



# NEWSLETTER

20th March 2023

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

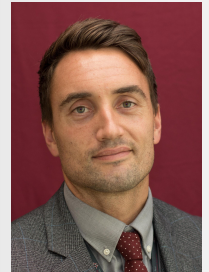
We had a busy week at Dean Trust Ardwick with our Year 11 pupils collecting their mock GCSE results. Year 11 had the opportunity to experience what it would be like to collect their GCSE results in the summer. I am extremely proud of their efforts so far, and with continued dedication I know all our pupils will thrive without exception. With only 9 weeks until the start of GCSEs, it is extremely important that all Year 11 pupils are focused on revision and attending invaluable revision sessions. An assembly was delivered to all Year 11 focused on how to take positive action following their mock results.. To thank year 11s for their recent hard work, we hosted a well-deserved pizza party during lunchtime!

I would like to send my best wishes to our families in the community as Ramadam is due to start. The welfare of our pupils is our main priority and we have been making necessary arrangements to support our pupils who will be fasting. Please see a letter in the main body of the newsletter from Mr Beaumont (Head of P.E) for more information. A number of staff have chosen to fast together this week to gain a greater appreciation for what our pupils experience during Ramadan. Assistant Headteachers Mr Musa'ad and Ms Sayeed have been busy planning for the celebration of Eid ul fitr and communication will be sent to parents in due course.

As ever, thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

## Safeguarding Tip:

Homelessness is a huge issue in the City of Manchester and social housing can be really difficult to secure, whilst rising rents make it difficult to maintain in rented accommodation.

**SHELTER** is a registered charity that can offer free guidance and information on housing to Manchester residents advising problems such as: threats of eviction, eviction notices, possession proceedings, homelessness, tenancy problems, disrepair or problems with your landlord. You can also use this service if you are homeless have nowhere to stay or at risk of harm or abuse at home.

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## Diary Dates

Hospitality and Catering Exams	20th-28th March
Year 9 Reach Out Trip	21st March
Parents Coffee Morning	24th March
Neurodiversity Awareness Week	15th-21st March



## Head of Year Messages

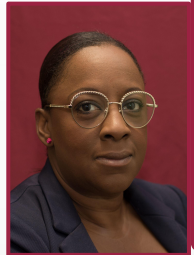


### **Year 7 – Mr Bridden** *We are leading in attendance!*

Yet again we are currently leading the school for attendance which is increasing each week. Just a reminder that we are having a big focus on uniform and banned items in to school.

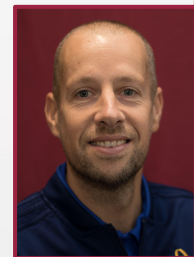
- Pupils who are caught with banned items (chewing gum) will receive a 1 hour detention
- Pupils who are seen twice or more with their shirt not tucked in, will receive a lunch time detention.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Year 7 Stars of the Week next week!



### **Year 8 – Mrs Rashford** *Year 8 are championing kindness and respect!*

Although it is a short half-term, it has been a busy one full of many engaging and interesting activities. This half-term we have continued talking about respect and kindness through assemblies, tutor time and lessons, actively teaching students how to be respectful and kind.



### **Year 9 – Mr Smith** *Year 9 Reach Out Groups success!*

This week the Year 9 Reach Out Group, who meet every Monday evening with their mentors, had another successful session in building their interpersonal skills. Session highlights include;

Year 9 Group 1 – **Shabnam** for her fantastic engagement during the speed mentoring activity and the academic activity. Mentors noted that Shabnam showed exceptional Good Judgement and Staying Power throughout the session, asking mentors questions and using their advice to inform her decisions.

Year 9 Group 2 – **Basil** for always using his Fairness and Good Judgement.

Group 1 are looking forward to their trip next week to Zurich Bank!



### **Year 10 – Mr Diaz** *Year 10 bowling reward for two forms!*

We have finalised a date for the long-awaited Bowling Trip for Year 10! Two lucky forms, Rylands and Palace will be invited to attend a Bowling Trip on the 24<sup>th</sup> March following their collective positive achievements by winning the Attendance and Behaviour Leagues for Half Term 2. Congratulations to both Rylands and Palace. Pupils will be receiving a letter of invitation next week to confirm their attendance. This week we celebrate British Science Week, Year 10 have engaged in form discussions and activities surrounding this event with key dates and experiences highlighted for pupils to take part in. We continue to encourage pupils to maintain high standards in uniform and appearance, at no point should pupils be turning up to school with trainers, make-up or jewellery; these items do not form part of the school uniform and will be required to be removed or confiscated. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to maintain high standards in their uniform and appearance at all times.



