Lisandra Bondereva
Maths	Angela Mozumder
Computer Science	Hamd Hussain
Performing Arts	
Passport to Excellence	

Year 8 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Deansgate-133 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Lowry & Whitworth-100%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Nela Gaborova	8D Deans	6
Mahir Ali Khan	8D MOSI	5
Hammad Ansar	8D Deans	5
Anhaar Buwe	8D Rylands	5
Fatiha Hossain	8D MOSI	5

Stars of the Week

PE	Tahir choudhury
Science	Enas Sawalim
PSHCE	Ajia Raees
Humanities	Asma Mohammed
English	Rafia Toqueer
MFL	Ajia Raees
Art	Sahend Dilani
Technology	Santi Das
Maths	Fatiha Hossain
Computer Science	David Adima
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Year 9 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Whitworth-73 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Victoria-98.5%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Syed Haris Shah	9D Whit	4
Naveedul Alam	9T Picc	3
Mary Amoakwa	9T Vic	3
Amna Arif	9T Vic	3
Mia Deans	9T Picc	3

Stars of the Week

PE	San Faiq
Science	Jun Shen
PSHCE	Kelis McLaughlin
Humanities	Tazmin Begum
English	Yaqub Ali
MFL	Ricardo Edwards
Art	Aahad Imaan
Technology	Moadd Belkhair
Maths	Aaliyah Cargill-Ward
Computer Science	
Performing Arts	Rumman Choudhury
Passport to Excellence	

Whole School Attendance

96.99%