



NEWSLETTER

19th July 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an action-packed end to the term with lots of events and activities taking place, the highlight being Dean Trust Ardwick's first ever 'we are Manchester day'. Please see inside this final newsletter of the academic year, for all the photos and highlights.

As we approach the end of this academic year, I would like to thank you for your support in working together to ensure your child is successful at Dean Trust Ardwick. It has been an honour to be appointed as the new Head of School, this term. I look forward to working with you in partnership as I lead the school forward, through its next period of growth.

I have written to all parents and carers to share important information regarding the start of term, in September. The letter sent to parents is contained within this newsletter.

Together with all the staff from Dean Trust Ardwick, I wish all pupils an enjoyable and well-deserved summer break. If you are travelling, we wish you safe journeys. We look forward to working with you in partnership once more in 2022/23.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Is your child Safe4Summer? Greater Manchester Fire Service have some great resources and guided to keeping you and your family safe over the Summer Holidays – see below link for more information:

<https://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/campaigns/safe4summer/>

Diary Dates

Last Day of Term	19 th July
Inset Day	5 th September
Return to School	6 th September



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mrs Rashford *Enjoy your summer Year 7!*

Another successful year draws to a close. It is amazing how much has been achieved by the children, staff and parents in one year. The achievements extend from academic, to sporting and the creative arts. We achieve so much because we work together as a team and this is one of the greatest strengths of the school. It is difficult to identify the highlights because there are genuinely so many. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Year 7 over the last academic year. I look forward to pupils returning as Year 8 for another successful year.



Year 8 – Mr Smith *Year 8 have done themselves proud!*

Last week we had our long-awaited, first ever Year 8 Residential to Lockerbie in Scotland! The pupils had an amazing time and really did themselves and the school proud in the way in which they presented themselves in terms of effort, application and determination. The pupils took part in many activities with favourites being the climbing wall, kayaking and the obstacle course. It was great to see so many of the pupils out of their comfort zone but showing real resilience and determination to overcome any anxieties. The staff at Lockerbie Manor said they'd never had so much fun with a group of pupils which shows the character our pupils have! Hopefully this is just a taster for the Year 9 residential next year and we will have even more pupils on board!



Year 9 – Mr Diaz *Have a great summer!*

It has been an exciting and challenging year for Year 9, with many highlights and wonderful memories. Year 9 have demonstrated excellent skills in Debate Mate competitions, many of which they won. Some of our pupils have been considering their future careers this year and attended trips to Trafford College and Manchester University, participating in workshops related to their interests. Many leaders in Year 9 have role modelled the way at DTA as Form Representatives. This year our pupils have also decided what to study at GCSE in preparation for their life after DTA. Our options process was rigorous and tough for many, but I am confident each and every pupil in Year 9 is ready to face the challenges that may come at Key Stage 4. Lastly, we have had several residential trips including the Peak District, Duke of Edinburgh and Lockerbie Manor in Scotland! These trips have brought out excellent traits in our pupils and developed social and teamworking skills. I am and continue to be proud to be their Head of Year and I look forward to our journey into and through Key Stage 4. Have a restful and wonderful summer with your loved ones, I look forward to welcoming you back in September.



Year 10 – Mr Chetwyn *Our Senior Prefect Team has been selected!*

It has been a truly amazing week as we held hustings for our Head and Deputy Head Pupils for Year 11. I have been absolutely blown away by the standard set by our ten fantastic candidates, making the selection process even harder! Now that the process has finished, I'm confident we have selected four outstanding pupils to represent the schools as our new Head and Deputy Head pupils. Those that were unsuccessful will still have a huge part to play as senior prefects, and we will rely on them heavily throughout the next year. I am now looking forward to seeing our pupils celebrate our first ever 'We are Manchester' Day, which promises to be a great opportunity for all of us to display the diversity and unity within our community!



Mathematics

DTA are a Maths Super School!

We are delighted to say that Dean Trust Ardwick is one of the top-performing schools on HegartyMaths! Only a small number schools make the Super Schools list each year and it can only happen when the pupils in a school are inspired to apply serious elbow grease to their maths homework. We are in the process of transitioning to SparxMaths, and are seeing the same grit and determination being applied there. Well done to everyone who has completed work on HegartyMaths and SparxMaths this year! We are very proud of you!