### **Year 11 – Mr Chetwyn** *Year 11 have completed their mocks!*

What a fantastic week it's been for Year 11, who showed their mountain mentality to push hard and attend school every day this week! We also got our mock results, which were a great indicator of where we are currently and where we want to be when we open our GCSE results envelopes in August! As Mr Fuller said in assembly last week, there's no 'silver bullet' for success, and no substitute for hard work!!! We're all capable of accomplishing great things when we work hard, together! Keep going Year 11!!!!



## Weekly Attendance Update

Results of the weekly attendance from Mr Chetwyn and Mrs Pett

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!



## ATTENDANCE LEADERBOARD

1	<b>YEAR 7</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
2	<b>YEAR 8</b>	<b>94.5%</b>
3	<b>YEAR 9</b>	<b>93.0%</b>
4	<b>YEAR 10</b>	<b>92.7%</b>
5	<b>YEAR 11</b>	<b>92.3%</b>





### Mock Exam Results Day

*Results from our January Mocks are in!*

Following on from the mock exams in January, on Wednesday we held a Mock Results Day! This allowed the students to experience what their Results Day will be like in August.



The mock results give an idea of how your child has fared in exam conditions. This is a stepping stone to the next stage of exam preparations.

Our teachers were on hand to support students with processing their results and reassuring them that they are on the right track. Mr Fuller delivered an assembly to help them look forward to what their next challenges and aims will be and how they can live up to them.





## School Messages

### Pizza Party For Year 11s

*Thank you for your hard work this week!*

To thank year 11s for their hard work, we hosted a pizza party during lunchtime!

Throughout the two days, our year 11 students have been focusing on the lead up to their exams. They have been given targeted time to work on their chosen subjects, as well as time to reflect and strategise following their mock results.

Our students devoured nearly 100 pizzas - we think that might be a DTA record!

As you can see, it looks like they enjoyed it...



## School Messages

### Social Sciences

*Lots of upcoming events!*

Manchester Hip Hop Archive are working alongside Manchester Central Library to facilitate creative workshops with industry professionals, pioneers and entrepreneurs. These workshops will provide 13 of our pupils with the opportunity to explore viable career pathways into the creative arts and work collaboratively towards creating, designing and producing an end product inspired by the historical Manchester Hip Hop culture.

The pupils will have signed up to one of the following workshops:



- **Breakdance**
- **Fashion**
- **Graffiti/Art and design**
- **Music/Media productions**
- **Sneaker design and production**

The workshops will continue until April 29<sup>th</sup>, when the work will be displayed at the Street Heat Festival in Ancoats. This will be another opportunity for the young people to develop their organisation and communication skills, as well as their self-confidence. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March was International Women's Day which we celebrated by launching the White Ribbon Campaign. Dean Trust Ardwick is a White Ribbon affiliated organisation as we are active in our promise to raise awareness and challenge prejudice and inequalities towards women, specifically violence towards women by men.

Our Year 8 charity ambassadors have made over 200 white ribbons by hand and distributed to any pupil and staff who are always willing to make the promise.

DTA is committed to being a safe place for staff, pupils and their families. We continue to educate all pupils on the importance of equality and equity and are proud to be associated with the White Ribbon campaign. If you have any further questions or are affected by any related issues please contact our Welfare team through the school's reception.

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### Social Sciences

*Lots of upcoming events!*

**15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March is Neurodiversity Celebration Week.** We will be recognising this week through bespoke assemblies and form time activities to promote the achievements and further our knowledge of those with neurodiverse conditions. Dean Trust Ardwick recognise that depending on how our brains are wired we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. Many people in our community use neurodiversity as an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently. We hope that through our efforts this week, staff and pupils will foster more understanding and empathy towards the neurodiverse in our school community and that our actions and learning will support our **Culture of Kindness**.






## Maths

*Key information from Miss Reynolds!*

### Year 7s:

This term has been an extremely busy one for maths! Year 7 are currently studying data analysis. This involves interpreting and constructing graphs such as frequency tables and scatter graphs. Here are some keywords to check your child's knowledge and understanding.



