



# NEWSLETTER

**Safeguarding Tip:** During International Women’s Week, remember that inequality based on Gender is wrong. As a school we promote gender equality and strive to empower young women. Encourage your child to speak up about inequality.

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019



## Headteacher’s Message

The half term break appears to have refreshed us all and with the good weather during the earlier part of the week, what a fantastic start to the second half of the spring term!

Dominating Dean Trust Ardwick news headlines this last week has to be the Year 10 'Refocus Day' following mock examination results, which included an inspiring motivational speech by Diane Modahl to all our Year 10s, plus several workshops. This time next year our first cohort to pass through the school will be sitting their GCSE examinations for real and we want to provide them with every opportunity to prepare fully for these all-important exams. We urge all parents and carers of Year 10 students to read the information in the newsletter and to use your daily text to encourage your child to attend the personal study sessions and the subject based study sessions after school.



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

You will also read that lower school (Year 7-9) have been concentrating on 'wider reading', which has been this week's theme, in preparation for World Book Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Please also find out in this week's newsletter how much money we raised from our Penny Appeal fundraising event!

With best wishes,  
Ms S. Finlay

## Dates for your Diary

14th March	Year 8 Parents Evening
15th March	Coffee Morning - Careers
21st March	Year 7 Parents Evening
6th April	Easter Break

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# Head of Year Updates

## Year 7 News

Year 7 pupils have made an excellent start this term as they continue to sit assessments. Please encourage your child to spend time revising at home. The Outward Bound trip is looming and pupils and staff are looking forward to it! If you have not yet paid your deposit, please do so as soon as possible through Parent Pay. Finally, join me in congratulating the Year 7 Netball Team; they had an amazing start to this half term with a 17-0 win against St. Paul's this week. Well done!

## Year 8 News

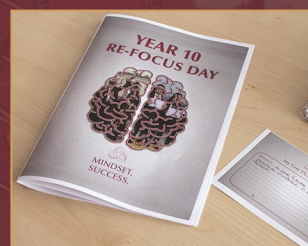
The Year 8 girls netball team won against St. Paul's yesterday with the final score being 7-5. The team is playing fantastically and we are hoping for lots of trophies by the end of this academic year. From Friday 8th - Saturday 10th March, 24 Year 8 pupils will be travelling to Aberdovey to attend a residential trip at the Outward Bounds centre. Pupils will be taking part in activities to help build their personal, social and emotional skills, giving them the ability to thrive at school, in further education, employment and in life. It will be a fantastic experience for our pupils!

## Year 9 News

A number of Year 9 pupils are currently engaged in programmes from outside agencies that aim to enrich their learning outside of the classroom. The latest exciting opportunity is called 'Projectts' where a small cohort of pupils go to the skate park in Manchester City Centre on a Friday morning with the purpose of increasing their self-confidence and self-esteem by gaining experience in an activity that is very different to a traditional classroom environment.

## Year 10 News

Year 10 were welcomed back to school this week with the opportunity to learn about 'mind set', embracing opportunities and making good choices in daily life. This message was delivered inspirationally by successful Olympian Diane Modahl. The students were amazed by her inspirational road to glory. At Dean Trust Ardwick we want all of our pupils to aim high for their future and achieve their own 'gold medals'.



THEME  
OF THE  
WEEK

Week Commencing  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2019



# Wider Reading

'Why should I read?'

## Theme of the Week

This week's theme has been *Wider Reading*. Miss Horsley, Head of English, led assemblies this week. She informed Year 7 and 8 of our Accelerated Reader programme and discussed the importance of reading for exams with Year 9. Reading is incredibly important for pupils and we urge everyone to use the school library to its full potential!



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# Faculty Updates

## Mathematics

A new maths club began this week, *Maths Meets Engineering*. Year 7 and 8 pupils were tasked to make pyramids that could hold something valuable using only Lego!



## Science

Year 7 pupils are now learning about electricity and ecosystems! Pupils will take a hands on approach with these topics as they explore different habitats and discover the rules of electricity within our homes!



