



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday morning we held a 2 minutes silence to pay respects to our Armed Forces, both past and present. Emotions were high as we gathered in the school yard to observe Miss Aulich performing *The Last Post*. Remembrance poppies have been on sale throughout the week and it has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils supporting the effort. Continue reading to discover how pupils have paid their respects during assemblies this week.

It has taken a lot of work but our multi-faith prayer room has now reopened for pupils to utilise during their lunch break. We hope that pupils find this space suitable for their prayers and worship.

Our annual *Winter Showcase* will soon be upon us and pupils are in full swing with their preparations. Read on for a sneak preview at what pupils have been up to. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

In other news this week, 8 Year 7 pupils received a *Headteacher's Commendation* from myself for outstanding homework on the Spanish festival, *Día de los Muertos*. Well done!

Enjoy this week's news,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Your words are powerful – celebrate your child's achievements at home and in school.

Dates for your Diary

18 th November 2019	Year 7/8 assessments start
25 th November 2019	Key Stage 4 mocks start
5 th December 2019	Year 10 Parents' Evening

School Council Feedback: Haircuts

After listening to the opinions of parents and pupils, and following our School Council consultation, we have made the decision to adjust our rule on haircut length. The minimum length will now be a number 2. The rule on extreme hairstyles, including colouring, remains the same and can be found in the pupil planner.

Remembrance 2019



Head of Year Updates

Year 7 News

Year 7 assessments begin on the 18th November. It is vital that pupils manage their time at home, complete homework and plan their revision. Please ensure that your child is getting enough sleep and having a balanced diet. Your support as a parent is vital to your child's success and we appreciate all of your support. Homework clubs are available to pupils who need a quiet space to study.

Year 8 News

Another fantastic week of excellent performance and progress Year 8! With continued improvement in overall attendance, we are well on our way to achieve our best weekly attendance percentage for the year so far! Year 8 conduct also continues to fly high, with more than 97% of BfL Grades being Good or Outstanding in the last week! Amazing Year 8, let's keep it up! Next week will be Year 8 Assessment Week, where pupils will sit tests within lessons to review their progress within each subject. Pupils should be mindful of the preparation techniques that we will discuss in form this week. Good luck everyone!



Year 9 News

Well done to 9D Palace for attaining 100% attendance last week! 9T Bridgewater and 9D Deansgate were top of the tables having achieved 155 BfL Grade 1s last week. Results from Year 9 assessment week will be sent to parents within the next few weeks. Congratulations to the 20 pupils who were successful in their application to be a Peer Mentor. They will now undergo vigorous training before carrying out their responsibilities at the start of next half term.

Year 10 News

On Monday 11th November, nine Year 10 pupils travelled to Old Trafford Stadium to take part in a STEM event hosted by Manchester United Foundation and the RAF. During the afternoon, the pupils took part in a workshop which was based on cyber security. Pupils discovered all about this growing profession and had the chance to hone the skills needed in order to succeed in this field. Those who attended all enjoyed the afternoon and represented Year 10 fantastically. Well done to all of the pupils involved!



Year 11 News

'If it is meant to be, then it's up to me.' Self-motivation is key to success and so Year 11 began this term with an induction aimed to maximise their confidence and belief in their own abilities. I would like to thank parents for their continued support and ask that you promote a healthy balance of revision and rest.

Weekly Attendance Best Forms

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7D Deansgate & 7 D Lowry	8D Deansgate	9D Deansgate	10T Turing	11D Whitworth & 11T Piccadilly
99.2%	100%	100%	98.8%	98.4%

School Attendance = 97.3%

English: Accelerated Reader high scores!

Well done to the following pupils for their fantastic effort on *Accelerated Reader* this half term! You have worked extremely hard to hit your points targets – fantastic! A note to everyone, keep up the amazing reading, maybe next try a book by an author you have never read before; broaden your horizons!

