



NEWSLETTER

Half Term 5

30th April 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

As the summer term gets under way, I am pleased to report another calm and positive week. After school extra-curricular activities have started again and we certainly hope that all pupils take advantage of the many opportunities available to them.

At the end of last term, I wrote to you regarding a full return to uniform and appearance standards, following last half term where we focused on settling pupils back into school. I want to thank you for supporting us by ensuring your child follows the regulations set out in their planners, and in the parent handbook. We do however seem to have a little 'trend' of jewellery and loose long hair creeping in. For safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school and hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back with a plain black band. Any items of jewellery found will be confiscated.

Thank you to all those parents who are participating in the LFD home testing and the Schools Infection Survey antibodies testing. It is vital we do everything we can to stop infection and thereby help pupils stay in school, and your support is essential. Please keep it going. It really does help!

I wish you all an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: For information on how you can stay safe this Ramadan, alongside the easing of COVID-19 restrictions please visit: <https://mcb.org.uk/resources/ramadan/>



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Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *Please can you ensure that your child leaves home fully equipped and prepared.*
 We have had a lovely week back, to start the Summer term. Pupils are happy, and it is great to see the weather being kind to us so that students can enjoy their break times in the sunshine. This week sees the start of our enrichment programme. It was great to see so many Year 7 pupils in attendance. We are seeing a rise in a number of Year 7 pupils arriving to school without a mask, or have lost their mask during the school day. It is their responsibility to look after their own equipment. Please can you ensure that your child leaves home fully equipped and prepared, with planners and pencil cases ready for inspection. I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend.



Year 8 - Mr Diaz *Year 8 have responded well to changes and safety measures.*

As lockdown restrictions are easing we are able to hold more activities for pupils to engage with. As of this week, Year 8 can join extra-curricular activities and sports on a Tuesday and Wednesday after school. If your child does not have PE on these days, they can bring their kit in a bag to change into after school if they need it. Wearing of masks in classrooms and corridors still remains however, as is for maintaining social distance. Year 8 have responded well to these changes and the continued use of safety measures in place. Please continue to encourage your child to abide by these rules. In addition, we have celebrated Year 8 Stars of the Week, please join me in congratulating our pupils going above and beyond in their lessons.



Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn *We will be recognising our fantastic Year 9 pupils on a weekly basis!*

Another great week for Year 9 as we move in to the summer months! The resilience showed by Year 9 pupils in the last 3-6 months has been amazing, and it will stand us all in good stead as we move towards commencing our GCSE subjects in September. This Friday (30th April) marks our first *Recognition Day*, where we will be recognising our fantastic Year 9 pupils on a weekly basis! The nominations have been flooding in which is fantastic to see! Please remember that pupils should only be attending school in DTA PE kit on PE days and push for those amazing BfL 1s & 2s! Don't forget it's bank holiday on Monday too!



Year 10 - Mr Hull *It has been confirmed that the Year 10 exams will be in the final two weeks of June.*

Last week saw a return to school and a wholly successful Progress Evening for Year 10. While it was our first remote event, many parents, carers and teachers took the opportunity to speak to each other and find ways to ensure that maximum progress can be made. It's really vital that we all work in partnership to make the most out of the remainder of this year and set the foundations for our final year at Dean Trust Ardwick. On this note, it has now been confirmed that the Year 10 exams will be in the final two weeks of June. These exams are important as they allow us to recognise the areas of success, and also focus on areas where we can develop. With maximum effort, consistently high standards and a great attitude – all things that have been demonstrated in abundance by Year 10 pupils since returning – I'm sure we have nothing to fear. Work hard, be kind.



Year 11 - Mr Smith *A great opportunity for pupils to show what they are capable of!*

Year 11 pupils have started their external trust assessments in a very focussed and determined manner this week. The two week period is a great opportunity to show what they are capable of and gain recognition for their hard work towards their studies over the last few months. It is important that parents help to keep the pupils calm and relaxed along with ensuring a good night's sleep the night before each assessment. I am very confident that the pupils will gain what they just deserve!

COVID-19 Rapid Flow Testing at Home

Thank you for your continued support!

Thank you to all our parents and carers that are continuing to support us with home testing for COVID-19. Pupils should still be testing twice a week on a Wednesday and a Sunday evening and recording the results with both school and the NHS. All pupils that are participating in the home testing were given a box with 7 test kits in last week to last them for the first three weeks of this term.

If you have a positive test result please notify school immediately by emailing: admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk

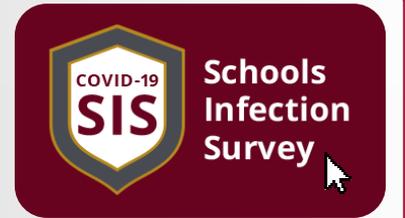
Please record all results each week using this form.



Schools Infection Survey

An important national study to help understand the transmission of COVID-19.

