



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now the proud holders of the *Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award!* The award is granted to schools that demonstrate the embedding of children's rights within school policies, practice and ethos. We hope that you join us in celebrating this incredible achievement and watch this space as we start our journey to the *Gold Award*.

Black History Month is in full swing as staff and pupils reflect on the diverse histories of those from African and Caribbean descent. This year we are focusing on the achievements and contributions of local figures within Ardwick and throughout Greater Manchester. Read on to discover the many other ways we are celebrating this month!

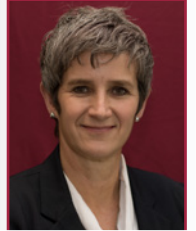
Wednesday was filled with excitement as pupils across the school attended our *Extra-curricular Fayre*. It was lovely to see so many pupils signing up to experience new clubs and we continue to encourage pupils to attend a club every week.

Read on to find out how pupils visited RAF Leeming to expand their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics!

I anticipate a large turn out for our first coffee morning of the year and look forward to meeting you there.

Enjoy this week's news,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Please do not send your child into school with medication. You must fill in a medical consent form and the medicine must be stored in the medical room at school.

Dates for your Diary

25 th October 2019	Coffee Morning
4 th November 2019	Fundraising Week
12 th November 2019	Year 9 Assessments start

Extra-curricular Fayre 2019: Read on to find out more!



Parents and carers are invited to our

COFFEE MORNING

The theme will be

'The Year Ahead'

with a chance to meet our ECO Committee

Friday 25th October 2019 / 9.00 - 10.00am

Head of Year Updates

Year 7 News

At Dean Trust Ardwick we place a high priority on homework. It is a vital tool in learning, ensuring pupils develop positive study skills and habits that will serve them well throughout their life. We encourage parents and carers to check their child's planner each day to ensure pupils are completing their weekly homework set. We urge pupils to seek help from their teachers if they are struggling with their homework.

Year 8 News

We have been extremely fortunate to have interviewed a series of very promising Year 8 candidates to represent the entire year group on the whole-school council. We had some outstanding discussions in the interview process, which is already providing us with a severe 'selection headache'! We will announce the successful candidate during our achievement assembly next week! So watch this space...

Year 9 News

Congratulations to the following forms 9D Whitworth, 9T Gaskell, 9T Victoria, who all achieved 100% attendance last week! Also, Gaskell attained the top BfL 1 grades during last week! The Year 9 boys' football team had their second win in a row, beating King David School 3-0. Next week will be the Year 9 Achievement assembly whereby we will be recognising pupils who have consistently shown outstanding behaviour, effort, attitude and progress.

Year 10 News

A huge well done to those Year 10 pupils that attended the STEM Residential at RAF Leeming last week with Mr Buckley and Miss Dillon. All of those that attended successfully achieved the 'Discovery' level of their Science CREST award and were a credit to the school throughout. They worked tirelessly and behaved immaculately from start to finish. Well done all!



Year 11 News

Mr Worthington held a Year 11 assembly on respect and tolerance this week. I am confident that Year 11 took his advice on board and that they left the assembly with an understanding of how self respect can affect one's achievements. As a school and as a year group, we ensure that our pupils establish the necessary academic and personal characteristics for success. One of these success characteristics is independent learning. Please continue to support your sons and daughters in completing their homework.

External Sector Drop Ins

24-10-2019

Manchester Film School

Jim Grainger

Creative Sector

Venue G74. Any Year Group Welcome. Register interest via Miss Ford / Form Tutor

BLACK HISTORY

Black History Month 2019

Activities throughout the school have been taking place to celebrate *Black History Month 2019*. This year we have decided to have community focus and celebrate inspirational figure from our local community and within Greater Manchester. Staff have filled in fact files on an inspirational figure of their choice.

During form time pupils have discussed the importance of *Black History Month*. Pupils were encouraged to discuss with their peers the many reasons for why we celebrate it and were later asked to share their ideas during Miss Williams' assembly.

Why do we celebrate BHM?

- To remember
- To reflect
- To celebrate



How can we do more to celebrate?

Think about the subjects we teach in school, how could they incorporate more black history or important black people into their curriculum?



