



NEWSLETTER

Half Term 1

27th September 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

After only 3 weeks into the new term, we have a bumper edition of the newsletter to share with you. Please read on to find out about our Day of European Languages activities, Year 11 GCSE Evening, cycling proficiency course, Year 7 residential trip and our Geography field trip!



Ms S. Finlay
Headteacher

We are also very much looking forward to our **Open Evening on Thursday at 3.30pm** when we open our doors to visitors and Year 7 parents and carers. We encourage face masks to be worn to protect each other in a such a busy environment.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who ensure that their child arrives on time to school i.e. by 8.30am. Form time is an essential part of the school day. Our lates detention system does start this week.

If you are able to attend, please book our Coffee Morning in your diary. It will take place from 9.00 - 10.00am on Friday 15th October. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers, and learn more about the school over an informal drink and bite to eat.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay

Safeguarding Tip: A large study, undertaken by the NHS in July 2020, found that clinically significant mental health conditions amongst children had risen by 50% compared to three years earlier. A staggering 1 in 6 children now have a probable mental health condition. We are here to support your child with their mental health and you as their parent. Please contact school if you need advice or support.

Diary Dates

Open Evening	30 th September 2021 15:30-18:30
National Poetry Day	7 th October 2021
Coffee Morning: Meet and Greet	15 th October 2021
RE: Place of Worship Visit	18 th October 2021



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Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *Year 7 are very excited for their residential trip to Derbyshire.*

Year 7 pupils are incredibly excited to be going on the residential trip this week. The trip is at Ilham Hall, Derbyshire where pupils will take part in a wide range of activities including raft building, canoeing and outdoor team building exercises. Congratulations to those pupils who presented their speeches to staff on Friday. They were incredibly confident, discussing their first few weeks at Dean Trust Ardwick. Please read on to find out more.



Year 8 - Mr Smith *Year 8 are enjoying the return of normal routines.*

The Year 8 pupils are starting to get back into the 'normal' routines of life at DTA that they have never really encountered due to all the restrictions we faced in their first year at the school due to COVID. The pupils are really enjoying being able to move around the school building between lessons and being taught in different classrooms with a change in environment! Each week in assembly I am setting them a challenge to improve upon for that week, this week we are trying to improve behaviour during unstructured times at break and lunch, something I'm sure they'll step up to!



Year 9 - Mr Diaz *Pupils are starting to think about their future career options.*

Year 9 have had a great week settling in back to school. This week we have celebrated European Day of Languages and several of our pupils in Year 9 entered the Bake Off competition. It's great to see pupils joining in and taking part in school community life. Year 9 have also been introduced to several aspects of future career options and pathways, over the course of this year, form time will have some time dedicated to this given that this year poses an important step toward GCSEs. Year 9 have also been the best attending year group so far since the start of term, a huge congratulations to all for maintaining a great attendance record! Please encourage your child to continue with their high standards, attend school on time, with correct uniform and equipment



Year 10 - Mr Chetwyn *Thank you to those who attended Year 10 Welcome Evening.*

It was absolutely fantastic to see so many parents join us for the Year 10 Welcome Evening last week! The high levels of engagement and positivity within the sessions was great to see, and the relationship we share will be vital as we look to guide our young people to succeed at GCSE level. This week we have been working together in forms to develop our understanding of how we can positively resolve issues of confrontation, and about the dangers that can be posed to individuals that choose to do so negatively. Feedback from Form Tutors was fantastic, with lots of our Year 10 pupils showing high levels of maturity and personal responsibility. Keep it up the hard work everyone!



Year 11 - Mr Hull *This year is about working together to reach success.*

We had several pupils out of school and visiting the North Wales coast for a Geography field trip early in the week, and later in the week we hosted the Year 11 Welcome Evening. It was great to see so many pupils, parents and carers coming into school. This year is all about working together for success and these events are so important in that process. While our attendance is really excellent, we are keen to push our attendance and punctuality rates even higher. Punctuality is a life skill - demonstrating resilience, organisational ability and shows people that you are reliable and that you care. If you were to be late to school or late to lesson on two occasions each week by ten minutes, this would equate to more than 12 hours in a school year – the equivalent of missing a week and a half of lessons. Thank you for your assistance and support in dealing with this matter. Work hard, be kind.





EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Sunday, 26th September is European Day of Languages. This is a day to **celebrate all languages spoken in Europe, not just European ones**. At Dean Trust Ardwick we have such a diverse pupil and staff population and we want to celebrate! This year marks the 20th Anniversary of this day which makes it even more special.

On Friday 24th September we held a 'Bake Off' challenge in which pupils used their creativity to represent the many different cultures and languages here at Dean Trust Ardwick. The cakes were incredible! Read on to see some photographs!

Also, during form time pupils were treated to a video created by staff in which they were challenged to lip sync various songs from around the world. It is fair to say that most of the clips featured more dancing than lip syncing, however, pupils found the videos very enjoyable and it was a great way to start the day.

We hope you enjoy the photographs on the next page!

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Year 11 GCSE Parents' Welcome Evening

Another great turn out!

Thank you to all of our Year 11 parents and carers who attended our Welcome Evening last week. It was great to have you all in school and we are confident that you will have found the evening informative, as well as picking up lots of useful tips on how to support your child during their studies.



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Year 7 Pupils Read Their Speeches to Staff

Year 7 share their experiences from the first few weeks at Dean Trust Ardwick

During our staff briefing on Friday morning, four Year 7 pupils bravely presented their experiences of Dean Trust Ardwick so far. This was following their presentations in Year 7 assembly. Staff were blown away by the confidence of the pupils and it was warming to hear so many positive stories and thoughts from them!



Year 7 Residential Trip

There's lots of excitement throughout Year 7!

Year 7 pupils are very excited for their Year 7 Residential Trip on Monday. They will leave school at 9.30am to make their way to Ilham Hall, Derbyshire. It will be three days of outdoor activities and team building exercises which we hope will be the perfect start to their time at Dean Trust Ardwick.



Bike Right

Empowering our pupils to cycle confidently and safely.

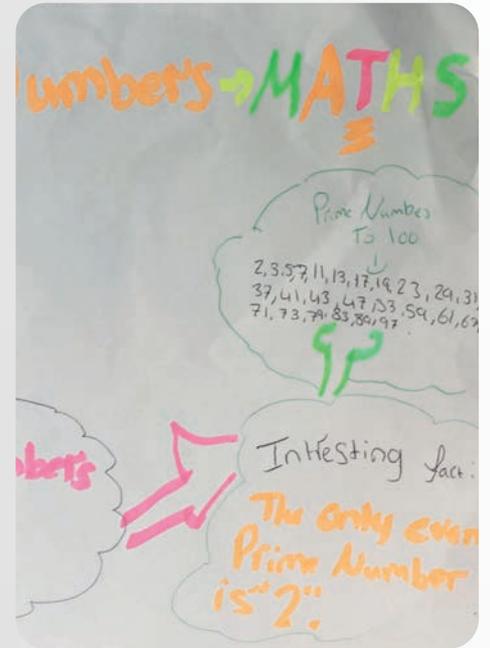
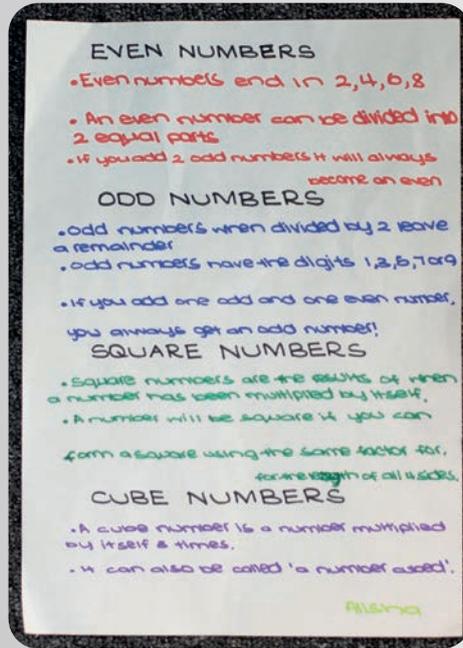
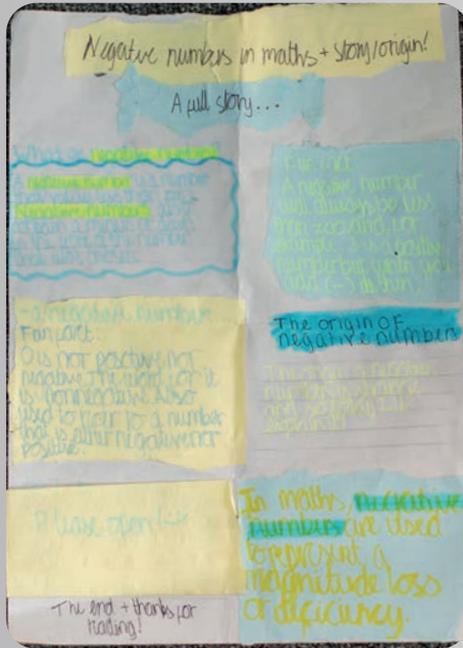
Bike Right visited our school on Thursday and Friday to hold workshops for our Year 7-10 pupils. The sessions covered the basics of maintenance and road safety; all of the skills necessary to ride confidently. We hope that the workshops encourage pupils to continue to ride their bikes and gain all of the health benefits of doing so.



