



# NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a tremendously exciting week for pupils and staff, with *World Book Day* and our first ever *Apprenticeship Evening*!

With over 130 parents, carers and pupils in attendance, *Apprenticeship Evening* was an overwhelming success. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the staff and pupils who helped organise the event. We trust that the evening was both enjoyable and informative and hope that pupils were inspired to consider the many pathways available to them.

During *World Book Day*, pupils were treated to expertly organised activities based on two books they were gifted as part of the event. It was wonderful to see so many pupils engaged in discussions relating to the books and we are thoroughly looking forward to next year.

Read on to see lots of photographs of the events mentioned above and discover how Year 7 are using triangles to create load bearing structures in mathematics...

Please enjoy this week's newsletter!

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** Please be aware of what your child brings in to school. Please familiarise yourself with items which are banned from school. A list can be found in the parent handbook on the school website.

## Dates for your Diary

20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Coffee Morning
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 7 Parents' Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	INSET Day



*Apprenticeship Evening: Pupils discover one of the many options available to them post-16.*

## Weekly Attendance Best Forms

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7D Lowry	8D Palace	9T Gaskell 9T Piccadilly	10T Piccadilly	11T Victoria
99.2%	99.5%	100.0%	98.3%	99%

**Weekly Attendance = 96.3%**

**Cumulative Attendance = 96.7%**

## Head of Year Updates

### Coronavirus, COVID-19 Guidance

#### *What is the risk of coronavirus in the UK?*

The UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. But the risk to individuals still remains low.

#### *Should I be worried?*

There is no reason to be unduly worried about yourself or your child catching coronavirus. There is no reason why your child should not attend school. If you are planning to travel to or have recently returned from the below 'Category 1' countries, please call the NHS on 111 for advice.

Wuhan City and Hubei Province  
(China)

Iran

Daegu or Cheongdo

Any Italian town under containment  
measures

#### *How can I help to prevent the spread of infection?*

- Wash your hands often, with soap and water. This is particularly important after taking public transport.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin. (Catch It. Bin It. Kill It.)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

#### *How can I find more information?*

More information can be found at the below link:

[gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public)



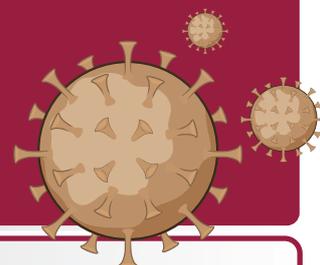
CATCH IT.



BIN IT.



KILL IT.



### Year 7 News

Our Eco-community Leaders have been busy planning their next project. Since January, they have given their time during lunch to support with ensuring the school environment is kept clean and tidy; encouraging pupils not to litter and to use the appropriate bins. These pupils have been working effortlessly and willingly wanting to support the school community. We have recently recruited 5 new Eco-Community Leaders to the ever-growing team and continue to receive requests to support from pupils in the years above! Please join me in praising their hard work and encourage them to continue to lead in the change they want to see.

### Year 8 News

Another fantastic week for Year 8 as pupils continued to attain a bounty of BfL 1 and 2 grades. Keep up the hard work! Year 8 engagement during World Book Day was absolutely outstanding; it was great to see so many Year 8 pupils displaying their love for reading throughout the day's events.

### Year 9 News

Well done to 9T Gaskell who are top of both the attendance and BfL 1 league. Please can parents and carers make attendance a priority. Research shows that pupils with an attendance of less than 95% are less likely to achieve their target grades than those pupils with attendance of more than 95%.

### Year 10 News

Year 10 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the Apprenticeship Evening on Thursday. Many of the Year 10 pupils are already considering the post-16 pathways available to them following Year 11. The evening was brimming with information for those considering work-based training that can lead to a specific job/career in an industry of their interest. The evening complimented the current work pupils are carrying out on job applications and writing a CV.

### Year 11 News

Please join me in praising Year 11 pupils for their relentless pursuit to prepare for their exams. Attendance to after-school booster sessions has been immense and I continue to encourage pupils to make full use of the additional support on offer. It is also important that pupils find a balance between revision and rest to prevent demotivation and burn out. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact school for advice.