What does it mean to be a HegartyMaths Super School?
 Only a fraction of our 1,900+ schools are awarded "Super School" status. Some schools will receive awards in more than one category

Category	Award	Value (≥)	Number of schools awarded
Questions answered by school	Gold	1,000,000	11
	Silver	750,000	30
	Bronze	500,000	142
Unique skills done well per student	Gold	100	3
	Silver	75	10
	Bronze	50	45
Hours per student	Gold	30	5
	Silver	20	15
	Bronze	15	42
Video watch time by school	Gold	8 months	2
	Silver	6 months	6
	Bronze	4 months	41
MemRi goals achieved by school	Gold	15,000	7
	Silver	10,000	9
	Bronze	5,000	43



Here's how Dean Trust Ardwick performed this year

- Questions answered by school: 526,949
- Bronze award!
- Unique skills done well per student: 25
- Hours per student: 8
- Months of video watch by school: 2
- MemRi goals achieved by school: 3,661

Data compiled on July 1st, 2022

Physical Education

Lots of pupils won medals!

We had a fantastic week celebrating Sports Week with all year groups. Pupils were put to the test to win points for their form group in a series of athletics events. All the pupils demonstrated outstanding determination, resilience, and team spirit throughout the competitions. Well done to all involved!



Reach Out

Congratulations to our Reach Out graduates!

Last week, the Year 8 pupils involved in the Reach Out scheme went to the University of Manchester for their graduation ceremony. Pupils have worked really hard to learn new skills and develop as citizens of the world during this process. We are so pleased that they had a ceremony to celebrate all of their successes. Thank you to everyone from the Reach Out scheme who ran sessions and inspired our pupils! Thank you to Mr Smith and Mr Vasi for organising this opportunity and running the work experience trips throughout the year.

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 Imagine's offices and learn about the brand the company works with.

"My favourite part of the workplace visit was the tour because I got to see what kind of environment people worked in!"
- **Hanny, Year 8 Mentee**

"It was great getting to see the students take part in our tasks and see their creativity!"
- **Megan France, Digital Marketing Executive, The Juice Academy**

"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!"
- **Amayah, Year 8 Mentee**

"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 liked when we got to see where the fans were projected because it was very interesting."
- **Noah-U-Hood, Mentee**

"The mentees were really engaged and asked so many questions! Their programming ideas were excellent!"
- **Lucy, HOME**

"I learned about acoustic stuff and sound which I found really cool!"
- **Tazmin, Mentee**

Workplace Experience Visit

School: Dean Trust Ardwick Y8 M1

Company: Dakota

Activities: Chocolate piping careers plates, beverage making

Skills used: Confidence, Listening, Teamwork, Communication

ReachOut Character Strengths used: Self Control, Fairness

Mentees had the chance to mix their own mocktails, selecting flavours that they thought would work well together.

"The highlight was seeing the young people so engaged with both activities and keen to get involved."
- **Lydia Burgess, HR Apprentice, Dakota**

"The whole visit was amazing and encouraged pupils to think about their futures. It was led fantastically."
- **Mr Vasi, Pupil Support Manager**

"I learned that you need to have an organised company otherwise the hotel would not be able to operate at night!"
- **Melissa, Year 8 Mentee**

