



NEWSLETTER

16th January 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have continued to teach our pupils about equality and the protective characteristics. Pupils received assemblies on the impact of discriminative behaviour. Dean Trust Ardwick is using the partnership with the Manchester United Foundation to strengthen our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion, through the 'All Red. All Equal.' campaign. In 2016, Manchester United launched 'All Red. All Equal' to encourage people to take responsibility to challenge discriminatory behaviour that can take place in football. In support of this campaign, we are working within the school to appoint an ambassador in each form group to further promote the campaign and equality.

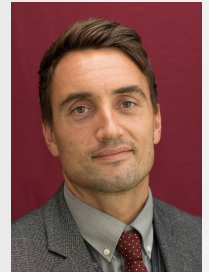
Well done to our Year 7s who are taking part in the Reading Passport Challenge. Collectively the pupils have read 267 books this year! For more information, please see inside this week's newsletter.

If parents and carers haven't 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 catering) via the My Child at School App.

Finally, I would like to remind parents of Year 11 pupils of the 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.

With best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



Mr S.
Worthington
Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip:

Are you aware of your child's online activity? Social media can be a big worry for parents and carers, with new apps and websites popping up all the time it is hard to keep up. For information, support and guidance in keeping our child safe online visit CEOP Education (thinkuknow.co.uk)

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 *Well done to our subject stars!*

TheOn the whole, I am very pleased with the positive start that Year 7 have made upon their return from half term. This week we have celebrated our subject stars. I look forward to sharing the winners with parents/carers in next weeks update. Could I please ask that you are checking your child has the correct equipment and is prepared for the school day. I have noticed a slight increase in pupils not having full equipment.



Year 8 – Mrs Rashford *A message on social media use.*

I would like to write to parents/carers following concerns of an increase in non-school related issues that are impacting our pupils and their education. Social media platforms such as Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have had widespread impact on the way in which we communicate and express our thoughts and opinions. Unfortunately, we are also experiencing an increasing number of situations where social media has been the vehicle for inappropriate behaviour by our pupils. There are occasions where things said in the virtual world constitute harassment, bullying or intimidation which, ultimately, could lead to police involvement. Whilst things are most likely to have taken place off the school site, the resulting fallout in such situations can have major implications on harmonious relationships within school and a resulting negative impact on teaching and learning. Some recent instances of ill-considered use of social media have cause the Year 8 Pastoral Team to spend a disproportionate amount of time trying to manage issues. Whilst our pupils may be more knowledgeable in using social media, it is the partnership of schools and parents/carers that can help them to use it wisely, safely and responsibly. Thank you for your ongoing support in working with staff at DTA in helping to keep children safe.



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

The Year 9 pupils have made a really positive start to the new term. We have been re-emphasising the importance of a 'mountain mindset' and how this year is about 'defining the summit' and being ready and prepared for the challenges of the examinations years ahead. An important date for everyone's diary is Thursday 9th February which iis the Year 9 Options Evening for both pupils and parents/cares. On this evening, all of the information regarding the process of pupils choosing their subject options will begin and an outline of the timeframe will be explained, thee will also be the opportunity to meet with staff.



Year 10 – Mr Diaz *Year 10 have an exciting opportunity coming up!*

This week, Year 10 pupils have engaged in discussions surrounding equality and discrimination. This is in preparation for the school's launch of Equality Leaders. We have a minimum of five places available for Year 10 pupils. If your child has expressed their interest in this role, please tell them to see Mr Griffiths for more information. Additionally, pupils have been reminded that the school no longer operates with Parent Pay. We have now transitioned to the My Child at School app (MCAS). All parents/cares have been invited via email to download the app. Please contact the school if you have not received your invitation of if your email address needs updating on our system.



Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn *Year 11 are preparing for their exams!*

This half term we are going to be focusing on being 'mountain people' as opposed to 'valley people.' We have two weeks until mock exams and thirteen weeks until the start of GCSE exams. Now is the time for pupils to make sure they are getting to school on time and maximising time in lessons. This week, we also had some GCSE examinations in vocational subjects. Pupils' conduct was fantastic during the exam, well done! Remember, we are focusing on getting the basics right first time every time.

School Messages

Science

It has been an exciting week in the Science faculty!

There has been lots going on in Science lessons this week! Year 7 pupils have been enjoying learning about the human body, looking specifically at the bones and muscles. Did you know, the human body has 206 bones! Year 8 have been focusing on energy transfers and looking at the difference between evaporation and boiling. Year 9 are continuing to learn about forces and made parachutes from bin bags to see the impact of air resistance. Year 10 Combined Science have been finishing their Biology module, focusing on mitosis and the nervous system. Finally, Year 11 have been concentrating on electricity. Ask a Year 11 pupil to tell you the difference between a series and parallel circuit!

Physical Education

Well done to the Year 10 Netball Team!

We have had another fantastic week in PE with all extracurricular running as normal. The Year 10 netball team finished the week with a fixture at Wright Robinson College. The team won 4-3 against King David and, unfortunately, lost against Wright Robinson College. Despite the one defeat, this was a strong start to the year for the term. A huge well done to all involved and a massive shout out to the POMs Awa and Jessica! We look forward to next week as the Year 10 football team have their first home fixture of the year. Good luck Mr Beaumont and his team.

Please also familiarise yourselves with the updated extracurricular timetable.

Time	Dean Trust Ardwick – Extra-Curricular Activities				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Lunchtime Clubs (12.40pm – 13.05pm) (Get your lunch before the club)				
Lunch	Year 7, 8 Dodgeball Club Miss Henshall Sports Hall	Cricket Club Mr Beaumont Sports Hall	KS3 Basketball Club Miss Pemberton Sports Hall		KS4 Basketball Club Mr Beaumont Sports Hall
	After School Clubs (3.00pm – 4.15pm)				
		KS3 Fun Football PE Staff ½ Astroturf	Year 11 Football Training Mr Griffiths ½ Astroturf	Year 9 Football Training Mr Smith ½ Astroturf	Year 7 Football Mr Beaumont ½ Astroturf
		Year 8 Football Training Mr Samuels ½ Astroturf	Year 10 Football Training Mr Beaumont ½ Astroturf	Girls Football Miss Pemberton ½ Astroturf	
			KS3 Team Netball Miss Henshall, Miss Murphy MUGA	KS4 Team Netball Miss Murphy and Miss Henshall MUGA	
	Girls Basketball Basketball Coach Sports Hall	Volleyball Club Mr Ali-Kamara Postponed	Year 7 & 8 Basketball Training Mr Samuels Sports Hall	Year 9, 10, 11 Basketball Training Mr Beaumont Sports Hall	Badminton Club Miss Henshall Sports Hall

Cricket Club is now on a Tuesday at lunchtime.

KS3 Basketball Club is on a Wednesday at lunch time.

Volleyball Club is postponed until next half term.

Miss Henshall will start to run Badminton Club on Friday after school. Friday 20th January will be the last session as mock exams begin the week commencing 23rd January. We will keep pupils updated using the form bulletin.



School Messages

Year 7 Reading Challenge

Well done 7 Turing!

The Year 7s are making their way through a reading challenge called the Reading Passport where they have to read as many different genres of books as they can. It has been going really well so far and the Year 7s have put in an amazing effort.

Here are some of the best statistics:

- Year 7 have read 267 books so far this year!
- 40 achievement badges have already been given out.
- 4 pupils have already become reading champions and completed the challenge!

Also, a huge congratulations to 7 Turing. They are the form that read the most books last term with an impressive 56! They will soon receive a little treat to reward them for their reading.



7 Turing!



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.

