



NEWSLETTER

Half Term 6

2nd July 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Time is absolutely flying by with only two and a half weeks left.

Well done to all pupils who have taken their end of year examinations over the last few weeks. Walking round the school, it is very clear how seriously they all responded to these important assessments. We look forward to sending your child's end of year reports home at the end of term.

This last week, we have successfully conducted on site lateral flow tests for all pupils who have consent. Please may I encourage parents and carers to continue to ensure your children are taking a second flow test at home, and please take a lateral flow test yourselves, together with your vaccinations to help keep children in school.

To confirm a text sent this earlier week, we have placed our 2021-22 term dates on the website, where you will see that due to the extra bank holiday on 2nd June (during half term) we are finishing the academic year on Tuesday 20th July, not Wednesday 21st July.

There are a lot of photos in this week's edition showing the fun enrichment activities many of our pupils have enjoyed, including Monster Kickabout for all year groups after school, Manchester United Foundation team building activities and baking. Please see our mouthwatering photos of the delicious food our pupils have been making!

Finally, congratulations to one very talented pupil who has been selected to sing at Manchester Festival - read on to find out more!

Best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Please be vigilante when checking your child's school bag. Pupils are not allowed to bring in their own paracetamol.

Dairy Dates

National Theatre Trips	5 th -9 th July 2021
Online Transition Evening	15 th July 2021
Sports and Activities Week	15 th -16 th July 2021
End of Year Reports Home	16 th July 2021



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Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *Our Year 7 girls' football team are looking very promising!*

Year 7 pupils have now completed their assessments in all subjects. Results of these assessments will be sent to you in due course. The overall Year 7 attendance is going in right direction, increasing towards the national average of 95%. At Dean Trust Ardwick we pride ourselves in having outstanding attendance, at almost 97%. As a result of increasing cases in the school we have had to start up on-site lateral flow test for pupils and staff. It is reassuring to see Year 7 taking these tests seriously and their behaviour has been exemplary during this time.

We have had a high number of girls who have signed up to take part in our first ever Year 7 girls' football training club, run by Mr Samuels. Training will take place every Monday from 3pm to 4pm. I have watched some of the Year 7 girls practising their skills at social times and I believe they are a force to be reckoned with! I am looking forward to cheering them on when they are able to play competitively.



Year 8 - Mr Diaz *Congratulations 8T Piccadilly, who won our behaviour drive competition!*

This week 8T Piccadilly have enjoyed a relaxed afternoon with a movie, pizza and drinks after a successful win of the Behaviour Drive competition. 8T Piccadilly bagged most BfL1 grades and BfL2 grades, well done and congratulations! This competition has had a very positive impact, with a considerable reduction in BfL3 and BfL4 grades across Year 8 – Well Done Everyone and Keep It Up! Over the next couple of weeks we will be making preparations for the End of Year Rewards, including Achievement Week! Sadly, we have also had an increase in pupils having to isolate due to COVID-19 cases, please continue to encourage your child to adhere to social distancing rules, wear a face mask (unless exempt) and wash their hands regularly.



Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn *Year 9 are looking forward to sport activities next week!*

Another fantastic week for Year 9 as we move towards the end of the year and into Year 10! Year 9 engagement with the Monster Kickabout Campaign has been fantastic this week, and it was great to see so many Year 9 pupils getting involved in the 'fun-focused' football tournaments during PE lessons, and our challenges after school! The fun does not stop there as we move into Sports Week next week, where we will be competing in this year's Sports Day activities. It might not be the Sports Day that we are all used, but we plan on making it just as special and we want to see as many people as possible signing up to compete! Keep up the hard work Year 9!



Year 10 - Mr Hull *Well done to our four video stars!*

We have almost completed the mock examinations, with just a few crucial exams remaining. The professional and purposeful attitude of the vast majority of the year group has been fantastic. While high standards are relentlessly expected, it should not be taken for granted and our pupils deserve huge recognition for their hard work and humility. To see so many pupils working in this manner stands us in brilliant stead for the future. I want to pay enormous tribute to a small group of Year 10s who represented the school fabulously by being part of the video production team who designed, created and produced a super video to show to Year 6 pupils as part of their transition and induction to life here at Dean Trust Ardwick in September. The production team were in awe of the brilliance of these four pupils - Alana, Darrel, Dalya and Maddy, so a huge well done to them. Be kind, work hard.



Year 11 - Mr Smith *We have lots of rewards planned the end of the year!*

We are currently planning an end of year 'Rewards Afternoon' for each year group for the penultimate week of term. There are going to be lots of exciting activities to choose from so keep your eyes open for the launch in the coming days!

