



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the *Year 9 Progress and Options Evening*. With over 200 parents and carers in attendance, the evening was a brilliant success! We hope that parents and pupils valued the evening and now have the confidence to make an informed decision on their Key Stage 4 choices.

Coffee Morning saw over twenty-five in attendance as we met to discuss our anti-bullying policy. It is always wonderful to see so many of you there and we look forward to announcing the theme of our next *Coffee Morning* in the coming weeks.

Please join me in applauding our new staff governors! Congratulations Mrs Qasim and Miss Ribbands on your successful applications, you will both make excellent additions to our current governing team.

You will find an additional *Extension Project Update* page at the back of this week's newsletter with updates on our current extension construction. We aim to provide updates on a monthly basis and included on the page are contact details for more information. It is very exciting to see construction begin and we look forward to updating you on the progress ahead.

Please enjoy this week's newsletter!

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Social media has a huge effect on pupil's mental health. Make sure you have parental controls in place on your child's electronic devices.

Dates for your Diary

7 th February 2020	Coffee Morning
27 th February 2020	Year 8 Parents' Evening
20 th March 2020	Coffee Morning

Another successful Coffee Morning!

All parents and carers are welcome to join us for tea, pastries and a discussion. Our next Coffee Morning theme will soon be announced.



Weekly Attendance Best Forms

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7T Victoria	8D Palace	9T Gaskell	10T Pankhurst	11D Whitworth
100%	100%	99.2%	99.30%	100%

Weekly Attendance = 96.8%

Cumulative Attendance = 96.8%

APPRENTICESHIPS.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Come along and meet employers and training providers who can help your child secure an apprenticeship.

All year groups are welcome; it is never too early to think about your future!



Apprenticeships lead to great careers.



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Apprenticeship Evening

Thursday 5th March, 4.30pm

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Head of Year Updates

Congratulations to our new staff governors!

Please join us in congratulating Mrs Qasim and Miss Ribbands on their recent success in applying for the position of staff governors. Mrs Qasim will take on the role of support staff governor and Miss Ribbands will start the role of teaching staff governor.



Mrs Qasim
Support Staff Governor



Ms Ribbands
Teaching Staff Governor

Year 7 News

Year 7 Eco-Community Leaders have participated in assemblies this week to share their responsibilities and discuss the projects that they will be working on over the course of this term. Pupils involved have created a litter picking timetable in an effort to ensure the school environment remains clean and tidy at all times. Our Eco-Community Leaders are an exceptional group of pupils and I would hope that you join me in thanking them for their leadership; role modelling the behaviours that we expect from all pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick. Eco-Community Leaders can easily be distinguished as they proudly wear the following badge.



Year 8 News

Well done Year 8 for attaining 96% BfL 1s and 2s last week! The below pupils were rewarded for their effort and determination through our weekly Stars of the Week. During our assemblies and form time we have focussed on Children's Mental Health. Year 8 were reminded of the many opportunities in which they can access help and advice with any negative thoughts and feelings that they may experience. Keep up the hard work Year 8!

Year 9 News

Well done to 9T Victoria for achieving 100% attendance last week and to 9T Gaskell who achieved the highest amount of BfL 1 grades in the year! Both forms are currently top of the Attendance and BfL 1 leagues for this half term! Good luck to Year 9 this week as they begin their assessments. Information regarding the results will be available to parents and carers shortly. If you have any concerns with your child's progress please get in touch with myself and I will be happy to discuss any concerns that you may have.

Year 10 News

During form time and assemblies, Year 10 have been expanding their knowledge and understanding of careers. Assemblies outlined the careers process over the next 18 months, discussing how this would eventually lead to applying for apprenticeships, colleges and other post 16 courses. Pupils have begun an online process which helps to identify different courses and careers that would suit their interests and academic strengths. All of this work aims to give pupils a real focus and add to their already high levels of drive and determination to succeed in their exams.

