

DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:
Achievement Week

Friday 20th July

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Our first Pupil Leadership Team!

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic year it has been!

The pupils have worked extremely hard and been a credit to the school. Alongside the fabulous work that has been completed by the pupils we have had superb shows, inspiring trips and visitors, our first ever Ofsted and some fantastic sports achievements.

We are all ready for our new Year 7s to start in September and our Head Boy and Head Girl and Prefect Team are in place ready to start their new roles on our return.

I wish you all a safe, happy and relaxing break. Please remember to check the end of year letter for start times on our first day back.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Year 7 News

Another successful year draws to a close. It is amazing how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents and governors in one year. The achievements extend from the academic, to sporting, to creative arts and to the numerous fun and fundraising exploits of the school council. We achieve so much because we work together as a team and this is one of the greatest strengths of the school.

It is difficult to identify the highlights because there are genuinely so many. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Year 7 over the last 6 months. They start in September as children but by the time they leave in July they are young adults.

I am delighted with the way our pupils have worn their school uniform with confidence. Our uniform allows pupils to feel part of the school and have a sense of belonging. We will continue to be very vigilant about ensuring our pupils wear their uniform correctly.

I hope that learning will continue throughout the holiday and that you will encourage your child to study. This will help your child to get off to the best possible start in September.

I hope you have a wonderful summer.



Year 8 News

This has been a week full of celebration. Pupils have all worked extremely hard this year to progress and strive for daily personal and academic excellence. We have taken 80 Year 8s on a rewards trip to Alton Towers for their excellent behaviour and attendance. A great time was had by all. A particular highlight actually occurred on the journey home when Kian conducted a fantastic rendition of "if your happy and you know it, clap your hands" to which the Year 8s on coach three responded enthusiastically.

A fantastic team spirit was shown by all during our annual sports day! An outstanding effort by all athletes. I am pleased to announce that Gaskell were the overall winning form! Congratulations to Miss Connaughton and her form group!

Our termly celebration assembly was held on Thursday and, as usual, it was really great to see all the achievements that the pupils have gained this year. It was particularly poignant for me as that was my last assembly as Head of Year 8 before I hand over the reins to Mr Smith next year.

Year 8 you have been an absolute pleasure! Thank you and enjoy your well-deserved summer break.



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Year 9 News

Meet Dean Trust Ardwick's very first Pupil Leadership Team. After a tough selection process the very first Head Boy, Girl, deputies, senior prefects and prefects have been appointed ready for September. The standard of all the applications was high, the speeches were superbly executed and the interviews were of a high standard but I am pleased and proud to introduce the following pupils to be leaders within the school community next year:



Head Boy – Hello everyone, I am Musa, Dean Trust Ardwick's first Head Boy. I am looking forward to showing off my school within the community and expressing our creativity, passion, and our strong sense of being 'proud to belong' to all new pupils who are joining us in September. We are a diverse and unique environment and I am excited to be leading the student body in our journey forward.



Head Girl – Hello, I am Jun, Head Girl of Dean Trust Ardwick. I am extremely honoured to have received this position. I have ambitious plans and I look forward to enhancing relationships between teachers, pupils and parents at DTA. I am excited to work with and support our local and school community – especially through fundraising events. I look forward to your continued support.



Deputy Head Boy – Hello my name is Khalid and I am excited to be Dean Trust Ardwick's first ever Deputy Head Boy. I am proud to embrace this school's diverse nature, we have such amazing opportunities here and I will strive for this to continue and to be better in 2018/2019. I am looking forward to representing all the pupils at DTA next year.



Deputy Head Girl – Hello everyone, my name is Malika, I have been appointed the role as Deputy Head Girl and I am thankful and grateful to all the teachers who believed in me to be entrusted with this very important role. I have enjoyed what has been a very tough process and I am looking forward to bringing the whole school community together as we continue to grow. I look forward to the challenge next year.

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

As we approach the end of the school year 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.



MU Foundation

It has been an extremely busy, highly enjoyable end to the year for MU Foundation at Dean Trust Ardwick.

Firstly, on Wednesday 11th July, the school hosted its final partner primary school football tournament of the academic year. On the day, four teams made the journey to compete in a series of matches which saw lots of exciting play and some fantastic skills. Stanley Grove eventually ran out as overall winners with a superb 4-1 victory in the final.



Congratulations to all of those pupils who took part and a massive thank you to the sports leaders that helped to run the event. Your application and attitude was exemplary – well done!

Secondly, Thursday 12th July saw Dean Trust Ardwick pupils that had excelled in the completion of their Passports to Excellence enjoy an afternoon of teambuilding exercises. The afternoon was run by a team of MU Foundation staff who engaged those present in a carousel of active, challenging, fun activities. The pupils that took part showed great initiative and team spirit for the duration of the afternoon, modelling excellence consistently.