Physical Education

Monster Kickabout Week has been a huge success with pupils!

This week was 'Monster kick-about week. An initiative across the country to encourage mass participation in football. Pupils across all year groups have taken part in challenges such as football bowls, crossbar challenge, 4 corner challenge and bin challenge. We had some excellent scores across the board, with one individual gaining a total of 13 points in the crossbar challenge. The PE department thoroughly enjoyed organising these events and thank all the pupils for their engagement during the week.



Manchester United Foundation - Team building activities

Our Foundation link, Mr Griffiths, ran activities to stretch pupils' interpersonal skills

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Performing Arts

A fantastic opportunity for Year 10 pupils...

Our Year 10 performing arts group have been provided with a fantastic opportunity to work with artists from The National Theatre. These opportunities will take place during the week beginning 5th July and will include workshops and theatre making sessions. We will explore the theme of 'identity' and pupils will use their own voices to make a positive change. The event will take place at the local youth zone, Hide Out. We are very excited for pupils and looking forward to sharing lots of photographs with you.

HIDE OUT

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SIDE** YOUTH ZONE

Hospitality and Catering

Our corridors were filled with the scent of fresh pastries this week...

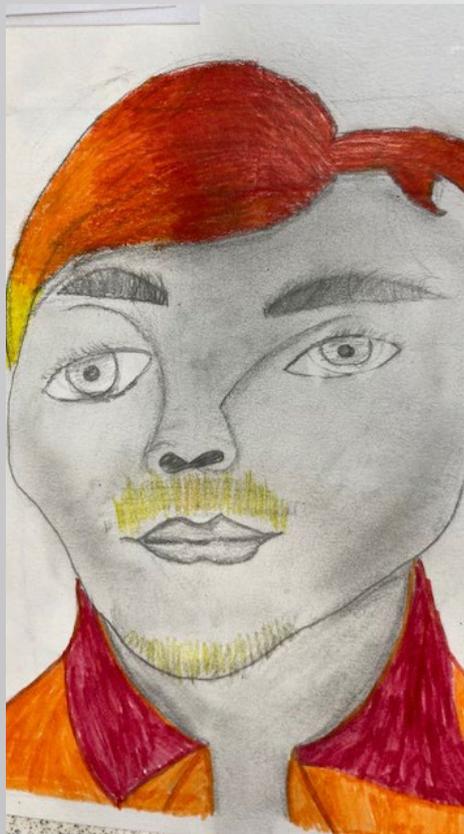
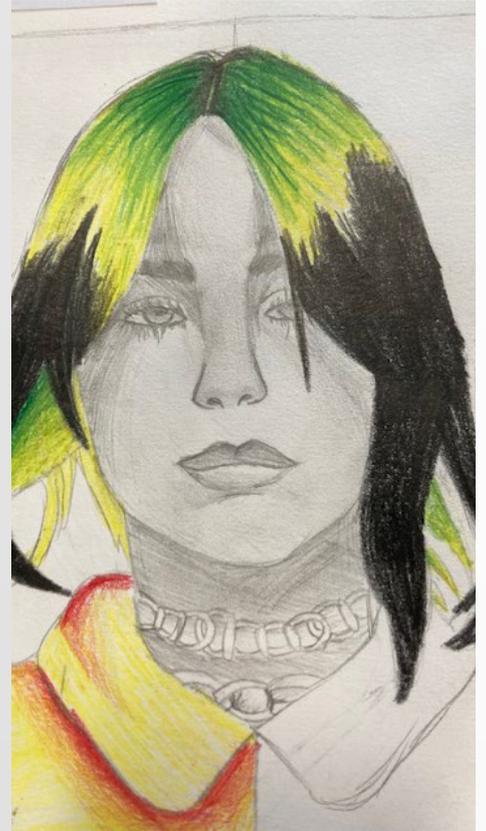
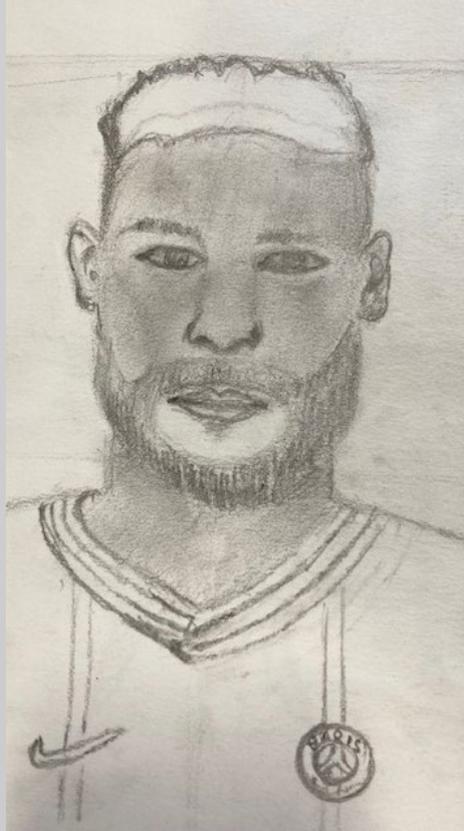
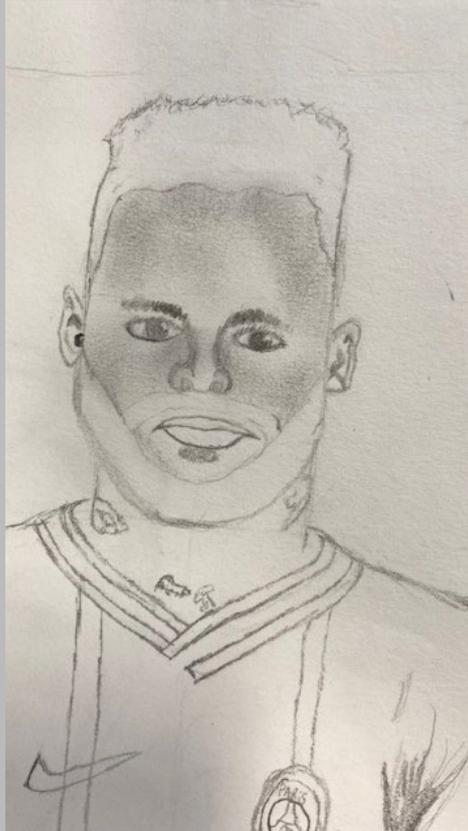
Year 10 baked Danish pastries in their practical lessons this week. Using fresh fruit and pastry, pupils creating a variety of different shapes and flavours to tickle the taste buds of all who walked past the classroom. Have a look for yourself!



