



# NEWSLETTER

17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Headteacher's Message



Mr S.  
Worthington  
Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

At Dean Trust Ardwick we expect all of our pupils to be in school and on time every day. This half term we have focused on maximising the time pupils have in lessons, with a drive on attendance and punctuality. As a result, we have experienced our highest weekly attendance this term. All pupils achieving the 100% attendance and punctually standard will be entered in a weekly prize draw to win a LOVE to SHOP voucher. Congratulations to all this week's winners.

I have had the pleasure of celebrating a number of our pupils' achievements this week including our Year 7 Basketball Champions and the school's Debate Mate National Finalists. Highlights from both teams' performances can be found inside this week's newsletter.

Finally, this week is our Year 11's last full week in school. The cohort will officially leave on Monday and will take part in celebrations following their Science exam. Our Year 11s will always be remembered as the first year group at Dean Trust Ardwick to officially sit GCSE examinations. We wish pupils good luck for the rest of their exams and hope they enjoy their last day on Monday.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington

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**[safeguarding@deantrustardwick.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@deantrustardwick.co.uk)**

## Diary Dates

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| Chemistry Paper 2 Exam             | 20 <sup>th</sup> June |
| Science Paper 5 Exam               | 20 <sup>th</sup> June |
| Hospitality & Catering Unit 1 Exam | 21 <sup>st</sup> June |
| History Exam                       | 21 <sup>st</sup> June |
| Further Maths Paper 2 Exam         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> June |
| Physics Paper 2 Exam               | 23 <sup>rd</sup> June |
| Inset Day                          | 24 <sup>th</sup> June |



## Head of Year Messages



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

We are really proud of our Year 7 basketball team who competed in a tournament at Belle Vue Leisure Centre. The team have trained consistently and their practice has certainly paid off! Please read on for further details and photographs! As the weather gets warmer, pupils will be allowed to take their blazers off, however, other uniform standards still remain important. Pupils will be reminded to keep their ties on and their shirts tucked in. Our Year 7 cohort are nearly at the end of their first year at DTA and we look forward to welcoming them back as role models in Year 8.



### **Year 8 – Mr Smith** *The Year 8 residential is soon approaching!*

The Year 8 residential trip to Lockerbie is approaching quickly and we are looking forward to providing our pupils with a great opportunity to have fun and try new things! Our Year 7 cohort have been on two residentials this year and have reportedly shown great maturity and manners to all of the staff and activity leaders they met. We have the same expectations for our Year 8 pupils and we are confident that they will exceed these expectations!



### **Year 9 – Mr Diaz** *Year 9 pupils have been learning about LGBTQ+ history!*

This week, Year 9 pupils have been introduced to influential LGBTQ+ people during LGBTQ+ History Month, which takes place every year in June. Pupils have come to know about the influential female boxer, Nicola Adams OBE, a two-time gold medallist in her field! We have also conducted our first draw for the 100% Every Day competition, where pupils with 100% attendance and punctuality are entered into a prize draw to win either a £15, £10 or £5 Love To Shop voucher. This week 3 lucky winners were drawn and will receive their vouchers soon. The end of year exams are fast approaching and will last approximately 3 weeks for Year 9 pupils, starting on Monday, 20th June. During assembly this week, Year 9 pupils have been introduced to 5 successful revision techniques to support them with their revision process.



### **Year 10 – Mr Chetwyn** *Voting for Senior Prefects is open!*

Having selected our prefect team for Year 11, we are now entering the voting round for the Senior Prefect role. Staff and pupils can vote and we look forward to receiving the results! The competition is tough as we have lots of deserving and hardworking pupils who would make great leaders in Year 11. My advice to our entrants is to keep upholding school standards and to go out of their way to help others and show kindness. Good luck to those who are in the running!



### **Year 11 – Mr Hull** *Year 11 have so much to be proud of!*

This week marks the final week of pupils attending full-time. We talk a great deal at Dean Trust Ardwick about resilience and grit – the ability to keep moving forwards and make progress even in difficult circumstances. This Year 11 cohort have demonstrated these qualities to a magnificent and impressive extent. Last Thursday, for unforeseen circumstances it was necessary to delay a whole-school exam. The whole year group rose to the challenge, remained calm and determined and performed exceptionally well. I was truly proud of them and I know this sentiment was shared by a huge number of staff. We were able to reward the pupils with a delivery of pizza on Friday afternoon as a small token of recognition for their superb and inspiring conduct. We are now just days away from finishing exams. These final exams remain as important as the early ones and I know the pupils will continue in the same manner through to the conclusion of the exam period. Well done Year 11, you have once again proved what a fantastic collection of individuals you are.



