

NEWSLETTER

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.

Parents and carers are invited to our

Coffee Morning



The theme will be:

Drugs and Alcohol

10th May 2019 10.00am
Dean Trust Ardwick Main Hall

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Headteacher's Message

Calling Year 10 parents and carers to attend a short but vital GCSE examination information event at school this week on Thursday 9th May at 5.30 pm! We realise many of you could not attend the session on 2nd May at 3.30pm as it may have been at an inconvenient time, so we are giving another chance for you hear about information regarding your child's GCSE and BTEC examinations (several students are sitting BTEC examinations this term).



We would also love to see as many parents as possible at our half termly next week Coffee Morning on Friday 10th May at which we shall be sharing with you on the topic of Drugs and Alcohol, a relevant and important topic that many of you have asked for.

We hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday.

I am aware that many of you will be spending the weekend to prepare for Ramadan. To support pupils, we are promoting the use of the Prayer Room at lunch times, as we appreciate how important it is for them to have the chance to pray, particularly during this month.

So on that note, I would like to wish you a peaceful and happy Ramadan. May the blessings of Allah be with you and your family during this time.

Ramadan Mubarak!

Ms S. Finlay

Dates for your Diary

10 th May 2019	Coffee Morning
25 th May 2019	Half Term Break
3 rd June 2019	Year 9 Exams
5 th June 2019	INSET Day

Whole School Attendance

97%

Year 7 Best Form Attendance	Year 7 Best Form BFL Grade 1s
Rylands & Bridgewater 100%	Lowry 172 Grade 1s

Head of Year Updates

Urgent: GCSE Exam Information Event, Thursday 9th May, 5.30pm

We were very sorry if you were unable to attend this event on Thursday 2nd May. Due to the vital nature of the information shared, we have decided to repeat the event at a later time, because you as parents will be eager to support your child. We cannot stress enough how crucial your attendance at this event is. You must be fully informed of how to support your child through their external exams (which count towards final qualification grades). These GCSE and BTEC exams have now already begun. We look forward to seeing you there and continuing to work together to ensure your child's future success.

Year 7 News

Soon we will embark on our journey to Year 8 and it continues to be an exciting time for our Year 7 pupils. This term holds exciting events ahead, particularly our End of Year trip to Blackpool. There are 60 places available for Year 7 and those pupils with excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour will be eligible to go. Please encourage your child to continue to make positive choices and take on every opportunity available to them at school.

Year 8 News

I would like to congratulate forms 8T Victoria, 8T Gaskell and 8T Turing. All three forms achieved 100% attendance this week! This demonstrates pupils commitment to their learning and to parents who ensure their child is always in school.

Year 9 News

A cohort of Year 9 pupils took part in an Enterprise Day led by the Manchester United Foundation. The pupils took part in various tasks that challenged their creative, communication and team work skills. Mr Buckley commented on their excellent attitude, conduct and willingness to learn. Well done!

Year 10 News

Congratulations to 15 Year 10 students who applied independently to Newcastle University to attend their Summer school. Organised by the University directly, this is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to attend 'on campus' for three days, experiencing first-hand what life is like as a full time independent student. A fantastic opportunity for our pupils from over 2000 applications, well done.

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

THINK

BEFORE YOU SPEAK

T is it **TRUE?**

H is it **HELPFUL?**

I is it **INSPIRING?**

N is it **NECESSARY?**

K is it **KIND?**

Theme of the Week: *The Power of Words*

This week at Dean Trust Ardwick, we have been discussing the power of words. As a school community, we need to think before we speak and ensure that we are not using language that could offend others. Comments based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, family, appearance or wealth can be unkind and divisive. It is so easy to pick up things that others say around us and think that we are just having fun with our friends but actually, they can be taken the wrong way and it is better to prevent any harm than cause it and try and rectify the situation. We are a team at Dean Trust Ardwick and we need to use our words and watch what we say in order to make sure that we are the best team that we can be.



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Faculty Updates

Mathematics

The UKMT Junior Challenge for selected Year 7 and 8 pupils was a great success! Papers have been sent off and we eagerly await the results. The results have come back for the Intermediate challenge that Years 9 and 10 completed. Well done to James in Year 10 along with Mairea and Amina in Year 9 who achieved top marks in the school! Certificates are on their way to you all.

English

This week in English 8t5 and 8d4 have been working on non-fiction texts that promote a safer environment for inner city youth and inform people on the dangers of knife crime. These fabulous Year 8 pupils have worked on their own knife crime campaign, collating the evidence from several relevant articles written on the subject by local community figures.



Science

Five pupils in Year 8 have worked extremely hard towards a STEM project run by Shell. They came up with an innovative solution to the energy crisis we are facing and thoroughly researched how to make this idea come to life. They produced a document which has been sent off to the judging panel at Shell's Bright Ideas.