Year 11 News

Year 11 received an assembly from the National Citizen Service this week. The aim of the assemblies was to encourage pupils to develop their personal development skills. NCS are offering an amazing opportunity to go on a summer programme where pupils can relax, have fun, challenge themselves and prepare for the adult world. We had lots of interest in the programme during parents evening and any pupils who want a place will be able to make payment in the next few weeks. *For more information please go to: wearencs.com*



THE EXPERIENCE

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ABOUT NCS

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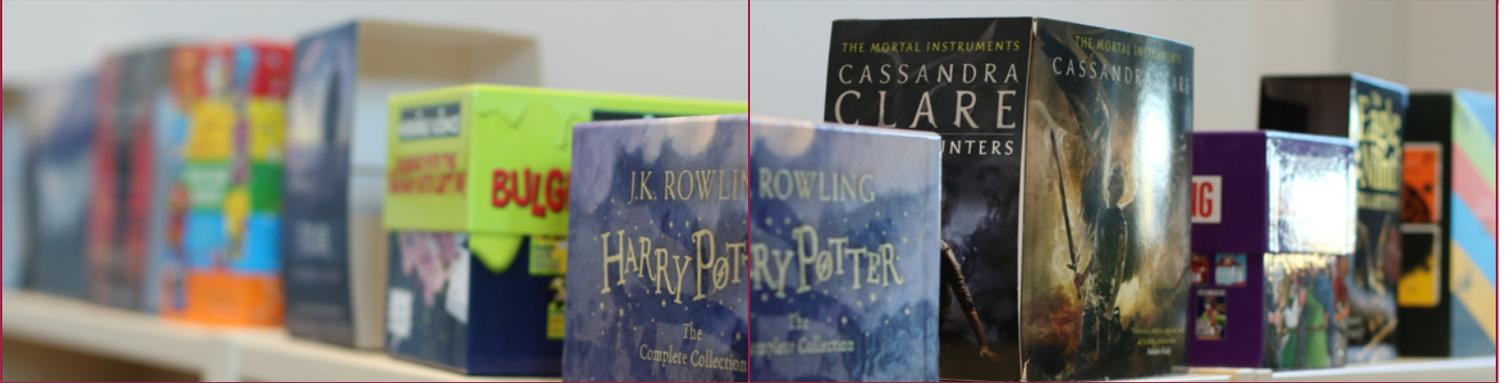
NCS takes place all over England and Northern Ireland.

To find the programme closest to you, search for your school below.



