



NEWSLETTER

15th February 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Y11s have complete their second mock examinations in Ebacc subjects this week, and we wish them well with their results, as they press on in these last few weeks with preparation for their real exams in May.

It is now Year 10s' turn to sit mock exams in vocational subjects this week. I am delighted that so many pupils have high aspirations in our school, and I hope that the Year 10s who are going on the Oxford University residential trip on 2nd March are really motivated by their experience.

This week, read on to find out about the LGBTQIA+ History month film screening, 'High School Musical' rehearsals for a summer show, and the very popular Coffee Morning which we were at last able to hold in school again on Friday! It was really well attended, so please do not miss out on the next one on 25th March, which, sadly, will be my last Coffee Morning. I would love to see you there so please do put it in your diary.

Finally... please vote for Lois who is running for Manchester Youth Parliament. How great would that be if a DTA pupil won a place! Read on to find out more. Your vote counts!

We have some fantastic news about one of our 2020 alumni. Look inside!

Please note we finish for half term on Friday, and pupils return to school on Monday 28th February.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay
Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Please talk to your children about the importance of crossing the road safely. We have had a number of pupils involved in serious collisions in the last 12 months

Diary Dates

Year 9 Options Deadline	14 th February
Covid Vaccines	17 th February
Half Term Break	21 st -25 th February
Return to School	28 th February
Year 10 Oxford University Trip	2 nd March



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mrs Rashford *Year 7 have another opportunity to attend a residential trip!*

We have confirmed the dates for the next Year 7 residential. It will be at Illam Hall and will take place on 11th – 13th May at a cost of £100 payable in instalments. This will be open to all Year 7 pupils. Places are limited and priority will be for those pupils who did not attend the first residential. If you wish your child to attend please complete the consent forms and ask your child to hand it in to their form tutor as soon as possible. We will confirm places once consent forms have been handed in and deposits paid.



Year 8 – Mr Smith *Some Year 8 pupils visited the Juice Academy!*

A group of Year 8 pupils attended a Reach Out Trip to the Juice Academy on Tuesday. They had the opportunity to design a social media campaign and learn all about careers in the Digital Marketing industry. There was also a lot of information about apprenticeships which was great to give them an idea of something they could do when they leave school! Overall their conduct and attitude was excellent and they represented the school in a fabulous manner! The £50 deposit to secure a place on the Year 8 Residential Trip to Lockerbie is due this Friday. Please use parent pay or the individual 'pay point' letters to make the payment electronically if you would like your child to go on the trip. If you have any question regarding the trip please e-mail Mr Smith at headofyear8@deantrustardwick.co.uk



Year 9 – Mr Diaz *Year 9 are in the process of choosing their options.*

This week, Year 9 pupils have received their recommended pathways for GCSE, it is a pivotal moment in their studies and it is vital that they take careful consideration when thinking about their options. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child makes an informed decision and if your child has any questions or concerns about their recommended pathway to address these with their form tutor in the first instance. The deadline for their submission is February 14th. Next week is our last week of half term and we will be celebrating pupil achievement, please join me in congratulating all our pupils who go above and beyond expectations, relentlessly.



Year 10 – Mr Chetwyn *Good luck to those who have mock examinations!*

Another great week for Year 10 with lots of things happening! The interest from Year 10 pupils in a potential trip to Oxford University has been incredible, and it has been amazing to see and hear such high levels of aspiration from so many of our pupils! We have also seen some great opportunities presented to Year 10 this week, including enrichment trips via the OddArts program and through our partnership with the Manchester United Foundation. Next week will see some of our pupils take part in the formal mock examination process, with exams taking place in vocational subjects. Good luck Year 10 and keep striving to be great – you truly are!



Year 11 – Mr Hull *Well done Year 11 for all your hard work!*

Year 11 have been sitting their mock exams during the past week, and have been faced with an intensive and challenging period with the exams coming in rapid succession. While I have said it before, their resilience and hard work have been really inspiring. As the weeks count down to the forthcoming exams, it is really heartening to see the pupils getting stronger and increasing their capabilities. Not only are they expanding their knowledge and skills, but their exam craft is improving with experience. The pupils are learning time management skills, revision techniques and preparing better for each exam. It really is true that "the more I practise, the luckier I get." Well done to everyone undertaking these exams this week. Word hard, be kind.



