



# NEWSLETTER

**Safeguarding Tip:** Prejudice-related language and behaviour language including racism and homophobic comments is NEVER acceptable- please encourage your child to report any such issues immediately. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Parents and carers are invited to our

The theme will be:

## Coffee Morning



## Drugs and Alcohol

10th May 2019 10.00am  
Dean Trust Ardwick Main Hall

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### Headteacher's Message

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and were able to make the most of the sunshine! We started the summer term with congratulating Year 7 pupils who went on their first residential Outward Bound Trip to the Lake District at the end of last term. Read on to find out more.

I am delighted to report that so far this year, we hold the second highest attendance record across Manchester secondary schools. Like last year, this is a great achievement for pupils, and the reason we believe, is simple: because our pupils enjoy coming to school! Let us keep up these high standards for the remainder of the year.

We wish the very best to those Year 10 students sitting external languages examinations and BTEC examinations this term which count towards their final exams next year. It is a first for us and a very important time for these students. They have had lots of GCSE exam style practice over the four years at Dean Trust Ardwick, and have worked very hard, so I am sure they will do well.

We wish the Duke of Edinburgh group all the best for their overnight trip to Delamere Forest this weekend! We shall hear about it in next week's newsletter.

Please keep an eye on the school calendar and the diary section below in each newsletter edition, as we have a lot of exciting events coming up this term.

Enjoy a good read,

Ms S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	Exam Information Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Half Term Break
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	Year 9 Exams
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	INSET Day

### Whole School Attendance

97%

Year 10 Best Form Attendance	Year 10 Best Form BFL Grade 1s
Palace and Gaskell 100%	Rylands and Whitworth 106 Grade 1s

## Head of Year Updates

### Year 7 News

Last term a group of 30 Year 7 pupils enjoyed a fulfilling and highly challenging trip to Ullswater, Lake District, where they were pushed to their limits climbing, canoeing and even dipping in a lake! All our pupils' behaviour was exemplary to others, making not only themselves proud, but our school community proud also.

### Year 8 News

A warm welcome back to Year 8 after the Easter break. This last term will be a busy one! My focus for this half term is opening doors of opportunities and making the most of the remainder of this academic year. I have set Year 8 the challenge to try one new activity that they have never done before. This could be joining a new enrichment club or taking on a new hobby.

### Year 9 News

This weekend the final group of Year 9 pupils are completing their Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Delamere Forest. It has been great to see so many pupils being involved in this award and taking time away from school to build many different 'life skills' The course also helps the pupils complete many sections of their *Passport to Excellence*. Well done to all.

### Year 10 News

Year 10 students have now begun their busy exam period and many of them are sitting their first external exams which count towards their final qualification grades. We are holding an Exam Information Meeting for all parents, carers and students in Year 10 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.30pm and strongly recommend that you attend to ensure you are fully equipped to support your child. In the meantime, here is a reminder of the dates for all external exams before our full set of mock exams begin on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Exam	Date
Sports Studies (Mock)	Thursday 25th April
Mandarin Speaking (Mock)	Thursday 25th April
Creative iMedia (Mock)	Friday 26th April
Enterprise (Mock)	Tuesday 30th April
Hospitality and Catering (Mock)	Friday 3rd May
Urdu Speaking (External)	Wednesday 7th May
Italian Speaking (External)	Friday 10th May
Arabic Speaking (External)	Tuesday 14th May
Urdu Listening and Reading (External)	Wednesday 15th May
Sports Studies (External)	Wednesday 15th May
Enterprise (External)	Thursday 16th May
Mandarin Listening and Reading (External)	Wednesday 22nd May
Urdu Writing (External)	Wednesday 22nd May
Italian Listening and Reading (External)	Friday 24th May
Mandarin Writing (External)	Monday 3rd June
Italian Writing (External)	Monday 3rd June
Creative iMedia (External)	Monday 3rd June
Arabic Listening and Reading (External)	Monday 10th June
Arabic Writing (External)	Thursday 13th June
Hospitality and Catering (External)	Tuesday 18th June

### Theme of the Week: *Making the most out of it - How will you make the most of the final term?*

Heads of Year held assemblies this week to welcome pupils back to school and discuss how we can maximise their success in the final school term. Pupils were praised for their hard work so far this year and encouraged to continue aiming for their targets. We expect pupils to take full advantage of the extra-curricular clubs on offer and every pupil should attend at least one club each week.

