



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a refreshing break, we kicked off this half term with a *Refocus Day*. I trust that pupils have reflected on the guidance delivered during the day and feel positive about their upcoming assessments and mock examinations. I urge you to encourage your child to make full use of the revision sessions made available after school.

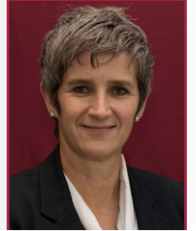
As *Black History Month* comes to a close, we look back on the exciting activities that have taken place over the past few weeks. It is vital that we foster an understanding of black history and provide our pupils with exceptional role models from the past. Read on to find out how the humanities department celebrated this month with a twist on film club...

Please join me in welcoming the new *School Council*. The council will act as a gateway for pupils to voice their opinions in whole school matters.

Read on to see how Year 11 are preparing for their Unit 2 Hospitality and Catering practical exam!

Enjoy this week's news,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Stay safe during bonfire week. Stick to organised events and keep fireworks out of reach of children.

Dates for your Diary

11 th November 2019	Remembrance Day
12 th November 2019	Year 9 Assessments start
18 th November 2019	Year 7/8 Assessments start

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Head of Year Updates

Year 7 News

It is a fresh start this half term and it is a delight to see Year 7 continuing with the high standards that we expect at Dean Trust Ardwick. Pupils have been reflecting on their journey at Dean Trust Ardwick so far. In form time and assemblies the focus has been on standards and behaviour. It is also an exciting time of the year with the up and coming *Year 7 Christmas Disco* which will take place at the end this half term!

Year 8 News

Welcome back Year 8, we hope that you had a fantastic half-term break! We are straight back into the swing of things with a focus on standards and expectations. Pupils have completed a series of re-focus sessions to ensure we maintain the highest possible standards for behaviour, attendance and attitude towards learning. Year 8 achieved 96.3% attendance and 97.5% BfL 1 & 2 grades during half-term 1!

Year 9 News

This is an important term for Year 9 as assessments are starting on the 12th November. Pupils have been provided with a set of knowledge organisers to use for revision and will have their knowledge tested during lessons. Parents and carers can aid their child in revision by quizzing them on the information within knowledge organisers. Homework is set weekly for every subject and can be found on *Google Classroom*. Pupils are expected to complete *all* homework on time.

Year 10 News

Year 10 took part in a 're-focus morning' on the first day back after half term. The purpose was to revisit the work that we looked at in September regarding best practice and habit forming to give themselves the best chance of academic success in their examination years. We are having another drive on homework completion so please can parents continue to support the pupils at home.

Year 11 News

All of Year 11 have now had their second career appointment with Miss Ford and are busily completing their personal statements and applications for their post-16 choices. It is very exciting to see our pupils taking their first step towards making their aspirations a reality. Thursday's *Career Drop In* was delivered by Dr Beverley Tyrell and focused on her career as an educational psychologist. It was excellent to see so many of Year 11 in attendance! Should you have any queries about your child's future, please get in touch with Miss Ford.

Weekly Attendance Best Forms

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7D Palace & 7T Gaskell	8D Rylands	9D Palace	10D MOSI	11D Whitworth
100%	99.6%	100%	100%	100%

School Attendance = 97.3%

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2019

Black History Month

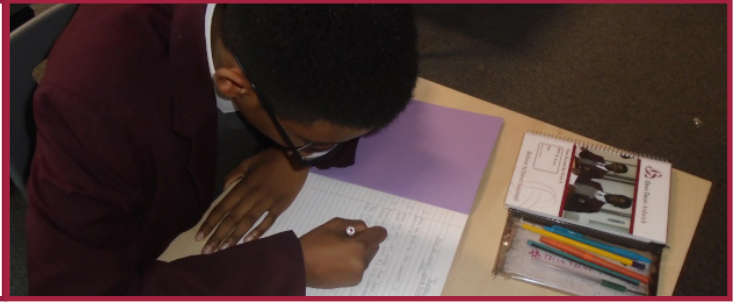
Black History Month is an important time in which we celebrate the history, arts and culture of the black community. This year we focused on our local community and the Greater Manchester area with the help of local youth worker Kemoy Walker. Pupils attended assemblies, led by humanities ambassadors, which considered the significance of black history and how it shaped modern Britain. Across the school, fact files filled doors with information on local black figures who had acted as an inspiration for members of staff at Dean Trust Ardwick.