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

My inspirational figure is...



My Name	Ms Ribbards
My inspiration is	Walter Tull
Date of Birth	28th April 1888
Place of Birth	Folkestone, England
Nationality	British
Why they inspire me...	Walter was an orphan who grew up in a orphanage in London, he's mum died of cancer when he was only 3. He became the first black player to play for Tottenham Hotspurs at the age of 21. He also became the first footballer to enlist to the British Army during World War 1 in 1914. Tull was commissioned as a second lieutenant on 30 May 1917, he became the first mixed-heritage infantry officer in a regular British Army regiment. He showed great resilience and dedication to his country. I particular like how he gave up his football career to fight for his country.

Inspirational figure is...



When many people would have given up Lamin Manneh did not. He has represented Great Britain in two Invictus Games, and has 4 Invictus Games medals.
He is such an inspiration to me. I can only hope that I could be as brave and determined as he is when I encounter any difficulties.

MONTH

English: Come and debate!

Do you have a passion for debating issues that are close to your heart? Come and join us at debate club and learn how to stand up for what you believe in! During your time here you will: Take part in opportunities to compete against other schools across Manchester, debate issues which are relevant to you, and most importantly, have your thoughts and ideas heard!

Dean Trust Ardwick
Debate Club

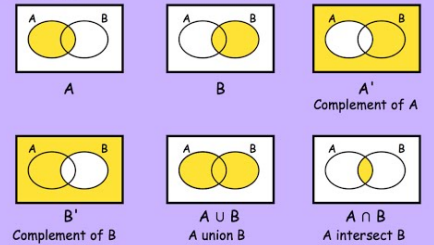
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- Take part in opportunities to compete against other schools across Manchester.
- Debate issues which are relevant to you.
- Have your thoughts and ideas heard.

Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.15pm in Room 206



Mathematics: Venn diagrams!

A huge well done to those that attended, and worked hard in, the after school mathematics session this Tuesday. Lots of pupils seized the opportunity to secure their understanding on key topics such as Venn diagrams and prime factor trees. Pupils worked through problems together and presented brilliant explanations to their peers, helping consolidate their own knowledge of the subject.



Science: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Well done to all pupils who attained their 'Discovery' level of the Science CREST award during the RAF Leeming residential last week. Pupils were introduced to real project work and had the freedom to run their own investigations in order to attain the award. Pupils developed their team-work throughout the trip and gained a deeper understand of where STEM can take you! Well done to all pupils involved.



WE ARE A UNICEF SILVER RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL



Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



Humanities: The Silver Eco-Schools Award!

Dean Trust Ardwick is now the proud holder of the *Silver Eco-Schools Award* for excellence in our environmental action and learning within our school! Ms Ribbands and Ms Ashraf have worked tirelessly with the *Eco Committee* to make Dean Trust Ardwick a greener and environmentally friendly community. Across school, more and more reusable bottles are being used, and pupils are reflecting on how we can make a difference in protecting our environment for the future. We look forward to our next step of securing the Green Flag Award!

Hospitality and Catering: Delicious treats!

This week Year 10 hospitality and catering pupils had the option of making either brownies or blondies. The focus was to learn about the melting method when making either of these products and how to achieve the perfect gooey, 'fudgy' bake. Some pupils went the extra mile and developed their final flavours by adding additional ingredients such as nuts and fruit! All pupils were fantastic and created a range of mouth-watering goods!



Physical Education

Well done to those in Year 11 that represented the school at the first Manchester United Foundation Hub football tournament of the year at Co-op Academy, North Manchester. The boys were desperately unlucky to lose on penalties in the final of the competition despite dominating the game in normal time. Our Year 10 pupils will be aiming to go one better at the next competition in November.

