



# NEWSLETTER

29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

During the start of this term we have been sharing the story of why our school was established and why we should be 'proud to belong' to Dean Trust Ardwick. It is essential that our staff and pupils appreciate that Dean Trust Ardwick is a purpose-built school for a rich and vibrant community, that values education deeply and where pupils become the change they want to see in the world. We will continue to 'tell our story' to staff, parents and pupils to maintain a sense of belonging.

Eid Mubarak! I would like to send best wishes to all those families celebrating Eid this week. We are excited to celebrate with pupils and the local community next week. In next week's newsletter, I hope to share some highlights of our staff and pupils attending Eid events in some of our local partner primary schools.

Russian and Portuguese speaking exams have taken place this week, officially starting the summer GCSE examinations for Year 11. Please keep reading Mr Hull's messages in the Head of Year section of the newsletter for updates on the pupils' progress.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Worthington  
Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** Food Bank Vouchers are available to families and school can support with this. Families can access vouchers whether parents are employed or unemployed – please contact reception if you need any support with this.

### Diary Dates

Bank Holiday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
GCSE Italian and Portuguese Speaking Exams	6 <sup>th</sup> May
MFL Final Speaking Exams	9-13 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 7 Residential	11-14 <sup>th</sup> May



## Head of Year Messages



### **Year 7 – Mrs Rashford** *Eid Mubarak!*

Some of our Year 7 pupils attended a trip to Zurich in Manchester as part of the Reach Out programme. They exhibited admirable behaviour and really did the school proud. Please read on for further information about the trip. Our Year 7 cohort continue to work hard across the school and we are very proud of the way in which they have strived to become a part of the DTA community. To all of our pupils celebrating, Eid Mubarak! We appreciate the strength and commitment it takes to fast, especially whilst being at school, so we hope our pupils and families enjoy their celebrations.



### **Year 8 – Mr Smith** *Year 8 continue to work hard!*

Our Year 8 pupils are continuing to work hard and show kindness in everything they do. We would like to congratulate Qismat who won a bronze medal in the 200m. Qismat was up against lots of other pupils from schools across Manchester, so we are really pleased that she has received a medal! Some of our pupils are working really hard in the school musical rehearsals. These rehearsals take up pupil time after school and it is great to see the enthusiasm and commitment in our Year 8 performers!



### **Year 9 – Mr Diaz** *Year 9 have had some really mature responses in form and assembly!*

This week, pupil voice has been at the forefront of the Year 9 form time programme and assemblies, addressing and sharing pupils' thoughts, experiences and their possible solutions towards homophobia, ableism and sexism. It never ceases to impress me how mature our pupils are. In form, pupils have been involved in discussions surrounding homophobia, ableism and sexism, while in assembly, pupil voice survey outcomes were shared as to what pupils see and hear around the school building. In other news, our Debate Mate participants have been successful at their recent debate events, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done all of you!



### **Year 10 – Mr Chetwyn** *We are really impressed with all of the prefect applications!*

This week, we have been focusing on how we can be more inclusive in our language, exploring concerns raised by our pupils regarding the use of sexist, homophobic and ableist language. This is vital work to ensure that we really are truly inclusive in both the DTA and the local community, and we will continue to work hard to ensure that our knowledge on these topics is thoroughly developed so that we can all truly be 'Proud to Belong'. This week we have been accepting applications for future prefects, and the number of applications we have received has been phenomenal. We look forward to selecting our prefect team, and from there we can move on to hustings for our senior prefect team! Eid Mubarak to everyone in our community celebrating Eid at the start of next week – we hope you have a fantastic celebration!



### **Year 11 – Mr Hull** *Year 11 continue to work hard in the run-up to exams.*

Year 11 have been using one of our final five-day weeks before examinations to fully prepare for the next few months. Our week started with an assembly focusing on getting the simple things right, and asked the pupils "what is each day but a series of conflicts between the right way and the easy way?" It is obvious that the vast majority of our pupils are selecting the right way and are motivated and determined to succeed. It was great to see so many of you at the prom meeting for parents and carers on Wednesday. Hopefully Ms Qasim and myself were able to address concerns and questions. A written summary of the meeting will be available soon. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further details or discussion.