## English

Pupils have been honing their reading skills with our fantastic software, Accelerated Reader. The gloves are off, and the competition is on! Who will be the first pupil to complete the Million Word Challenge...? Everyone within the English faculty is eagerly awaiting World Book Day and the preparations have begun. Rumour has it that there is a surprise awaiting pupils on the day!

WORLD  
**BOOK**  
DAY

○ or X

7TH MARCH

Dean Trust Ardwick decides...

## Physical Education

The Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams made an excellent start to the half term with both teams beating St. Pauls. The Year 7 team played superbly, attacking and defending as a team to overcome St. Pauls. The Year 8 team had their best performance to date dominating St. Paul's with lots of possession to secure their win. Well done to all the pupils involved. We continue to encourage all pupils to try a new club and attend at least one extra-curricular club per week.



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# Faculty Updates

## Humanities

In Humanities we have been marking LGBT History Month with a series of activities in forms and classes. Forms across Dean Trust Ardwick have been taking parts in discussions about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements in the UK, and across the world. To build upon this, Year 7 and 8 Humanities classes have been producing timelines and posters to celebrate the LGBT role models who would not give in to persecution and stand up for who they were. The pupils were outstanding in their discussions regarding the issues and showed great tolerance and maturity.



## Design & Technology

This week in Design and Technology the pupils have been completing their speaker projects and assembling their speaker cases.

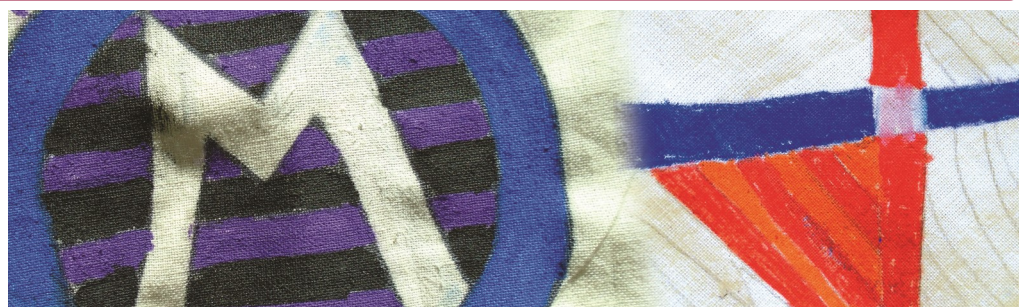


## Hospitality & Catering

Researching and making their own recipes was a challenging task for Year 10 students, they all produced amazing products from Chocolate Mousse to Korean Chicken Burgers!

## Art & Design

Textiles club are creating keyrings! They have been learning different embroidery stitches, and this week they started creating backgrounds to stitch onto using textile pens.



## Modern Foreign Languages

This week, lessons in Russian began in the Modern Foreign Languages faculty where pupils learnt the Cyrillic alphabet and how to greet others informally and formally in Russian. Next week, it continues!

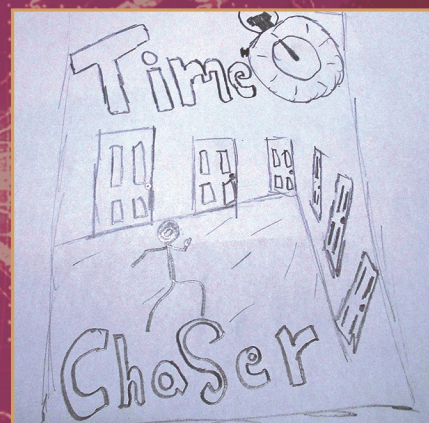
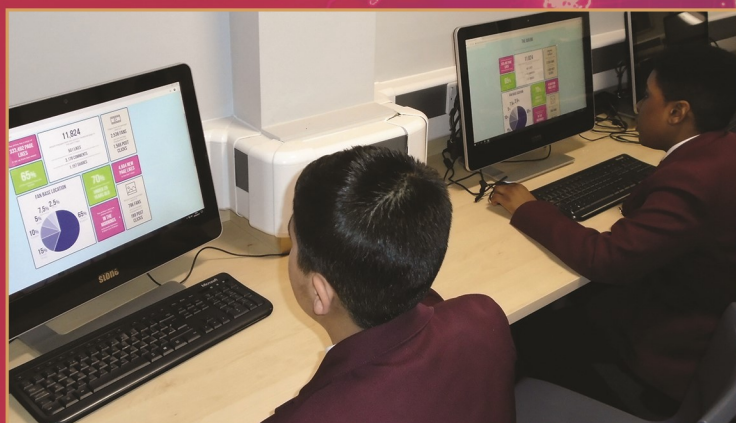
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Car	Б) балет
Television	В) театр
Flag	Г) машина
Ballet	Д) компьютер
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Telephone	Ё) телевизор
Computer	Ж) флаг

