



# NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our annual Open Morning took place last Saturday and was a huge success! We welcomed an impressive turn out of parents and prospective pupils, eager to explore our school and experience the extensive range of opportunities we have on offer. Thank you to all pupils and staff involved.

I trust that Year 10 parents and pupils found the *Year 10 GCSE Evening* informative. I ask that you read through the brochures handed out on the night as they contain all the relevant information in regards to your child's next steps in Key Stage 4. Please do not worry if you did not get a booklet on the night as additional copies will be distributed early next week.

*European Day of Languages* was great fun with pupils and staff competing to see who would win a European themed *Bake Off Competition!* Read on to find out more...

*Black History Month* is in full swing with staff and pupils nominating their inspirational local figures. We will have more on that in next week's edition.

We hope that you share our excitement for the upcoming *Year 7 Welcome Evening* and look forward to seeing you all at our first Coffee Morning of the year!

Enjoy this week's news!

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Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** Make sure parental controls are in place on your children's devices.

## Dates for your Diary

10 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Year 7 Welcome Evening
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Coffee Morning
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Fundraising Week
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Year 9 Assessments Start

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# Year 7 Welcome Evening 10th October 2019



## Head of Year Updates

### Year 7 News

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October marks the *Year 7 Welcome Evening* to which all parents, carers and Year 7 pupils are invited to attend. This will be an informative event where you can find out how to best help your child from home, what support is available in school for our pupils and hope to answer any questions you may have. Year 7 have been settling well at Dean Trust Ardwick and I hope the evening will help to further this process for you and your child.

### Year 8 News

This week has been an exciting one for Year 8 as we chose pupils to act as form representatives for each form group. Form reps have been elected by their peers after preparing and presenting a formal letter of application for the role. There has been some outstanding letters written by those wishing to join the council, and it has been fantastic to watch the Year 8 pupils learn about democracy and election processes too! Next week we will be taking applications for the newly introduced Transition Leaders, a role that aims to provide additional peer to peer support for our newly arrived Year 7 pupils. We are looking forward to applications and will be choosing our leaders by the end of the week. Good luck Year 8!

### Year 9 News

Well done again to Year 9 who have had the highest attendance compared with other year groups two weeks on the run! This week we launched the *Peer Mentor Program*. Pupils interested in participating in the program need to complete their application form and hand into either myself or Mr Buckley by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. It is an invaluable role of responsibility for successful pupils and I look forward to reading pupil's applications.

### Year 10 News

On Thursday evening we held our *Year 10 GCSE Parents Information Evening*. It was lovely to see so many parents and pupils in attendance! We held workshops on 'flashcards' 'retrieval practice' and 'purposeful practice' which are three key learning models to help the pupils prepare for their exams over the next two years. Mrs Ford also led a session on careers to give guidance on future post-16 pathways to post-16, this was complimented by a number of external colleges/sixth forms being present in the library. Pupils who were unable to attend with their parents on the evening will be bringing home the information booklets next week.

### Year 11 News

I have been very impressed with the amount of BfL1 grades we have received as a year group this past week! This is an amazing start to the year! Booster sessions and the study base are due to start again next week so please encourage your son or daughter to attend these sessions where they can access additional support from their teachers.



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## Whole School Updates

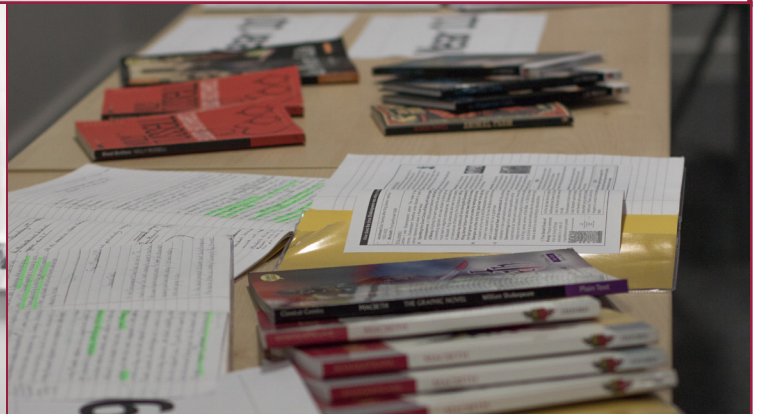
### Mathematics

It has been a busy week in maths, in Key Stage 3 pupils have discovered significant figures, ratios and Year 9 have expanded their knowledge of percentages! In Key Stage 4, pupils have mastered surds and studied circles and trigonometry! Intervention groups have seen a great start and after school revision was really well attended!



### English: Spooky spells!

Parents and prospective pupils who attended last Saturday's *Open Morning* had the pleasure of meeting two evil witches from *Macbeth* and the terrifying 'Woman in Black' who persuaded them to create their own magic spell! The morning was successfully 'scary' and we loved sharing a range of fantastic Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 work produced by our current pupils.