### Staff Fast

*Some members of staff fasted on Friday!*

On Friday 22nd April, a number of staff at DTA took part in a fasting challenge to see what it was like to observe Ramadan and all staff were given some dates to take away.

Here are some of their thoughts:

**Miss Peters:** "It definitely reminded me of how dedicated our Muslim pupils are to their religion and their education as it's not easy to fast for so many days and remain focused on doing well in school"

**Miss Horsley:** "I found the whole experience of fasting incredibly enlightening, and I feel like I can better understand what many of our pupils are currently undertaking."

**Mr Hinton:** "I did it last year and wanted to do it again this year because I enjoy the sense of community. Hardest thing was watching everyone eat and drink before I could break my fast – I was counting down the minutes!"

**Miss Horsley (Assistant Headteacher):** "It was super interesting and definitely let me know what our pupils are going through!"



### Prayer Rooms

*Prayer rooms are available to pupils.*

### Prayer Room:

A prayer room is available for pupils in room E103. Pupils need to bring their own prayer mats. No food or drink is allowed in the room. Please see Ms Ashraf for more details.

### The timings are as follows:

**KS3: 12.40-12.55pm**

**KS4: 12.55-1.05pm**

### Congregational Friday Prayers:

Congregational Friday prayers are starting on Friday 6th May from 1:00-1:10pm. Prayers will be led by both of our very own Quran Hafidh Hassan and Mahmood, who are also leading Tarawih Prayers in Victoria Mosque and Shahjalal Mosque in our local area. Pupils can ask questions, learn new skills and use the space for recitation. All faiths are welcome! Prayers will run every Friday.

Thank you to Ms Ashraf and Ms Qasim for organising prayer opportunities and locations for pupils. Well done, again, to Hassan and Mahmood. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and their positions as role models in our school and local community! Please see the links below of Hassan and Mahmood who are both leading the Tarawih Prayers in Victoria Mosque and Shahjalal Mosque.

