



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents to our Year 7 Welcome Evening on Thursday. We trust that you left the evening full of techniques on how to support your child during their Key Stage 3 studies.

We were incredibly proud to present *SPIN Manchester* a cheque for £900 raised during the *Community Fête* we held in July. The amount raised demonstrates the generosity of our pupils, parents, staff and local community and I would like to thank everybody involved for their enthusiasm in supporting such a fantastic organisation!



Ms S. Finlay Headteacher

We anticipate a big turnout for our first Coffee Morning of the year on Friday 25th October. The year ahead will be the topic of discussion and parents are invited to ask guestions and share ideas with myself and other

members of staff. Refreshments will be available throughout the event.

I urge Year 11 pupils to take full advantage of drop in sessions held by Miss Ford. The sessions are a fabulous opportunity to obtain information on post-16 options.

Read on to find out how the English faculty celebrated National Poetry Day with local poet Keisha Thompson!

Enjoy this week's news,

Ms S. Finlay

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

Dates for your Diary				
25 th October 2	2019	Coffee Morning		
4 th November 2019		Fundraising Week		
12 th Novembe	er 2019	Year 9 Assessments Start		

SPIN: Supporting People In Need

Last week we welcomed SPIN Manchester; a charitable organisation with the goal of tackling homelessness and poverty within Manchester. Ms Finlay, Miss Bostock and the Head Girl and Head Boy all met with the representives from SPIN to present them with a cheque of £900! We raised the money during the *Community Fête* we held in July last year. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the event! The £900 raised will be used by SPIN to put towards building an IT suite for the service users. Visit supportingpeopleinneed.org for more information.

Parents and carers are invited to our



The Year Ahead 25th October 2019 / 9.00 - 10.00am

Year 7 News

Year 7 pupils have been eagerly applying for the position of School Council Representative this week! The decision was not an easy one due to the sheer amount of applications, however, we made a decision. Please join me in congratulating the Ellie on her excellent achievement in becoming Year 7 School Council Representative!

Year 8 News

Our new *Transition Leaders* have been selected and their training starts next week! They will be offering additional, peer to peer transition support to Year 7 throughout the year. Another shining example of fantastic leadership and support skills from the Year 8 pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick! We will also be voting for our *School Council Representative* for Year 8 this week. The elected member will have the privilege of sitting on our school council and representing their fellow peers. Good luck to all!

Year 9 News

Well done to the Year 9 boys' football team for winning 5-4 against St Peter's! Myself and Mr Randles are extremely proud with the sheer determination that the boys displayed. I will be out supporting the team again this week as they play King David. A reminder that *Peer Mentor* applications need to be handed in to Mr Buckley by Friday 18th October.

Year 10 News

This week a group of Year 10 pupils are on a residential trip to RAF Leeming. During this time they are participating in a number of team building activities that aim to improve their communication, confidence and self-efficacy. Next week we look forward to the report on their progress from Mr Buckley and Miss Dillon and hopefully some photographs too!

Year 11 News

These next few weeks your child will be writing their personal statements for their college applications. This is a very important process in ensuring that they make a great first impression and are able to secure a college place of their choice. Please ask your child about what it is they are saying about themselves and give them guidance at home. Miss Ford, the careers advisor, is on hand for drop in sessions for anyone to go and see her after school to get some individual one to one support.

Careers Drop Ins					
Year 7 – 10	Tuesday	Lunchtime	G06		
Year 11	Wednesday	3.20 – 4.00pm	Library		
Themed Drop In	Thursday	12.45 - 1.10pm	G74		

External Sector Drop Ins					
17-10-2019	Royal Exchange Theatre	Carys Williams	Creative Sector		
24-10-2019	Manchester Film School	Jim Grainger	Creative Sector		
Venue G74. Any Year Group Welcome. Register interest via Miss Ford / Form Tutor					

Whole School Updates

Mathematics

In Key Stage 4, Year 10 have had the opportunity to recap some key skills from last year in order to prepare themselves for their next step in learning complex mathematics. Year 11 have produced impressive work around shapes! Intervention groups have continued to be successful and mathematics extracurricular clubs have been well attended! Can you name the shapes below?







English: Passionate poetry!

In celebration of *National Poetry Day*, on Monday 7th October, Year 7 and Year 8 pupils were treated to a poetry workshop from the fabulous performance poet Keisha Thompson. The pupils saw some great active poetry and experienced a workshop, creating their own 'Lune' poems; fast poems with a shocking twist! Pupils had an amazing experience and really got their creative juices flowing; hopefully generating a passion for poetry for life.



Science: Carbon and combustion!

Year 8 have been learning about combustion! Using limewater, pupils tested for the carbon dioxide released when burning fuel. Pupils have investigated complete and incomplete combustion and can explain the dangers of carbon monoxide.



Physical Education: Would you make a good rugby player?

The Year 10 football team were unfortunate in their 6-4 loss to St Peter's. Both teams were level at half-time before St Peter's scored a further two goals in the second half. Well done to all the pupils involved! With Rugby tournaments approaching we are recruiting players across all year groups and genders to participate at Rugby Club on Tuesday.



Humanities: The King of England

Year 7 have been continuing to show their enthusiasm for Medieval England and have been fantastic in learning about the Battle of Hastings, particularly the gory details of battle. This has extended to their homework, where they have produced some fantastic work on the different type of knights that were in battle and helped William of Normandy to become the new King of England.



Hospitality and Catering: Exam preparation!

Year 10 pupils have been working extremely hard to complete their *learning objective 1* in preparation for the external exam later this academic year. Pupils have been learning about job roles within the hospitality and catering sector by reflecting on their own personal attributes and skills required to further progress.



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Design and Technology: Striking design! In Design & Technology Year 9 have began creating their own speaker designs focused on celebrating the Apple 'Ipod Silhouettes' campaign. Pupil's must utilise the contrast of vibrant colourful backgrounds and bold silhouette figures to create striking designs. During the design process pupils have been exploring a variety of iconic themes from the music industry including musicians, performers, dancers and DJs.



Art and Design

Year 8 have produced stunning colour pencil studies, showing their understanding and creative use of colour and their excellent blending skills!



Modern Foreign Languages: Traditional Irish Dancing

Next Tuesday Ms Martin will be holding a traditional Irish dance club after school. It is a great way to keep fit and learn about a new culture. It is not too late to join! Come along to Room 220 at 3.00pm on Tuesday to enjoy the craic and make sure you watch this space for plenty of upcoming photographs!

Performing Arts: Piano Club!

Piano Club is proving a very popular choice for pupils who wish to practise or develop a new talent. This week we had over 30 pupils attend, ranging from absolute beginners to experienced players. Miss Bostock said "We are thrilled that so many of our pupils have showed fantastic enthusiasm for the piano and we are looking forward to seeing what pupils can achieve in the weeks to come."



Dean Trust Ardwick Library

Year 7 and 8 pupils were treated to Keisha reading her own poetry and were then encouraged to write their own poems in the short form known as a 'Lune'. As well as being a poet, Keisha is also a theatre-maker and runs the *Young Company Group* at the Contact Theatre on Oxford Road and we enjoyed hearing about the links between poetry, rap, music and theatre. We have bought Keisha's book to add to our poetry collection in the Library and I recommend her work for everyone interested in words, maths and space!

Make Your Mark Campaign

Pupils took part in the UK Youth Parliament Make Your Mark campaign where children across the country can vote on the topics they want the UK Youth Parliament to discuss in the House of Commons. 1,162 pupils took part, on issues across the United Kingdom, issues across Britain and issues affecting their local area

