



NEWSLETTER

12th October 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Our enrichment programme for this academic year is now up and running. It has been great to see so many pupils participating in the wide range of activities on offer. Many of the enrichment activities have been referenced by our Heads of Year inside this week's newsletter. Please encourage your child to attend at least one of the activities to supplement what they are learning in the classroom.



Mr S.
Worthington
Headteacher

On the 13th October, we are hosting a Year 7 welcome meeting for the parents of our Year 7 cohort. This event is an opportunity to find out more about your child's educational offer at Dean Trust Ardwick and it will provide you with advice and guidance on how best to support your child. I look forward to welcoming parents next week, to continue to strengthen the home-school working relationship.

To coincide with World Mental Health Day, we will be delivering assemblies to encourage and support our pupils to manage their own mental health. During these assemblies we will remind pupils that, if they are struggling or have any concerns, they can make anonymously report to the welfare team using the school's Sharp System, located on the home page of the website.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington

Safeguarding Tip: It is Mental Health Awareness week from Monday 10th October. School has lots of support to help our pupils manage their mental health. If you would like more information, or feel your child would benefit from this support please contact school.

Diary Dates

Year 7 Welcome Evening	13 th October
Year 11 MUF Careers Trip	17 th October
Half Term	21 st October



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mr Bridden *Year 7 have been auditioning for the school musical!*

I am happy to announce that we have had another fantastic week in Year 7! Some of our pupils have started rehearsals for the schools production of High School Musical Jr. which will be taking place later this year. I was also very proud to see one of our Year 7s being selected to take part in delivering this week's assembly alongside our Year 11 Prefect Team. Please could I ask that each week parents/carers are checking and signing pupils planners which should contain all the homework that has been set by their teachers throughout the week.



Year 8 – Mrs Rashford *Year 8 continue to impress me!*

The term is now in full swing and I am delighted with the start that pupils have made in relation to their uniform and their attitude to learning. All the signs around these basic expectations are positive and suggest we are in for a very good year. It has also been great to see pupils engaging in a range of extra-curricular activities across the school.



Year 9 – Mr Smith *We wish our football team good luck!*

This week the Year 9 pupils have been studying Black History Month during form time. As part of an ongoing project they have been researching the background, origins and history of one great black Briton to produce a poster/info graphic for their form room. We also had a fabulous assembly led by some of our Year 11 pupils who gave a great insight into why Black History Month is celebrated.

Next Wednesday we have our first sports fixture of the year with the Year 9 Boys' Football team who will be taking on Parris Wood at home – good luck boys!



Year 10 – Mr Diaz *Year 10 have been nominated for Stars of the Week!*

Despite the weather it has not dampened the hard work, efforts and manners of our pupils in Year 10! This week, pupils have continued to discuss and celebrate their recent fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support and joining in class discussions about other current affairs. Our Form Representatives will soon be taking part in meetings with myself to discuss matters pertaining to Year 10 pupils, and to begin to plan future awards and events. This month we celebrate Black History Month, pupils will be encouraged to take part in form time to raise awareness and develop a sense of community in their forms. Lastly, it is Year 10 Stars of the Week awards this week. Congratulations to all nominees for going above and beyond expectations and maintaining high standards.



Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn *We have been looking towards the future!*