Thank you to all our families who have signed up for the national study to help understand the transmission of COVID-19. This study requires pupils in Years 7 - 10 to take a half termly antibodies test and a PCR Covid Test. Please click this link for instructions of how you join the study.



Unicef Article of the Week - Participation

Article 6 and 24 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This week is World Immunisation Week and our focus is on *Article 6: Every child has the right to life*, and *Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health*.

But what do these articles mean?

Article 6 ensures that governments must do all they can to ensure children survive and develop to their full potential.

Article 24 states that governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, a clean environment, and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



For more information or to download previous Article of the Week packs please visit the RRSA website by clicking the link below:



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LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT

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HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT



Modern Foreign Languages

Join our Linguascope and Kahoot club!

YEAR 7 AND 8 PUPILS

THE LINGUASCOPE / KAHOOT CLUB IS ON EVERY TUESDAY IN G06 WITH MISS MARTIN.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - THE MORE THE MERRIER!

**Humanities**

Medieval, coral red Oba beads.

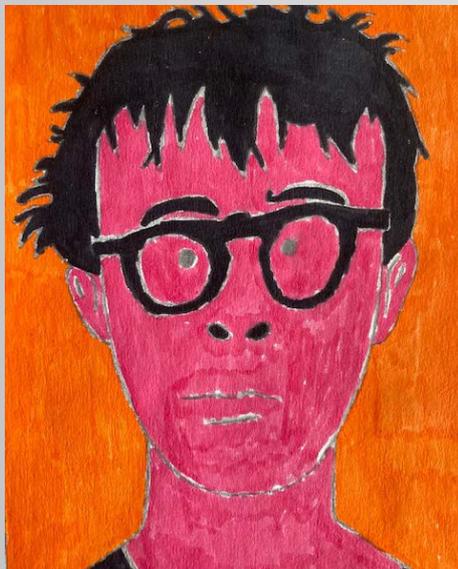
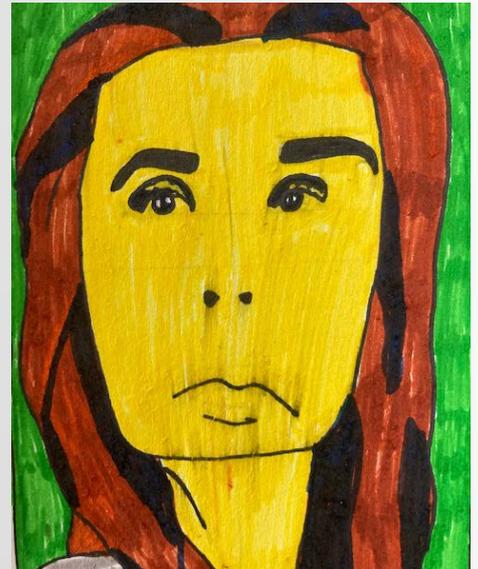
Year 7 history is the focus of the newsletter for humanities this week. Since the start of term, our Year 7s have been learning about medieval kingdoms, namely the kingdoms of Benin and Mali. This week saw a discussion on the role of the Oba. The Oba is the equivalent name for the Kings of the Kingdoms that we are studying, they are seen to have much power and in medieval times were the focal point of the development of the aforementioned kingdoms. Of particular relevance this week are the red coral beads that the Obas wore. These beads were very rare and very valuable in medieval times and were a sign of great importance. During discussions with our pupils this week, to our delight some of our pupils were able to tell us about the beads that they wear similar to the red coral beads worn by Obas. Mr Akinwaleola of the history department also brought in an example of the beads to show, the experience really helped to connect our pupils to the curriculum!



Art

Inspired by Julian Opie...

Year 7 have been studying the artist Julian Opie. Pupils created their own work inspired by his style using felt tips to carefully draw out their faces. We think the expressions are captured brilliantly!



Physical Education

We are excited for Year 7 football trials next week!

All pupils have made excellent progress in their physical education lessons this week. They have continued to work on their summer sports including athletics, cricket and rounders. It has also been great to see some of our teams back to training this week as part of our extra-curricular timetable. If you would like to join any extra-curricular clubs, check with your PE teacher, or form tutor, to find out what is available. We look forward to seeing the Year 7 football trialists next week. Girls trails are on Tuesday and boys will take place on Wednesday.



Booster Sessions Timetable

Information for pupils who have been invited to booster sessions.

Day	Subject	Room
Monday	Triple Science	E102
Tuesday	Combined Science	E208
Tuesday	Design and Technology	G69/G75
Tuesday	Child Development	E107
Tuesday	Modern Foreign Languages	E102/E104
Tuesday	iMedia	G70
Wednesday	Design and Technology	G69/G75
Wednesday	Enterprise	G79
Wednesday	Hospitality and Catering	144
Thursday	Design and Technology	G69/G75
Thursday	Hospitality and Catering	144
Thursday	Music	153
Thursday	Performing Arts	159
Thursday	Sports Studies	E102/E103
Friday	History	E103
Friday	Geography	G74
Friday	Hospitality	144
Friday	Art	101/102