## Alphabet

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## Creative iMedia

In the last week the students have begun to create visualisation diagrams to help them plan out the digital graphic they are creating as part of the course. You can see by the attached images how these plans are structured and the focus and effort that has gone into them. Well done Year 10!



## Inclusion

Year 7 pupils have completed their project on adverbs. Each week they have built on their own skills by adding new language features. This began with pupils creating simple sentences, progressing onto perfect sentences, using both the present and past tense. Pupils have really enjoyed this project and are looking forward to focusing on their own creative story. We can not wait to hear them!

## Whole School News

### International Women's Week

Ten Year 9 and Year 10 girls have been selected to take part in International Women's Week on 6th March at the Auto Trade offices in Manchester. It will be a day full of engaging activities and speeches from inspirational women in professional careers.

### Penny Appeal

We are in the process of sending our Penny Appeal collection pots to the charity so that they can total the amount we have raised. Our initial estimate is £517 which is over and above our goal! Yet again we have outdone ourselves in raising money for charity. We would like to say a big thank you to all pupils, parents, carers and staff who donated to this amazing cause!

**£300**

Could provide a lifesaving emergency winter shelter.

penny  
appeal  
small change  
big difference

INTRODUCING THE 5TH ANNUAL EVENT  
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH / 9.30AM - 2.30PM

80 students from 8 schools across Manchester • Six inspirational speakers from a variety of sectors • Interactive workshops and team tasks • Lunch and refreshments provided.

Curtins



# Year 10 - Booster Session Timetable

We expect all Year 10 students to make full use of the booster sessions we are holding over the next six weeks. Running every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, teachers will hold sessions on specific topics within their subject to help boost students confidence leading up to exams. Below, you will find the *Year 10 Booster Session Timetable*. Students attending these sessions should meet at the Pavilion for 3.00pm, where refreshments will be available, before they are guided to the booster session which will take place from 3:30 till 4:00pm.

We have also made a study base available for all Year 10s after school every day. The study base is for independent study following the memory clock pattern which they can find in their Year 10 Re-focus booklets. The study base is open from 3.30 - 4.00pm in rooms G72 and G70.

Week Beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
25 <sup>th</sup> February	<p><b>Maths</b> Topic: Circles Foundation: Area and circumference Higher: Compound shapes, areas of sectors, arc length Teacher: Mr Moore, Miss Taylor</p>	<p><b>Geography</b></p>	<p><b>Enterprise</b> Topic: Cash Flow Forecasting Teacher: Mr Martin</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>English</b> Topic: Language Paper 1 Question 5: Creative Writing Teachers: Miss Horsley, Mr Hull</p>	<p><b>Science</b> Topic: Teacher: Miss Watkins, Mr O'Ranson</p>	<p><b>Sports Studies</b></p>
11 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>Maths</b> Topic: Vectors Foundation: Calculations with vectors Higher: Problem solving with vectors Teacher: Mrs Milner, Miss Reynolds and Miss Taylor</p>	<p><b>MFL</b> Topic: Grammar: Speaking/ Writing Teacher: Mr Stroud, Mr Diaz</p>	<p><b>English</b> Topic: English Language: Reading Section- Q4 Teacher: Mr Hull, Miss Horsley</p>
18 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>Design Technology</b></p>	<p><b>History</b></p>	<p><b>Creative iMedia</b> Topic: Moodboards Teacher: Mr Martin</p>
25 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>Maths</b> Topic: Fractions Foundation: Calculating with fractions Higher: Algebraic Fractions Teacher: Mrs Annan, Miss Taylor</p>	<p><b>Geography</b></p>	<p><b>Enterprise</b> Topic: Breakeven point and margin of safety Teacher: Mr Martin</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> April	<p><b>English</b> Topic: <i>Macbeth</i> and <i>A Christmas Carol</i> – Revision Teacher: Mr Shaw, Miss Horsley</p>	<p><b>Science</b> Topic: Teacher: Miss Carter, Ms Begum</p>	<p><b>Sports Studies</b> Topic: Popularity of Sports Teacher: Mr Fuller/Miss Murphy</p>