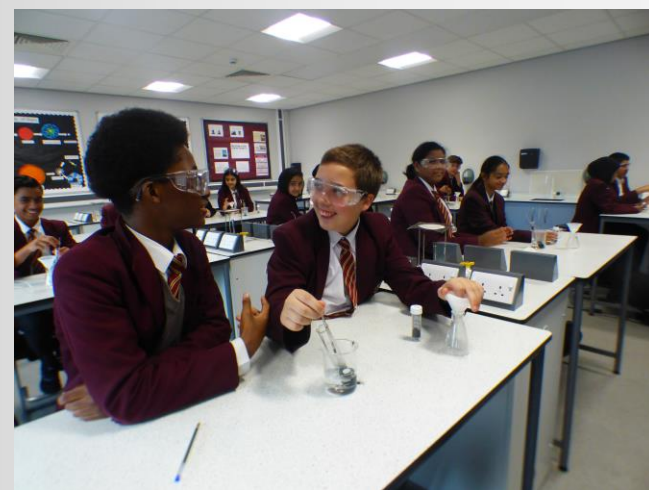
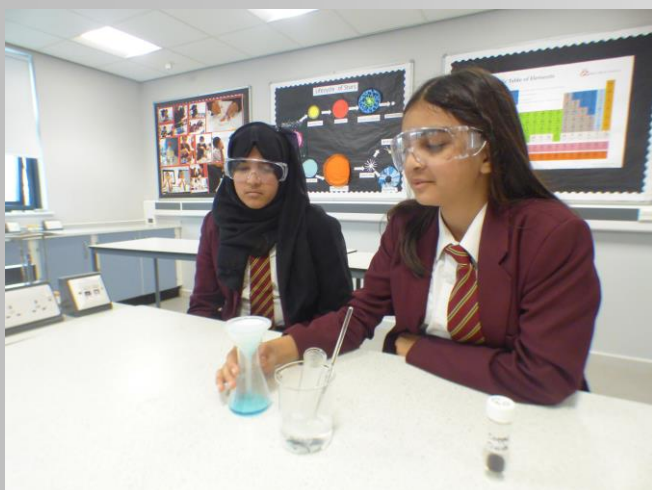
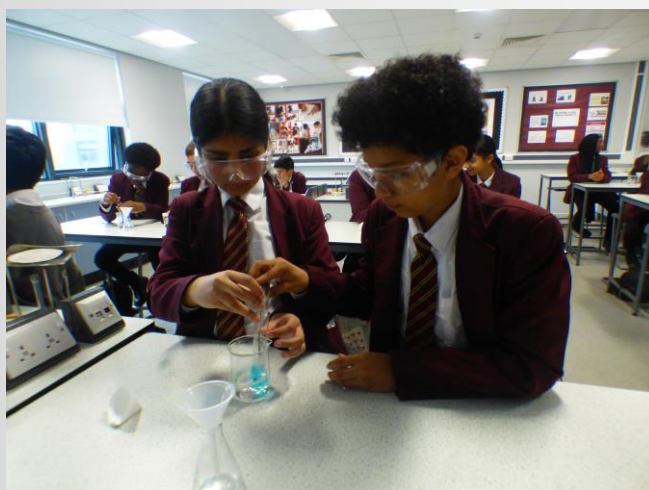
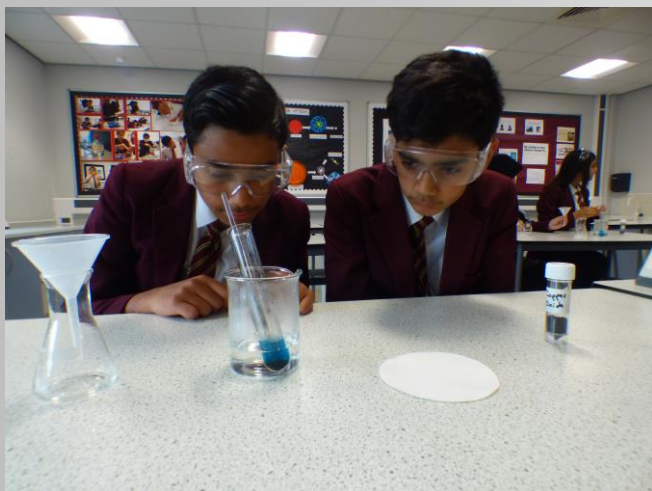
Time flies Year 11, we are already half way through our first term back since the summer holidays! We have already completed lots of work regarding college applications and there are open days and evenings underway at a wide range of colleges in the area. It's important that we all explore as many options as possible to make sure we make the best choice. All of your attendance, punctuality, conduct information and your predicted grades make up almost half of your application! Make sure that we are seeing the best version of you, all day, every day, to put yourself in the strongest position possible moving forward. Every minute wasted by poor attendance, punctuality and conduct is a minute less learning and a small step backwards from your mountain summit!



Science

Year 8 have been doing experiments!