Headteacher's Commendation

Well done to the pupils involved!

Kellen, Kyle and Sean in Year 10 made delicious chocolate cakes using their favourite biscuits, Oreos, as part of the Hospitality and Catering course. Well done!



Circus Skills

Pupils learned new tricks in Circus Skills!

Pupils continue to learn new skills for their Summer showcase. Circus Skills club is every Wednesday after school and is run by Circus House, a company based in Levenshulme.



Chess Club

Pupils took part in Chess Club at lunch!

Chess club has just started this month and has enjoyed an excellent turnout so far. It is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes as well as Wednesdays after school until 4. Chess club is open to all year groups and welcomes players of all abilities (even if you don't know how to play!). Well done to all who have taken part!



LGBTQIA+ History Month Film Screening

Pupils attended a screening of the film 'Pride'.

Pupils attended an after school screening of the film 'Pride' to celebrate LGBTQIA+ History Month. 'Pride' is based on the true story of a group of UK activists who worked to help the miners during their lengthy strike of the National Union of Mineworkers in the summer of 1984. The story follows the activists as they strive to help those in need in the face of adversity. The film discusses themes of identity within the LGBTQIA+ community. Through this film screening, pupils' understanding of the LGBTQIA+ community was broadened and they developed an awareness of the struggles people can experience in finding their identities.

The next film screening is on Wednesday 16th February at 3pm in the Library. The film is called 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower' and it is open to pupils from the age of 13+ in Years 9, 10 and 11. Pupils must bring a signed consent form to be able to attend this screening. Please ask your English teacher or the Librarian for a consent form.



Debate Mate

Well done to the debaters who won their first competition!

Debate Mate is held every Tuesday and, this week, pupils were awarded pizza for doing so well in their first competition!

This week at Debate Mate the motion which they were debating was:

This house would allow parents access to their children's social media accounts.

There were some interesting points made for and against the motion.

Our second competition will be during the week of 7th March. We hope to do well in this too!

Science

Pupils experimented in Science!

