



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

8th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have been welcoming pupils back to school following the half-term break. On the first day back, I delivered assemblies to all year groups explaining what pupils need to do to be successful, using our mountain analogy. We reminded pupils that it is our aspiration for them to summit their mountain and leave Dean Trust Ardwick ready to thrive and contribute to society. Once again, pupils were told that it is the habits they form which has the greatest impact on their future

success. They were reminded that subscribing to 'the DTA way' will develop the positive habits that will enable them to take control of their life and achieve their goals and ambitions. To encourage habit formation, we will be incentivising positive choices this half term through Next Level November – a month long initiative that celebrates and rewards pupils who subscribe to 'the DTA way'. Further details on Next Level November can be found within this week's newsletter.

You will also find details of the school production inside this week's newsletter. On Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November pupils will be performing the 'High School Musical'. Staff were treated to a sneak peek of the production and I can promise you that this will be one of the school's best ever productions. If wish to support our pupils to showcase their talents by attending, please see inside for details on how to purchase tickets.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Is your child a young carer? Do they have caring responsibilities for anyone at home? If so school can support you and your child with this. Please contact the Welfare Team at School.

Diary Dates

School Show Performance	9 th November
Year 7 Residential	14-16 th November
Year 9 Parents Evening	17 th November



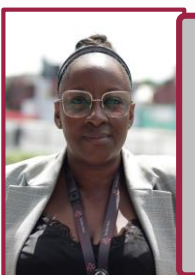
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Head of Year Messages



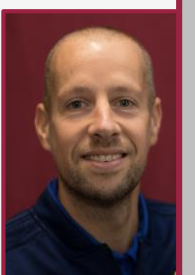
Year 7 – Mr Bridden *Year*

We are very excited as we are starting our Next Level November initiative. Pupils throughout the year group will be being recognised for their punctuality, attendance and hard work in lessons. Year 7 have the overall best attendance in the school so let's make sure we maintain this through the second half term.



Year 8 – Mrs Rashford *Year 8 have been celebrating their achievements!*

Welcome back to a new half term. I hope pupils had a fun and restful break. Well done to pupils who won an award last term. These pupils were celebrated during the Year 8 achievement assembly. Congratulations to Year 8 who had the second highest attendance out of the five year groups and 8 Lowry who had the highest attendance in Year 8 last term!



Year 9 – Mr Smith *Year 9 have been learning about safety!*

The Year 9 pupils attended an important assembly on 'Firework Safety' last week that was led by Mr Musa'ad. The messages included the importance of making good decisions when faced with any potential dangers and also, now they are turning 14 this year, that many pupils may start to spend time with their friends out of school time which can bring its own risks. We also had a short glimpse of the upcoming school production in our staff briefing by the pupils who performed one of the songs from High School Musical. It was lovely to see so many Year 9 pupils getting involved in drama and music!



Year 10 – Mr Diaz *Year 10 have lots to look forward to!*

Year 10 have made a positive start to half term 2. Last week pupils have had an assembly and discussions in form with regards to community safety during bonfires and firework displays. There are also some exciting events and trips coming up this half term. Last Friday, for example, winning forms from our half term 1 attendance and behaviour interform competitions will be rewarded with a movie afternoon. The Duke of Edinburgh award and residentials are also being planned. Year 10 will also be thinking about mock exams and other assessments at this time of the year, it would be desirable for pupils to begin to get into good habits with revision practice and prepare a revision timetable.



Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn *Year 11 are planning for their mocks!*

Welcome back Year 11. I hope that you all had a restful half term break and that you are ready to take on half term two. Firstly, I want to say congratulations to the 10 pupils who received a Headteacher's commendation at the end of last half term. This shows your hard work, dedication, and commitment to the DTA way. Continue to do this and you will be role models for our school community. I also want to congratulate 11 Victoria for winning top attendance in Year 11 last half term. This half term is going to be a busy but exciting one as we finish off personal statements, continue to attend college open evenings and gain more knowledge about the courses we want to do next year! Our mock exams are nine school weeks away so now is the time to start planning your revision timetables. Remember, revising modules/sections of work often is more effective than cramming the curriculum into a week before the exam.



Basketball

Pupils were working hard on new skills!

