

# NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher's Message

Our first ever written external examinations took place this week when Year 10 students sat their Sports Studies and Business Enterprise papers. They had just the right attitude towards the exams and afterwards they reported they thought they had done very well! Good luck to them all.



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

At the same time we had our first ever Geography GCSE field trip, where those taking this option went to Rhyl. Read on to find out more.

Congratulations to everyone who achieved 100% attendance during our big attendance week drive. Read on to find out how well each year group did!

Please also read about our big drive on Plastic Week!

I would also like to draw your attention to our advert at the back of the newsletter inviting you to our first Community Summer Fête. We would love to see you there.

Enjoy a good read!

Ms S. Finlay

**Safeguarding Tip:** Encourage your child to respect the school environment- this includes the people within the school, the surroundings and the local community.

**Eco Tip:** Buy and use a reusable water bottle for school.



Students visited Rhyl for their first GCSE field-trip! Read on to find out more...

## Dates for your Diary

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
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 8 Exams Start

## Whole School Attendance

97%

Year 10  
Best Form Attendance

MOSI  
99.7%

Year 10  
Best Form BFL Grade 1s

Deansgate  
173 Grade 1s



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## Head of Year Updates

### Year 7 News

I am delighted to announce that following last week's drive on attendance, the percentage of pupils in Year 7 with 100% attendance last week was 98.4%, making Year 7 the top year group in attendance! Please join me in congratulating our pupils and thank you for supporting our high standards at Dean Trust Ardwick. On other great news, the following pupils have been chosen in preparation for the upcoming Year 7 Basketball tournament. Well done to Muzamil, Jabe, Maxime, Abdullah, Zakariyya, Joseph, T'Jaunae and Hamza!

### Year 8 News

Last week was the 100% attendance drive. The aim of the drive is to encourage more pupils to be in every day. There were 221 pupils out of 238 who were in everyday last week. Well done to those pupils. The 100% attendance draw will take place during Year 8 Achievement assembly Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

### Year 9 News

The Year 9 cohort had a big push on attendance last week with 268 of the 300 pupils managing to gain 100% for the week – well done! Following the half term break we have our Year 9 exams week. Pupils will be receiving their exam timetables this week and are already revising hard! The half term holidays are a time for rest and recuperation, however, it is also important to get into that habit of planning some time each day to revise – if you prepare right you are much more likely to succeed!

### Year 10 News

We have had a range of 'Post 16 Providers' attending our Year 10 assemblies over this half term. Manchester and Connell College have joined us to talk about their academic and vocational offer. We have also had a visitor from UK Fast, who talked about the opportunities they offer as the number one employer in Manchester and also the employability skills that young people need to secure an apprenticeship. Over the next couple of weeks we will be welcoming The Skills Company, Xaverian and Loreto College.

Exam	Date
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

You can find information on exams and assessments as well as tips and advice on our website:  
[www.deantrustardwick.co.uk/exams-and-assessments](http://www.deantrustardwick.co.uk/exams-and-assessments)

### Theme of the Week: *Mindfulness for 'Mental Health Awareness Week'*

The theme of the week was "Mindfulness and Maintaining Good Mental Health". During assemblies, our pupils were shown Dr Seigel's hand model of the brain to help them understand why it is completely normal to sometimes find it difficult to manage our emotions. We discussed strategies for coping with these difficulties and then practiced them, along with mindfulness meditation in form time. Our key message of the week was to remember that, "thoughts are not facts" and not listen to any of our own negative self-talk. Just because we might think it, does not mean it is true.



**THEME OF THE WEEK**

Week Commencing  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2019



**Mindfulness for 'Mental Health Awareness Week'**

*'How can we help ourselves have healthy minds?'*



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# Faculty Updates

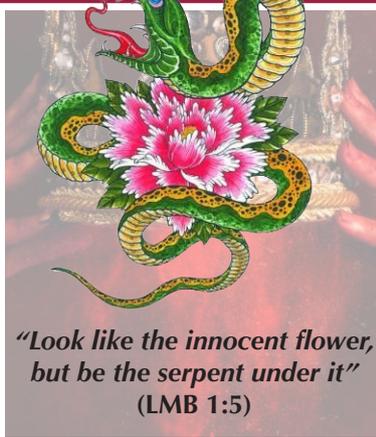
## Mathematics

Year 10 students have been working hard to learn and apply key formulae ahead of their mock exams.



## English

This week's focus in English has been how to successfully prepare for assessments. All years have been working extremely hard at revisiting prior knowledge in order to ensure that they are prepared and confident for their exams. Things that have proven to be particularly successful: flashcards, mind maps and quizzing. How are you preparing for exam season? Can you think of any other ways to successfully secure your knowledge?