### Science: Physics with ISAAC

This week Year 11 received their ISAAC Physics certificates from the Physics interventions they took part in at The University Of Manchester in Year 10. Well done to each and every one of you for your hard work and fantastic representation of Dean Trust Ardwick. Also, a big thanks to Miss Dillon for leading and sharing this opportunity with them!



### Physical Education: Congratulations girls!

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the Key Stage 3 Girl's Football Team. The girls performed fantastically in their tournament winning 3 of their 4 games and drawing the other with 8 goals scored and 0 conceded! Well done to all the girls that played!



### Humanities: How many miles has *your* food traveled?

As Year 11 are approaching their GCSE exams next year, a number of pupils have been attending Geography intervention classes. This is the perfect opportunity for pupils to revisit content from class and revise key concepts. Pupils have been producing fantastic work, practising their exam technique and writing great answers. This week, Year 11 tested their knowledge of food miles and how the farming industry is changing. Ms Ribbands held a mastermind round with pupils recalling their knowledge with rewards including carrots from Great Britain and hummus from the Middle East!



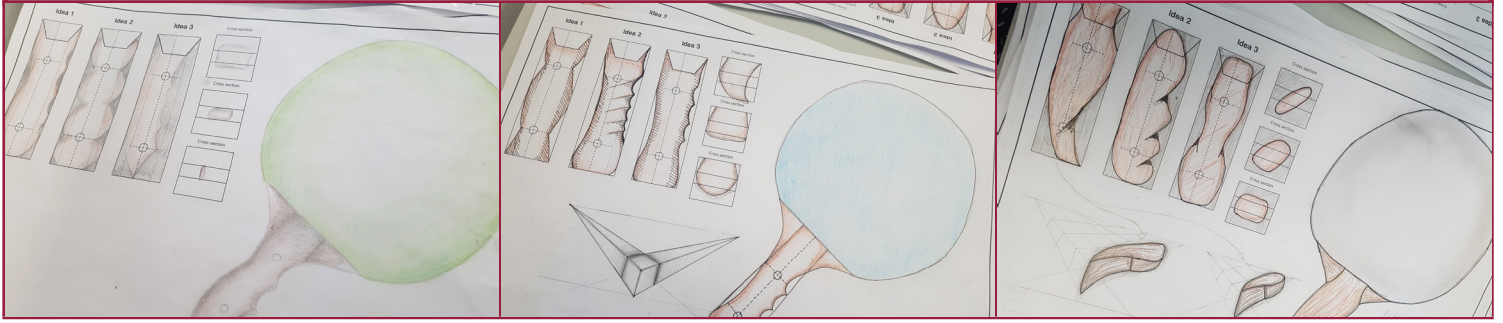
### Hospitality and Catering: Fatless Swiss rolls

Year 10 pupils have been challenging their time management and practical skills by making patterned swiss rolls. Pupils have learnt how to create a fatless sponge using whisking to trap as much air as possible while developing their piping and baking skills. Well done to all pupils!