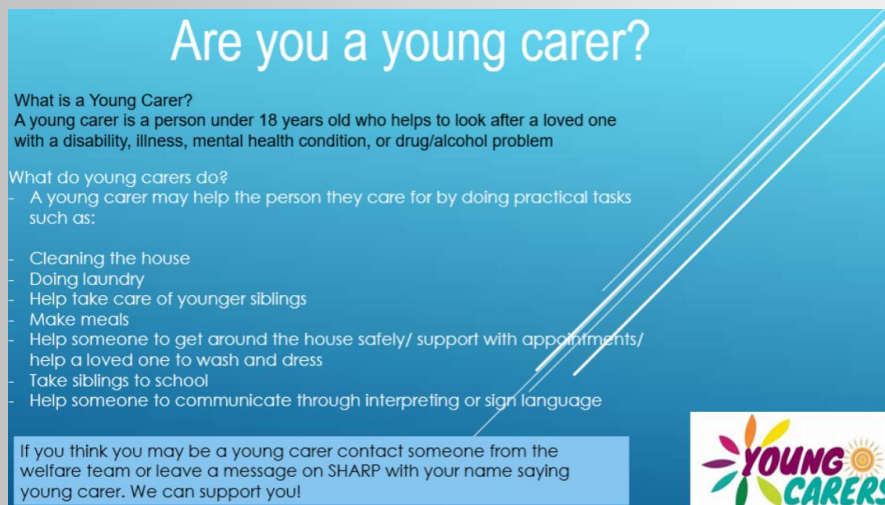
On a Thursday after school, we have basketball training. Last week, pupils were put into groups of three and tasked with getting the ball to the end of the sports hall without dropping it. This involved lots of concentration and teamwork as pupils had to pass the ball to one another as they ran to the other end of the hall. It was great to see our pupils working so well together and improving their basketball skills!



Welfare

An important message from our Welfare Team!

Is your child a young carer? Do they have caring responsibilities for anyone at home? If so school can support you and your child with this. Please contact the Welfare Team at School.




Are you a young carer?

What is a Young Carer?
A young carer is a person under 18 years old who helps to look after a loved one with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug/alcohol problem

What do young carers do?
- A young carer may help the person they care for by doing practical tasks such as:

- Cleaning the house
- Doing laundry
- Help take care of younger siblings
- Make meals
- Help someone to get around the house safely/ support with appointments/ help a loved one to wash and dress
- Take siblings to school
- Help someone to communicate through interpreting or sign language

If you think you may be a young carer contact someone from the welfare team or leave a message on SHARP with your name saying young carer. We can support you!

