



# NEWSLETTER

Half Term 1

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome to the new school year. After such a challenging couple of years we are delighted and relieved to be able to return to our normal routines and structures. It is refreshing to have pupils once again moving around school to lessons and meeting in the hall for weekly assemblies. Pupils have made an excellent start to the school year so far.



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

We exercise cautious optimism of course, so I do encourage everyone to continue the weekly testing of your children and hopefully adults have had their vaccinations; this will help massively to keep pupils in school and for us to operate without restrictions.

We had a busy summer. Please see the photos from Results Day. Year 11 achieved a Progress 8 score of 0.5 which is very good news and is similar to last year's results. Almost all pupils have secured post-16 destinations and for many, in their chosen subjects. Well done Class of 2021!

Summer School was a success; 120 pupils participated from Years 8-11 and 120 of our new Year 7s attended for the last two weeks of the holidays.

This year we are investing in brightening the school environment and we love the art work completed by two local Manchester artists over summer. There is more to come!

We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming Parents Welcome Evenings, so please do check the website and the newsletter for key dates. We are also excited to return to our popular coffee mornings this year.

Here is wishing us all a successful and healthy academic year 2020-21!

Best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay

**Safeguarding Tip:** Early Help is a Universal service which supports families, if you need support following effects of COVID on your family please contact school and ask to speak to the Welfare Team.

## Diary Dates

Year 10 Parents Welcome Evening	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 15:30-17:00
Year 11 Geography Rhyl Fieldwork Visit	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Year 11 Parents Welcome Evening	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021 15:30-17:00
Open Evening	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 15:30-18:30



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### **Year 7 - Mrs Rashford** *Year 7 have made a fantastic start to the year!*

I would like to send a warm welcome to Year 7. All pupils have made a fantastic start to the academic year. This week, Year 7 took part in team building activities led by the army. It was a great success! As you will be aware there is a Year 7 residential planned week beginning 27th September. Further information regarding this will be shared with you shortly.



### **Year 8 - Mr Smith** *I look forward to helping you develop vital skills and routines for learning.*

Year 8, I am very excited to be your new head of year having spent three years leading the recently departed Year 11s. I want to help you develop the 'DTA way' that will be learnt over your time here. You had such a disrupted start to your school life that hopefully this year will get back to our 'normal' way of learning and you will develop some vital skills and routines that you missed out on last year.



### **Year 9 - Mr Diaz** *I am confident that we will have a fabulous year!*

Welcome back Year 9! Only yesterday you were in Year 7 and look how fast the years are going by! It's difficult to ignore how challenging the last two years have been with the pandemic disruption so much of our learning time, but hopefully this year we will have the full experience of secondary school and develop further those important skills and characteristics you need to succeed not only at DTA but as citizens of the world. This year is pivotal in your academic futures, you will be faced with challenging decision that will pave your way through school until Year 11 and beyond. I am confident that with the support of your teachers, tutors and support staff we will have a fabulous year!



### **Year 10 - Mr Chetwyn** *Every second is an opportunity to seize success.*

Welcome back Year 10 we hope you have had a long and restful break. Everybody looks ready to work hard and engage in the Key Stage 4 curriculum. We really look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September for our Year 10 Welcome Evening. Over the next couple of weeks we will be looking to refocus and re-engage with our relentless routines so that we are ready to learn at any time. Every second counts in Year 10 and 11 and every second is an opportunity to seize success.



### **Year 11 - Mr Hull** *We are excited to see our Year 11s reach their full potential.*

Hi, my name is Mr Hull and it is my huge honour and privilege to be the Head of Year 11 – a fantastic collection of individuals who are now in their final year at Dean Trust Ardwick. I am incredibly proud of each of them and their stunning achievements and awesome potential. Our focus this year will be primarily on achieving those all important GCSE grades that we know our young people are capable of, but also thriving as a community and enjoying this exciting time together. It's essential that we all work together as a team to make sure our final year together is as productive and enjoyable as possible. Work hard, be kind.



