



NEWSLETTER

9th January 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you had a restful break with your friends and family and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

We have had a positive start to the year, with the majority of our pupils continuing to demonstrate dedication to their education, attending school on time and working to the best of their ability. This week, staff have been focusing on how to make 2023 a great year by encouraging all pupils to create habits for success.

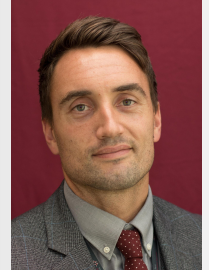
We have a busy Spring term planned with lots of exciting trips and extra-curricular activities, such as the Year 10 Performing Arts visit to watch The Lion King in Manchester on 25th January. Please see this week's newsletter for a range of other important calendar dates.

A reminder to the parents of carers of Year 11, that GCSE mock examinations start on the 9th January, followed by Year 11 Parents Evening on the 19th January. It is essential that you join us to receive important advice and guidance to support your child's education in their last year at Dean trust Ardwick. Please encourage your child to make appointments with their teachers this week in school.

If parents and carers have not already, it is essential to download the My Child at School app so that we can improve our school-home communication. Parents and carers are now required to make payments (including for catering) via the My Child at School app.

With best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip:

Please remind your children to cross roads safely on their way to and from school. The mornings and evenings are getting darker and there have been a number of reports of children taking risks on the roads.

Diary Dates

Year 11 Parents Evening	19 th January
KS4 Mocks	26 th January
The Lion King Trip	25 th January
Year 9 Options Evening	9 th February



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mr Bridden *Welcome back!*

The Year 7 team would like to welcome you back and wish you all a Happy New Year!



Year 8 – Mrs Rashford *Welcome back!*

Welcome back Year 8 after a well deserved Christmas break. It is still quite cold and wet so please can you ensure that all children bring a warm coat to school every day. I know getting back into the routine of school is hard to do especially after a long break. To ensure that your child has the best opportunities and chances to learn, without missing any input or key information, please can you make sure that they arrive at school on time. The gate opens at 8:30am and the bell rings for the start of school at 8:40am. The pupils (and staff) have settled back quickly into the routines of their classes. You should have received your child's assessment report and if you would like to discuss any concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Year 9 – Mr Smith *Year 9 have had a great start to the year!*

Year 9 have had a purposeful start to the New Year. Pupils had a welcome back assembly where they were reminded of the routines we use in lessons to ensure that the classroom environment is appropriate for learning. Keep up the good work and positive attitude, Year 9!



Year 10 – Mr Diaz *We encourage you to participate in enrichment!*

Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a restful break and enjoyed spending time with loved ones over the festive season. Year 10 have begun the new term very strongly, setting the tone for what is to be a positive term. This week pupils have engaged really well in assembly and form time activities. Year 10 are the second eldest cohort in school and many young pupils look up to them so it is great to see Year 10 setting an example for younger pupils. While Year 10 continue to work towards their GCSEs, there are other exciting events taking place outside of lessons, such as extra-curricular activities and support with additional learning and progress. We encourage pupils to attend at least one extra-curricular activity after school, whether this is for additional revision and coursework or a practical task. Please encourage your child to attend at least one extra-curricular activity each week, this will not only support their learning, but in addition, support their social development and interests.



Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn *Year 11 revision is underway!*

Welcome back Year 11! We hope you have all had a restful break. This week, our Year 11 pupils have continued to have purposeful lessons in the run-up to their mock examinations. We are very proud of our pupils' focus and motivation. Lots of pupils are taking full advantage of the revision opportunities on offer and we highly recommend all pupils to engage in the DTA revision website.