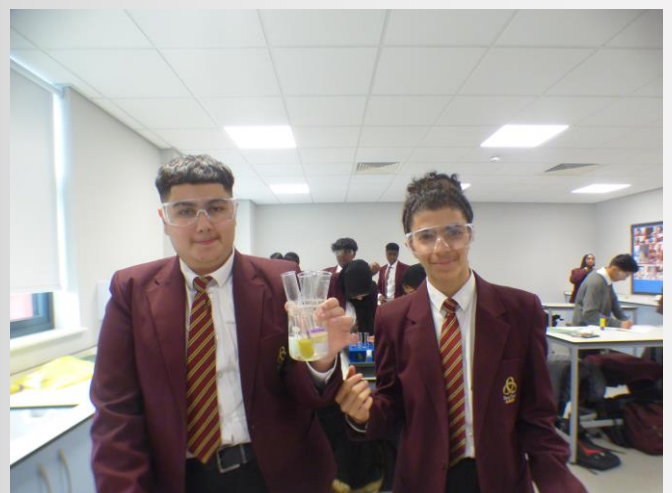
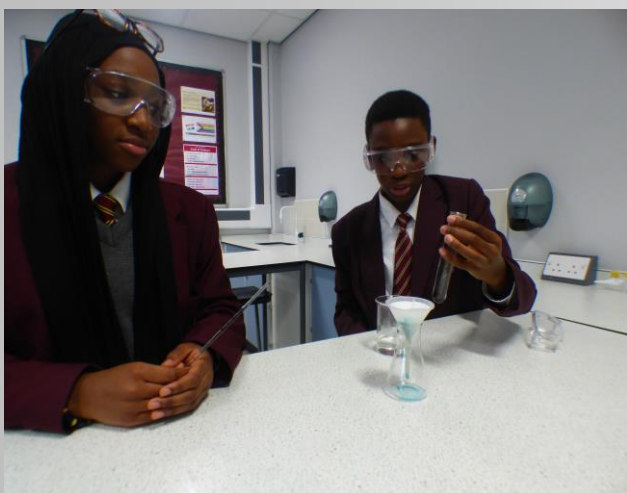
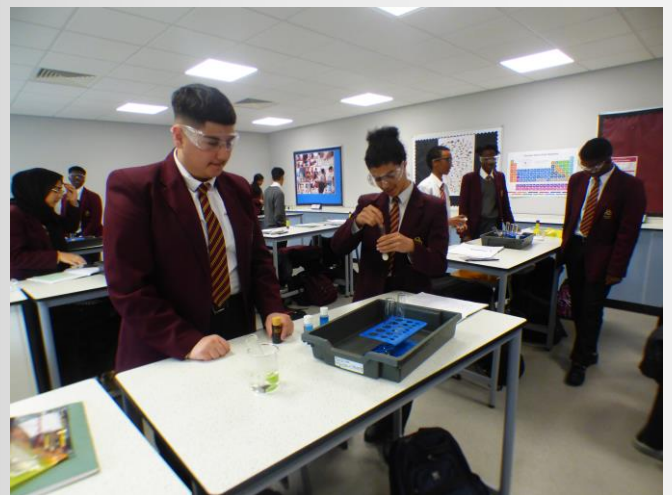
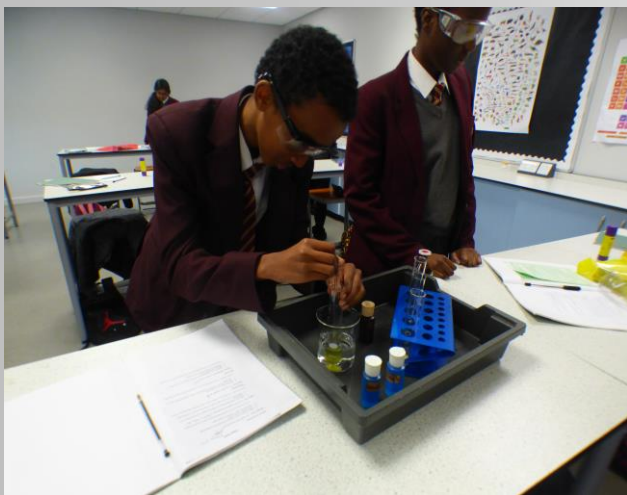
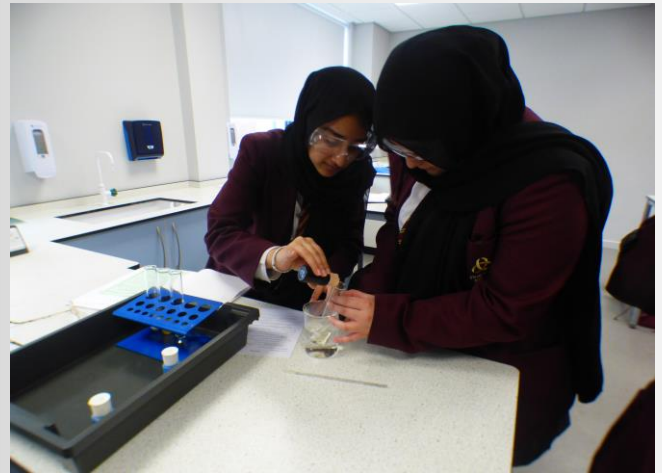
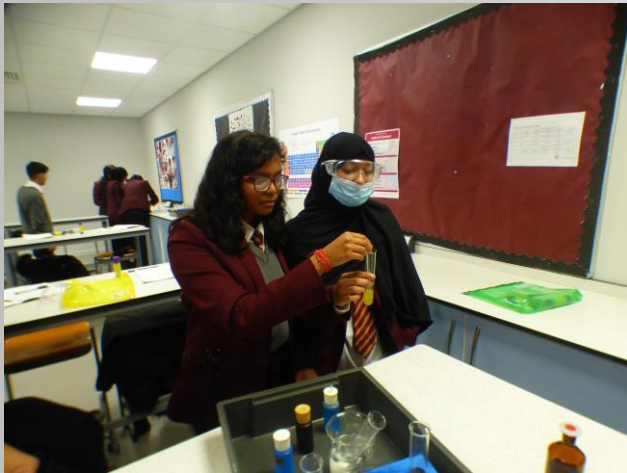
Year 8 have been learning about acids and alkalis this half term. They learnt the properties of acids and alkalis, how to carry out neutralisation and make soluble salts as a result. This week they made soluble salt (copper sulphate) by neutralising the acid (sulphuric acid) with a base (copper oxide). Pupils worked really hard to follow the method, use the correct equipment and make the salt safely and successfully.