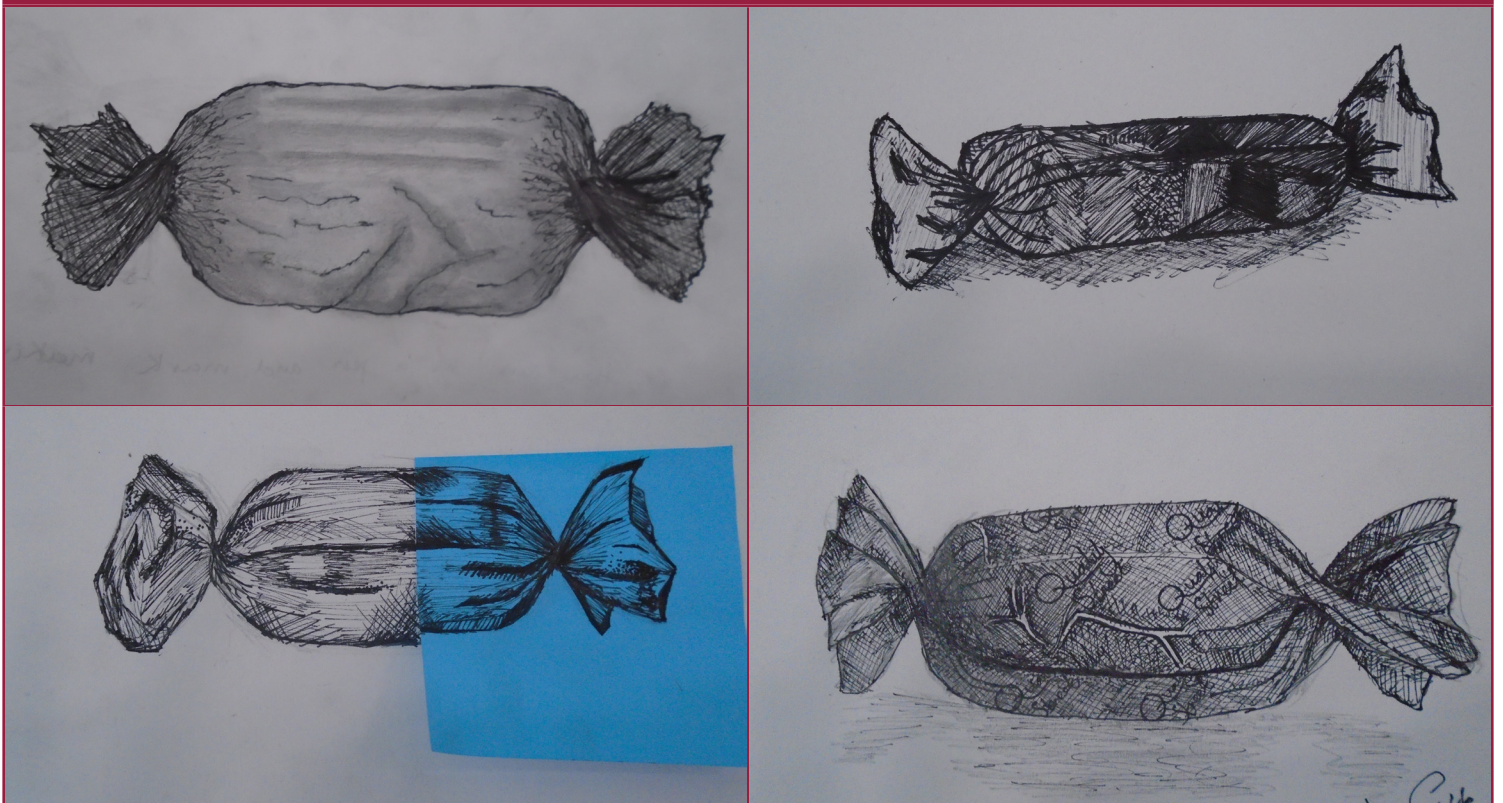
## Design and Technology: Scaled drawings

This week in Design & Technology the Year 10 pupils have been working very hard developing their table tennis bat designs; the pupils have been particularly focused on the scale and tone of their drawings.



## Art and Design

Year 9 have been making stunning progress with their sweets this week, looking at using pen and re-visiting mark making skills.



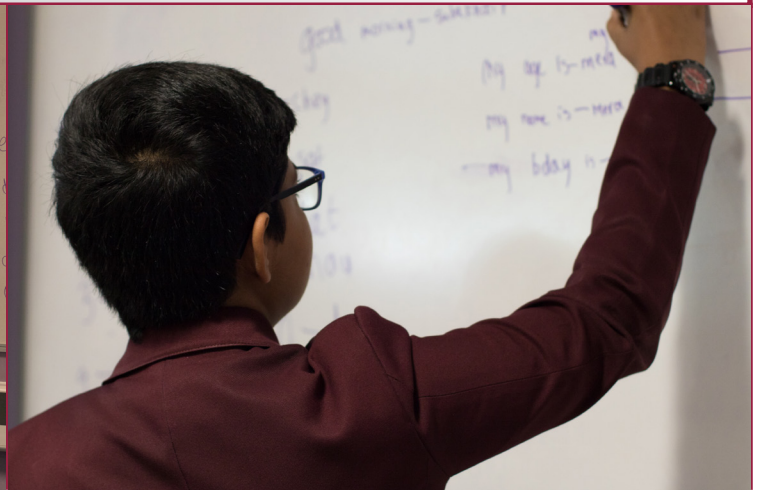
## Performing Arts

A group of Year 10 performers worked hard to create a fantastic piece to perform as part Open Morning on 28<sup>th</sup> September. The performance was called 'Next Stop High School' and aimed to reassure prospective pupils about the transition between primary and secondary school. The group were extremely enthusiastic and demonstrated the high standard of performing arts at Dean Trust Ardwick.



## Modern Foreign Languages: European Day of Languages!

Last Thursday the Modern Foreign Languages faculty led the school in celebrating European Day of Languages. This was an amazing opportunity to celebrate the great diversity of languages and cultures at Dean Trust Ardwick. Pupils and staff created some tasty treats in our first European Day of Languages Bake Off; designed t-shirts and spent the day speaking different languages. Please enjoy the photographs of the day below!



## Open Morning: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Our annual Open Morning exceeds itself again! The air hummed with excitement as parents and pupils set off to seek out passport stamps from each of the faculties; greeted by witches, plumes of fire and freshly baked pizzas! It was great to hear so many parents asking questions about the curriculum and we hope that all who attended, found the day informative. We look forward to seeing you next year!