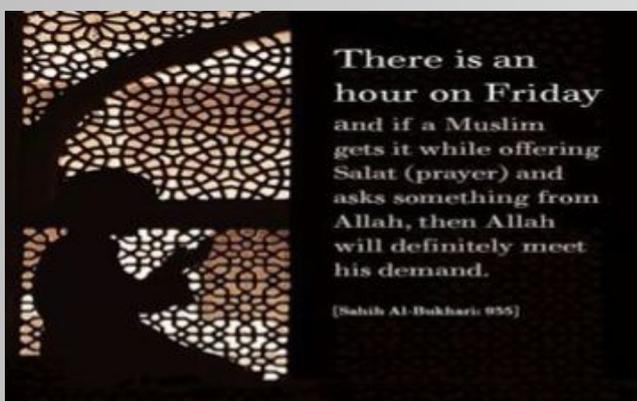
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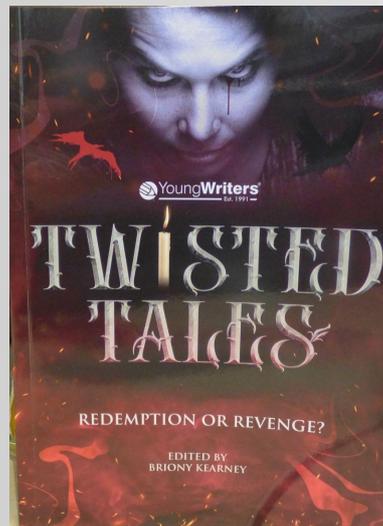
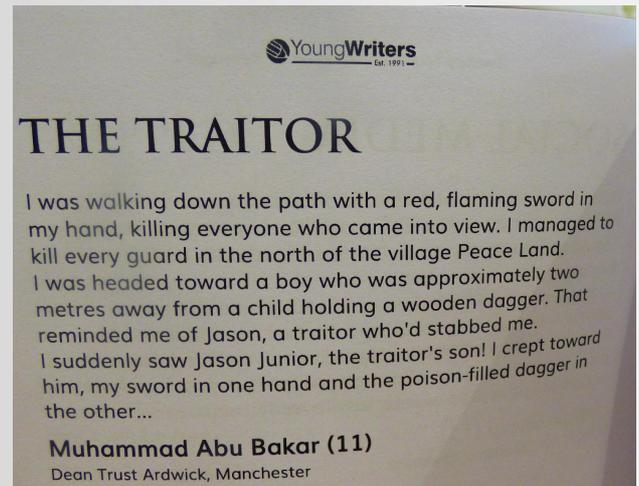
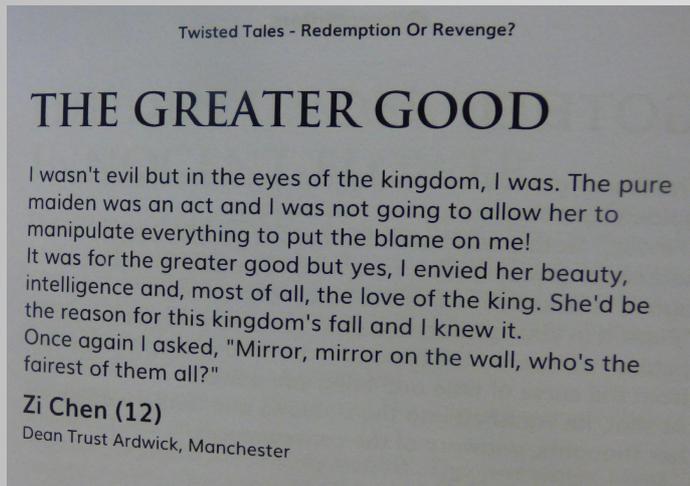
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### Short Story Competition

*Well done to all of the pupils who entered the competition!*

Last term, some of our pupils entered a short story competition run by the Young Writers company. The competition was called 'Twisted Tales' and the pupils had to write a story from the villain's point of view. We are proud to announce that Abu Bakar and Zi were chosen to be published in an anthology! Congratulations to both pupils. It is great to see their talents celebrated. Well done to all of the pupils who entered!



### Physical Education

*Well done Qismat!*

We are proud to report that Qismat, in Year 8, was awarded a bronze medal in the 200m at a sports tournament involving lots of schools across Manchester. Well done to Qismat for all of her hard work and training! At the event, several comments were made about the impeccable behaviour of our pupils and the mature way they conducted themselves on the day. We are so proud to be able to take our pupils out of school and create such a great reputation for DTA based on their behaviour! Well done to all of the pupils involved in the tournament. Thank you, as well, to the members of staff who accompanied our pupils on this trip.





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## Workplace Experience Visit



### School:

Dean Trust Ardwick, Year 7



### Organisation:

Zurich



### Activities:

Tour of Manchester and Risks,  
Job Role True/False, Risk Spotting



### Skills used:

Communication, Teamwork,  
Problem Solving



### ReachOut Character

### Strengths used:

Good Judgement, Staying Power



Mentees learnt about the risks involved on a building site - thinking like a Zurich employee!

'I learnt all about the different types of insurance and some of the jobs within it like a person who works in Claims.'

**Samuel, Year 7 Mentee**

'I thought the walk was great and the facts that we learn. I loved learning about new things around the area.'

**Keisha, Year 7 Mentee**

'I learnt that you can use design and technology in a business - to design logos, inside the business and outside the business.'

**Summer, Year 7 Mentee**

'The group were a really positive and engaging group of young people'

**Carrie Rennie, Zurich**

A huge thank you to Carrie and the team at Zurich for organising such a great visit!