Art and Design

Year 8 make the finishing touches to their final pieces...

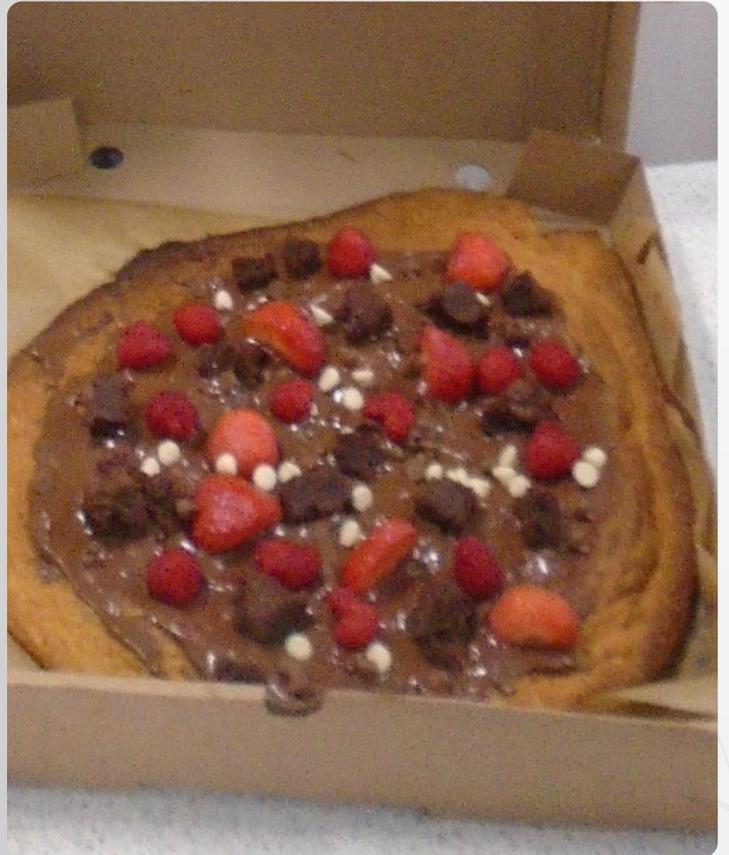
We have included some examples of work in progress from Year 8. They have been using pencil shading techniques and colour to make these portraits pop!



Baking Club

Cookie pizzas!

This week the technology faculty have been cooking up a storm, with our baking club members. By pupil request the recipe this week was to create a cookie style pizza. During the session the pupils continued developing their baking skills alongside their creative decoration skills. The smell of cookies filled the corridors and pupils produced some mouth watering results!



Manchester International Festival x Manchester United Foundation

The date is confirmed for David's live performance!