## Apprenticeship Evening 2020

This Thursday we hosted our first ever Apprenticeship Evening as part of our Careers Information Advice and Guidance Programme. We welcomed 18 training providers and local and national employers for our pupils and parents to meet including Santander, PWC, KPMG, Damar, Michael John and Aldi. Discussions were on the benefits of apprenticeship routes, the sought-after skills and qualities for apprentices as well as how to apply. Representatives from Ask Apprenticeships, GM Higher and UK Fast presented to attendees as part of the event and our staff demonstrated how our Unifrog platform can provide vital information for all on post-16 and post-18 choices.

The event was extremely well attended and I was particularly pleased to hear such overwhelming effusive feedback from employers and presenters regarding our pupils:

*'I was impressed by the relevant and intelligent questions your pupils asked.'* - Jamie Rudette, Area Manager Aldi, Enterprise Advisor

*'It was so encouraging to meet pupils as young as Year 7 so interested in careers and being so ambitious.'* - GM Higher

Feedback from our parents was similarly positive: *'We learnt about many options and opportunities,' 'Thank you for bringing the people in to inspire us.'*

All parents agreed that they had learned about career opportunities and information which they had not previously considered.

Here, at Dean Trust Ardwick, opening the eyes of our pupils and families to the wealth of ambitious opportunities available in the developing modern world of work is an important priority and is part of the fabric of our vision and our curriculum. I would like to take this chance to thank all of our visitors and attendees for their support with our event and particularly thank our parents who provided delicious food and our careers advisor Vicky Ford for her relentless commitment to inspiring and informing our school community.

We are already looking forward to our next main careers event which is our Year 10 Mock Interview day (26-27 March).

*- Photograph credit to pupils Maria and Sumayah, Year 10. Great job!*





## World Book Day 2020

The English faculty would like to thank you all for a magical *World Book Day* this Thursday! Our day was packed with reading and lots of fabulous activities. The morning was full of inspiration after reading *Matthew Syed's My Awesome Guide to Getting Good at Stuff*. There was also some really thoughtful insights and discussions based around the relevant topics covered in *Muhammad Khan's Split*.

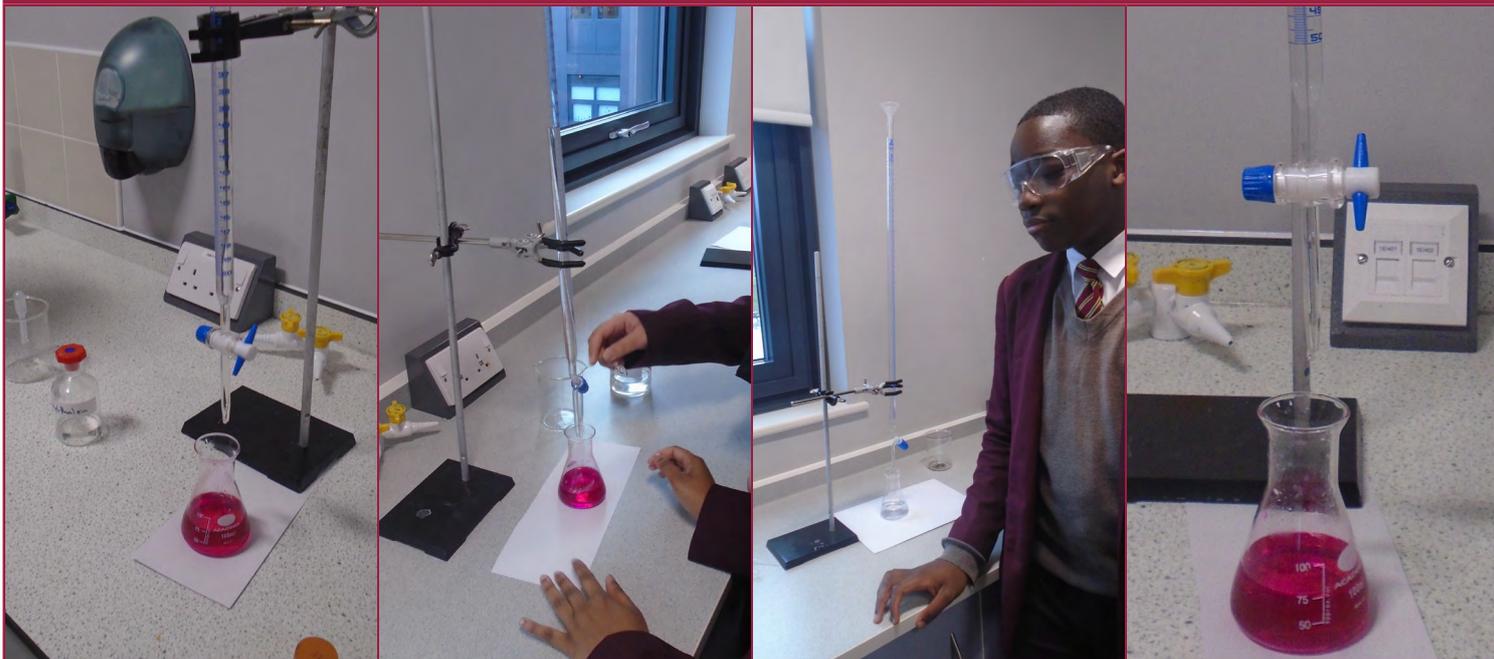
Thank you to Martin Cooper, a local screenwriter/writer, who visited school to discuss his work and talk about his book.