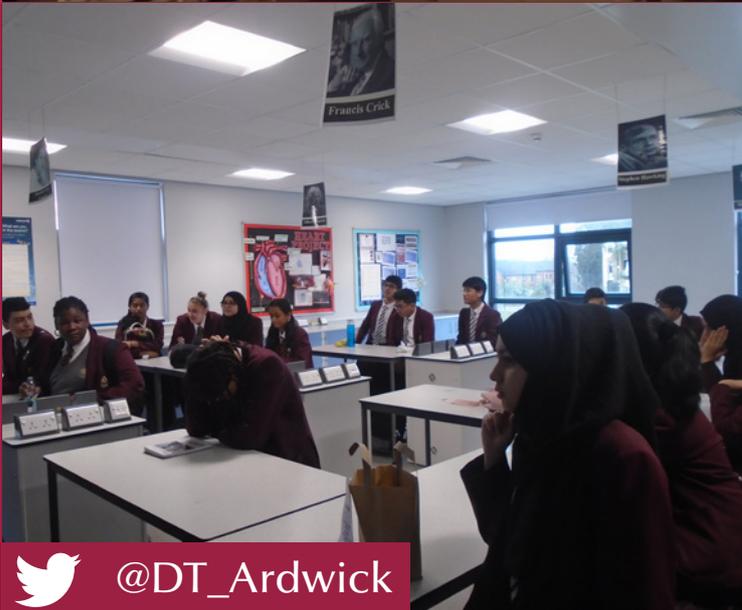
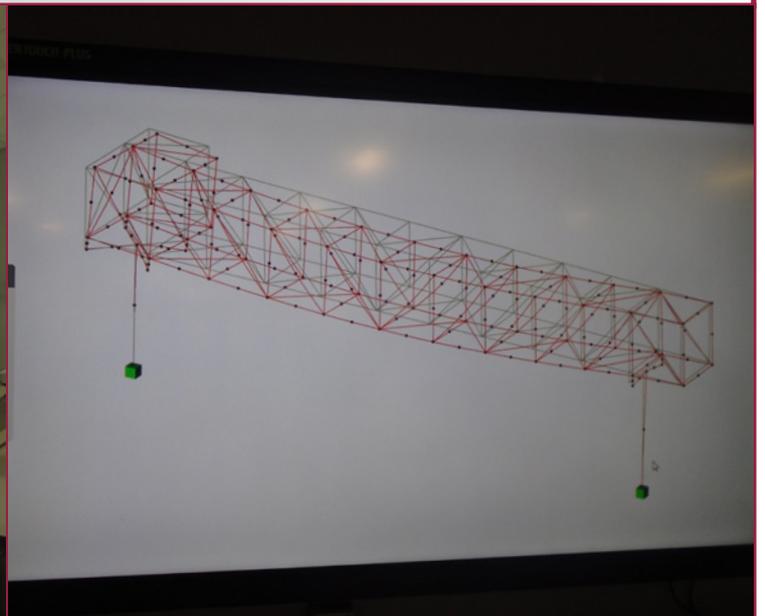
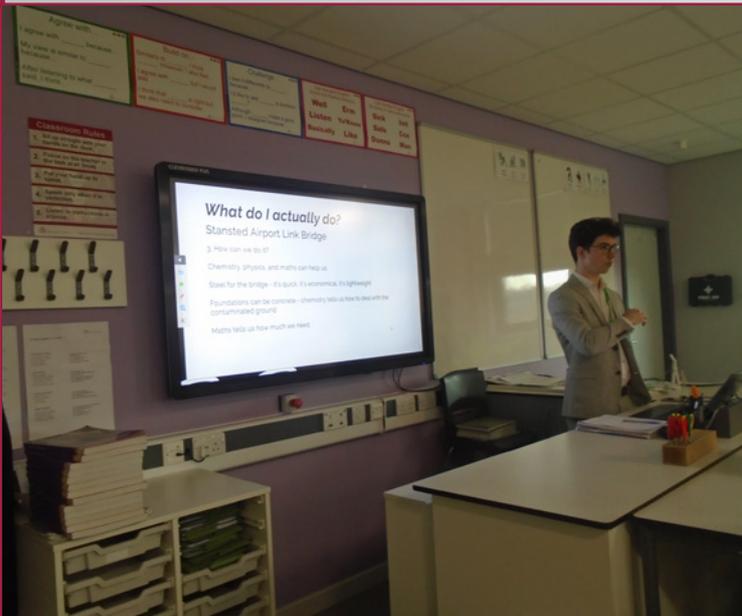
English: Reading goals!

Well done to all pupils who have tried extremely hard to give 100% effort with their Accelerated Reader this term. Keep up the fantastic work! A reminder that we expect all pupils to make full use of the wonderful library that we have at Dean Trust Ardwick. If pupils are struggling to find a book to their taste, we encourage them to speak to Mrs Bond or any of the English teachers; we are always happy to talk about books!



Science: S.A.S Club

During Serious About Science Club, Year 10 and 11 pupils were given the opportunity to meet a structural engineer with a background in both mathematics and science! Structural engineers are primarily concerned with the design and construction of structures that are safe and capable of withstanding the elements to which they will be exposed. They also play a vital role in improving the structural integrity of existing buildings. The club is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to expand their knowledge of scientific careers and hopefully inspire them to achieve their best.