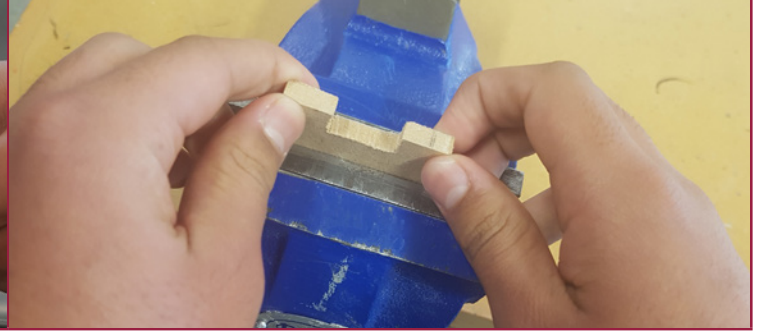
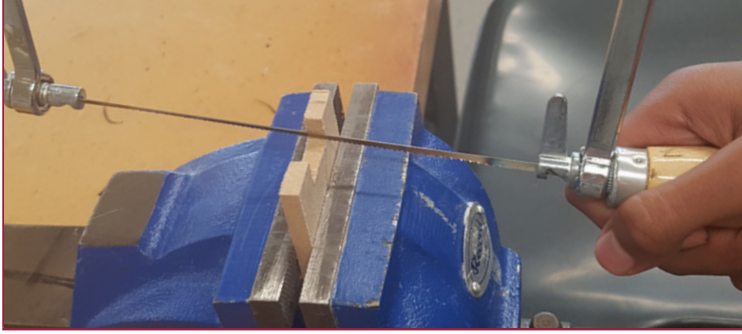
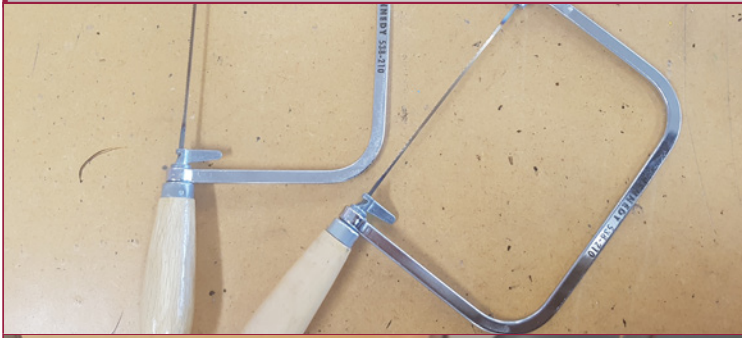
Art and Design: Stunning acrylic paintings

Year 10 producing some excellent Liam Spencer studies using acrylic paint on black paper with some outstanding results.



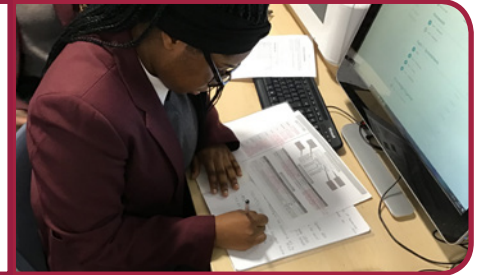
Design and Technology: Safety first!

This week in Design and Technology Year 7 pupils have learnt how to effectively use coping saws to cut out their finger joints for their desk tidy. A key focus this week was safety in the workshop.



Information Technology: Key information!

Pupils in Year 8 have been using their knowledge organisers to support the completion of tasks in lesson and develop their understanding and revision materials. Below, Zainab has used a blank knowledge organiser to retrieve all of the key content that she needs to know within this unit! Also keep an eye open on the information technology Faculty screens for exciting opportunities within the IT Faculty!



Inclusion: Conversation skills

This week our *Sunshine Group* have been working on their social skills. We have worked on personal space and how best to hold a conversation. Miss Fitzgerald also introduced how to start a conversation: 'What did you have for tea last night?', 'What did you do at the weekend?'

We have also practised taking turns whilst having a conversation and displayed to each other how to listen to what each person is saying. Lastly we have shared relaxation techniques, things to do when we feel anxious or stressed and what we can do independently to solve these problems. These pupils have been given the task of using the techniques throughout school and Mrs Fitzgerald will revisit them next half term.



Extra-curricular Fayre

On Wednesday we held our *Extra-curricular Fayre* in the main hall, running throughout the entire day. The purpose of the fayre was to promote the vast range of extra-curricular clubs that are available to pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick. Pupils were able to have a taste of what the clubs offer before signing up, ready for half term 2. The hard work of staff and pupils involved enabled a hugely successful day and a positive experience for all involved.