Black History Month is a fantastic opportunity to raise the aspirations of pupils by providing them with positive role models and inspirational individuals. We are confident that we have successfully raised the awareness of *Black History Month* within our community and we look forward to celebrating again next year!

Read on to discover how humanities celebrated *Black History Month* with a lunchtime *Black History Month Film Club*...

English: Revision techniques.

It has already been a busy, but successful, first week back in the English Faculty. Year 10 are hard at work preparing for their mock examinations this December. We have started to build and develop many different revision strategies, such as flashcards and quizzing, to aid retaining information in our long-term memory both within and out of the classroom.



Mathematics: Maths with roller coasters!

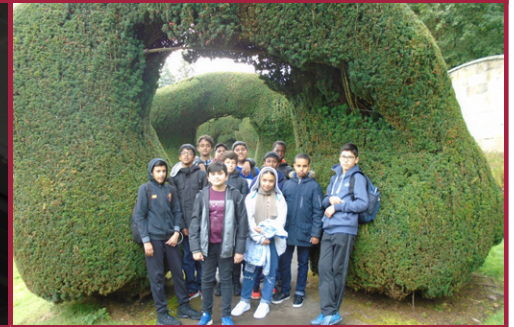
During the last week of half term, a selection of Year 8 and Year 9 pupils visited Alton Towers to explore how mathematics is used to run a theme park. The *Mind Boggling Maths Talk* was a dynamic and interactive event with pupils certainly benefiting from experiencing mathematics applied in a real life situation.



Ride Investment

- Oblivion bought by an approximate 150,000 additional visitors per year.
- The average income per visitor is £23
- Oblivion cost £12,000,000

How long will it take to pay back the cost?



Science: Bacteria and natural selection!

In Science Year 9 have been investigating evolution by natural selection, as part of their inheritance topic. The photo shows Zahra Jami's comic strip, which illustrates the story of how some bacteria have evolved to be resistant to antibiotics. Well done Zahra for creating an engaging story!

Panel 1: A bacterium is labeled "wiggle". A jellyfish-like creature is also labeled "wiggle". Below them, it says "! Bacteria 'exists!'".

Panel 2: A bacterium is being attacked by a circular "Anti-body" (antibiotic). The sound effect "DUN DUN DUN" is written. Below, it says "Bacteria exposed to !Antibiotics!".

Panel 3: The bacterium is dead, labeled "R.I.P Bacteria.". A "Anti-" body is nearby. The text says "oh no!" and "AAAH". Below, it says "Bacteria killed ...".

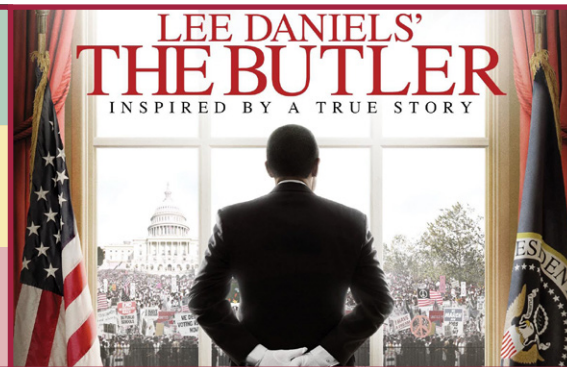
Panel 4: A bacterium with a crown on its head is shown. The text says "Huhuhuh...". Below, it says "Bacteria resistant to Antibiotics LIVE!".

Panel 5: A bacterium with a crown is looking at a "Anti-" body with a surprised expression. The text says "What". Below, it says "Bacteria becomes more resistant to anti-.".

Panel 6: A large group of bacteria with crowns are shown. The text says "Bacteria Colonies." and "Growing". Below, it says "Survive and... Reproduce."

Humanities: Black History Month

During October humanities have been running the *Black History Month Film Club*. Pupils have been able to spend their lunchtimes watching films that celebrate black culture. This has been a great opportunity for pupils to reflect on stories that may have been previously under represented in cinema. The films shown described the struggles, the successes and history of Black stories. Kyra and Iwowari in Year 8 both thought *The Butler* was the best film of the month. Kyra said, "it was incredibly moving", whilst Iwowari said, "4 out of 5 stars – what a film!"



Physical Education: Sport Successes!