### Attendance

Congratulations to all our pupils and parents. Due to your continued hard work we are the second highest school for attendance in the whole of Manchester! Keep up the good work!



## Faculty Updates

### Mathematics

120 of our best Year 8 mathematicians and 60 of our best Year 7 mathematicians are preparing for the UK Maths Challenge next Tuesday. This is a national competition that involves a selection of individual problems that increase in difficulty throughout the challenge. Here is a sample of what they're up against! (Answer next week). Good luck to all involved!

If  $\blacktriangle + \blacktriangle = \blacksquare$  and  $\blacksquare + \blacktriangle = \bullet$  and  $\blacklozenge = \bullet + \blacksquare + \blacktriangle$ ,  
how many  $\blacktriangle$ s are equal to  $\blacklozenge$  ?

Try it yourself!

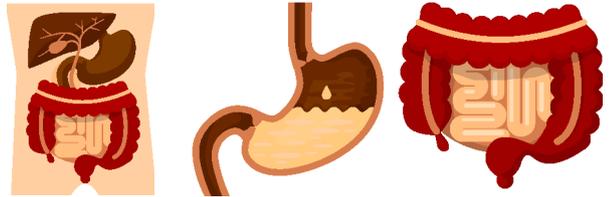
- A 3      B 4      C 5      D 6

### English

This week in English Year 7 have begun reading *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness. We are focusing on building our skills around analysis, and exploring how writers create interesting characters in their stories. Who is your favourite character and why?

### Science

This term pupils in Year 8 are learning all about food and how our bodies digest it. They will experience a hands on approach to the processes and mechanism that occur throughout their own digestive tract.



### Physical Education

As the new term starts we are providing pupils with an increased number of opportunities to participate in different sports. This term will see the addition of new sports clubs such as: Tennis, Cricket and Skateboard for selected pupils. Please see the new extra-curricular timetable for more details. We look forward to seeing lots of faces at the clubs!

#### Dean Trust Ardwick - Extra-curricular Activities

##### Physical Education

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school practice (7.45am - 8.15am) 25 pupils max.				
Lay-Up's Miss Morrison Sports Hall	Lay-Up's Mr Sheldon Sports Hall	Lay-Up's Miss Henshall Sports Hall	Lay-Up's Mr Fuller Sports Hall	Lay-Up's Mr Beaumont Sports Hall
Break time practice (10.40am - 10.55am) 25 pupils max.				
Set Shot's Miss Murphy Sports Hall	Set Shot's Miss Murphy Sports Hall	Set Shot's Mr Smith Sports Hall	Set Shot's Miss Henshall Sports Hall	Set Shot's Mr Beaumont Sports Hall
Lunchtime clubs (12.35pm - 12.55pm) Get your lunch after the club.				
TGfU Mr Buckley Astroturf	TGfU Mr Buckley Astroturf	TGfU Mr Buckley Astroturf	TGfU Mr Buckley Astroturf	TGfU Mr Buckley Astroturf  Change for Life Club Miss Murphy & Morrison
After school clubs (3.00pm - 4.15pm)				
	Cricket Club Mr Rather Sports Hall	Badminton (24 pupils) Mr Beaumont Sports Hall	Team Football Year 7 and 8 PE Staff Astroturf	MUFC & Fun Football All Staff Astroturf
	Rugby Club Mr Higginson & Mr Evans Grass	Girls MUFC Foundation football PE Staff & MUFC Coaches Astroturf	Team Basketball: Year 9 and 10 Mr Beaumont Sports Hall	Skateboarding Club Coaches Sports Hall
	Rounders Club Miss Murphy Astroturf	Team Football Year 10 Mr Sheldon Astroturf	Tennis Club Mr Smith MUGA	



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### Humanities

Year 8 will begin studying the geography of Africa this term. Due to its role as the second largest continent in the world, Africa influences much of our lives, from the natural resources that we use in our everyday life, to our school community with many pupils having a personal connection with Africa. Year 8 have been very enthusiastic when sharing their own links to the continent.



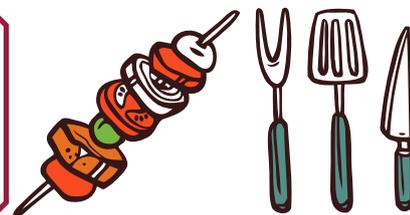
### Design and Technology

Pupils are busy finalising ideas ahead for their projects in Key Stage 3, we will be making CAD CAM clocks, Memphis Inspired Desk Lights and Maze Games this term. Year 10 are preparing for the Non Exam Assessment which will be released later this term.



