



NEWSLETTER

27th May 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to thank the school community for their support and contributions this half-term. The start to the summer term has been very positive, with a number of highlights, including: residential trips, EID celebrations, intra-school sport fixtures, workplace encounters, hosting a regional Debate-Mate competition and featuring in both the press and on the radio.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Dean Trust Ardwick for consistently going above and beyond to make a difference to the lives of our young people. Please can I encourage parents and carers to reach out and show their appreciation to any staff that have positively impacted on their child.

I wish all pupils a restful and enjoyable half-term break and ask that they return focused and ready for their end of year examinations. Please can I ask parents and carers to support the return to school by ensuring pupils adhere to the school's uniform standards. For full details on the standards and expectations, please refer to the Parent Handbook and Pupil Planner.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: We have had lots of pupils asking about bereavement support. It can be really tough losing somebody close to you. Your children can access support online – log in to KOOOTH – click on 'Articles', then under the heading 'Family' there are lots of different resources for bereavement.

Diary Dates

Half Term	27 th May
Return to School	6 th June
Arabic Writing, Chinese Writing & Child Development Exams	6 th June
Urdu Writing, Geography Paper 2 & Maths Calculator Exams	7 th June
Further Maths Paper 1 & English Literature Paper 2 Exams	8 th June
Physics Paper 1 & History Exam	9 th June



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mrs Rashford *Year 7 have achieved so much!*

I would like to commend our Year 7 pupils for their hard work and resilience since joining DTA. The year group have really come together as part of the school community and we couldn't imagine DTA without them! One of the highlights of the year, so far, has been the two residential trips which gave pupils the opportunity to try lots of new things. Some of these were out of their comfort zones but our pupils still faced these challenges head on and supported each other. The residential trips also allowed pupils to mix outside of form and lessons. We look forward to making lots more memories with this brilliant year group!



Year 8 – Mr Smith *Year 8 pupils had achievement assemblies!*

This week, Year 8 have been celebrating everything they have achieved this term. Lots of pupils received certificates for things such as attendance, positive points and the Headteacher's commendations. It was great to see so many of our pupils reaching the goals they have set for themselves this year. As a whole, the year group have upheld the high standards we have at DTA and it was a great opportunity to shine a spotlight on pupils! I hope that pupils and their families have a restful and well-deserved half term. See you all on the 6th of June!



Year 9 – Mr Diaz *Year 9 pupils have been celebrating their successes!*

We are very quickly approaching the end of this academic year with only 8 weeks remaining before the summer holidays! This week, Year 9 have celebrated their successes and highlights of this half term in their achievement assembly. Many pupils received prizes and certificates for their ongoing efforts and hard work, demonstrating excellent standards throughout school. We have much to be proud of at DTA and a group of the highest achievers have been invited to meet with the Headteacher as recognition for their efforts. Please join me in congratulating all pupils!



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

What a fantastic week it has been for Year 10 celebrating the outstanding success of pupils in our termly achievement assembly. It was truly fantastic to see so many pupils striving to succeed, and every day the pupils in Year 10 continue to make me a proud Head of Year. That pride continued on Friday when we announced our successful prefect applicants, and it was truly humbling to see so many pupils selected. The quantity and quality of applications was so good that it was incredibly difficult to choose our prefect team. Have a great half-term break everyone – we look forward to welcoming you all back on June 6th!



Year 11 – Mr Hull *Revise and relax over half-term!*

Year 11 are coping fantastically well with the rigours of exam season. We are close to the halfway point of all exams, and I, along with all the members of staff who teach Year 11, are filled with admiration for the way that an overwhelming majority of our pupils have approached this challenge. It is vitally important that they use the half-term break to recharge and revise – make sure you are revising the topics and subjects ready for the final three weeks of exams when we return. While this is important, it is equally important to take steps to make sure that you are also sleeping, resting and refuelling well. Also reward yourselves with some time spent doing things you enjoy – it gives us a much-needed mental and physical break from studying. We have achieved so much as a year group, and this is our moment to demonstrate just how capable and talented we are!



Physical Education

Some of our Year 9 classes participated in a workshop run by Odd Arts!