As you will be aware from our past newsletters, Year 11 pupil David has been selected to sing at the Manchester International Festival in the city centre this weekend. It will take place at Festival Square on Saturday 3rd July, 12pm-2pm and David will be on stage at around 1.45pm.

The festival is free to attend and it would be great if we could show our support as a school community! We wish you the best of luck David and look forward to seeing you perform! For more information: <https://mif.co.uk/>



Head Pupils and Senior Prefect Elections

Preparations are in full swing for the elections ahead...

Year 10 pupils are busy preparing their speeches to outline their vision for the role of head pupil. Next week they will create a video which will be shared amongst their peers before the voting begins. We have some exceptional candidates this year and are confident that we will find the best pupils for the job!

A collage of various items including a box of 'SLIME', a power drill, a Rubik's cube, a basketball, a sign that says 'MERIT SHOP', and other miscellaneous objects. The items are arranged on a dark red background.

MERIT SHOP

Year 8&9 - Thursday 8th July
Year 7 - Friday 9th July

We are OPEN!

Main Counters Menu

Week 3



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Piri-piri chicken
wraps

Beef lasanga

BBQ chicken pasta

Beef koftas

PIZZA BAR

Sweet potato bake Vegetarian lasanga Mix pepper quiche

Broccoli flower
gratin

Salt & pepper
cubes

Rosemary & thyme
wedges

Garlic bread
Crispy salad

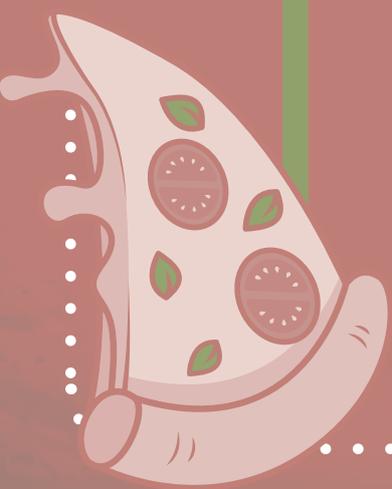
Chilli garlic bread

Spicy salsa sauce

Mediterranean
salad



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10 WAYS TO DO YOUR 10 DAYS

CHECKLIST FOR SELF-ISOLATING SAFELY

Help for people self-isolating

Keeping yourself away from other people when you could be infectious is the most effective way of stopping coronavirus.

If you're told to self-isolate, it's important to do so immediately and for the full 10 days. You shouldn't leave home for any reason.

You're not alone if you find doing this hard. Planning ahead, even before you have been told to self-isolate, can make things easier.

For more help and support with self-isolating please visit manchester.gov.uk/coronavirus or phone **0800 234 6123** 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.



1. Know your 10 days

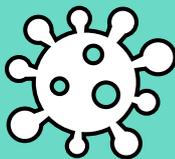
Stay at home, away from other people immediately for 10 full days. Count your 10 days using the NHS Covid-19 app.



During this time you also need to try and reduce the chances of spreading any infection to the people you live with.

2. Tell your work

Ask your employer about working from home or any sick leave or special leave options.



You might otherwise be able to get Statutory Sick Pay, a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment or other financial help, including if you're self-employed.

3. Plan your money

Check you have money to buy what you need and pay your rent and bills. Call the companies and explain your situation if not.



4. Arrange food, medicines & essentials

Ask friends and family to safely drop-off anything you need. Many shops and pharmacies can help with deliveries too.



Your local community hub can also help – via SMS on **07860 022 876**.

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5. Continue your children's education

If someone in your household has coronavirus or symptoms, any children you live with must also self-isolate. Contact their school to ask for work to do at home and any free school meals to be delivered.



If only you are self-isolating, your children should attend school as normal – but you will need to ask someone else to do the school run for you.

6. Get care for anyone who depends on you

If you're a carer, ask friends or family to provide the care while you are self-isolating.

If no-one else can safely take this on, a local mutual aid group could help.



7. Protect your mental health

Create a routine, keep busy, stay active, and speak to friends online or by phone. For silent, confidential, 24/7 mental health support, text **SHOUT** to **85258**.



8. Keep moving at home

Staying active will boost your physical and mental health. Get 30 minutes a day without leaving home.



9. Look after your pets

Check you have enough pet food and supplies. If required, ask someone else to care for your animal(s) while you are self-isolating. You shouldn't leave your home to walk your dog.



10. Get any other help you need

As well as your local community hub, NHS volunteer responders could help with all sorts of everyday tasks while you're self-isolating.



To find out more call **0808 196 3646** to arrange support for yourself or someone you know (8am to 8pm, 7 days a week).

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