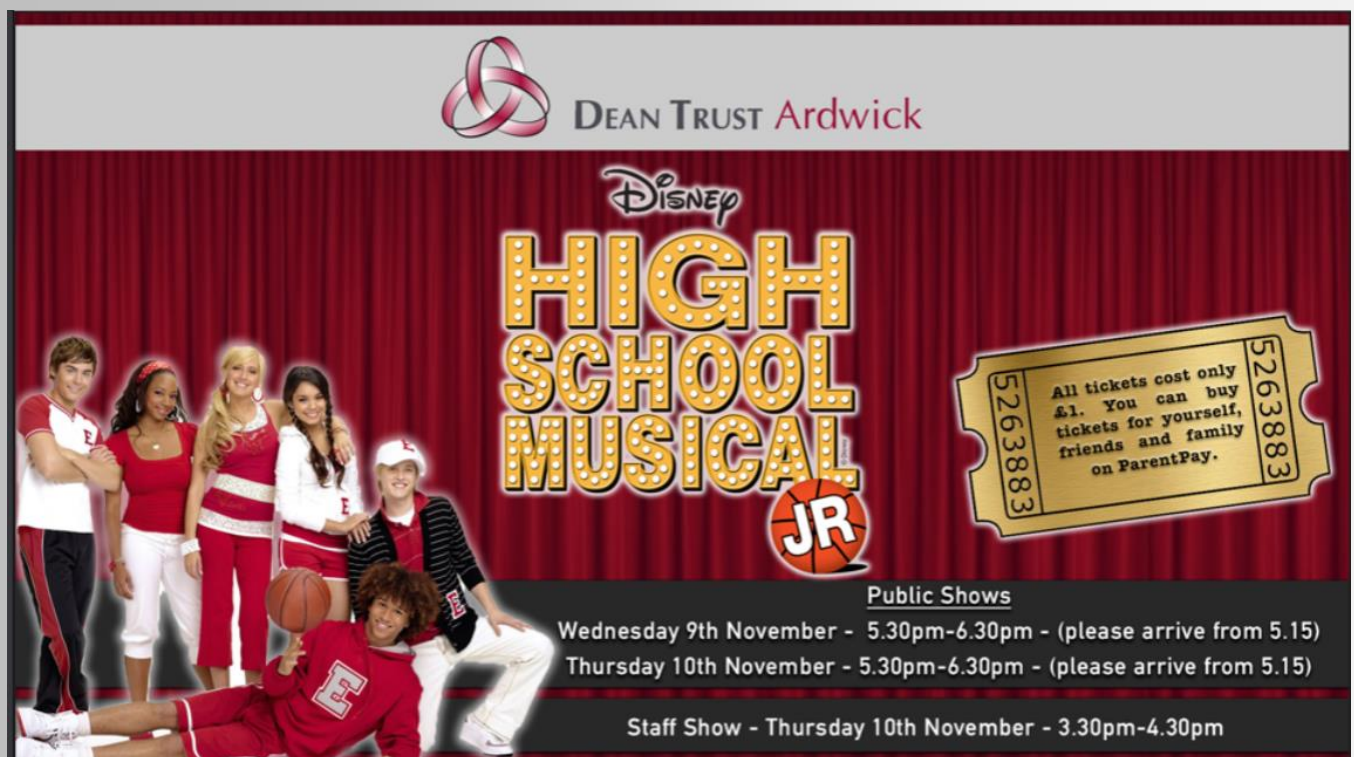



Performing Arts

Our pupils are very excited to perform!


The Performing Arts faculty at Dean Trust Ardwick are delighted to invite you to our production of 'High School Musical'. We originally started the production in January 2020 and now, after two postponements, we are very excited to be able to put on this energetic and exciting performance. The pupils have worked incredibly hard to reach an amazing performance standard and we are looking forward to showing their fantastic talents!

Tickets are only £1 and are available on Parent Pay!



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Disney
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR


All tickets cost only £1. You can buy tickets for yourself, friends and family on ParentPay.

Public Shows
Wednesday 9th November - 5.30pm-6.30pm - (please arrive from 5.15)
Thursday 10th November - 5.30pm-6.30pm - (please arrive from 5.15)

Staff Show - Thursday 10th November - 3.30pm-4.30pm



Performing Arts

The school show is coming together!

On Friday morning we built the set for our school show, 'High School Musical'! It was very exciting to see everything come together! Thank you to the staff who helped to build the set. We cannot wait to see the pupils perform in costume and with this great set as their backdrop.



Fire Service Assemblies

Thank you for the important visit!

On Thursday, the Fire Service visited to deliver an assembly about fireworks and bonfires. This information is very important ahead of Bonfire Night. The Fire Service advised that anyone wishing to celebrate Bonfire Night does so by going to an organised event. These events are much safer and cheaper. The Fire Service reminded pupils of the laws around fireworks and antisocial behaviour on Bonfire Night. Thank you to the representatives from the Fire Service for visiting and giving our pupils some really important information ahead of the 5th of November.



Next Level November



- ✓ Recognising and incentivising positive choices and positive actions to develop the habits for success.
- ✓ Taking your performance and the performance of the school to the 'Next Level'.
- ✓ Celebrating and rewarding pupils who subscribe to the 'DTA WAY'.



Form Group Prizes

The form group with:	Points
The highest attendance across the year group	5
The best punctuality across the year group	5
The highest amount of Achievement points	5
The fewest Behaviour points overall	5
The fewest 'On call' for serious behaviour logs	5
Weekly Head of Year Award	£20 voucher

Individual Pupil Prizes

During lessons, class teachers will reward pupils who consistently make positive choices and take positive action. Pupils will be rewarded for:

- Excellent and consistent effort in class.
- Commitment to home learning.
- Making positive contribution in lessons.
- Being kind and respectful to their peers.