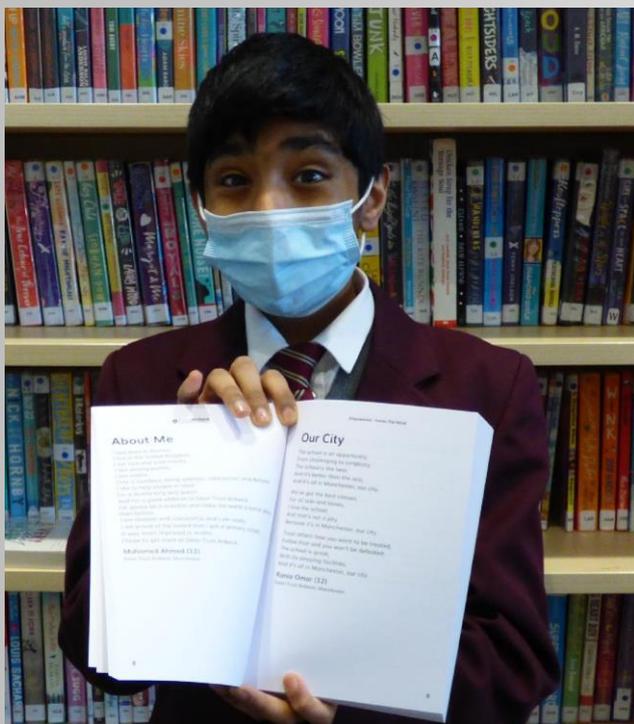
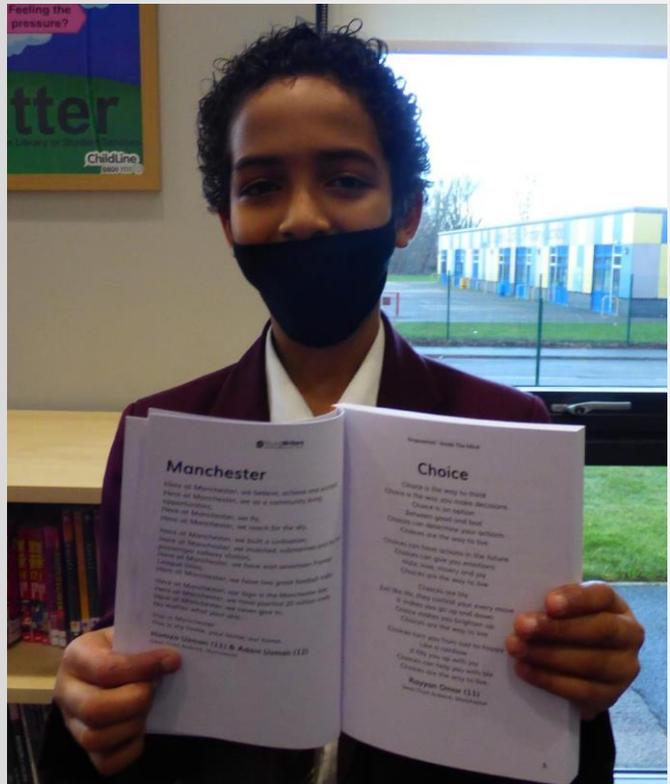
Pupils in Year 7 participated in an experiment in their Science lessons this week. This experiment is called 'Elephant Toothpaste.' It involves using potassium iodide or yeast and warm water as a catalyst for hydrogen peroxide to decompose. This decomposition leads to a foamy substance! It is great to see pupils undertaking practical experiments again! Thanks to all staff involved.



National Poetry Day 2021

Well done to our published pupils!

On National Poetry Day 2021, pupils entered a poetry competition run by a company called Young Writers. The title of the competition was 'Empowered' and the theme was 'choice'. It has been announced that 18 of our pupils were chosen for publication in an anthology. Well done, we are so proud of our pupils and their talents!



Performing Arts

Introducing the cast of High School Musical!

Our summer production this year will be 'High School Musical'. Rehearsals began last week, and there are over 70 pupils in the cast! Everyone involved is already extremely excited about the project and the cast have been energetic and enthusiastic during the rehearsals, so far.

The production is set to be our biggest yet and will be performed in June. Details of performance dates and tickets will follow soon.

'GO WILDCATS!'

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



Parental Coffee Morning

Thank you to all parents who attended!

On Friday morning, parents were invited to the school Library for a coffee morning. Mr Worthington, Ms Qasim, Ms Fyfe and Ms Charles spoke to parents about lots of different aspects of the school, including addressing any queries that were raised. It was a pleasure to be able to invite parents back to the school site. Thank you to all who came and to the members of staff who presented. The next coffee morning is on Friday 25th March.





Manchester Youth Parliament

Vote for Lois!

Y10 pupil, Lois, is in the running to be a representative for the Manchester Youth Parliament. Voting closes on Sunday 20th February at 6pm. Voting can be done on Instagram at the account @manchesteryouthcouncil by clicking on the link in the bio. You can also watch a short introductory video to Lois and her values on this page. You must be between the ages of 11-18 to vote, so please encourage your children to vote for Lois!

Below is Lois' manifesto:

"My goals are to focus on the mental health and youth crime system that affects young people. My aim is to attempt to secure funding so all different areas in Manchester have a YouthZone, like HideOut. I want all young people to have a place like HideOut YouthZone in their area because it attracts many young people. It's a very good distraction from all the negativity a young person might be facing. There are so many different activities that you can attend, the staff are very delightful and it's such a beneficial place to attend if a young person is having struggles, as you can learn new things and it doesn't cost much as it's only 50p per session! My plan to get secure funding is to make social media campaigns, reach out to local celebrities (e.g. Marcus Rashford), to attempt to apply for the National Lottery grant and even convince Manchester City Council to get involved.