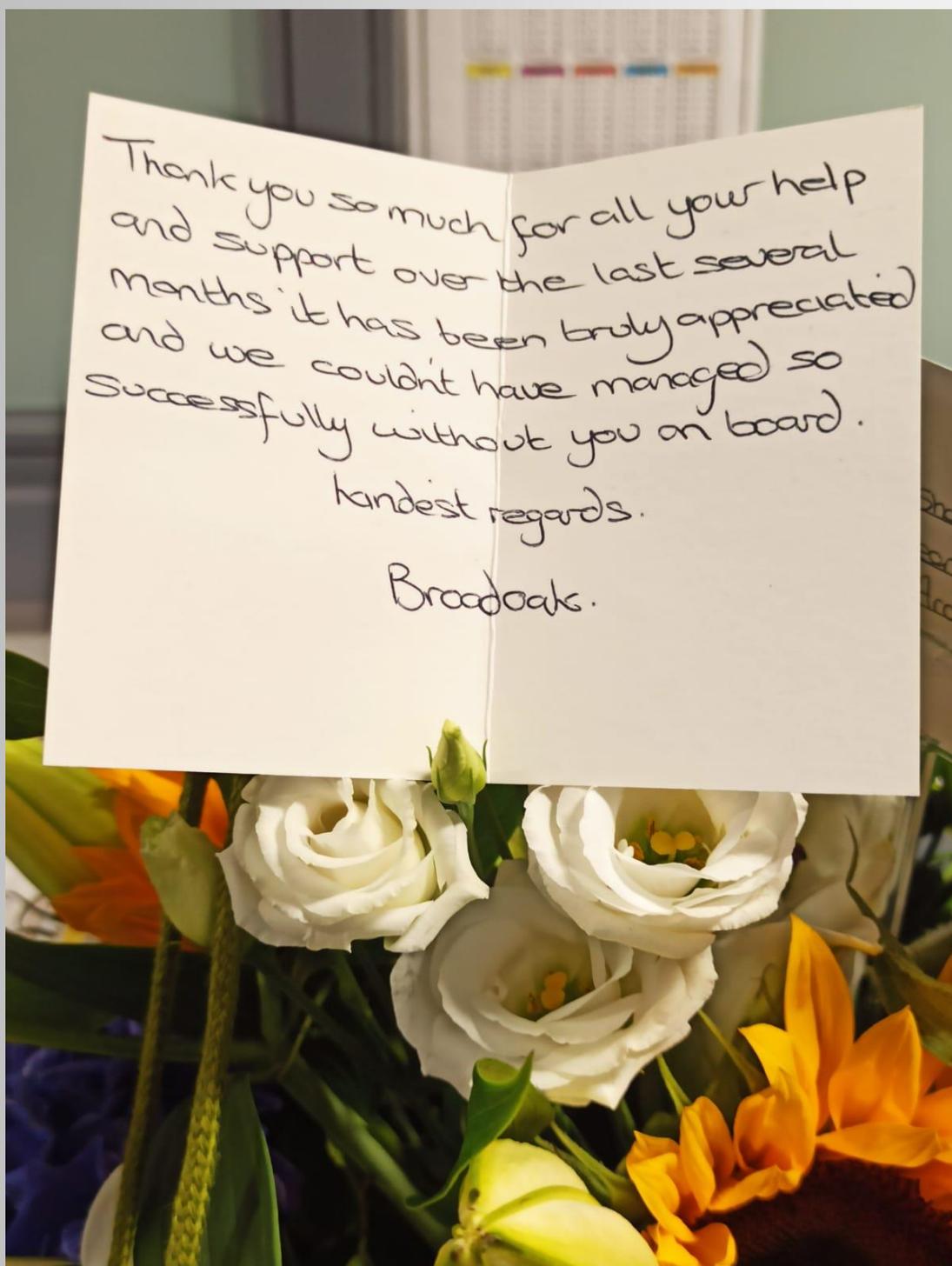
"I learnt how to make a fancy drink and now know how to put decoration on my cakes!"
- **Sania, Year 8 Mentee**

A huge thank you to Katie, Lydia and the team at Dakota for organising!

EAL

Ms Qasim, we are so proud of you!

This week, Ms Qasim received a beautiful bouquet of flowers to thank her for all of her hard work over the past few months. Ms Qasim has been visiting Broad Oak Primary School to assist with the integration and education of some of the Afghan refugees who have joined the school. Well done Ms Qasim, your work and determination has really paid off!



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Well done to all of our pupils for their hard work before and during their expectation!

This month, forty-two students undertook the practice expedition for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Over the two-day expedition in Edale High Peak Park area, all candidates were assessed on their various purposes, camp craft, journeying, orientation and navigation skills to ready them for their qualifying assessment in September. The candidates journeyed over 20km carrying all of their own kit and sufficient food to last the whole expedition. This is an undertaking that truly stretches and challenges all that complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award which is both mentally and physically challenging for our young people.

Mr Hafford DofE Manager is extremely proud of the candidate's achievements of successfully completing their practice expedition. Thank you to all members staff involved without whom the candidates would not be able to undertake such adventures. Once the candidates reflect on their personal achievements and have cared for their aches, pains and blisters (ouch!), they will be ready to complete their other sections of the Bronze Award which includes Skill & Physical, Volunteering sections and look forward to their qualifying assessment on 23rd / 24th September 2022.



Ladies' Night

We enjoyed music, dancing and food!

On Thursday evening, we hosted our first ever Ladies' Night! It was a total success and we really enjoyed having lots of members of the community in school for such a fun event! Thank you so much to everyone who bought tickets and attended, it would not have been possible without you all!