Well done to the Year 8 basketball team whom won their first game against William Hulme Grammar School in a tight fixture ending 22-20! The boys were brilliant in their resilience and determination. Similarly, well done to the Key Stage 3 girls football team whom finished 2nd in their tournament! Lastly, unlucky to the Year 7 football team narrowly losing 2-1 in the last couple of minutes against Didsbury High School.



Performing Arts: Christmas Show!

Preparations are underway for this year's *Winter Showcase!* This year is going to be extra exciting as it will feature extracts from 'The Grinch' by Dr Seuss. The performance will include a variety of pieces of drama, dance and music and promises to be a spectacular way to end the Autumn term. Pupils who wish to be involved should see Ms Vercoe as soon as possible. Information about tickets will be released soon!



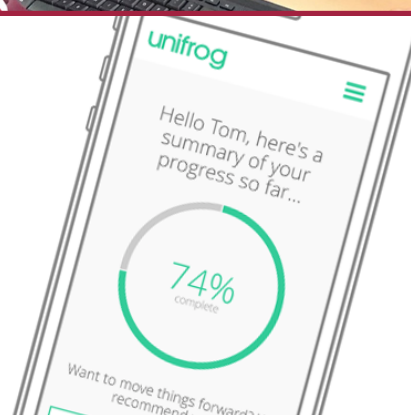
Computer Science: www.unifrog.org

In Computer Science this week pupils have begun to use the Unifrog website to develop their knowledge and understanding of the careers available to them. This website also has features available that shows what pathways are available once they leave Dean Trust Ardwick. Why not see which careers have been favoured and how your children could get to achieve their career goals.



The complete destinations platform.

We help pupils compare every opportunity, then apply successfully. We also empower teachers and counsellors to manage the progression process effectively.



Hospitality and Catering:

Year 11 pupils are now experimenting and practising new and tested recipes ahead of the Unit 2 practical exam later this academic year. Each pupil has researched and chosen a recipe independently that demonstrates a preparation skill and cooking method as part of the product.



Inclusion: Breakfast Club

Our inclusion breakfast club started this week with bagels, toast, crumpets and smoothies all on the menu! Pupils find that the club sets them up for a great start to the day; focused and ready to learn. We ensure pupils use manners when speaking to one another and create a relaxed and safe environment for pupils to start their day. This is an invite only breakfast club, if you are interested in attending please speak to Mrs Galvin-Lynch who is based in Inclusion.



Art and Design

Year 7 have been mounting their stunning drawings, improving and showing off their work from the first half term!