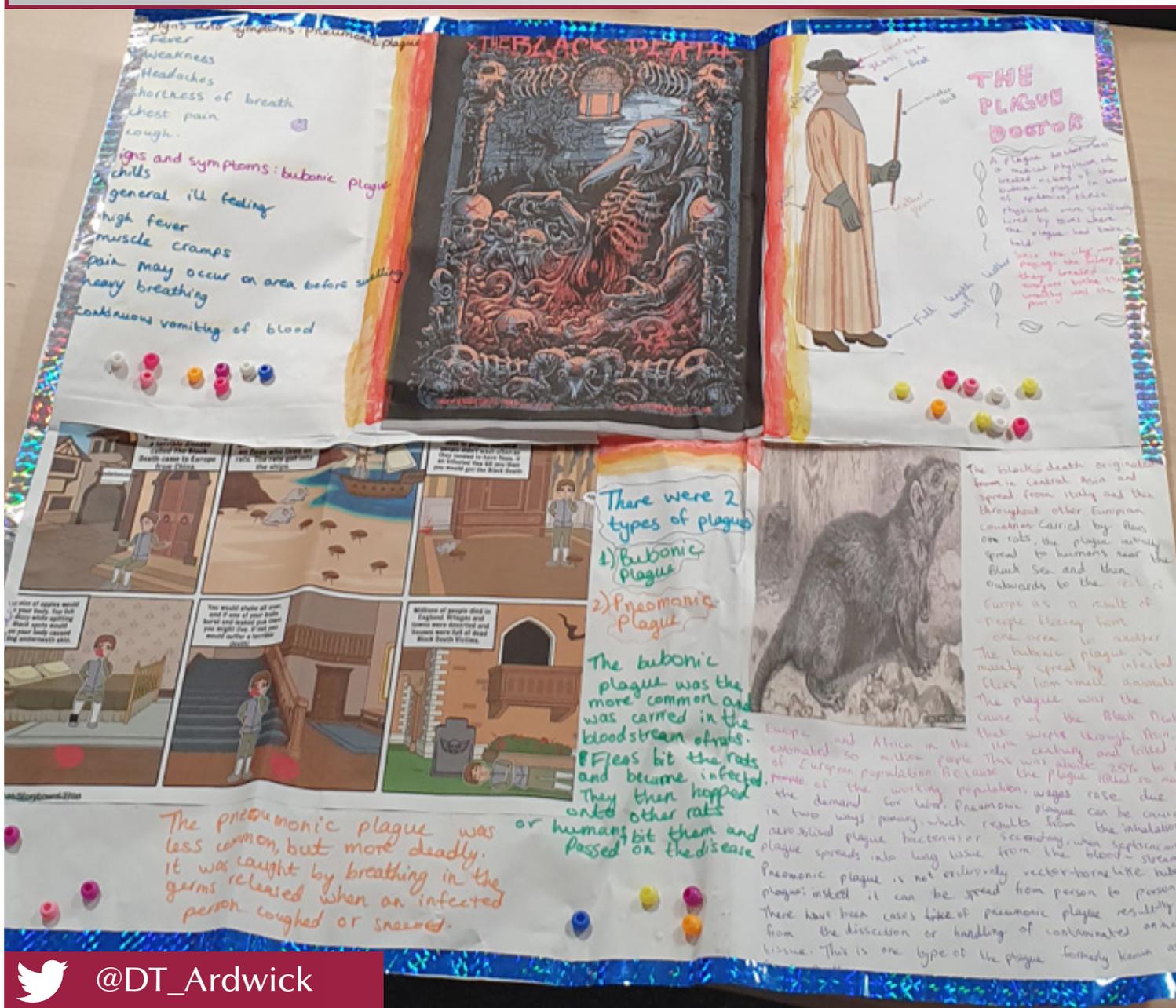
Science: Join physics club!

Year 9 pupils are soon to take a big step towards their academic future as they are offered the opportunity to sit the separate sciences entry assessment. Best of luck to all pupils sitting the assessment and we are confident that their hard work during revision will allow them to perform at their full potential. *Physics Club* is an incredible opportunity for pupils to broaden their understanding of physics and we encourage pupils to speak to Mr O'Ranson to secure their place.



Humanities

Year 7 have continued to showcase their creative flair this week and have created fantastic work. Over the past week they have worked on projects about the Black Plague and how it spread across England, resulting in widespread death and chaos. Aleenah, in Ms Henderson's class, has stood out with her outstanding work. She presented her poster to the class that included information about the plague doctor and a storyboard of how the plague took hold. Great work Aleenah!



