

Our Art mural is well under way

DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:

Year 7: Self Esteem

Year 8: Assertiveness

**Friday 20th January
2017**

IN THIS ISSUE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had an impressive attendance of 7D parents at Parents' Evening this week. We are pleased you had useful discussions with subject teachers and are clear about what your child needs to do to improve. We look forward to seeing our 7T parents this coming Thursday. I hope you saw the splendid Motte and Bailey Castles on display. We will announce the winner in next week's newsletter.

Lots is happening at school. Every week we have either a special activity or trip to enrich the pupils' learning, or a visitor in to work with the pupils.

Please read on to learn about the author's visit, Barclays Bank visit and competitions.

Enjoy the read!

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

345 Stockport Road Manchester M12 4DY
t: 0161 972 2988
e: admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk
w: www.deantrustardwick.co.uk/

Year 7 News

Year 8 News

Debate Club

English Classes

Poet Master Class

**Poet Laureate
Competition**

Music Club

Performing Arts

Physical Education

Art

Science

MFL

Awards



on Twitter @DT_Ardwick
Follow us

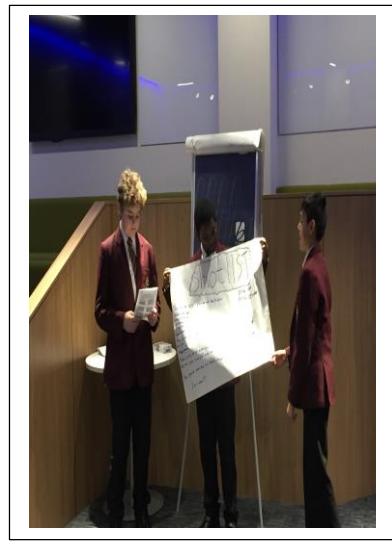
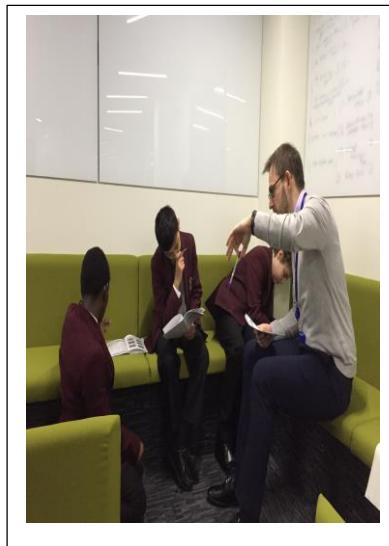
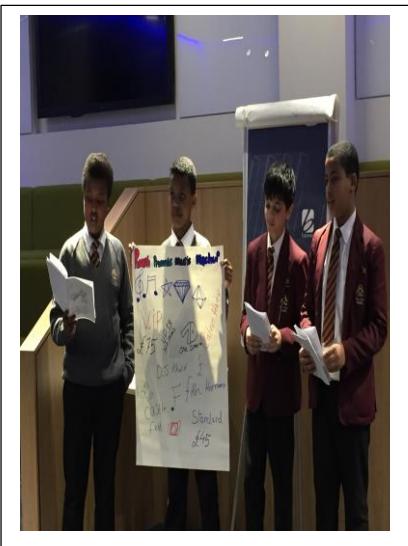
Believe Achieve Succeed

Year 7 News

The first Year 7 Parents Evening for D band was a great success on Thursday. It was fantastic to receive such wonderful feedback from our parents. The number of parents who attended the evening was excellent (83%) and these evenings are invaluable to support our pupils and their learning. Next **Thursday 26th January** is the parents evening for **Year 7 T band**. I hope you can all attend and receive key information to help support your child.

Year 8 News

This week 14 of our Year 8 pupils were lucky enough to attend a unique experience at **Barclays Bank's Head Office** in Manchester City Centre. This was a great chance for them to develop teamwork, presentation and money skills in the world of business. During the visit the pupils took part in a fun and interactive workshop with Barclay's employees and had the opportunity to find out about careers in the financial industry. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Debate Club