Biology

Year 10 have been testing food samples!

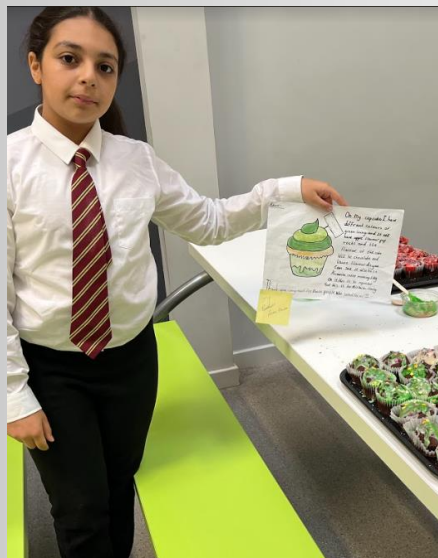
Year 10 Triple Science Biology pupils carried out a core practical testing food samples for different nutrients. Pupils worked really hard to follow the correct method and used a variety of chemicals to test for starch, protein, reducing sugars and fats. Colour changes are seen when the nutrient is present in the food.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

More photos from our charity cake sale!

Last week's newsletter celebrated the pupils who decorated and bought cakes to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Below are some great photos of the pupils who decorated the cakes. Thanks again to everyone who was involved!



Physical Education

Lots of pupils are getting involved in sports!

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year with all of our extra curricular now up and running. The participation rates have been excellent and we hope to get more new faces to each club. Please remember to check with your form tutors to find out when clubs are or look out for the posters on the screens around school.

A huge congratulations to all of our pupils who have been successful in trials, and all those who have been selected as the new sports leaders and sports council. More information to follow on this!

We look forward to the next few weeks as each teams begin their competitions.

