



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

18th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Year 7 pupils travelled to Wales this week for Dean Trust Ardwick's annual residential. The residential is the culminating event to our transition programme, designed to enable pupils to develop meaningful relationships with staff and peers through group participation in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. Furthermore, at Dean Trust Ardwick we use a mountain analogy to explain pupils' journey through secondary school and this residential enables us to bring that analogy to life as pupils literally scaled mountains and climbed up and down waterfalls. Please take a look at some of the highlights of the residential in this week's newsletter.

We are half-way through 'Next Level November' – a month long initiative that celebrates and rewards pupils who subscribe to 'the DTA way'. Pupils are relishing the competition and we have seen rates of attendance increase as a result. Can parents and carers please take the time to discuss Next Level November with their child and support them by promoting the habits for success?

It was fantastic to see parents of Year 9 at this week's Parents' Evening, our first face-to-face event since the pandemic. The feedback from parents and carers was very complimentary with many appreciating the opportunity to visit the school and meet teachers. Year 10 Parents' Evening is next on the school calendar on Thursday 1st December. Parents will receive details via written communication next week.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: The weather is cold and rainy. Please make sure you send your child to school with a coat. Please contact the Welfare Team if you have any concerns.

Diary Dates

Careers Trip	24 th November
MFL Speaking Exams	28-30 th November
Year 10 Speaking Exams	1 st December
Year 10 Parents' Evening	1 st December
UA92 Trip	8 th December



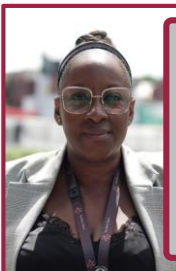
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Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mr Bridden *Year 7 went on a residential!*

This week, some of our Year 7 pupils went to Aberdovey, Wales on a residential trip. They participated in lots of different activities including kayaking, mountain climbing and gorge walking! The Year 7 team are so impressed with how our pupils conducted themselves during their stay. They were great role models and have done the school proud! Read on for more information and lots of pictures!



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

Well done to Year 8 Stars of the Week winners. These pupils have subscribed to the 'DTA Way' and demonstrated excellent and consistent effort in lessons. Congratulations to Year 8 who, again, have second highest attendance across all year groups and, also, to 8Y Turing who had the highest attendance in Year 8 for last week.



Year 9 – Mr Smith *Year 9 had a great Parent's Evening!*

It has been another busy week for the Year 9 pupils. On Thursday evening we had our first face-to-face parents evening which gave both staff and parents the chance to finally speak to each other in person after the frustrations of COVID restrictions in Year 7 and 8. I spoke to many parents who conveyed their praise and appreciation of the efforts of the teaching staff and how nice it was to hear so many positives aspects of their children's school lives. The attendance was 70% which demonstrates the supportive nature of our parents and we would love to see that grow and grow to 100%. The next event to add to your diary will be the Year 9 Options Evening which is on Thursday 9th February, where we will start the process of selecting and choosing subjects to be studied in Key Stage 4.



Year 10 – Mr Diaz *Year 10 have started their DofE journey!*

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been launched for Year 10 pupils and many have expressed their interests in joining in. This is an exciting opportunity for pupils to develop new skills, including leadership, as well as gaining an award for their contributions and efforts. If your child is interested, please ask them to see me in the first instance. Attendance to school is vitally important, as a school we explicitly explain to pupils the detrimental impact low attendance and punctuality can have on their learning and progress. Please continue to encourage your child to attend school every day and be punctual to school and lessons to maximise their learning and progress at GCSE. Lastly, there will be a parents evening for Year 10 on Thursday 1st December where you can access more information from your child's teachers on their progress. More information will be shared with you momentarily but please pencil this date in your diaries and I look forward to seeing you then.



Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn *Year 11 have submitted college applications!*

Another successful week for Year 11. Personal statements were due in and we had a lot of pupils hand in their applications for Xaverian, Loreto, Parris Wood and many other colleges online. Thank you to the Year 11 prefects who helped out during Year 9 parents evening. You were role models to the school and we are very proud to have you represent us. We have also selected new prefects to join the team and we are very excited to have them work alongside our existing prefects. Polite reminder for prefects to be on duty on time and to check the list outside the Year 11 office for when you should be on duty and your duty week. We have 2 weeks left of Next Level November. Let's make an extra effort to be getting the basics right in and out of lessons.



Debate Mate

Pupils have been learning about speech!

This week was the second week of Debate Mate this year. We had a great turn out with many pupils attending across Years 7,8, 9 and 10.

This week, pupils learnt about different styles when delivering speeches. They listened to different speeches being given from their mentors and gave them improvements. This was important as it allowed pupils to begin to understand how they should act, e.g. good eye contact, and it allowed them to understand the best language to use. After this, pupils were put into groups where they had to pretend they had their own TikTok page. Pupils had to come up with a product they felt would sell really well. They had to explain to their peers why their product was the best.

The group who won, had the idea of 'shoes on wheels' which would help solve the issue of pollution.

Keep reading for more updates on Debate Mate!

Science

Well done to our pupils for their hard work!

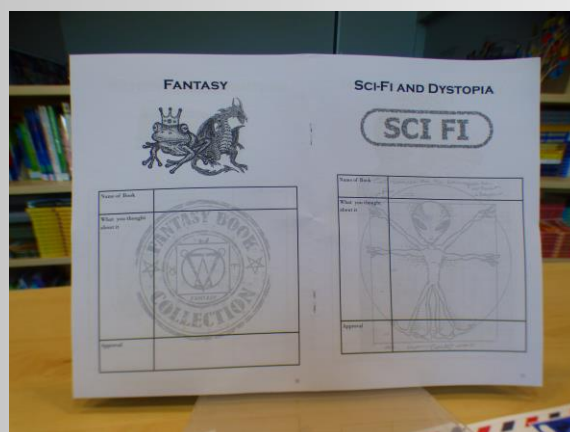
Key Stage 3 have been busy with assessments this week. Students have worked hard to showcase the fantastic knowledge they have gained over the last half term. Well done to all of our pupils for their hard work and concentration!

Year 10 have been working on using their mathematics skills in science. They have been looking at motion and forces. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop skills across both subjects and apply their knowledge.

English

Congratulations, keep up the good work!

Miss Santos, our Librarian, has created a Year 7 reading passport. This encourages pupils to discover new genres that they might not have read before. Well done to Janni for being the first Year 7 pupil to complete their reading passport. At each stage of the passport, badges can be earned to showcase pupils' achievements. Janni will also receive a prize for completing the whole challenge. We are really impressed with the way pupils are engaging with the reading passport and we encourage them to keep reading and achieving badges and prizes!



Prayer Room

Thank you to the pupils leading these prayers!

Every Friday during this Winter period, we have been able to provide a facility for pupils to pray Jummah prayers, led by our Year 10 and 11 boys: Hassan, Ahmad and Asim. Today's sermon was on the importance of working hard and doing your best, written by Ahmad. It aligned with our DTA values, inspiring pupils to be the best that they can be.

Jummah takes place at the following times:

KS3: 12.45pm

KS4: 1pm

Pupils can continue to get passes from Ms Sayeed every week if they wish to attend – these are currently limited in number.



Year 7 Residential

We had an amazing time!

This week, some of our Year 7 pupils visited the Outward Bound activity centre in Aberdovey, Wales. Pupils were grouped in their forms and went out each day to do lots of different activities. Some of our pupils climbed a mountain and scaled a rockface with a harness and ropes! Other pupils took to the water in kayaks. In the evening, groups climbed up a gorge which had water running down. This was a real test of teamwork as the instructors asked the pupils to work in groups of 3, with only one member of the group allowed to have their headtorch on. Pupils also visited the local beach, got ice creams and had a dip in the cold sea! Staff members who went on the residential are extremely impressed by the impeccable behaviour of our pupils. They represented the school incredibly well and supported each other throughout our stay.