# win £50 VOUCHER to spend at ASDA

*Only with 100%  
attendance!*

Fancy winning a £50 Asda shopping voucher each week? All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning the voucher is to ensure that your child attends school 100% (appointments will be taken into consideration) starting from 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Ensuring that your child attends school 100% of the time is very important and vital at the start of the new year when they are meeting their teachers, friends and starting their curriculum subjects. In high school it can be very difficult to 'catch up' like your child might have done in primary school as they have 6 subjects a day across a range of subjects. Your child needs to have the foundation knowledge, for each subject, at the start of the year to ensure that they can build on that knowledge as they progress. We have excellent attendance at Dean Trust Ardwick which contributes to our superb outcomes, however we want to support our families in whichever way we can.

To be in for a chance at winning, your child must have 100% attendance for an entire week. At the end of the week they will be placed into a prize draw and have the opportunity to win a £50 Asda voucher to spend.



**Mrs Greveson**  
*Attendance Officer*

If you do have any concerns or questions about your child's attendance you can speak with their Head of Year or to our attendance officer Miss Greveson at: [attendance@deantrustardwick.co.uk](mailto:attendance@deantrustardwick.co.uk)



## Meet our new Pupil Leadership Team

### Head Pupils



**Mustafa**  
*Head Boy*



**Alisson**  
*Head Girl*

### Senior Prefects



**Arifah**



**Mohammed**



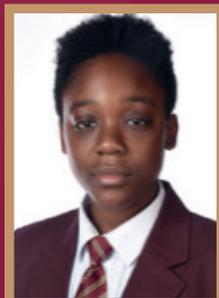
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**Alana**



**Amanda**



**Kenzo**



**Helton**



**Jerone**

# RESULTS DAY

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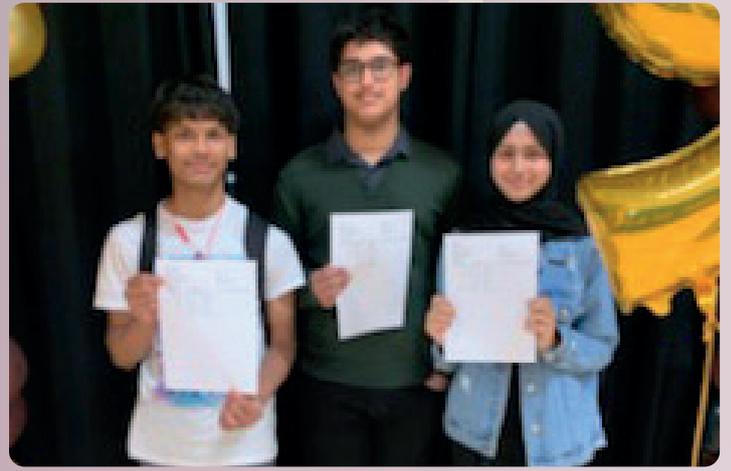
*Our pupils were over the moon with their results!*

Year 11 collected their results during the summer holidays and it was a very emotional event, full of joy and excitement! We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication that pupils put into their studies and wish them all the best for the next steps on their path to excellence. We have included some photographs from the day below!



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## Mrs Charles

*Welcome to Dean Trust Ardwick!*

My name is Mrs Charles and I am a new Assistant Headteacher at Dean Trust Ardwick. I have previously taught in East London for 10 years and it's great to be finally teaching in my hometown - Manchester. I am really enjoying getting to know the staff, pupils and parents at DTA and I am really excited to be working with the pupil senior prefect team and school council, focussing on student voice and experiences around school. I look forward to meeting you all!