Keywords for Graphs	
<b>Correlation</b>	The mathematical definition for the type of relationship.
<b>Relationship</b>	The link between two variables e.g. between sunny days and ice cream sales.
<b>Frequency</b>	the number of times an event or a value occurs.
<b>Discrete data</b>	numerical data that is categorised into a finite number of classifications. e.g. number of siblings in a family, shoe size.
<b>Continuous data</b>	numerical data that can take any value e.g. height, weight, time, capacity

### Year 11s:

Targeted Year 11 pupils have been making full use of the provision that school has provided by means of Maths Booster Sessions. These sessions are run by their maths teachers and are tailor-made for each individual. Pupils are giving up their own time because they are invested in their outcomes. With 7 teaching weeks to until their first Maths exam, it is vital that your child continues to engage with the revision curriculum that has carefully been organised by school.



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## Maths

Key information from Miss Reynolds!

### Chess Club:

The chess club continues to go from strength to strength. Well done to 115 pupils who have attended chess club and taken part in the lunchtime blitz league since the start of 2023! Congratulations to Nirthrushna A in Year 8 who leads the way with 11.5 points and a total of 11 wins from 17 matches. A special mention also goes to Arfin A in year 9 for moving up 37 places this week. The following pupils also performed strongly and are currently ranked in the top 10 across the school:



Rank	Name	Yr	Pts	Wins	Draws	Losses	Matches	Total Attendance
1	Nirthrushna	8	11.5	11	1	5	17	17
1	Syed	8	11.5	11	1	5	17	17
3	Zakariya	10	8.0	7	2	4	13	14
4	Muhammad	10	7.5	7	1	5	13	14
5	Yasir	8	7.0	7	0	1	8	10
6	Jakub	7	6.5	6	1	10	17	17
7	Qudama	10	6.0	6	0	7	14	14
8	Wassim	11	6.0	6	0	2	9	11
9	Abdelatif	10	6.0	5	2	6	14	16
10	Mark	10	6.0	6	0	2	8	15



### **P.E. Department**

#### *Ramadan Arrangements notice!*

We in the PE department want to inform you of how we will be supporting pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick during the month of Ramadan.

We understand the importance of Ramadan as one of the pillars of Islam; and one of the most sacred times of the year for the Muslim faith. We want to assure you that we will support pupils the best we can within PE.

We are aware many of our pupils will be fasting as part of their faith and so we will be making changes within PE to support pupils during this time. Pupils are still expected to bring their full PE kit throughout the month of Ramadan and take part in PE but we will be making the following changes:

- 1) We have changed the Curriculum from Fitness to less physically demanding activities to allow pupils more breaks within the lesson.
- 2) Practical lesson activities will focus more on developing individual technique so pupils do not overexert themselves.
- 3) Practice lessons will involve more periods of breaks to support pupils fasting.

We are very conscious of the challenges pupils will face whilst fasting and we will be making these changes in support of Ramadan and to ensure pupils do not overexert themselves.

Thank you for your support during this sacred period.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K Beaumont  
Head of PE



**Mr Diaz**

*Fundraising Update!*

**World AIDS Day 2022 Fundraiser:**

**World AIDS Day  
1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022**



**NATIONAL  
AIDS  
TRUST**

Securing rights  
Stopping HIV

**School Raised: £95 (105 people donated)**

**+ Mr Diaz's contribution: £100**

**+ Mr Hinton matched Mr Diaz's contribution: £100**

**Total: £295**

We wanted to provide you with an update that Mr Diaz received from James, the community fundraiser for the National AIDS Trust:

“Thank you so much for your fundraising of £292.50 to National AIDS Trust from the support of everyone at Ardwick School - it means a lot to us. By fundraising, you're helping to end new HIV transmissions by 2030, but we must also make sure nobody is left behind with our progress. We're committed to ending HIV stigma and securing rights for all people living with HIV.

Your fundraising will make a massive difference. It will help support people experiencing discrimination, fight for HIV rights and educate people on HIV in the UK so that we can combat HIV stigma. With your help, we will continue to lobby decision makers to improve HIV-related policy; challenge stigmatising news stories in the press; help to fight isolation felt by many people living with HIV and much more.

As you may know, we're completely independent, and we can only continue to do our vital work with the generous support of people like you and everyone else who supported your fundraising.

Thank you again for your support and I'm really looking forward to working with you this year for World AIDS Day!”





### 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.