7D2		7T2	
Avyar Rebwar	64,895 words	Samuel Uzomah	129,364 words
Amani Hassan	55,940 words	Ibrahim Yunis	103,697 words
Abdelatif Denidni	54,290 words	Maria Begum	73,053 words
Arwaa Khan	38,479 words	Ibrahim Mfelam	64,820 words
Bilawal Ansar	32,107 words	Bartosz Orzanowski	34,891 words

Mathematics: Compound measurements...

Year 11 have been making the most of form time to study their new mathematics revision guides. Year 9 are well into preparation for their exam on Friday; building on their understanding of averages. There has been some particularly impressive work from Mrs Annan's Year 11 class who have mastered compound measures.

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Science: Sound waves!

Year 8s have been studying and investigating 'sound' in physics. Sound waves are longitudinal waves meaning the vibrations are in the same direction as the direction of travel.



Humanities: Eco-committee

The eco-committee continues to go from strength to strength, doing it's bit to protect the environment and to win more awards! The Dean Trust Ardwick eco-committee has been awarded a national award for our recycling in school, winning the 'Waste Award' in *The Eco Schools Awards*. A big congratulations to the eco-committee and the hard work of Ms Ribbands and Ms Ashraf, who will be collecting the award at a ceremony being held in the Etihad Stadium! This commitment to protecting the environment has also been seen by Raja and Awais in 10T Bridgewater, who were excellent when volunteering to litter pick in form time!



Physical Education

Well done to the pupils which are regularly attending extra-curricular clubs! Key Stage 3 basketball training started this Tuesday with various pupils across Year 7 and 8 attending. The Year 7 football team were unfortunate to lose 2-1 to Didsbury High School in a very competitive game last week. Well done to all those involved!



Modern Foreign Languages

Year 7 pupils went above and beyond to create a project to explain how *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the dead) is celebrated in Spain and Mexico. This was an open homework where pupils had the opportunity to choose what they wanted to create to explain the festival. The colourful Calavera (skull) is the main symbol of the celebration, which is why many of the pupils chose to include it in their homework.



Hospitality and Catering:

Another busy week of practical lessons! Year 9 pupils baked cheese and onion pasties with a strong focus was on quality control to ensure a perfect batch of bake. Year 10 pupils started their half term 2 skills building, in pastry, by creating mini shortcrust apple pies! I am sure you agree the outcomes look brilliant.



Art and Design: Still life in Autumn...

Year 8 have made significant improvements to their pencil crayon studies using their drawings from last week to refer to. Autumn has been the theme this week as pupils continue their natural forms project.



Performing Arts: Winter showcase!

Drama club have been hard at work in preparing performance pieces for the winter showcase. They will take the audience through Dr Seuss' story of The Grinch, using lots of drama techniques and introducing us to lots of exciting characters! They have also been working on performances from Shakespeare and other classical texts.



Design and Technology

This week in design and technology Year 7 pupils have been working hard cutting and shaping their wooden desk tidy pieces. Year 7 pupils have been going from strength to strength since joining Dean Trust Ardwick and their practical skills have developed significantly!



Careers

This week we welcomed Greater Manchester Higher to our Year 9 and 10 Assemblies to talk about Higher Education and life at University. You can find out more about GM Higher at the following link gmhigher.ac.uk

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Prayer Room

The prayer room has now successfully reopened! Now that we have a full cohort of pupils, we are facilitating a multi-faith worship and prayer area in room G74. The prayer room will be open every lunch time from 12.35-1.00pm. The prayer room will be accessible to pupils of all faiths and is a private space to drop in for some quiet reflection time.



Year 7



Prayer Pass

Miss Ashraf Room G74

Remembrance Week

Remembrance week is an important time for everyone at Dean Trust Ardwick to reflect on the sacrifice and service given by those during times of conflict. This year the whole school observed a two minutes silence at 11:11 on the 11th November to mark the armistice and the end of World War 1.

All year groups attended an assembly, led by Mr Avison, which highlighted the importance of remembrance, why and who we remember during this time. During the assembly Mr Avison spoke about his Grandfather who fought during World War 2 in the parachute regiment. At the end of each assembly Shihab, in Year 9, delivered a moving poem 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon.

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncouth,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Extract from For the Fallen by Robert Laurence Binyon