## Summer School

*With so many activities being held, it is not a surprise that summer school was so popular!*

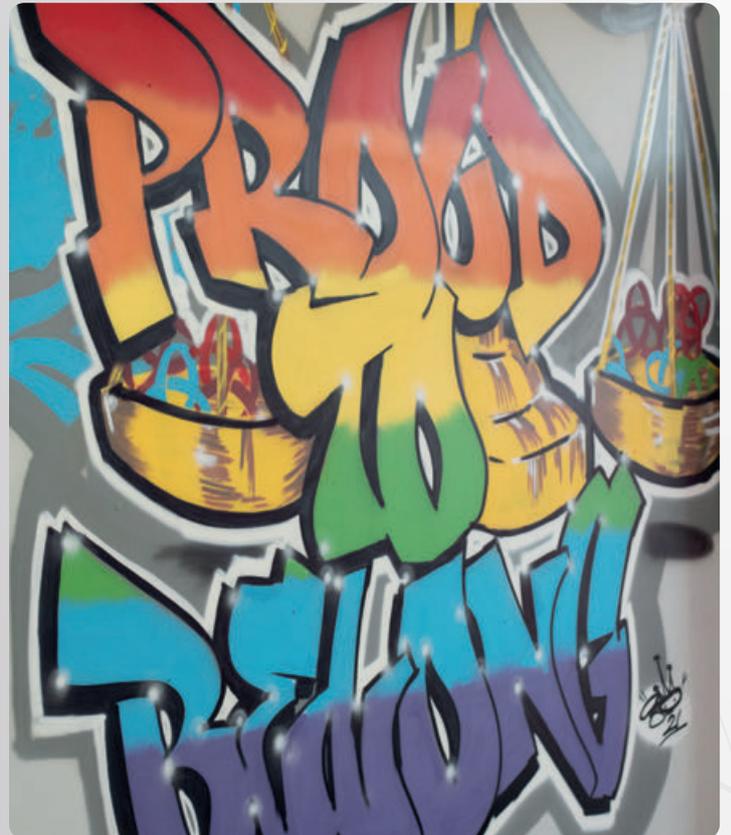
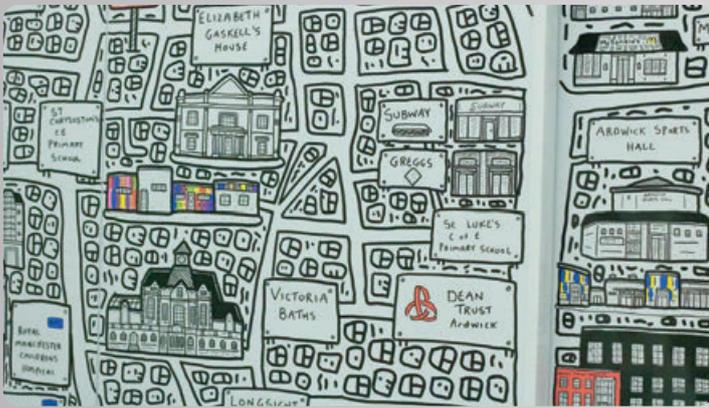
During the summer holidays, pupils were invited in for a week of Summer School. During this time we had over 150 Year 7-10 pupils attend to test their skills and knowledge in baking, multi-sports, football and performing arts. The week, according to Aurelius in Year 7 was 'the best week ever'. Pupils were able to choose daily which activities they wanted to take part in. On the Thursday pupils undertook an assault course both of the mental and physical type where they took part in teams to figure out problems, work together to solve challenges and individually push themselves through gruelling obstacles. A special mention to Wahab in Year 9 who despite challenges with his sight pushed himself to complete the course. An amazing week was had by all. Thank you very much to all who attended, the staff, the pupils, the Army and to the Manchester United Foundation for making it happen!



## New School Displays

*Our school walls are coming to life!*

Pupils and staff returned to corridors full of colour this year! Over the summer we had a number of artists and designers in school to add some life to our grey walls. We worked closely with pupils to ensure that they had an input on the designs and we hope that you can see their influence in the examples below. We are not yet finished on our mission to create a calm, exciting and inspiring school environment and look forward to sharing further work, specifically in our dining hall and subject areas.



## Year 7 Army Activities

*Year 7 take on team building activities ran by the Army*

As part of Year 7 introduction week, pupils have taken part in various activities ran by the British Army. The focus of the event is to develop communication skills and confidence through working together as a team to solve problems. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time and were very thankful to the members of the Army who joined them.

