

NEWSLETTER

Safeguarding Tip: When all people are treated as equal, no matter whether they are gay, straight, bisexual, transgender, questioning or other, we are all more free. If your child has any questions regarding sexuality please encourage them to use the safeguarding letterboxes.

25th January 2019



Headteacher's Message

Another packed week of events has really got us back into full stride in the Spring Term. Starting off the week with pupil led assemblies on the Holocaust memorial, Diane Modahl, Olympic champion runner, herself speaking with all the pupils during assemblies, an RAF leadership event, Year 9 ReachOut trips, a visit to London to see Lion King, Gangline workshops and Coffee morning have all happened this week! Read on to find out more.

Coffee morning today was lively and productive, attended by 40 parents who were joined by local councillors, Ardwick neighbourhood officers and pupils as we all discussed ideas of how we can further serve the community.

We know that all these events help to create an ambitious culture across the school and inspire pupils to excel. We are committed to providing new experiences which open their mind and enable them to discover more about the opportunities life offers them now and in the future.

On the academic side of things, we are focusing our attention on post GCSE mock exam actions following results. Pupils are also practising in class how to listen attentively to their teachers to maximise their learning in lessons.

Enjoy this week's read. There is so much to be proud of at Dean Trust Ardwick!

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

25th January	Coffee Morning
4th February	Shakespeare Rehearsal
5th February	Shakespeare Play
7th February	Year 9 Parents Evening

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Head of Year Updates

Year 7 News

This week Year 7 have been involved in an array of activities with Aladdin Auditions being the most popular. It is great to see Year 7 pupils taking an active role in extra-curricular activities across the school, please continue to encourage your child as it will enrich their experiences and further their education. There are still places available for the Outward Bound Trip in April for Year 7, if you wish for your child to attend, ask them to inform their Form Tutor in the first instance.

Year 8 News

A team of Year 7-10 pupils delivered an assembly about those who suffered in the Holocaust under Nazi persecution. Also, Diane Modahl came in to speak about The Diane Modahl Foundation and to encourage as many of our Year 8 pupils to attend sessions at The Eastlands sports centre on a Friday after school.

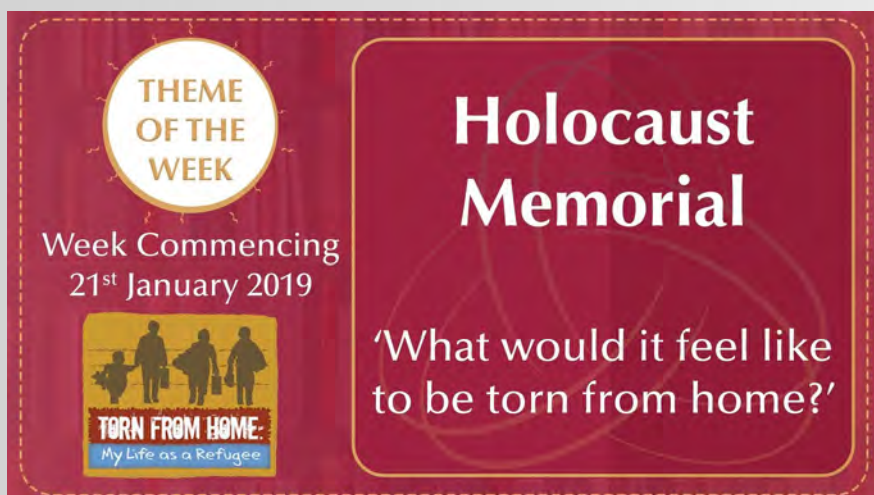
Year 9 News

This week the Year 9 ReachOut groups have been on trips to Nando's and The Bank of New York Melon (BNYM). The boys went to Nando's to learn how a multi-national restaurant works and took part in a workshop that involved making and eating Nando's! The girls went to BNYM where they learnt how the world of finance works and how to deal with stocks and shares along with how they would try to grow £100,000!

Year 10 News

This week Year 10 students are hard at work reflecting on their recent mock exams and their knowledge of each topic studied to date. It is important that as parents you support them in their progress by asking them about their mock exams. All Year 10 students are set homework regularly, please encourage them discuss and show you what they are learning. Working together will ensure our pupils achieve their potential.

Theme of the Week



THEME OF THE WEEK

Week Commencing
21st January 2019

TORN FROM HOME:
My Life as a Refugee

Holocaust Memorial

'What would it feel like to be torn from home?'

All year group assemblies this week have been led by our distinguished Humanities Ambassadors. These assemblies have been highlighting Holocaust Memorial Day on Sunday 27th January, and the importance of remembering the atrocities, suffering and death so that history is never repeated. All this week forms have had insightful and thought provoking discussions, and have handled a sensitive subject with great respect.



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Faculty Updates

Mathematics

Year 9 have been discovering Pythagoras' Theory recently. They have learned through manipulation that on a right-angle triangle, the total of the square of the two smaller sides is the total of the square on the hypotenuse.