Thank you to the female-owned businesses who came to support including Chizabella Skincare, CYP Wellbeing (specialist in children's mental health and counselling) Electric Bazaar – a company specialising in sustainable fashion that supports women in Pakistan and skincare by Soakin Skin, as well as Skincare by Shamim Eusuf.

Thank you, as well, to female DJ, Myah, who specialises in multi genre music including Arabic, English and Bollywood

All money from tickets sales is going to The Pankhurst Trust women's shelter. Finally, we would like to thank all of the staff who were involved in the planning, as well as all of the staff who attended on the night. A special mention goes out Ms Sayeed for the conception and execution of Ladies' Night!



Year 8 Residential

We had an amazing time!

At the beginning of last week, some of our Year 8 pupils travelled to Lockerbie in Scotland for their first ever residential trip at DTA! Pupils stayed at Manor Adventure, a huge site with a kayaking and canoeing lake, rock climbing wall, archery and an obstacle course! As well, as taking part in all of these activities, pupils had a disco and free time in the evenings to enjoy being outdoors. We are so proud of the way in which our pupils conducted themselves. They made a great impression on the Manor Adventure staff and represented the school incredibly well. Thank you to all pupils who came on the trip and made it such an unforgettable experience. Thank you to Mr Hinton for organising the trip and to Mr Smith, Mr Lightbowne, Ms Martin, Ms Rahman, Miss Bunting, Miss Rutherford, Miss Henshall and Miss Pearson for coming along to support.









Year 9 Residential

Thank you to everyone who came!

Over the weekend, some of our year 9 pupils went on a residential trip to Manor Adventure in Lockerbie, Scotland. They took part in lots of different activities including, archery, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing and an obstacle course! Following on from our Year 8 trip, Year 9 pupils continued with the same impeccable behaviour. We are so proud of the impression our school has left on the Manor Adventure staff. Thank you, again, to Mr Hinton for organising the trip. Thank you, also, to Miss Horsley, Mr Fogato, Mr Eyres, Mr Smith and Miss Jones!