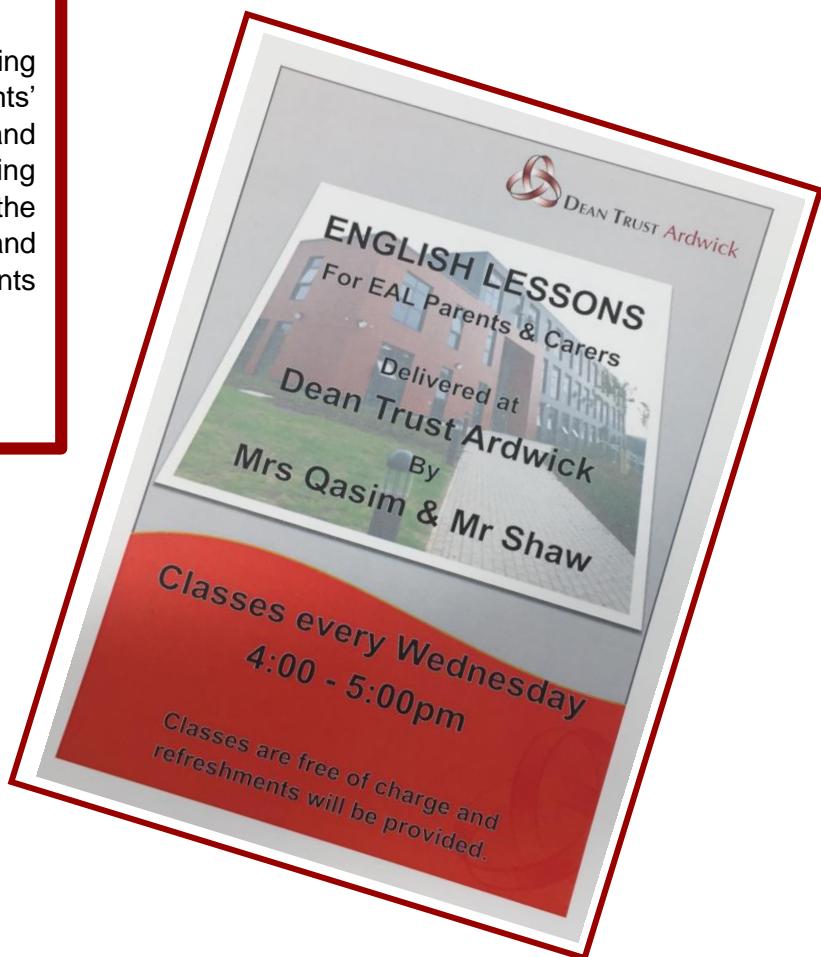
This week the DTA Debate Club discussed whether self-esteem can be taught at school, to link with the Theme of the Week. Some interesting ideas were shared during the debate, as always, and the development of the debate skills of our pupils is wonderful to see.

Next week, we will debate the motion: ***Children should be banned from social media.***



English lessons for parents

EAL Parents' English lessons are running successfully. This week we had our first Parents' Evening for Year 7 D Band pupils; Mr Shaw and Mrs Qasim delivered a lesson on Parents' Evening to give the group a better understanding of the procedures and interaction between parents and teachers. The session was a success and parents found it extremely useful.



345 Stockport Road Manchester M12 4DY

t: 0161 972 2988

e: admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk

w: www.deantrustardwick.co.uk/

Believe Achieve Succeed

Poet Master Class

Pupils from Years 7 were treated to 2 meters of poetry action from local poet legend Tony Walsh, also known as Longfella due to his stature. He ran them through a rigmarole of tongue-twisters, Football Chants and Haiku to find the magic between the pages. He instructed us on using all of our senses to make a great poem and demonstrated how the structures of Rhyme, Rhythm and repetition can give us the freedom to arrange our words into poems. Pupils enjoyed turning up their dials of Volume, Speed, Tone and Movement all the way to 'eleven' so that they could perform their poems in an interesting way and we were all left with a toolkit of techniques to use to enter the School Poet Laureate Competition.



Poet Laureate Competition

The School Poet Laureate Competition has now launched and you have until **Thursday 26th February** to write a poem that **celebrates our School and our Community**.

A Poet Laureate is an **honorary position**, and he/she will write poetry to commemorate significant school events.

Your poem can be in any style or any length and if you did not attend one of Tony's Poetry Workshops, don't worry. All of his hints and tips are on a sheet which you can get from the Library.

Hand your poems, with your **name and form** written on them, to **Mrs Bond** in the Library.



345 Stockport Road Manchester M12 4DY

t: 0161 972 2988

e: admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk

w: www.deantrustardwick.co.uk/

Believe Achieve Succeed

Music Club

We had a fantastic start to Friday Music Club last week with pupils learning Keyboards, Bass, Electric and Acoustic Guitars. There are now only limited spaces available. Please speak to Mr Hennessy for further information.

Music Technology Club - Wednesday 3-4pm

This exciting new after school club will start this Wednesday. We will be learning to create our own tracks and also how to create music to accompany a video/film. Places are limited. Please speak to Mr Hennessy for more information and to sign up.

