



NEWSLETTER

3rd December 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

It is unbelievable how this half term is flying by! Year 11 pupils can take a short sigh of relief now their first mock examinations are complete. We look forward to sharing the results with them in January before they embark on their second mocks in February. They have been used to hearing the mantra, 'If it's to be, it's up to me'. So hopefully, with the hard work of staff, we shall have some pleasing results.



Ms S. Finlay
Headteacher

Thank you to all those Year 10 parents and carers who participated in the online Progress Evening last week. We shall provide some support for any parents who had difficulties logging on, but on the whole, it was really successful.

We have come to the end of our 'Next Level November' drive and pupils will be seeing the fruits of their hard work and efforts when the winners earn themselves a pizza and movie afternoon!

We are now excited to begin our 12 Days of Christmas Campaign to promote 100% attendance until the end of term. Every day is vital, and we do continue with lessons as normal until the last day of term, so your child will miss out on learning if they are not in school.

Please read on to find out what our pupils have been doing last week, and I am sure you will be impressed with our extra-curricular debating club, where a Year 10 pupil represented DTA in the '2022 Our Year' business launch, plus all about the Year 8 semi-finalists who took part in the 'Debate Mate' Expo 2020 Dubai competition.

We have such talented pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick! So proud.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay

Safeguarding Tip:

A reminder that pupils can be kept up to 30 minutes after school. If you have any worries about your child's location after this time please contact reception or the pastoral team.

Diary Dates

Year 7 Christmas Party	7 th December 2021
Chester Zoo Trip	10 th December 2021
Lion King Trip	15 th December 2021
KS3 Reports Home	17 th December 2021



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mrs Rashford *Year 7 are looking forward to the MU Foundation Christmas party!*

Hello parents and carers. We are well over half way through this half term. I am looking forward to a number of events taking place in the run up to Christmas. Next week, a small selection of pupils will be attending the Manchester United Foundation's annual Year 7 Christmas! Mr Griffith has told me it's arguably the best one yet! It has been lovely to see so many pupils working on their studies both in the classroom and at home. I can not stress the importance of consolidating knowledge at home.



Year 8 – Mr Smith *Well done to the winners of 'Next Level November'!*

This week we revealed the winners of 'Next Level November' which has been a month long competition in which forms have been competing against each other. Points have been awarded for positive behaviour, attendance and punctuality. Pupils have made a real effort to help their form and the overall improvement has been great to see. In the end there can only be one winner and that was... 8D Palace! They have the choice of their prize between a cinema afternoon with Dominos pizza or a trip to Old Trafford! Well done to everyone and let's hope we can continue these good habits into January.



Year 9 – Mr Diaz *Congratulations to our winners of the Next Level November competition.*

Congratulations to 9D Whitworth for winning our Next Level November competition! They are the proud winners of a tour of the Manchester United grounds with Mr Griffith! Please congratulate your child for their efforts in maintaining high standards in order to achieve the top spot in this competition. It's difficult to ignore the current situation surrounding Covid-19, in order to ensure everyone's safety we have reintroduced wearing of masks in school in communal areas. Please ensure your child has a mask with them when coming to school and advise them to take personal responsibility to maintain social distancing where necessary.



Year 10 – Mr Chetwyn *Thank you to all those parents who attended our Progress Evening.*

Congratulations to 10D Whitworth, the Year 10 winners for our Next Level November campaign! They have worked exceptionally hard to come back from a poor start to November to win by just one point, earning themselves pizza and a movie afternoon! Well done! From Monday 6th November we'll be running our 12 days of Christmas Campaign to promote 100% attendance for the rest of the year, with daily prizes for attendance to school and a whopping £100 & £50 Asda voucher available to win in the 100% raffle at the end of the campaign! It was great to see so many parents attend our Progress Evening this week! Keep up the hard work guys!



Year 11 – Mr Hull *Well done to Year 11 for their effort during the mock exams.*

An outstanding week from Year 11 as we finalised our mock exams. As I said last week, the level of resilience and independence amongst this talented and motivated group of pupils is really heartening. The work they are prepared to do – in class and at home is brilliant, they really realise "If its meant to be, it's up to me". A huge well done to Victoria form, who have won Next Level November, an initiative to recognise excellent punctuality and attendance alongside positive behaviour around school. I am sure they are looking forward to their reward in December. Work hard, be kind.



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Debate Mate

Our Debate Mate weekly update.

Debate Mate is held every Tuesday. Pupils did their first debate this week; they were arguing the following topics:

This House would make sugary food and drink more expensive.

This House would only imprison violent offenders (challenging).

This Debate was enjoyed by all and again the school had another excellent turnout.



Peoples' History Museum

Our Debate Mate weekly update.

