



NEWSLETTER

23rd May 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

After seven years of waiting, we have a cohort of Year 11 pupils sitting their GCSE examinations at Dean Trust Ardwick. The school is excited to finally have the opportunity to showcase the knowledge of our exceptional pupils. I am very proud of how the pupils have responded to their examinations and we wish them the very best of luck for the remainder of the exam season.

I am equally proud of pupils in all the other year groups. This week's newsletter is packed with pupils who have represented the school at various different events, ranging from our Year 7 residential trip to Year 10 work experience visits.

Please can I encourage all parents and carers to take the time to read the information and guidance on vaping. Vaping is increasingly becoming an issue within society and we have had some instances where pupils have brought vapes into school. This issue was discussed with parents, at the week's Coffee Morning. It was agreed that a group of parents would work with the school to take positive action to reducing the risk of vaping within our local community.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: We have had an increased number of pupils in older year groups reporting that they have been stopped and searched in the evenings/weekends. If you have any concerns about this please contact school and ask to speak to the Welfare Team.

Diary Dates

Geography Paper One Exam	23 rd May
Sports Studies Exam & Arabic Listening	24 th May
English Literature Paper One Exam	25 th May
RE Exam & Spanish Listening and Reading Exams	26 th May
Chemistry Paper One Exam & Computer Science Exam	27 th May
Half Term	27 th May



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mrs Rashford *We are proud of our Year 7 pupils!*

Last week, 70 of our Year 7 pupils went on a residential trip to Ilham Hall in the Peak District. Feedback from the trip has been really positive and we are very proud to say that our pupils have represented DTA in an admirable manner. You should all be really proud of yourselves! It has been great to hear about all of the activities that took place, especially those who overcame their fears by abseiling. Well done! School trips are perfect opportunities to get to know pupils outside of your forms and lessons and it has been lovely to hear about all of the new friendships that have been made. The pupils who attended the trip have resumed normal school life very responsibly.



Year 8 – Mr Smith *Year 8 pupils competed in an athletics meet!*

A number of the Year 8 pupils have been involved in their first ever athletics meet this week at Sport City Stadium. Due to COVID restrictions over the last couple of years they have not had the chance to participate in these types of events. There were some standout performances, particularly in the sprint events where Farid won the 100m! On the theme of trips, over the next couple of weeks please look out for more information regarding the upcoming Lockerbie trip in July. We are going to hold an online information evening along with sending out kit and equipment lists for the trip. If you have any questions regarding the trip, or any issues with your child in Year 8, please contact me by email at headofyear8@deantrustardwick.co.uk



Year 9 – Mr Diaz *The Roots Programme exchange was a great success!*

Year 9 have had their immunisations this week. If your child was absent or has not had their immunisations this week at school, please contact your GP or the NHS to arrange for your child to have their immunisation. Next week we will be celebrating pupil achievements at our achievement assemblies, I look forward to congratulating all nominees next week. The weather is becoming warmer as the summer term progresses, pupils would naturally want to ensure they are cool in the warm weather, however, we do not want school uniform standards to drop. Please ensure your child attends school with their correct uniform.



Year 10 – Mr Chetwyn *Year 10 have been showing great maturity!*

It has been great to be back amongst our Year 10 pupils following a short break for paternity leave. It has been fantastic to return to such positive news about how mature and focused our Year 10 pupils have been as they get their first taste of formal GCSE examinations. This is a great sign for us as we progress in to Year 11! This week we continued developing our knowledge and understanding of ableism and ableist language, including some of the common phrases and metaphors that we may not have realised could be offensive. We are keen to ensure that our language and behaviours are truly inclusive, and it's been really great to see our Year 10 pupils stepping forward to challenge said language and behaviour. Keep being great Year 10!



Year 11 – Mr Hull *Good luck Year 11!*

After a long run-up, the exams have now started with all pupils taking exams this week. It is an immense privilege to be the first year group to undertake these exams, and the pupils are fully prepared. It is so important that pupils are revising well, but also that they are sleeping, resting and refuelling well to give themselves the best chances possible. Please make sure that all pupils arrive on time and fully equipped – pupils are aware of all their exam times, dates and locations. Not only will this ease pressure on the day, it will maximise our time and make sure pupils are at their best for exams. Be brave, good luck and take this opportunity to showcase just how talented and fantastic you are!



Year 11

A message from Mr Hull!

Exams have now started and my message to all of our pupils, their families and teachers is to be brave. We are proud to be the first year group to sit GCSE examinations at Dean Trust Ardwick and we will embrace the inevitable pressure. Pressure can bring the best performance out of people, if we channel our energies well. Prom tickets sales continue to be excellent and, also, several pupils are purchasing Leavers' Hoodies – a great and practical item to remember their super years together.