### Food and Hospitality

This term the Year 10 students will be completing the Unit 1 External Exam, therefore they are busy revising and completing the last pieces of work. Year 7 to 9 pupils are very excited to begin practical lessons next week. We will be making cheese swirls, smoothies and chicken kebabs.



### Art and Design

Year 9 pupils have been working on their poly-prints this week with some excellent results!

### Business and IT

The deadline for submission of the Digital Graphics unit for iMedia is fast approaching. It is good to see that a number of pupils are coming back after school to complete and improve their work.

## Whole School Updates

### Headteacher's Commendation - Intensive Literacy

In intensive literacy classes pupils have been working on producing a letter to Ms Finlay, with their ideas on how to make Dean Trust Ardwick even better. The pupils have been improving upon their sentence structure, varying the types of sentences they use, expanding their vocabulary and using persuasive features in their writing. On Thursday, pupils presented their completed letters to Ms Finlay who was very impressed with their letters and rewarded each pupil with a Headteacher's Commendation!



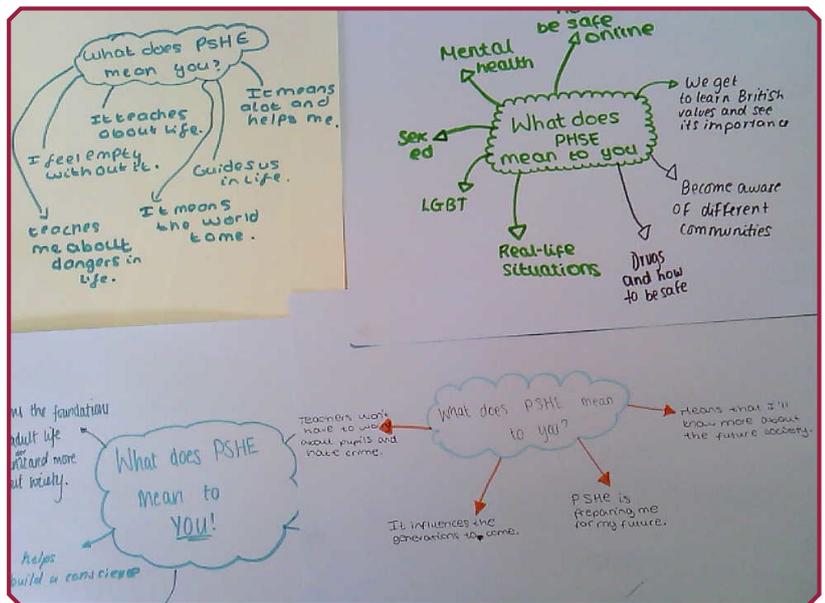
## Ullswater Outbound Trip

Canoeing, climbing, walking, camp fire, dipping in a lake, exploring. These were but a few of the exciting activities our pupils were put to the test on at Ullswater, Lake District from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th April. A group of 30 Year 7 pupils embarked on the experience of a lifetime, testing their strengths and stepping out of their comfort zone. This was a fulfilling experience for everyone involved. Pupils had a strict timetable, which they had to manage themselves, from getting up in the mornings and being on time for breakfast, to ensuring themselves and their peers were fully equipped and ready to face the challenges set for their day. The group was divided into 3 subgroups, each performing different tasks and it was fantastic listening to them all at dinner time, regaling each other on what they did and how proud they were of themselves to really take on the experience. Well done everyone!



## Manchester University Study - Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education

A selection of Year 10 pupils have taken part in a study for Manchester University, designed to assess the impact PSHE has on pupils. Our pupils were asked to think 'What does PSHE mean to me?' before ranking the importance of the different topics they study and making suggestions for future PSHE lessons. The overall consensus was that our pupils believe PSHE prepares them for their future; helping them maintain positive relationships, healthy bodies and minds and equip them with skills to keep them safe in and out of school. The picture below shows some of their responses.



## Rainbow Flag Award

Dean Trust Ardwick is a proud member of the Rainbow Flag Award, recognising that we are an organisation that has a positive approach to inclusion and visibility of LGBT+ people and are committed to the eradication of LGBTphobic bullying. Over the next year we will be updating our policies, conducting pupil and parent voice and challenging heteronormativity in our lessons.

Dean Trust Ardwick

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