Physical Education

This week in physical education we have started to introduce our new sports for extra-curricular. On Wednesday, a guest from the British Armed Forces led some team building activities for Year 7. These activities tested pupils physical and mental capabilities and were thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils that took part. Well done to Year 7 for being so polite and well-mannered to our guest.

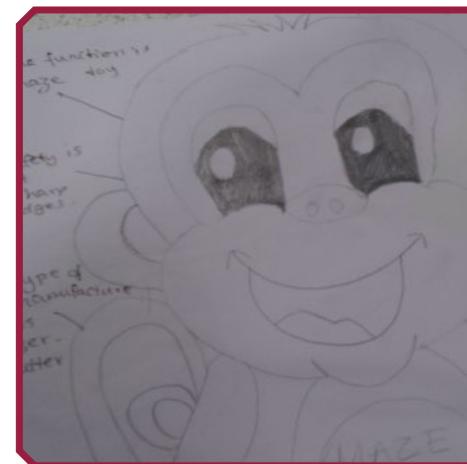
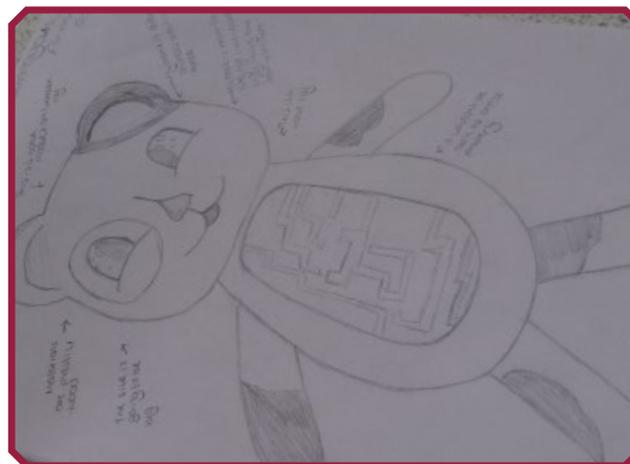
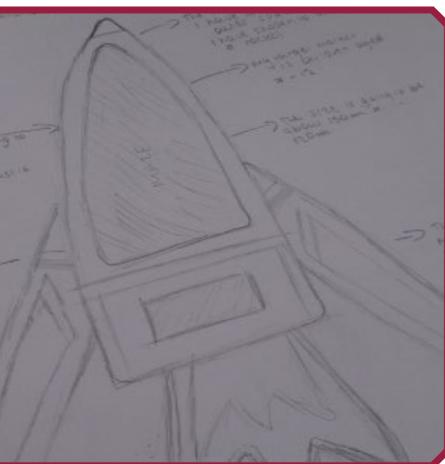
Humanities

Year 7 have been putting their historical skills to the test this week as we move onto our new topic, 'Conflict in British History'. Kick starting with the mapping of the Spanish Armada and England's victory, Year 7 have then produced some fantastic source work analysing portraits of King James I and his depiction of power. Not only do we have great historians on our hands, it would seem we could have a few budding art historians as well, with some brilliant answers.



Design and Technology

This week in Design & Technology the Year 9 pupils have been working on their maze design ideas. Exploring a variety of themes and compositions during the designing phase of the project.



Dulce et Decorum Est
BY WILFRED OWEN

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.

Gas! GAS! Quick, boys!—An ecstasy of fumbling
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime.—
Dim through the misty panes and thick green light,
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.

In all my dreams before my helpless sight,
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.

If in some smothering dreams, you too could pace
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,—
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori.

Performing Arts

Year 7 have been creating some very thought-provoking drama pieces based on the WW1 poem 'Dulce et Decorum Est'. They have used mime and choral speaking to perform specific parts of this very famous poem. Year seven pupil, Remario Baker said, "I have enjoyed using mime to help me to understand how the soldiers felt in the trenches, in WW1".



Duke of Edinburgh Award

This weekend our first group of Year 9 pupils braved the wind and the rain to go camping in Blakemere near Delamere Forest for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. Due to the windy conditions we were unable to walk into the forest on Saturday so instead the pupils had the difficult task of putting up their tents and cooking their meals in the rainy conditions. The pupils did a fantastic job and we were so impressed, not only with how well they did the tasks but also with their incredibly positive and resilient attitudes! They were accompanied by 10 of our teachers who were also very wet and windswept by Sunday morning but luckily we were rewarded with a dry and sunny day. The pupils walked carrying all their equipment into Delamere Forest, once again showing positive and enthusiastic attitudes. We are very proud of our pupils and all they achieved this weekend.



Dean Trust Ardwick Prayer Room

Dean Trust Ardwick is delighted to offer pupils the opportunity to use our prayer room during lunch times starting from next week. It will allow individuals to share and embrace a wide range of faiths whilst relaxing and replenishing their minds. Each pupil can sign up to use the facility and must have a pass in order to use the room. Any questions please see Ms Ashraf in G74. Ramadan Mubarak!

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