### GCHQ Trip

*Dean Trust Ardwick hosted this week's Debate Mate competition!*

This week, 27 Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to visit Manchester's GCHQ office to learn the important and fundamental role that languages play within this organisation.

GCHQ stands for Government Communications Headquarters. This organisation is an intelligence agency, similar to MI5 or MI6 where its main purpose is to investigate and protect the UK against any potential threat. A lot of the information that GCHQ receive from potential threats are in foreign languages, therefore this organisation needs to employ who can speak different languages to dissect and decipher information about potential threats.

Some potential threats that GCHQ have helped protect the UK from are:

- Cyber crime
- Weapons
- Terrorism

During their visit to GCHQ pupils had to solve a cyber-attack mission and they had to use their language skills in order to do this.

Pupils had the opportunity to

- Learn some mandarin Chinese – spoken and characters
- Learn how to decipher information
- Coding to extract different information from a data base
- Learn facts about Chinese cultural festivals
- Use the Mandarin and their knowledge of other global languages to solve problem which allowed them to securely open a safe

All pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day. This event allowed pupils to see other ways in which having different languages can enhance their job purposes and future careers.

Quotes from pupils:

**Renee: "I had no idea that language skills could allow me to work in a job like this"**

**Saima – "It was such a fun school trip"**

**Joyanna – "It allowed me to see how important languages truly are"**

Thank you to Miss Martin for organising such an amazing opportunity for our pupils. Thank you to Mr Griffiths and Mr Hivey for assisting with the trip.



### Mathematics

*Introducing our new online learning platform!*

The maths faculty are excited to announce that we will be trialling a new online learning platform for maths, Sparx Maths. Sparx takes the best bits from HegartyMaths and combines it with an algorithm that creates individualised homework for each pupil. Each pupil will be able to achieve 100% in their homework each week, which is our expectation. Parents/carers will receive a weekly email showing how well their child has done in their maths homework and when the next one is due. The platform will be launched to pupils in lessons next week!

In the meantime you can watch short a video about it here:

[https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/5530880/KB%20Resources%20Summer%202021/Parent%20video\\_v2.mp4](https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/5530880/KB%20Resources%20Summer%202021/Parent%20video_v2.mp4)



### Debate Mate

*Our pupils have excelled themselves!*

This week, our Debate Mate pupils travelled to London on the train to compete in the Urban Debate League National Finals. The pupils performed brilliantly on the day, winning one debate and losing another by only three points! We are so proud of all of the hard work that our pupils have put into developing their debating skills this year. Their confidence has continually grown and their skills and ideas have become better and better. Thank you to all pupils involved in Debate Mate. You have all shown such great commitment. Thank you all staff who have supported Debate Mate sessions and trips this year. Thank you to Ms Henderson for providing our pupils with this amazing opportunity. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Debate Mate and encouraging more pupils to become involved.



## Physical Education

*Well done to the Year 7 basketball team!*

This week, our Year 7 basketball team made history becoming the first team to win Silverware! The pupils won the Manchester Inspire Basketball Tournament at Belle Vue. They all played brilliantly together and showed great togetherness throughout each game. Special mention to Syed and Mohsin as our basketball leaders. They were superb referees during the tournament. Well done to our team, Omar, Moez, Brian, Essa, Iverson, Jason and Mohammed! Thank you to Mr Beaumont for organising such a great opportunity for our pupils.



## Year 11 Leavers

*Year 11, you will be missed!*

During form time on Thursday morning, our Year 11 pupils went outside for breakfast and form photos. Year 11 pupils have built great relationships with their form tutors during their time at Dean Trust Ardwick and this was a great way to celebrate and make memories. Thank you to pupils and staff who made the morning so enjoyable!





### Manchester Youth Council

*Well done Lois!*

Year 10 pupil, Lois, is a representative of the Manchester Youth Council. Recently, Lois and her fellow representatives contributed to 'Manchester Day,' an event to celebrate all things Manchester! In preparation for the event, Lois met the Lord Mayor of Manchester and Andy Burnham. We are so proud of Lois' contributions to the community and for the connections she is making in order to ensure her voice is heard.





## DTA's first ever Ladies' Night!

Save the date:  
Thurs 14th July 4pm



- Professional female DJ - plays Afrobeats, Arab, Bollywood, English etc
- Stalls from female owned businesses
- Bring yourself and a female relative - no under 11s
- Strictly no men or photography inside - let your hair down!
- Tickets will be on sale soon!