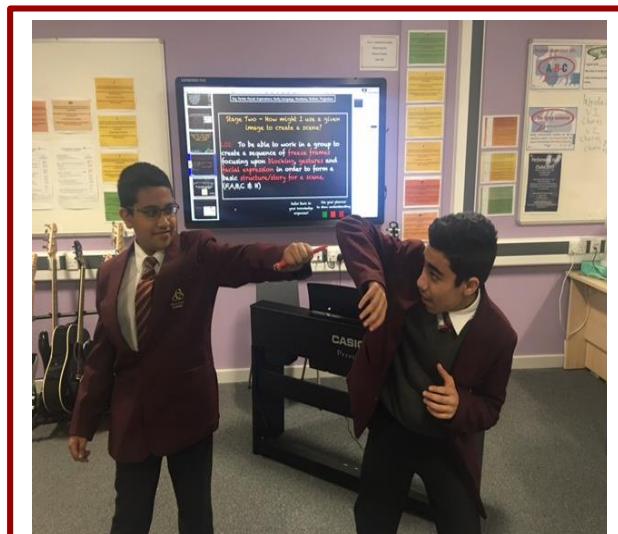
Show Choir Thursday 3-4pm

After a fantastic Winter Showcase the Show Choir is now welcoming new members. We are especially looking for boys to join this talented group of singers.



Performing Arts Lessons

I have seen some fantastic work this week and I'm really impressed with the class discussions that have taken place regarding the different images we will be using to create our own pieces of drama. I have also received some outstanding homework this week which I am proudly displaying in my classroom. Well done to those pupils who have had their work displayed.



Physical Education

This week in boys P.E pupils have been developing their jump shots in handball. Pupils are now able to outwit an opponent and effectively score a goal using the jump shot. Furthermore, in boys P.E, pupils have been focusing on their passing and movement in rugby. The boys are now really effective in game play and can organise themselves to run an effective play. In girls P.E the pupils have successfully identified each component of fitness and can now link it to a skill or movement in netball.



Art lessons- This week we have been working on improving our sketchbooks and finishing final pieces. Special mentions this week go to **Alicia Boss** for her incredible oil pastel work and **Aneesha** for her resilience and ability to refine her ideas.



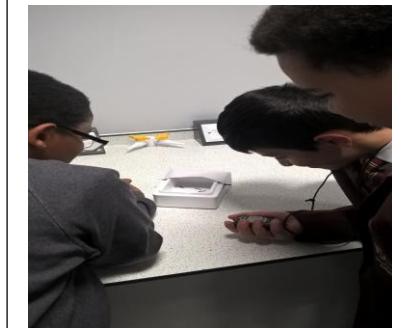
Art Club- We are well under way with our 4m mural! This week we started painting completed the drawings for the mural and worked on our blending skills using both brushes and sponges.



Set Design- This week we have been painting our grave stones using sponges to create a stone and moss effect. Special mentions go to **Rameesa Islam** and **Naila Juma** for their work last Friday.

Science

The Year 7s have been doing an investigation to see what environmental factors meal worms like. They all enjoyed being squeamish at the sight of the insects. Some were even brave enough to hold them.



MFL

The MFL Department would like to congratulate the following pupils for going that extra mile in their MFL lessons this week.

Year 7 Spanish



Madiha Safdar 7D Deansgate, Mariea Mannan 7D Rylands, John Mathew 7T Gaskell, Kai Daley 7T Piccadilly, Eman Shafi 7T Turing

Year 8 Spanish



Haseeb Ahmed 8D Rylands, Alif Miah 8T Bridgewater, Naveedul Alam 8T Piccadilly, Muhammad Chaudhary 8T Victoria

Year 8 French



Neha Benny 8D Lowry, Ataya Ricketts 8D Lowry, Moadd Belkhair 8T Bridgewater

MFL Extra-Curricular Activities have resumed this week with great attendance! Don't miss out and join us next week!

Film Club: Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Miss Connaughton in G74 at 3pm.

Linguascope Club: Wednesdays lunch time with Mr Taylor-Johnson in G72 at 12:35pm.

Italian: Wednesdays lunch time with Mr Diaz in 106 at 12:35pm.

Arabic: Fridays with Mr Stroud in 104 at 3pm.

Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:

Gaskell – 107 Grade 1s



Form of the Week Attendance

Rylands - 100%



BfL Grade 1 Top Five Pupils

BfL Grade 1 winners are:

Nimo Ali

Renee Ellis

Mariea Mannan

Hazel Sibanda

Rhea Thompson



Year 8 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:
Lowry – 88 Grade 1s



Form of the Week Attendance

Lowry, Rylands, Whitworth - 100%

BfL Grade 1 Top Pupils

BfL Grade 1 winners are:

Malikah Shahbaz

Aisha Sabir Noor

Alishair Shah

Azaan Khan

Zahra Batool

Congratulations!

Whole School Attendance

This week's full school attendance is

96.5%