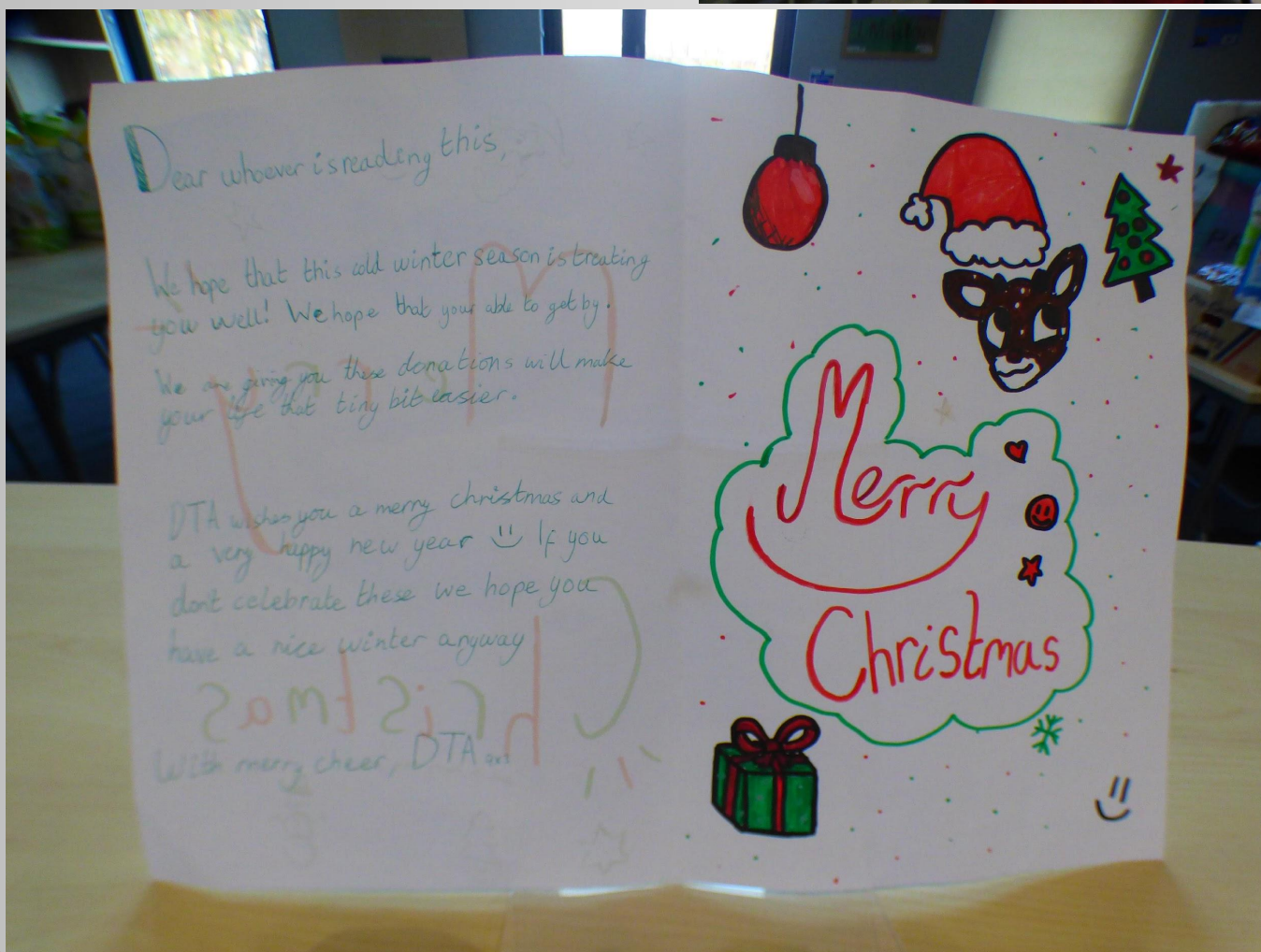


School Messages

Charity Hampers

Thank you for your donations!

Before the holidays, pupils put together hampers for two local charities. Our chosen charities were Supporting People in Need (SPIN) and Coffee 4 Craig. These charities help to tackle issues such as homelessness, hunger and poverty. In their form groups, pupils donated items and packed them in hampers for the charities. Thank you to Miss Bostock for organising such a worthwhile activity. Thank you, as well, to the families of our pupils for their generous donations!

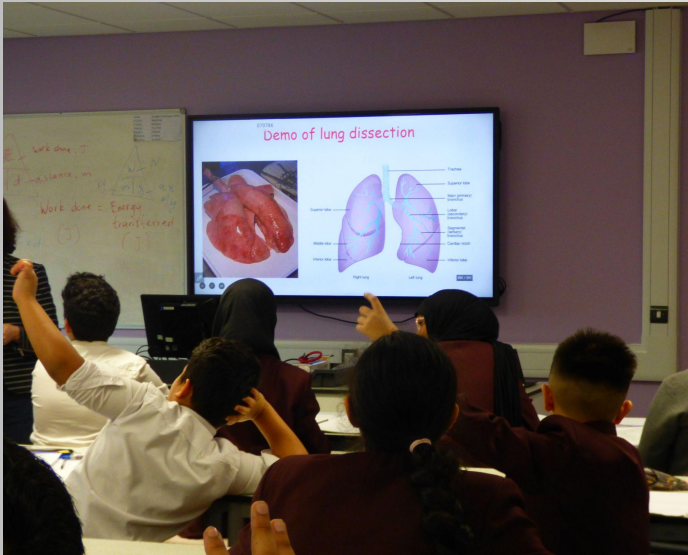


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Science

Pupils observed a dissection!

In Science, Year 7 have been learning about the heart and lungs as part of the muscles and bones topic. In the photographs, we can see Mrs Rakhtopol dissecting sheep's lungs to show her class the intricate details of the trachea (wind pipe) and lung tissue. Pupils worked extremely well, asking lots of interesting questions. Other classes have been shown heart dissections too!



School Messages

Physical Education

Well done to our Year 9 football team!

The PE team would like to start by wishing everybody a Happy New Year.

It has been a busy start already to the year with extra-curricular underway. All of our teams have been in training ready to continue their competitions this year. Mr Smith's Year 9 football team kicked off the year with a league game against St Pauls. The boys put in a brilliant team performance and came out with a staggering 6-0 win! This puts the team at the top of the league. What a brilliant start to the year and a huge well done to all those involved.



Enrichment Notice

Please read for important updates!

There have been some updates to the PE lunchtime and extra-curricular clubs:

Lunch time:

Cricket club will now be on a TUESDAY lunchtime.

Basketball will now be on a WEDNESDAY lunchtime.

After school:

Badminton will not be on until further notice.

Volleyball will not be on until further notice.

Other than the changes above, all other extra-curricular will continue as normal. Please be reminded that the girls football training with Manchester Young Champions will resume on Wednesday 11th January 4:30-5:30PM. This is for any female pupils interested in playing football. Please see Miss Pemberton for any more information. .



Parental Notice: Parking

Parents and Carers must not park on the double yellow lines on Daisy Mill Road under any circumstances. Parking on the double yellow lines is dangerous and can cause a serious risk to pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick, St Luke's and to other road users. Please arrange a convenient location to collect your child away from Daisy Mill Road to help keep our pupils safe.



Parental Notice: My Child At School App

Please ensure that you download our new communication app, My Child at School. The app will allow you to stay up to date with how your child is doing at school and ensure you receive all school communication, including school reports. If you require support downloading the app, please speak to reception or look out for our next drop in session.