Thirdly, on Monday 16th July, thirty Year 9 pupils concluded the Premier League Enterprise programme by spending the day at Old Trafford Stadium. For the twelve weeks prior, those pupils who attended had participated in a series of lessons that had given them an insight into the world of business through Manchester United Football Club. On the day, the pupils completed a final workshop which concluded the teaching programme, enjoyed a tour of The Theatre of Dreams which gave them exclusive access to the business areas of the club and took part in a 'Dragon's Den' style competition in which they created a business idea and pitched this to Manchester United staff. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and creativity from the pupils on the day – there is definitely some budding entrepreneurs amongst our Year 9 cohort!

Finally, Wednesday 18th July saw Plymouth Grove enjoy the school's sporting facilities as they visited for their summer sports day. All 240 visiting pupils had a fantastic morning and the Dean Trust Ardwick sports leaders played a massive part in this. The team of eight leaders were tasked with running four different activities that would engage every visitor and they delivered fantastically. Their passion, enthusiasm and maturity were noted by the visiting staff and participants. Sports leaders, very, very, very well done – you were a credit to the PE faculty and to the school.

Library News

It has been a busy year for buying books – we can now boast 2823 books in our library – 1550 fiction titles and 1,273 non-fiction titles. These will be added to in the new school year as we get ready for GCSE.

A total of 5101 books have been issued this year, mostly fiction with Jacqueline Wilson and Jeff Kinney being our most popular authors. Alex Wheatle has also issued very well after his inspiring visit in October.

Sadly 45 books are still overdue and pupils will be receiving a bill in the post as I can only assume that these books have been lost.

More happily – 63% of pupils have borrowed a book from the library and returned it on time, so well done to all of you. Of these, Zahra Jami has read the most books of any pupil in our school this year with over 110 issues.

Keep reading over the summer holidays. Why not visit your local library and see what they have there. See you in September, Mrs Bond.

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Stratford Trip

On Thursday 12th July, Mr. Tyrrell and Ms. Chancellor took 20 Year 9 pupils to Stratford upon Avon to see a Royal Shakespeare Company production of *Macbeth*. The play was fantastic, and all of the pupils and staff had a wonderful day out. Mr. Tyrrell was particularly proud to spend such a positive and enriching day with pupils who have now been learning together about Shakespeare for three brilliant years at DTA! Reviewing the play, Fathia said, "The best bits were the witches and the ghosts. The witches were played by girls, and they were really creepy! The effects were awesome. It was very different to how we did it in the school play! It was amazing to see such young child actors performing to a professional standard."



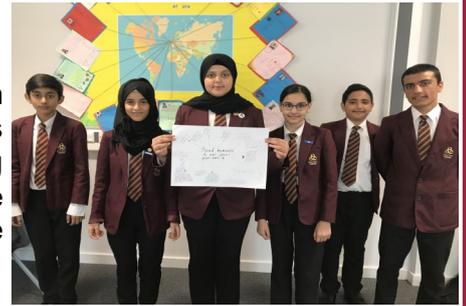
Parents TESOL Class

Mrs Qasim's parent TESOL class finished the year with a wonderful celebration. There was great news shared of passing English tests, driving provisional tests and all being much more confident using English to communicate. Parents were awarded with certificates for their great efforts. The parents have been a great part of the school community this year, cooking an array of delicious food for events such as the Cancer Research fundraising event and Spotlight, a huge thanks to all. We look forward to seeing you again next academic year.



EAL

As the end of the school year has approached the EAL classes have been reflecting back on their proud moments. It has been lovely to see the pupils recognising their own achievements throughout the year, with many achieving above target grades in a range of subjects and all making such huge improvements in their English, they have accomplished a lot and should be very proud. A big well done.



Physical Education: Sports Day

Pupils have come to the end of term and the end of their new sports. It has been fantastic to see the progress all pupils have made over the year and their ability to link a range of new skills together. Last Friday we held our very own Sports Day here at DTA. Each form group nominating a female and male representative to participate in each event. All pupils did really well even with our light spell of rain during the morning. Pupils spirits were high cheering on both their form groups and their peers. Overall a fantastic day! Year 7 form winner Gaskell, Year 8 form winner Gaskell and Year 9 form winners Victoria. Well done to all participants!



Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Palace-59 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth-100%

Year 8 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Pankhurst-53 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Deansgate & Palace-99.6%

Year 9 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Lowry-37 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Rylands-97.8%

Whole School Attendance

97.08%

Have a fantastic summer

See you in September