Mathematics

Learning how to take effective notes.

Last week 7D5 were given a homework task where they had to research how to make notes and use what they learnt to make notes on the topic 'number', here are some examples of what Year 7 produced.



Mathematics

LEGO club had a great turnout!

The turnout to Thursday's lunch time LEGO club was fantastic! Pupils were challenged to create a free standing pyramid using LEGO bricks. Have a look at some of their designs below!



The Big Green Week

Pupils clean up our local community.

As part of The Big Green Week pupils have been out in full force picking up litter from our local community; and it's not just our local area that has received a tidy up, pupils on the humanities field trip to Rhyl beach took part in a beach clean, collecting rubbish that had washed up on the sand. Thank you to all who were involved in the initiative which was in partnership with the



Engineering

Our first year of teaching Engineering!

This week has seen a great start to our first year of teaching Engineering, our future engineers were thoroughly enjoying getting back into the workshop and honing their practical skills. The engineering cohort has made a fantastic start and we are excited to see them progress.



Humanities

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their fieldtrip to Rhyl

After almost 2 years without fieldtrips, last week was time for our Year 11 cohort to travel to Rhyl for a geography fieldtrip. The purpose of the trip was to collect data from the beaches of the popular Welsh tourist site. We had an excellent time taking 140 Year 11 geographers to the beach to carry out data collection on the effectiveness of coastal management techniques. Using equipment such as clinometers, tape measures and metre sticks, pupils collated a vast amount of data, which will be analysed in upcoming weeks in lessons. Some of the pupils enjoyed a game of football on the beach during their lunch, whilst others basked in the Welsh sunshine. Mr Tait in particular enjoyed a rousing game of frisbee, which lasted 1 throw before his frisbee entered the waves, never to be seen again.

Overall the pupils were fantastic, particularly the C Band pupils who were an absolute pleasure, and the Humanities faculty is looking forward to exposing more of our pupils to the British coastlines in the future.





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24th September 2021

Dear parents and carers

On Thursday 30th September school will be closing early at the end of lunch. This means all pupils will be dismissed from school between 1:25pm and 1:30pm.

The early closure is due to our Open Evening for Year 5, 6 and our Year 7 pupils, parents and carers to visit the school between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. This is an annual event and we ensure that the lost face to face teaching time is included later in the year. Additionally, pupils will be given work to complete as extended homework for the Thursday afternoon. Please could you support us in ensuring this work is completed.

If you are a parent of a Year 7 pupil please feel free to join us from 3:30pm onwards.

Kind Regards

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