Physical Education

We have had various fixtures this week in physical education. The Year 7 Football team lost 1-3 against *Manchester Communications Academy* in a tough fixture. However, the boys were brilliant in their grit and determination to compete throughout. Also, our Year 7 and Year 8 Netball Girls unfortunately lost to Trinity in two close fixtures losing by a single point. Well done to everyone involved in extra-curricular this week.



Manchester United Foundation

On Friday 31st January eight girls from Year 8 and Year 9 travelled to Manchester Health Academy to compete in the annual MU Foundation girls Year 8/9 hub football tournament. The girls played absolutely brilliantly all afternoon and were unlucky to leave the competition at the semi-final stage. A huge well done to all of the girls involved who recorded their best ever result at a hub tournament!



Religious Education and Personal, Social, Health and Citizens Education: Future politicians!

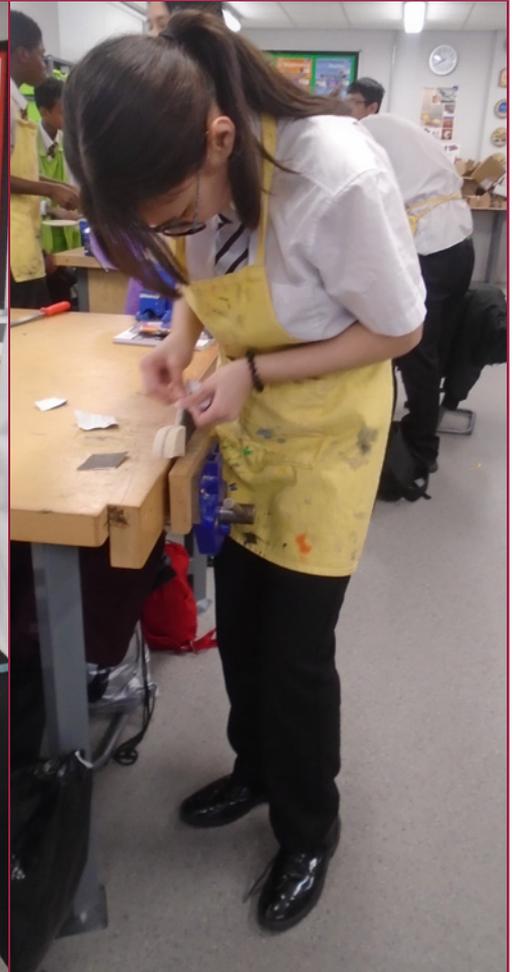
Year 7 have been studying democracy during citizenship lessons this half term. Their final project was to create their own political party, present their manifesto, create campaign materials and then hold a class election. The campaign materials ranged from badges, ties, banners, flags and leaflets! Pupil's presentations have been both professional and passionate. Here is 7D1 before the first round of the presentations. We definitely have some future politicians at Dean Trust Ardwick!



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Design and Technology: Finalising their bats.

This week in design and technology Year 10 pupils finished their table tennis bat project. Pupils spent the week finishing off their bats to the highest possible standard, sanding down the edges and applying their chosen foam textures to complete a fully functional and ergonomically designed table tennis bat!