On Wednesday 1st December a Year 10 pupil was invited to the Peoples' History Museum. This year, Manchester Council are celebrating Manchester's children and young people with a whole-city approach to help them shape a future that's safe, happy, healthy and successful. They were arguing that 'Social inequality is the biggest factor affecting young people today.'

Pupils from other schools argued that climate change and exam stress were bigger factors.

The debate can be watched on this website: <https://www.ouryear.uk/>



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Expo Dubai 2020 Semi-Finals

Year 8 pupils are in for a chance to win a one in a life time opportunity.

On Thursday 2nd December two of our Year 8 pupils took part in the semi-finals of the Expo 2020 Dubai. They did our school extremely proud. One pupil gave a speech on why internalised homophobia was a big issue in schools. Another pupil stated that school clubs need more funding to allow pupils to pursue their dreams. On Monday 6th December we find out whether these pupils make it to the finals. FINGERS CROSSED!



PEGI Ratings and Age Restricted Content

Advice on age restricted content.

Would you allow your child to watch a film with an age 18 rating? When it comes to video games, 4/5 of parents don't follow the age restrictions. The content on video games that are 18+ can be graphic, abusive and sexualised.

Call of Duty (CoD), Grand Theft Auto (GTA), Mortal Combat, Assassins Creed, Alien vs. Predator are some examples of 18+ games that are popular amongst our pupils. Please be vigilant and aware of what content your child is accessing when playing video games. If you wouldn't let them watch an 18+ film, don't allow them to access 18+ games. Use the following information to help guide your decisions:

PEGI 3 - suitable for all ages

PEGI 7 - suitable for young children

PEGI 12 - suitable for children 12 and over

PEG 16 - suitable for children 16 and over

PEGI 18 - Only suitable for adults

TWO LEVELS OF INFORMATION AS A GUIDE : THE PEGI AGE LABELS



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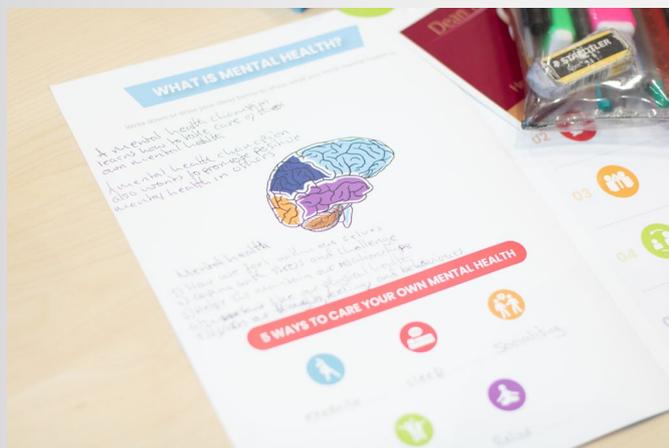
One Goal Education

Mental health workshop to prepare our pupils to be Mental Health Champions.

On Wednesday, One Goal Education delivered workshops to over 50 pupils to train them as Mental Health Champions. The workshops explored how they can look after their own mental health and support the mental health of others. There were some interesting conversations about the impact social media, films and TV programmes can have on our mood and positive suggestions of how we can use social media so that it can improve our mental health. Pupils suggested the following:

- Not looking at social media first thing in the morning or last thing at night.
- Limiting your time and ensuring you have face to face conversations.
- Following more appropriate Instagram and Tiktok personalities.
- Posting 'real' photos and not using filters.

All of the pupils involved are now certified Mental Health Champions and will continue to develop a more positive approach to discussing mental health issues. There will be opportunities for more training days throughout the year. If your child is interested, please tell them to speak to Miss Bostock.



Hospitality and Catering

Pupils have been busy baking gingerbread figures.

This week in Hospitality & Catering the staff and pupils have been baking up a storm to create a variety of gingerbreads to sell at the Plattfield Christmas Markets alongside the Technology departments Christmas tree decorations. Make sure to head down to the market this Saturday 4th December for some festivities & to help raise some money for the Eco Committee's green space at the school.



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Baking Club

Pupils bake delicious cookies!

This week in baking club the pupils were making some mouth watering cookies. Pupils made their cookie dough mixtures and filled them with a selection of chocolate chips. Many of the pupils said it was their favourite baking club recipe so far and were excited to make them again at home with their families.



Women in Technology (W.I.T)

Pupils use computer aided design to create wonderful Christmas decorations!

This week in W.I.T club the pupils have been working hard to create a selection of Christmas decorations to decorate the school with for the upcoming festive season. The pupils created and decorated a variety of Christmas baubles and a 'Merry Christmas' sign to hang in the dining hall of Dean Trust Ardwick. The decorations will be installed this weekend for the staff and pupils to look at and enjoy