And finally, a big thank you to the staff who came into school dressed up as their favourite literary characters. You all looked amazing!



### Science: Titrations

Year 11 are focusing on their core practical lessons this week, including titrations. A titration is a slow addition of one solution, of a known concentration, to a known volume of another solution, of unknown concentration. Pupils continue to add solution until the reaction reaches neutralisation which is often indicated by a colour change.



### Science Club: Studying viruses...

Science club have made models of the structure of coronavirus. They modelled the corona shape of the virus with polystyrene balls and used cocktail sticks, pom-poms and ribbon for the surface proteins (antigens). It is these protein spikes that allow the virus to lock onto cells in the body.



## Mathematics: Triangles in construction!

Year 7 have been studying triangles and trapeziums. We have looked at the uses and benefits of triangles in real-life, focussing on their use in buildings and structures. Year 7 were able to get hands on as they participated in an activity with the aim of creating a structure using paper straws and sticky tape. Through the use of triangles, pupils were able to construct a structure strong enough to support and hold their planners.



### Physical Education: Sports Leaders

Our Year 7 and Year 8 basketball teams are working hard to prepare for their upcoming fixtures. This has given *Sports Leaders* an opportunity to assist in the delivery of basketball club, leading activities and demonstrating their excellent communication and organisational skills. Well done to the Year 10 netball team for the success in a recent tournament facing Manchester teams. The girls were runners up in their group and played brilliantly against tough opponents. Well done to all those involved in extra-curricula activities this week.



### Performing Arts: Rehearsals are full speed ahead!

Rehearsals for *High School Musical* are well under way and attendance has been great. The cast have enjoyed learning songs and choreography and have shown commitment and creativity. The costumes and set have been booked and the technical teams are going to be organised towards the end of this half term. Everything is in place to make this year's production the biggest and most successful to date!