10 pupils went to the European Taekwondo Championships with over 40 countries competing for the European title. There were a range of Olympic and Paralympic athletes and our pupils were able to observe and interact with them! Pupils were also given the opportunity to take part in a Taekwondo session with Team GB Coaches. The pupils were brilliant on the day and were really enthused by the event.



The Year 8 cricket team have been practicing and preparing each week with Mr Smith. The pupils have been fantastic, training after school and even making sure they practice at lunch times ready for their upcoming fixtures.



Some Year 9 pupils took part in a Sport Education Leadership programme. The pupils are planning and delivering their own coaching sessions to their peers. The leaders were outstanding in their first week, providing technical sessions and showing real promise as future coaches of the game! Well done to all the pupils involved.

Odd Arts

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On Monday, four different Year 9 classes took part in workshops led by representatives from the Odd Arts company. Pupils learnt about race and colourism through a variety of different activities. The workshop was really informative and pupils got the opportunity to learn lots of different definitions, as well as participating in practical activities.



Global Underwater Hub Competition

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Last week, six pupils went to the Science and Industry Museum to participate in the Global Underwater Hub competition. Pupils had the opportunity to design, build and programme remote operated vehicles (ROV) with the aim of allowing scientists to explore the ocean without physically being in the ocean. ROVs can be found in industries ranging from search and rescue, military, recreation and discovery, aquaculture, marine technology, oil gas, offshore energy, shipping, submerged infrastructure and many more! The pupils also presented projects to an audience of seven other local schools! All of the pupils on the trip behaved brilliantly, showed respect to others and were amazing DTA ambassadors throughout the day. Thank you to Ms. Rakhtopol and Ms. Mulryan for organising such a great trip!



STEM Challenge

Design, build and program ROV (Remotely operated vehicle)



MUSEUM OF SCIENCE + INDUSTRY



Guitar Showcase

We are so proud of our talented pupils!

At lunchtime on Thursday, pupils who have guitar lessons showcased their skills in a performance of an Imagine Dragons song! The audience was made up of staff and pupils who were lucky enough to hear seven different groups perform. Everyone was really impressed with the skill and talent that our pupils have. It was an honour to hear them play something they have been working so hard on. Thank you to Miss Vercoe and Miss Dickinson for organising the performance. Thank you to Ryan, our guitar tutor from One Education, for working with our pupils to produce some brilliant music! Well done to all of the pupils involved!

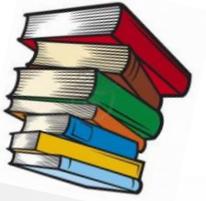


Circus Skills

The audience was wowed by our pupils!

After school on Thursday, members of the Circus Skills club put on a showcase of all of the things they have learned this year. Family members, pupils and staff were in the audience to cheer them on! Our pupils showed off their amazing talents, including juggling and tightrope walking! We continue to be amazed by our pupils and their hard work and resilience. So many of the skills were really difficult and the circus skills teachers mentioned how quickly our pupils have picked them up. Thank you to Miss Vercoe and Miss Dickinson for organising this performance. Thank you to Owen and Mimosa from The Circus House in Longsight for giving our pupils this opportunity. Lastly, thank you to all of the family members, pupils and staff who came along to support. Well done to all of the pupils involved – we are so proud of you!





Book Review

Year 7 pupils, Abu Bakar and Fadlollah, recommend the Alex Rider series!

Year 7 pupils, Fadlollah and Abu Bakar, have both read the Alex Rider book series since joining DTA. Read on for their review.

Book name: Alex rider

Author: Anthony Horowitz

Genre: Action and Adventure, Non fiction

Alex Rider is a fantastic book series. There are also movies, (but the book is better.) Alex Rider is a fabulous book that is about a kid whose parents died and one day shocking news arrives that his uncle dies too, after which M16 contacted him to help them defeat someone that was suspicious. So if YOU like SPY books, this is the perfect book for you...



Citizens of the World

We are proud of our pupils for their consistent hard work!

Our EAL pupils are pictured below, busy with Mr Fogato in the 'Citizens of the World' room. They were enjoying a lesson about space!