## Science

This week in science some Year 7 pupils have been investigating substances which make up inks. They have used this skill to identify crime suspects.



## Physical Education

The Year 10 football team were unfortunate in their 1-3 loss to St Peters in this week's league final. All pupils showed great determination and grit throughout the match despite many of the pupils fasting. Well done to all the pupils involved. This week Cricket Club attracted lots of new faces! Pupils were seen enjoying pairs cricket, practicing their striking and bowling skills. We continue to encourage more pupils to attend, particularly with the indoor cricket competitions approaching!



### 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	

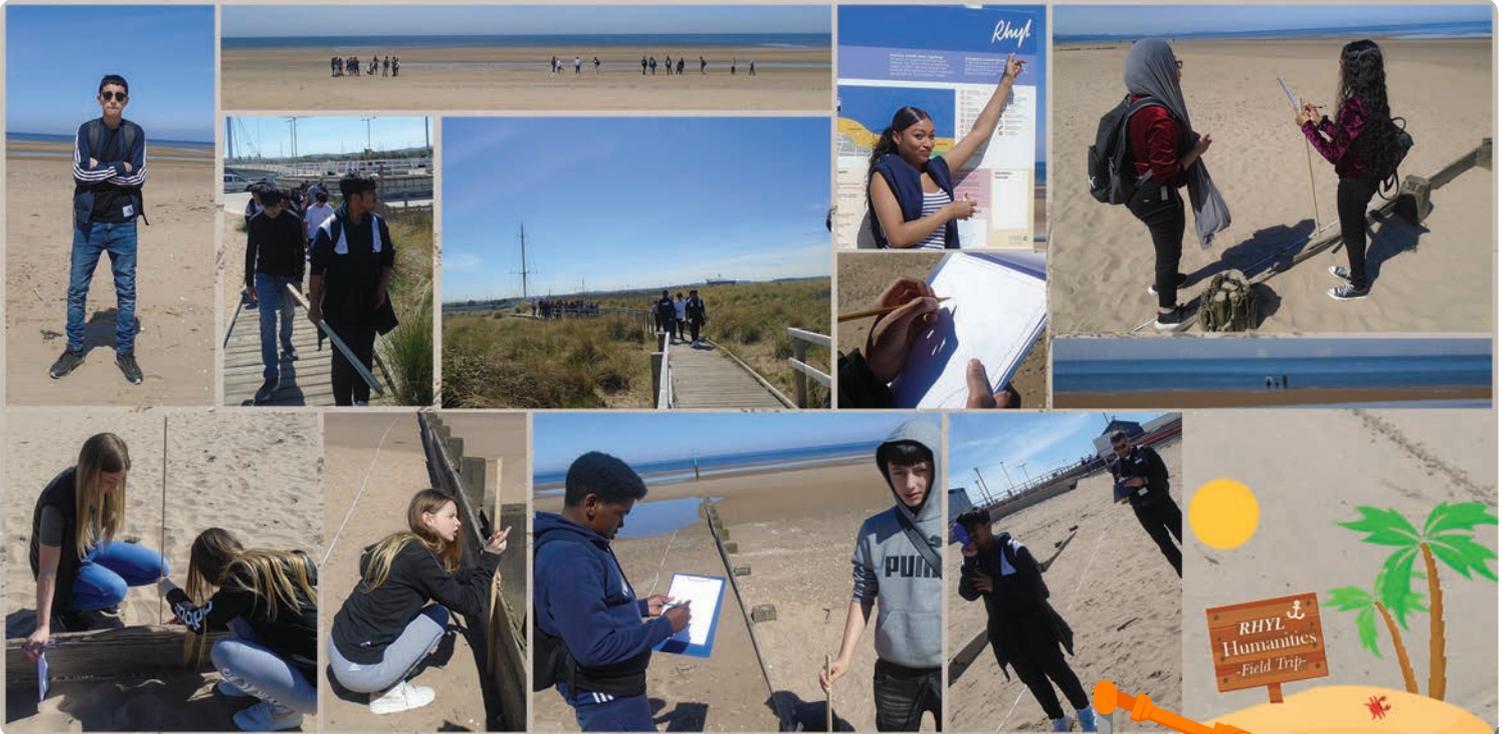


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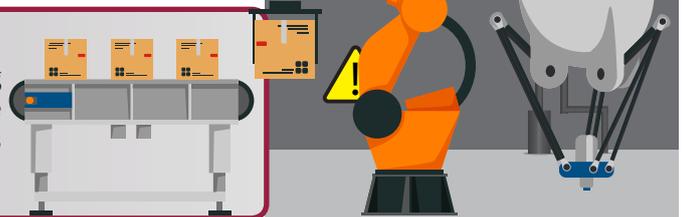
### Humanities - Rhyl, North Wales Field Trip

Over two days, in what can only be described as fantastic weather, Year 10 have put their geography skills into action and completed their GCSE field-trip to Rhyl, North Wales. Students collected data, measured the angles of beaches and assessed the coastal defences protecting Rhyl. Year 10 were brilliant in completing their work, which is vital for their GCSE, and were a credit to the school.