### Computer Science: Pupils visit UK Fast...

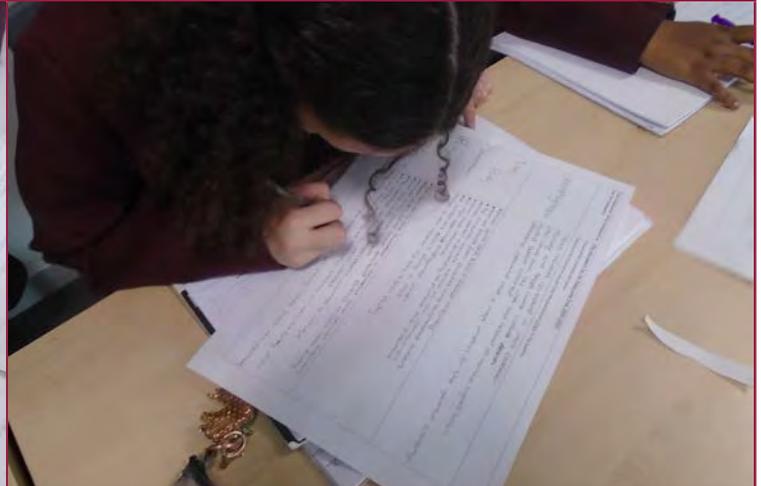
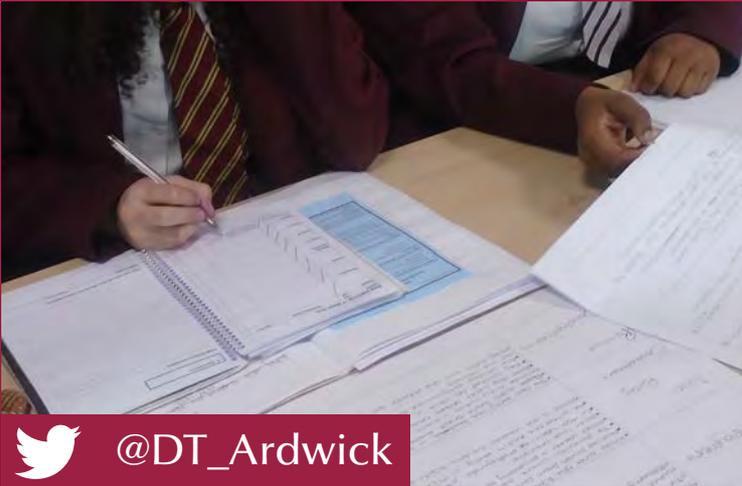
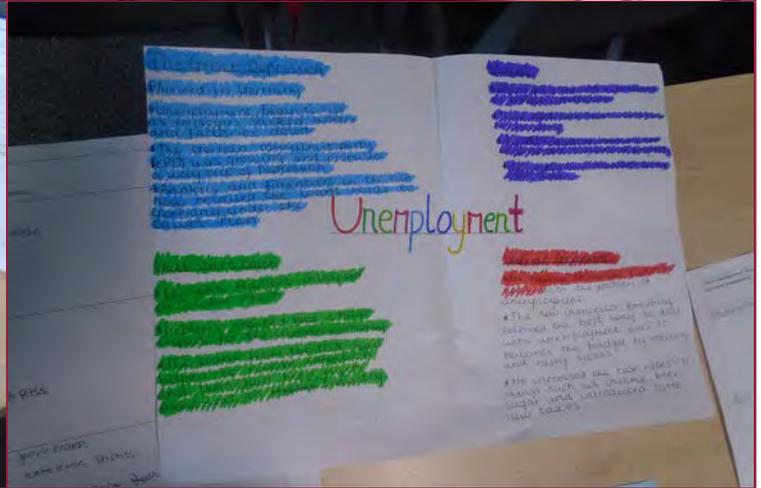
Year 7 and 8 Digital Leaders and Year 9 and 10 Subject Leaders were offered the opportunity to visit UK Fast, with the aim to increase their understanding of the various technology careers available. The trip helped pupils to understand the technology industry which is invaluable when deciding what pathway to take once they finish school. Mawaheb had this to say: 'It was more than amazing... it was extraordinary!'

*Pupil Article by: Shihab, Year 9*



## Humanities: Year 9 tackle GCSE questions!

Year 9 pupils have been really showing their writing technique in geography this week. Pupils were given a GCSE exam question on waterfalls, and, rather than complain that it was too hard, they rose to the challenge. They used great planning techniques before writing their answers. It was brilliant to see that pupils were not fazed by the task and really thought through their work. This even resulted in some answers getting 6 out of 6! Great work and effort!