Physical Education

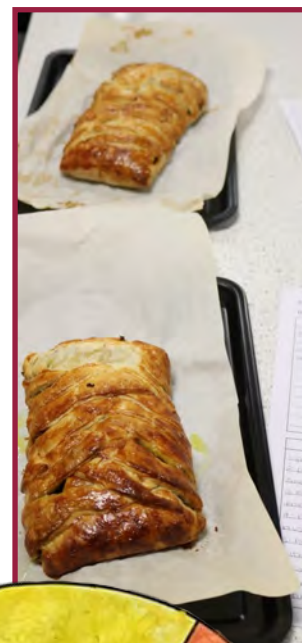
The Year 7 Netball team beat Chorlton South 6-2 this week but were unfortunate to lose against Chorlton High School 4-1 in a close game. We wish luck to our Year 10 Football team and Year 8 Girls Basketball team whom are both competing later this week. We continue to encourage pupils to attend at least one extra-curricular club per week. Thank you, the PE department.

English

In the English department this week Year 7 and Year 8 have started using Accelerated Reader to keep track of pupil reading ages and progress. So go to the library, find books you enjoy and take as many quizzes as you can! There might just be some rewards for our best readers at the end of term!

Hospitality and Catering

Commercially viable plaits were the challenge this week for Year 10 Hospitality and Catering pupils. Everyone created their tasty fillings from spicy chicken to spinach and cheese, then to carefully plaiting the puff pastry to produce their final glazed pieces. I'm sure you will agree the outcomes look outstanding!



Art and Design

Year 7 have been learning all about colour theory, they have been apply their knowledge and using it to apply colour to their colour wheels.

Design and Technology

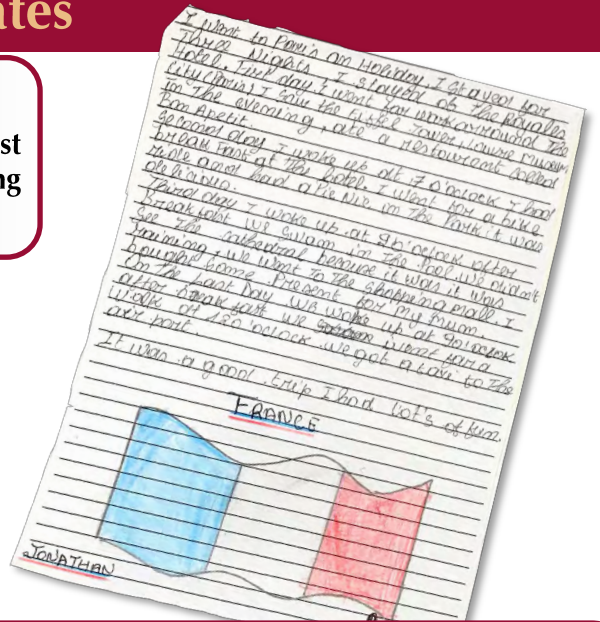
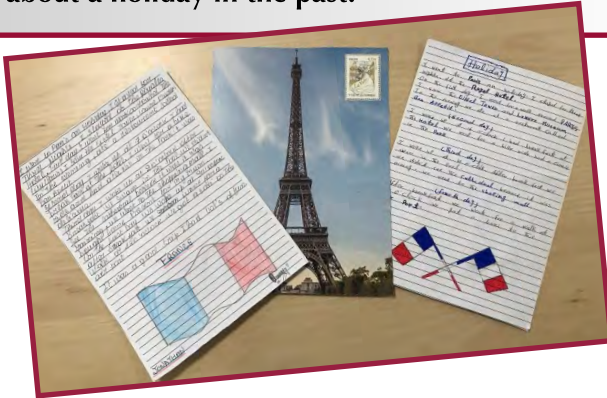
Year 9 have been soldering their circuits together this week carefully forming the insides of their speakers!



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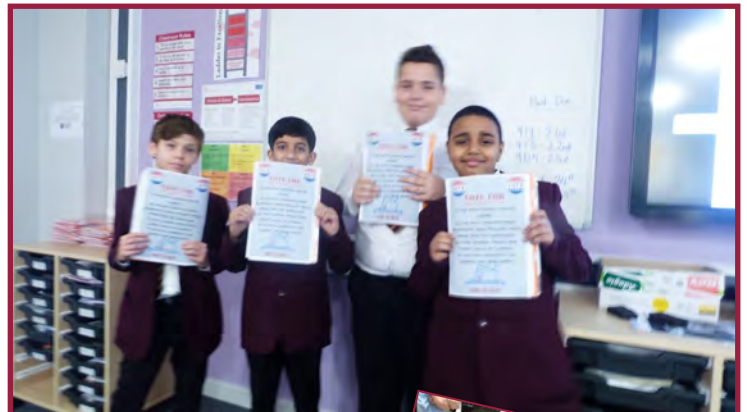
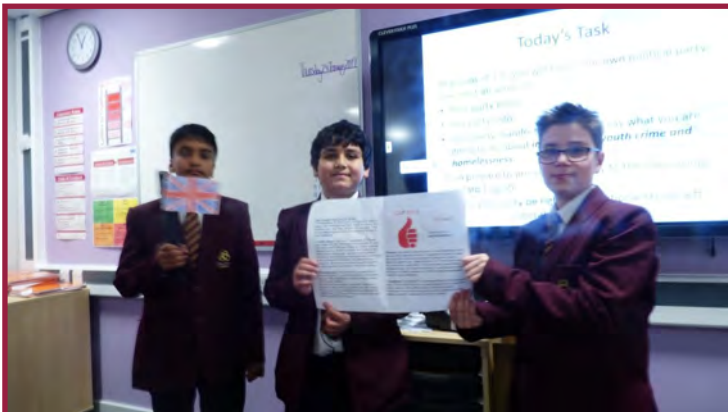
Inclusion - EAL