### Design and Technology

This week in design and technology, pupils have been deepening their knowledge of the different scales of production. Spending time exploring the advantages of one-off, batch, mass and continuous production.



### Hospitality and Catering

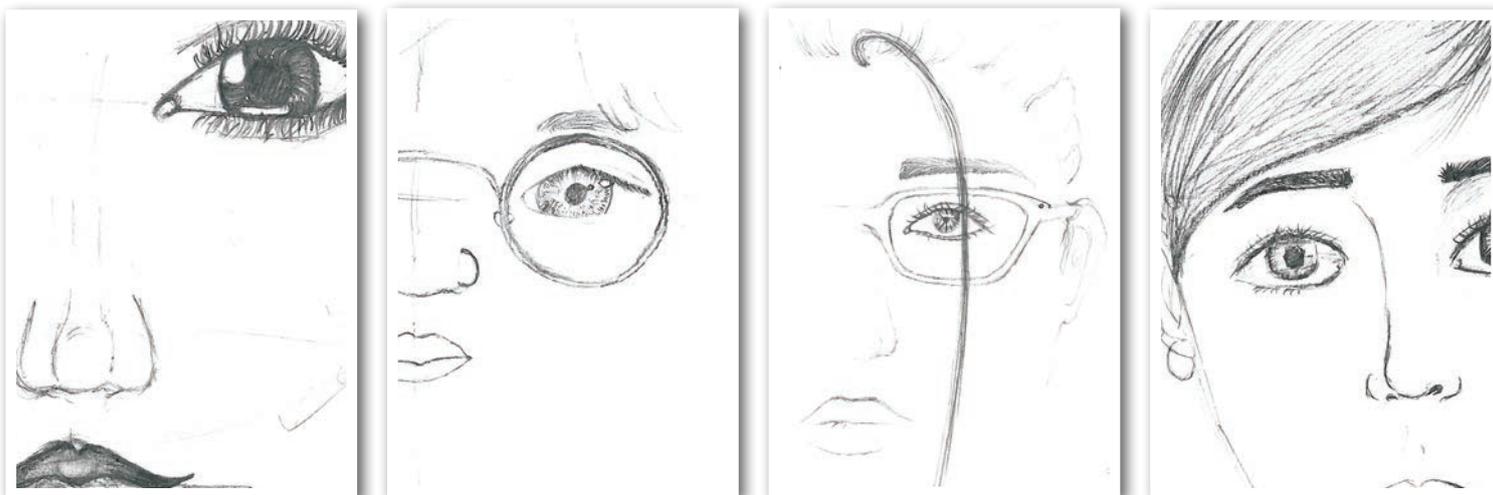
Another busy practical week in hospitality and catering! Year 7 pupils have prepared healthy couscous salads, Year 8 pupils blended their own smoothie recipes and Year 9 have baked a quality batch of Danish pastries! I am sure you will agree from the pictures that the quality of the food produced in 50 minutes is outstanding!



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## Art and Design

Art Club have been learning some portraiture skills in light of their ambition to complete some self-portraits! Pupils drew each other with some excellent outcomes!



## Performing Arts

Year 9 pupils have demonstrated fantastic acting ability in their Blood Brothers project this week. They showed highly developed knowledge of the theme of class divide, when creating two contrasting scenes, based on the contrasting lives of Mickey and Edward.

## Dean Trust Ardwick 'Plastic Week'

Eco-committee have been busy collecting plastic bottles and encouraging staff and pupils to reuse and recycle! The below pictures show just how much plastic they managed to collect. All plastic collected will be recycled and bins are now available around the school for recycling waste plastic and paper! Good job!



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COMMUNITY  
**SUMMER**  
FÊTE

13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR FIRST EVER COMMUNITY FÊTE!

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# TAKING BOOKINGS NOW

State of the art **3G** pitches & **sports hall**  
**BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**  
**WEEKDAYS: 5-10PM WEEKENDS: 9-6PM**

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