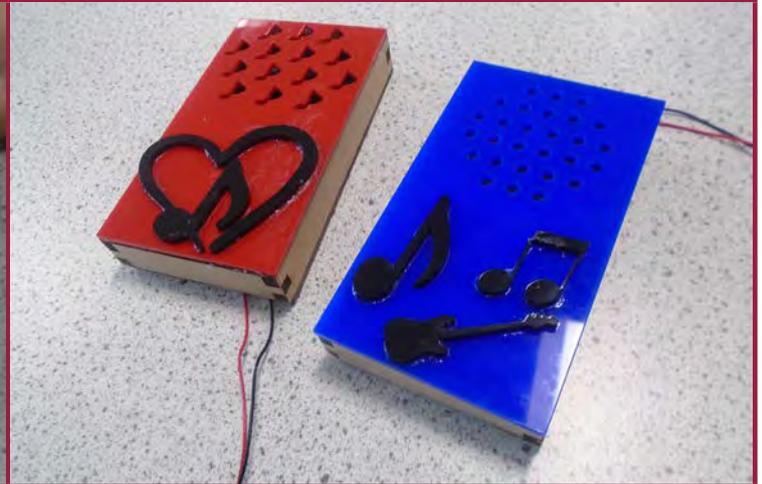
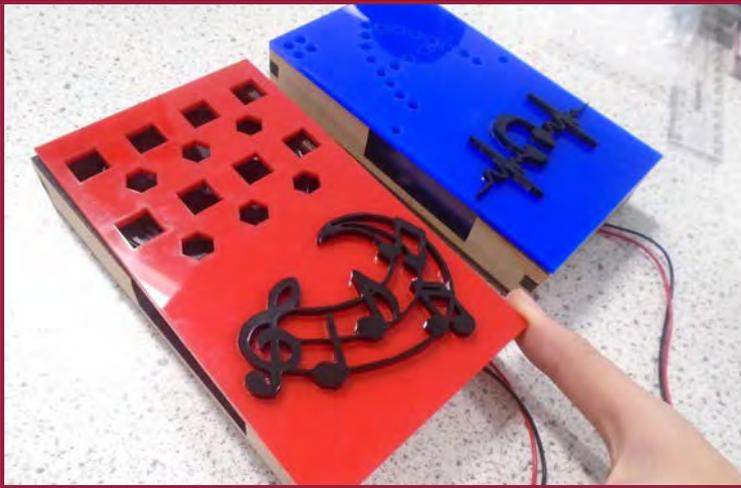
## Hospitality and Catering

The second set of Unit 2 practical exams took place this week. Pupils created a number of high quality dishes, demonstrating incredible presentation skills. Below are some of their 'drafts'.



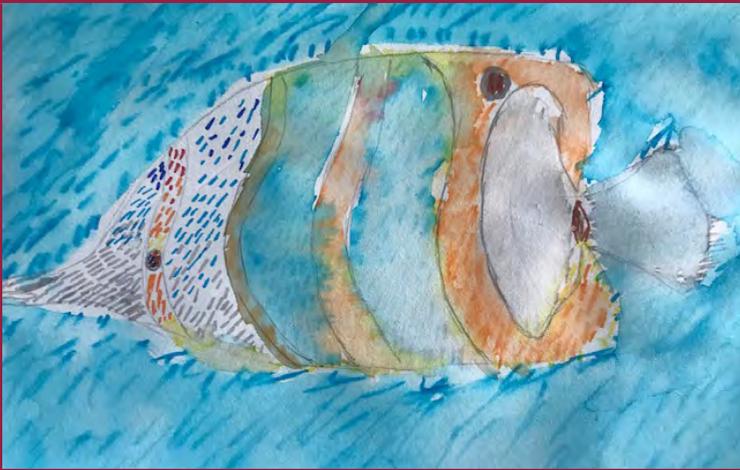
## Design and Technology: Assembling speakers!

Year 9 pupils have been completing and assembling their speaker designs during design and technology lessons this week. Pupils have developed their soldering and electronic skills and are now demonstrating increased confidence and focus. Inspired by Apple's 'Dancing Silhouettes' advertising campaign, pupils have utilised eye catching colours to create a design unique to each individual; a one of a kind product!



## Art and Design

Year 7 have been working on some beautiful tropical fish studies using the pen and water wash technique.



Welcome to the second 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](mailto: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

During February we completed the set up of the site compound and carried out structural surveys to the existing building. Works to the new teaching and dining areas has begun with the reduced level dig and piling now complete in the teaching area with piling to continue to the new dining area following the completion of the drain diversions. Works to the foundations have commenced alongside the formation of the new car parking area.

Looking ahead to next month works will continue to the foundations, and we are expecting a crane on site from Mid-March to assist in the erection of the steel frame for the new teaching block.



## 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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