# Year 10 - Mantras and The Memory Clock

Below are the 'mind set mantras' we have been using with your sons and daughters to encourage them to stay positive in the face of pressures and difficult times leading up to exams. We ask that you continue to use the same mantras at home and encourage your children to look for different ways of overcoming obstacles.



Do you have a growth mindset?

And again...  
And again...  
And again...

Practise changes ability and talent.

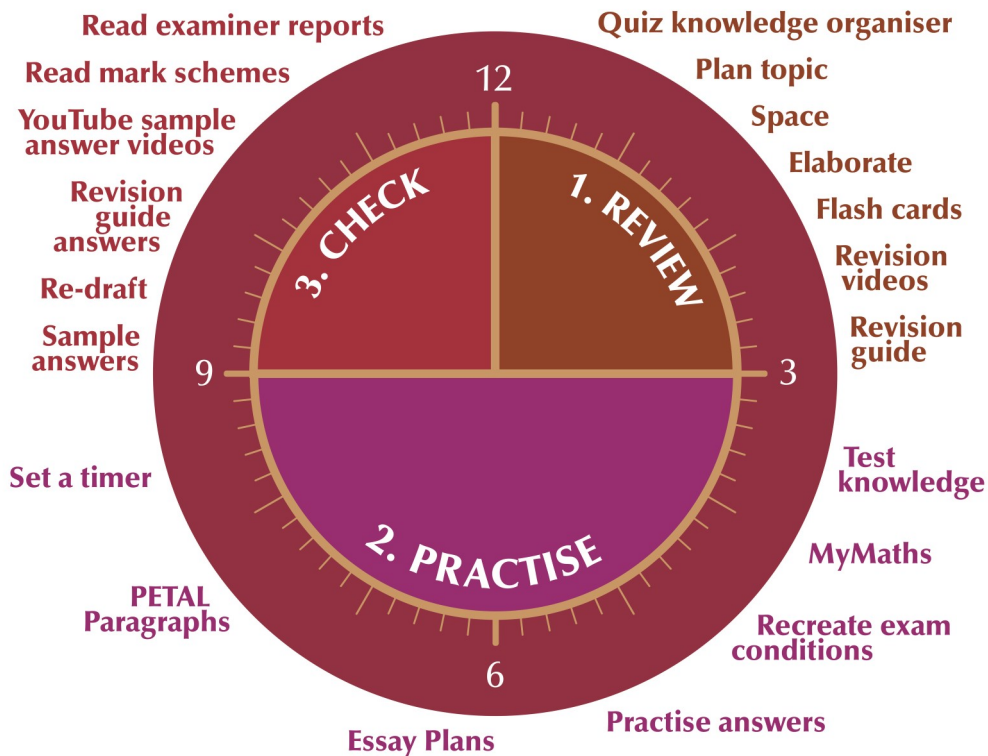
Are you a valley person or a mountain person?

What's your 1%?

'People do not decide their futures, they decide their habits and their habits decide their futures'

'If it's to be, it's up to me'

## The Memory Clock



### Whole School Attendance

96.9%

Year 7

Best Form Attendance

Piccadilly 100%  
Victoria 100%

Year 7

Best Form BFL Grade 1s

Lowry 145 BFL Grade 1s