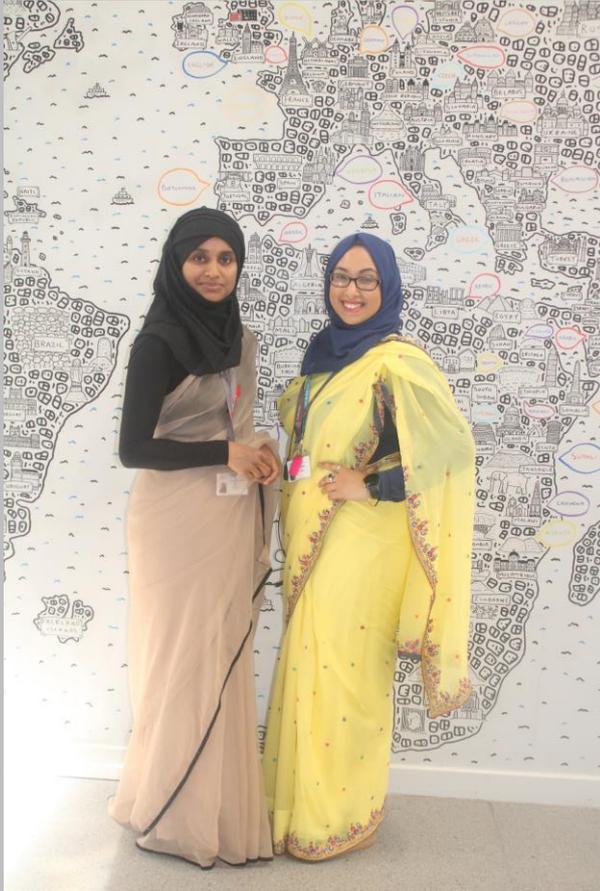
We Are Manchester Day

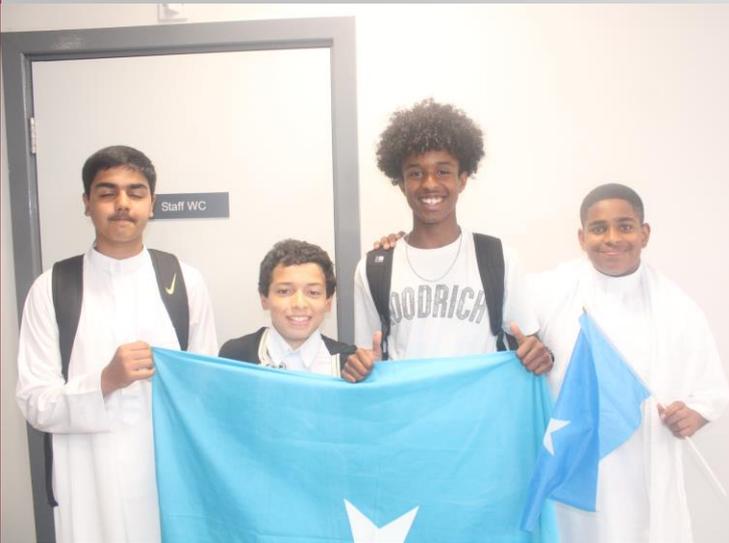
It was great to see the effort our pupils put in!

On Monday, we hosted DTA's first ever 'We Are Manchester Day.' Pupils wore cultural or traditional dress or something that showed their connection to Manchester. We saw lots of beautiful and meaningful clothing as well as the Manchester United and Manchester City rivalry! Thank you to all pupils for putting so much effort into their outfits, despite the heat! The day was an amazing way to celebrate everyone who makes up the DTA community. Thank you to Ms Sayeed and the staff sub-committee for planning such a successful event.



News









**NO
BOOKING
NEEDED**

NHS

**COVID-19
Vaccination Centre**

COVID-19 Vaccinations Available

**Etihad Football and Tennis Centre
Opening Times for Ages 5+**

Monday 8am-8pm
Tuesday 8am-8pm
Wednesday 8am-3.30pm
Thursday 8am-8pm
Friday CLOSED
Saturday 8am-3.30pm
Sunday 8am-3.30pm

**CLOSED: Sat 13th, Sat 27th
and Mon 29th August**

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books and your own
personalised certificate
of bravery at the end
with a selfie stop.**



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Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of this academic year, I would like to thank you for your support in working together to ensure your child is successful at Dean Trust Ardwick. It has been an honour to be appointed as the new Head of School, this term. I look forward to working with you in partnership as I lead the school forward, through its next period of growth. Together, with the newly established leadership team, we have developed a vision for a truly inclusive school where all pupils thrive, without exception.

I would like to share the below information regarding the start of term, in September.

Key Dates / Times

The summer term ends for all year groups on Tuesday 19th July at 12:00pm

School reopens for year groups 8-11 on Tuesday 6th September. I will write to you during the summer holiday to confirm the time. Year 7 pupils are expected to arrive at school for 8.25am.

Examination results for Year 11 (class of 2022) can be collected on Thursday 25th August between the times of 9.00am and 11.00am.

Uniform

Uniform is available to order via our website on the link below. All orders for uniform must be received by 5th August for a guaranteed delivery for the start of term. All items of uniform are posted to your home address directly. Please refer to the website for uniform and appearance regulations.

<http://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/>

Please refer to the uniform and appearance section of the Parent Handbook, available on our website. We want a positive start to the new school year so your support in these matters will greatly help.



Home School Communication

In order to facilitate improved communication between parents/carers and the school, we will shortly be moving to a new online platform called "My Child At School" (MCAS). This application encompasses many school services and will allow parents and carers to send and receive messages to/from the school, monitor each child's attendance and behaviour, monitor and support homework, sign up for extra-curricular clubs, sign up for trips and add money to lunch accounts and update contact details.

As part of this new service, we will shortly cease using the "School Comms" messaging solution. We will begin a transition to MCAS for communicating with parents and carers.

This will require a download of the MCAS app (available from the Apple/Google Play Stores) and sign up using the access codes sent to the email address we have on record. We will send every parent and carer an access code by email.

If you have not received your invite code to MCAS by the start of the new academic year, please contact the school and we will assist you.

For the autumn term, parents and carers will still need to sign up for ParentPay to top up a child's lunch account and to pay for trips and visits. Parents and carers will be informed when this specific service will be migrated to MCAS.

Together with all the staff from Dean Trust Ardwick, I wish all pupils an enjoyable and well-deserved summer break. If you are travelling, we wish you safe journeys. We look forward to working with you in partnership once more in 2022/23.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Worthington

Head of School