Mathematics

Revision resources and support continue to be available.

This week marks the start of Year 11 GCSE exams. Which means all Year 11 pupils will be sitting 3 Maths Papers over the next month, revision sessions are now in full swing, with extra tutoring and booster sessions to support some pupils as well. If you have a child in Year 11 there are lots of revision tools they can access such as HegartyMaths, past papers can be collected from the Maths faculty, flash cards have been provided to every pupil and the school revision website can always point them in the right direction of lots of purposeful resources.

Please encourage your child to continue as steadfast as usual and we hope their grades reflect their full potential and hard work.

Supporting Afghan Evacuees

Ms Qasim and other members of the Trust have been celebrated for their hard work!

Last week, the Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester invited Mr Kapoor, the Headteacher and Deputy of Broadoak, Ms Qasim and a few other individuals from various support services to thank them for the invaluable work they have been doing as part of the team supporting Afghan evacuees into the City of Manchester. We are very proud of Ms Qasim and all of the hard work and effort she is putting into helping some of the Afghan evacuees settle into life in Manchester.



Roots Exchange Programme

Year 9 pupils are learning a lot through the exchange!

Seven Year 9 pupils have been taking part in the Roots Programme which looks to explore social and cultural diversity with the view to bringing different communities together in harmony. The programme this year involves online workshops, exchange days and a residential trip to the Lake District with pupils from Dean Trust Ardwick and Cheadle Hulme School. The exchange days took place this half term, whereby pupils from Dean Trust Ardwick and Cheadle Hulme School visited each others' schools to share school life experiences. These exchange days were welcomed by all staff and pupils involved, including both school communities. We are nearing the end of the programme with 3 online workshops left and the residential trip.



Year 7 Residential

Well done for representing DTA so well!

Last week, 70 Year 7 pupils took part in a residential trip to Ilam Hall in the Peak District. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to try new things such as raft building, abseiling and orienteering. Pupils faced their fears, built resilience and grit, had an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends and work as part of a team and saw new parts of the world. It was great to see all pupils enjoying themselves and getting stuck in to every activity. Our pupils did themselves really proud and represented the school outstandingly. Thank you to Mr Hinton for organising such an amazing experience for our pupils!

Here are a few of the things our pupils have said about the trip:

'It was a great opportunity to learn new skills' – Mayar

'I loved the scenery' – Mekhi

'The trip was amazing because of how much fun the activities were and my personal favourite was the raft building' – Aayan

'It was really good, I liked the raft building especially when everyone fell in, and the abseiling it looked scary at first but you got used to it. Sharing dorms with your friends was really fun too' - Ali





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Parental Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended!

On Friday, our parental coffee morning was hosted in the Library. Lots of people attended and it was lovely to see everyone! Mr Worthington spoke to parents about our 'proud to belong' ethos and how it is reflected in our staff and pupils, as well as our mission for all pupils to thrive as citizens of the world when they leave DTA. Miss Charles discussed lots of different things including our uniform policy and all of the great extracurricular opportunities we have on offer. As Miss Charles said, extracurricular clubs provide chances for our pupils to, not only learn new skills and have fun, but also to meet other pupils who are not in their forms or classes. Thank you to Ms Qasim for organising the event and thank you to everyone who came!



Workplace Experience Visit



School:

Dean Trust Ardwick



Organisation:

HOME



Activities:

Tour and Day Programming



Skills used:

Communication, Teamwork,
Presentation Skills



ReachOut Character Strengths used:

Good Judgement, Self Control



Mentees got to explore lots of different spaces at HOME in a behind the scenes tour!

"I liked when we got to see where the films were projected because it was very interesting."

Noor-Ul-Huda, Mentee

"The mentees were really engaged and asked so many questions! Their programming ideas were excellent!"

Lucy, HOME

"The visit really encouraged pupils to consider other routes post 16 if they did not want to go down the studying route, especially for students interested in the arts. They really enjoyed the visit!"

Mr Vasi, Dean Trust Ardwick

"I learned about acoustic stuff and sound which I found really cool"

Tasnim, Mentee

School Policy Reminder

Dear parents and carers,

As you may be aware, there has been a rise in vaping across society, particularly amongst young people and we need remind you that this is not allowed on or near the school premises.

Our policy is clear – smoking, vaping, or any related equipment is not permitted at any time on the school site or during any school related activities. As a result of this, we will be undertaking random spot checks of pupils' bags, searching for any prohibited items, including vapes, lighters, liquids, cigarettes and any related paraphernalia.

Any items found will be confiscated and disposed of immediately. Parents will be informed and pupils will be sanctioned, including suspension, in line with our behaviour policy.

Below is a picture of the different types of vapes to provide clarity on what they look like. Please familiarise yourselves with these images and continue to be vigilant. We thank you for your continued support.