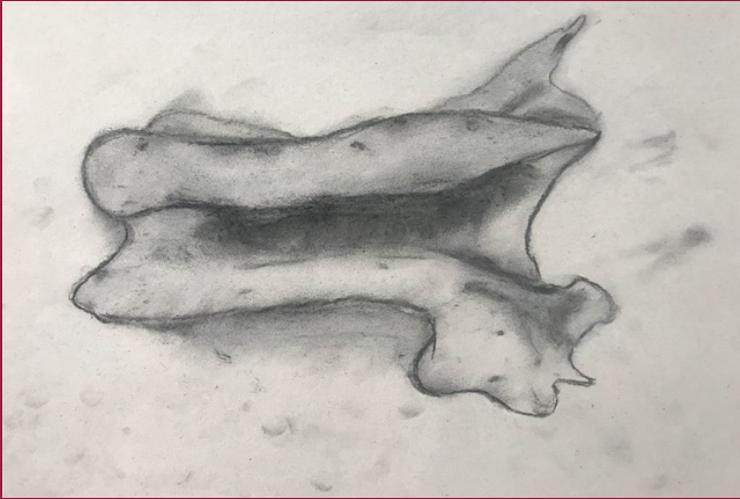
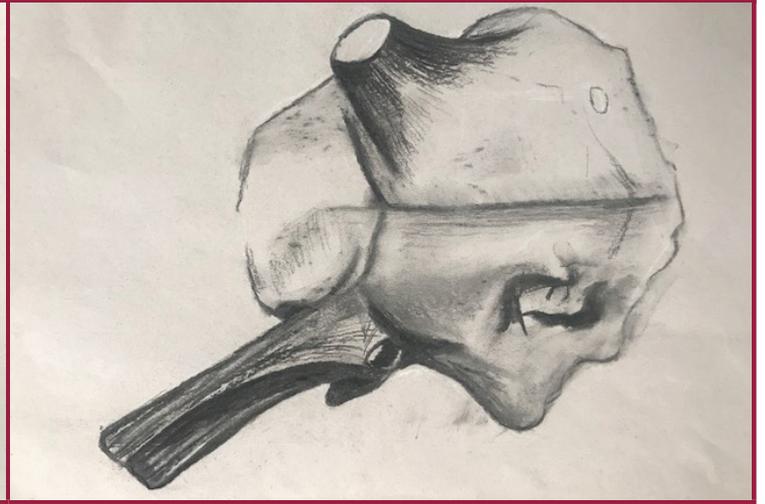
Hospitality and Catering: Cupcakes and pizza!

Key Stage 3 pupils have been busy making a range of products this week! Year 9 have developed their frying skills and their ability to safely handle high risk ingredients through making fajita chicken! Year 8 pupils have made their own pizzas from scratch; rolling out the dough and adding their chosen ingredients before cooking to perfection. Year 7 pupils baked delicious cupcakes during their lessons and I am sure you will agree from the photographs that the pupils have completed their products to a high standard.



Art and Design: Chalk and charcoal!

Year 9 pupils experimented with chalk and charcoal this week to produce the below images of bones!



Welcome to the first edition of the Dean Trust Academy development newsletter.

This newsletter is designed to keep you informed of construction activity on the site and to let you know what is coming up in the next few months. The newsletter will be published every month and will be distributed via letterbox drops, alternatively, you can request a copy of the latest issue via enquiries@seddon.co.uk

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project involves the extension of the dining room area to accommodate an additional 120 pupils, and a new two-storey extension to form a new teaching block, featuring an open undercroft to preserve access to external areas. Further works include the internal refurbishment and decoration of existing classroom areas, and the modification and expansion of outdoor spaces to increase parking capacity. Overall the project will increase the capacity of the school for new students, from 1,200 to 1,350 from the beginning of the 2020 academic year.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work will begin on-site week commencing 27th January 2020 with initial activity being focussed on setting the site up, including placement of site cabins and safety hoarding. Works will then commence on drainage systems and foundation works, including some piling activity.

LOGISTICS AND TRAFFIC UPDATE

Due to the works taking place, the number of vehicles arriving and leaving the school will increase during construction however we have planned works carefully to minimise disruption. The site will be open between 7am and 4pm everyday, with delivery hours between 7:30am and 8:00am and then 9:00am until 3:00pm on Mondays to Fridays. Any changes to this will be communicated to you via this newsletter as soon as possible.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

It's important to us that the people in the communities surrounding our sites, are as safe as the people on our sites, and we work hard to remove the risk to members of the general public, but we need your help. Please take care around our sites during operational hours, and if you've got any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the site team.



SITE CONTACT

Day to day management will be provided by Seddon project manager, Paul Bannister.

Should you have any questions about the project throughout the build programme, please contact Paul via the details provided below:

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