I am able to create my own social media campaign logo as I'm very creative. I believe that involving local celebrities could really give the youth hope and even gain recognition. Getting Manchester City involved won't only be a great help but will also be beneficial as it can be a new way to save money as it could reduce youth crime and antisocial behaviour, which costs a lot to try and prevent. This means young people could then focus on their skills and education. Gorton has been one of Manchester's most deprived areas and is in the top 10% in the UK. However, research statistics do show that since HideOut YouthZone was built, it has engaged about 1,500 local children and also provided free school meals for families that struggle to afford food. I believe that building a youth centre as amazing as HideOut in most areas in Manchester could really make a safe environment for young people, could increase the chances of better mental health in young people and will let the young people of Manchester know that they have got a place to socialise, be educated and feel supported!"





REACH OUT



Workplace Experience Visit



School:

Dean Trust Ardwick Y8 M2



Company:

Juice Academy



Activities:

Campaign making, video storyboarding



Skills used:

Team work, Communication



ReachOut Character

Strengths used:

Good Judgement



Mentees had the opportunity to tour Tangerine's offices and learn about the brands the company works with.

"It was great getting to see the students take part in our tasks and see their creativity."

Megan Preece, Digital Marketing Executive,
The Juice Academy

"My favourite part of the workplace visit was the tour because I got to see what kind of environment people worked in."

Happy, Year 8 Mentee

"This really stretched the pupils brains with regard to thinking about their future and avenues they could follow via social media."

Mr Vasi, Pupil Support Manager

"I liked coming up with the new ideas for the campaign and it was a very cool place to be"

Anaiyah, Year 8 Mentee

A huge thank you to Georgia, Megan and the team at The Juice Academy for organising!

#GetTheJump Campaign

Well done to former pupil, Joshua!

At Dean Trust Ardwick, our core purpose is empowering all pupils to find their purpose and thrive as citizens of the world. It is with pride, we wish to highlight an example of our core purpose in action as we celebrate the success of one of our 2020 alumni, Joshua Coley-Payne, who left us to be amongst the first cohort of students studying T-Level qualifications at The Manchester College. He is not only thriving in his studies and enjoying his course, but has been selected by the Department of Education to be the lead in their ongoing advertising campaign for T-Level qualifications #GetTheJump. In an article published by The Manchester College, Josh commented, "I am really enjoying the course. I have enjoyed learning about Python as it was challenging and I have bonded with like-minded people."



How to book a COVID-19 vaccination if your child couldn't have their vaccination at school for any reason.

If your child was not able to get the COVID-19 vaccination when the NHS vaccination team visited the school, or you have since decided to get a vaccination, there are plenty of options for booking a vaccination out of school quickly and conveniently.

Booking the vaccination out of school is easy

There are multiple venues now offering the vaccination for 12-15 year olds which include the mass-vaccination centre at the Etihad Campus in Manchester as well as local vaccination sites and community pharmacies in convenient locations around the city.

Parents can book a vaccination appointment for any 12-15 year old online at a local vaccination centre by:

- Visiting the NHS website www.nhs.uk
- Calling **119** (translation services are available).

Eligibility for the vaccine

Please remember there are clear eligibility criteria which may prevent your child having the vaccination at this time:

- 12-15 year olds need to wait a clear 12 weeks after they had their 1st dose before they can have their second dose
- If a 12-15 year old has recently tested positive for COVID-19, they need to wait 12 weeks from the positive test date before they can have the vaccine (first or second dose).

If you have any further questions about vaccinations

There are a range of resources available that explain more about the vaccine, the benefits and side effects:

- There's lots of information on vaccinations for 12-15 year olds at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
- For young people with any questions about the vaccine, www.everythingcovid.info is a great resource with lots of useful information written by young people
- Parents or young people can also call the **Manchester COVID-19 Helpline** which is for anyone who needs help with booking a vaccination or has questions. Advice is provided by a nursing team and a translation service is available. Call free on **0800 840 3858** or text: **07890 036 892**. It's open 7 days a week 9am-5pm.