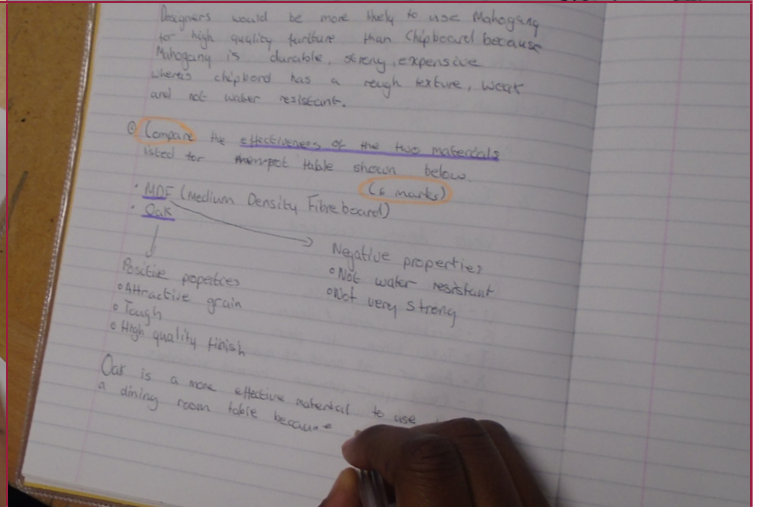
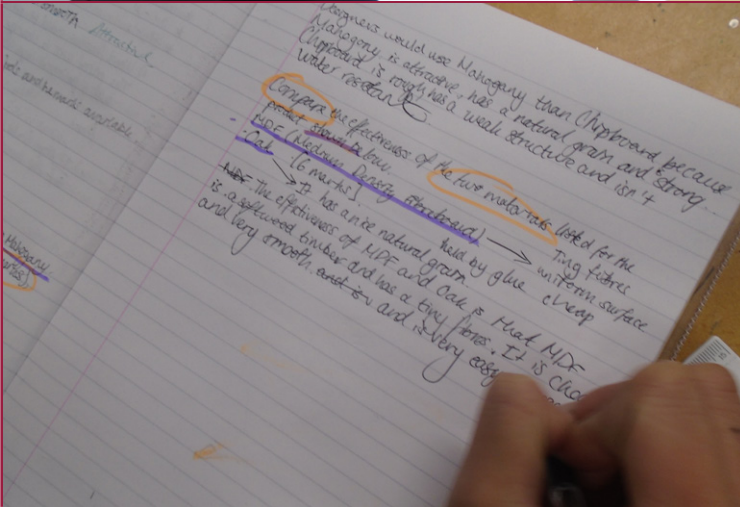
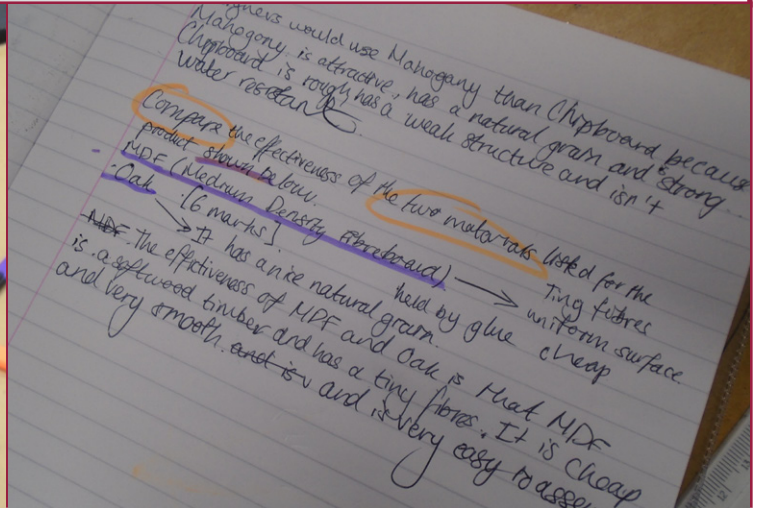
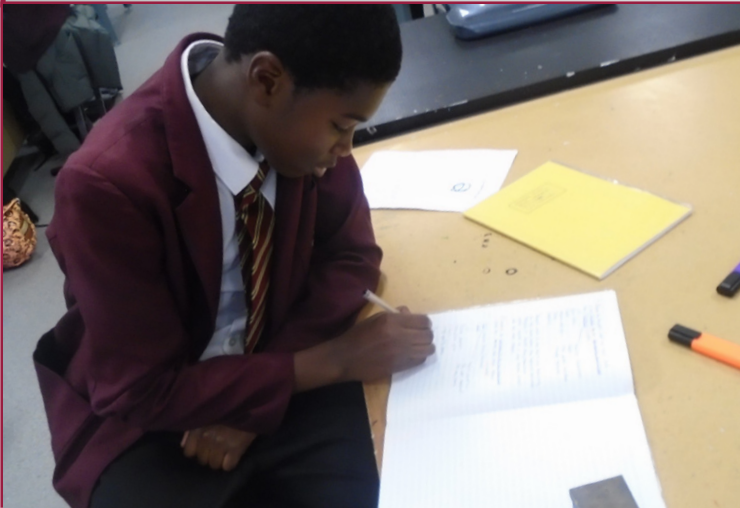
Modern Foreign Languages: The Day of the Dead!

Year 7 have been learning all about el Día de Muertos (the Day of the Dead), a Mexican festival at the start of November when it is believed that the spirits of the dead visit their families on earth. In order to commemorate this celebration, Ms Martin's class have made posters and cakes with the calavera (decorated skull) for homework.



Design and Technology: Revision with C.U.S.T.A.R.D

Year 10 have been working intensively preparing for their upcoming examinations. Pupils have practised using the exam technique 'C.U.S.T.A.R.D', to ensure the highest quality answers are given and thus achieving the best possible mark.



Cover it in custard!

- C**ircle command words and the marks available.
- U**nderline keywords.
- S**cribble words/ideas. The question makes you think of?
- T**ake time to plan your answer.
- A**nsWER all parts of the question.
- R**ead your answer and correct your own mistakes.
- D**o not rush. Plan your time.

English lessons for parents

English lessons ran by Mrs Qasim have begun! Sessions are open to the community and parents and carers are encouraged to bring a friend. Lessons take place every Tuesday, 3.30-4.30pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mrs Qasim.



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