The beginners group have been working hard talking about past and future tenses. Excellent work has been produced creating postcards talking about a holiday in the past.



Citizenship

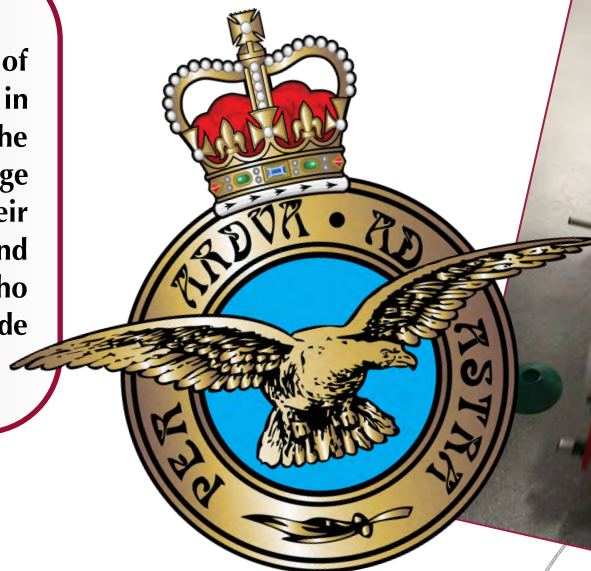
In Citizenship, Year 7 have created their own political parties. They have worked together to produce manifestos and presented their opinions on immigration, homelessness and youth crime. Classes will soon be holding mock elections to see which political party was the most persuasive. This experience demonstrates how our democratic voting system works and how we support our human right of the freedom of speech.



Whole School News

Manchester United Foundation

On Tuesday 22nd January a number of pupils from Year 9 and Year 10 took part in a leadership activation delivered by the Royal Air Force. The pupils enjoyed a range of activities which tested their communication skills, teamwork and resilience. Well done to all of those who took part - your perseverance and attitude was fantastic!



Year 9 ReachOut Trips

ReachOut trips provide pupils with an opportunity to improve skills vital to their future careers such as problem solving, teamwork, presentation and engagement. This is what our Year 9 ReachOut groups got up to this week!

The Bank of New York Mellon

This week our Year 9 girls ReachOut group visited The Bank of New York Mellon where they were submersed in the world of finance and learnt all about the stock markets and the mathematics behind investments. Pupils took part in a competition where each group was allocated £100,000 to invest throughout the day, the winners were the group who made the most profit.



BNY MELLON

Apple Store

Whilst the girls visited The Bank of New York Mellon, the boys visited the Apple Store in central Manchester where they demonstrated their creativity through videography. Pupils had access to high tech equipment and a wealth of knowledge from the staff to produce a short clip incorporating a jump stop. The boys that attended the school trip were fantastically behaved and a real credit to Dean Trust Ardwick.



Gangline

This week we invited a national government advisor to put on assemblies and workshops about the increasing dangers of being associated with gang culture. As part of PSHE we as a school feel it is important to educate our young people about potential risks. The workshops were positively received by all pupils in attendance.



Coffee Morning - Our Community

Today we held our Coffee Morning themed *Our Community* and we had a fantastic turnout of parents with over 45 attending! Parents were passionate and enthusiastic and everybody in attendance was fully committed and engaged. We were also joined by local counsellors who participated in discussion to share ideas on how we can contribute positively to better our community. A huge thank you to everybody who attended!



Whole School News

Lion King Trip - Lyceum Theatre

On Wednesday 23rd January, the BTEC Performing Arts cohort travelled to London to watch Disney's 'The Lion King' at the Lyceum Theatre. After a long drive, the pupils were amazed by the spectacular performers, costumes and puppets. In the words of Shamico Lewis, "It was a once in a lifetime experience, that I'll never forget". The pupils were a credit to the school throughout the day!



Form Awards

Whole School Attendance

97%

Year 7 BfL Grade 1
Form of the Week

Lowry
151 Grade 1s

Year 7 Form of the Week
Attendance

Lowry
97.8%



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