



NEWSLETTER

13th March 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

At Dean Trust Ardwick 'our identity is our diversity' - our school community is enriched by the diversity of our pupils and staff. We have been reminding pupils of what makes Dean Trust Ardwick unique and we have been celebrating our diversity this year whilst teaching pupils about the equalities act and the protected characteristics. This has continued this week, during our celebrations of International Women's Day. Pupils received assemblies encouraging them to embrace equity and a number of pupils attended a 'Girls Get Goals' event at Old Trafford. Please see inside this week's newsletter for all the highlights from our teaching and celebrations of International Women's Day.

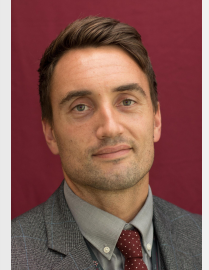
Pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick benefit from enrichment activities that supports them to thrive as citizens of the world. This week's events included: Year 10 pupils representing the school in the Kath Fry Challenge; Year 9 pupils attended an NHS careers event; pupils participating in the Debate Mate National Competition; over 60 pupils auditioning for Matilda the Musical. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for going above and beyond to provide these opportunities to our pupils.

Parents and guardians should have received letters providing advanced notice of the impact of the National Education Union (NEU) strike action at Dean Trust Ardwick. The next NEU strike day will take place on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023. Unfortunately, the school will only be open to Year 11 on these days. If you have any questions or concerns about the impact of the strike action, please contact admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk in the first instance.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip:

Does it seem like 'Groundhog day' every time you switch the TV on and hear about cost of living crisis with rising bills and food prices? Please don't feel alone.

Please contact school if you are struggling financially. We can refer you to your local Trussell Trust foodbank who can support with budgeting and can provide a package of food and toiletry supplies for your family.

On the website below, you can enter some basic details online into a benefits calculator and it will tell you if you are missing out on any benefits and direct you how to apply for them.

<https://www.entitledto.co.uk>

Diary Dates

MFL Speaking Exams 13th-17th March

Y11 Mock Results 15th March

Strike Days 15th & 16th March



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mr Bridden *We are leading for school attendance!*

I am pleased to announce that Year 7 have had a brilliant week this week.

We are currently leading the school for attendance which is increasing each week.

We announced last week that that we are having a big focus on uniform and bringing 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.

Thank you

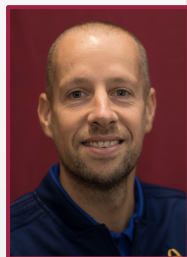


Year 8 – Mrs Rashford *We are striving for high attendance!!*

This half term we are having a big drive on our attendance. Well-done to 8 Lowry who are consistently the form with the highest attendance. The year 8 attendance, as a whole, for last week as 93.9%. We really want to raise this up, so please encourage the students to come to school!

We also celebrated International Women's Day this week. There was an insightful and inspiring assembly from Mr Smith, as well as form activities.

Thank you year 8 for keeping up uniform standards and staying engaged.



Year 9 – Mr Smith *Year 9 have been on two trips this week!*

This week we celebrated International Women's Day in our Year 9 assembly. Mr W Smith led a really insightful assembly on how women were treated historically and how we are working towards a more inclusive and equitable vision for women's rights.

We also had two trips that Mr Griffiths took groups of Year 9 pupils on (which can be seen in more detail later in the newsletter) with some wonderful feedback from the staff on the trip;

"Myself and my colleague attended a careers and insight day today at Old Trafford. We were representing our place of work Stockport NHS Foundation Trust where we are employed as midwives. I wanted to contact you to let you know how impressed we were with all the young people we met today, but especially those from Dean Trust Ardwick. They were all amazing and participated enthusiastically with us today, they are an absolute credit to themselves, their families and the school.

Please can you pass on our thanks and appreciation to all involved today. They are a wonderful group of students and our families of the future will be lucky to be cared for any of them, if they decide to pursue a career in healthcare."

For me this demonstrates just a snapshot of how fabulous our pupils are!



Year 10 – Mr Diaz *Y10 have attended a number of trip opportunities!*

Since last week, a selected group of Year 10 pupils have attended a number of external trip opportunities, including the Kath Challenge residential and an UCEN Campus visit. These are excellent opportunities to develop character and a sense of future aspirations for pupils. We have more in store coming up over the course of this half term involving careers and personal development. Watch this space! This week we celebrate International Women's Day, Year 10 have engaged in form discussions and activities surrounding this event in order to empower and raise awareness. 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 11s have started tutoring for their exams!*

This week we celebrated international women's day in our assembly and why this celebration is so important. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended to revision master class led by Mr Fuller, Miss Reynolds and Miss Horsley. The event was focused on supporting pupils with the key revision in Maths and English. A huge thank you to everyone who attended targeted revision and 1-1 tutoring this week. This was very successful and pupils are really benefiting from the extra input from staff to help with revision. The revision curriculum has also re-launched this half term. Pupils were provided with revision booklets this week in form. The expectation is that pupils have their books in all their lessons on the desk and are making notes of key revision material in lesson. This will then help pupils structure their own revision at home.

Year 11 attendance was at 90% this week. Please ensure that we are all making the effort to attend school so we can keep boosting that figure. Have a restful weekend everyone.

School Messages

Girls Get Goals

Year 9 girls go to Old Trafford!

On Wednesday, Mr Griffiths took nine of our year 9 female pupils attended a 'Girls Get Goals' event at Old Trafford stadium in support of International Women's Day. The group listening to inspirational guest speakers from the club, TV and radio about their journeys and the barriers they've faced. The pupils also took part in a 'speed-networking' event where they spoke with female professionals from different sectors about their careers and their journeys to get there. Just a few examples of these were:

- Crime Scene Investigation
- Lawyers & Solicitors
- Engineering
- Women's Football
- Television and Radio



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Manchester United Foundation

Year 9 attend the NHS Next Move event!

This week, a handful of our year 9 pupils attended a 'NHS Next Move' event hosted by Manchester United Foundation. Pupils engaged with health professionals from different sectors within the NHS. These included:

- Clinical Sciences
- Midwifery
- Basic first aid by the Ambulance Service
- Practice Nursing
- Dietitian



The pupils engaged brilliantly and were inquisitive at each table. Feedback from the delivery professionals was also exemplary:

“They have been fantastic, a great group with plenty of questions”

“They have been a pleasure to speak to. A really engaged, lovely and polite group of students”.



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Science

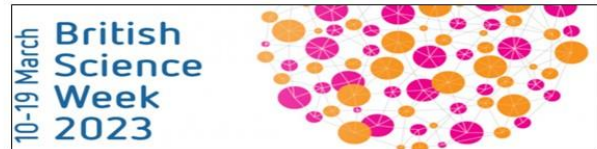
British Science Week next week!

British Science Week runs from the 10th-19th March. We will be celebrating the theme of “connections” in school from Monday 13th March. This will involve a poster competition for KS3, form time activities for all year groups and fun experiments that you can do at home! What connections can you think of that links Science to your everyday life? Take the opportunity to explore your surroundings and link as many things as you can to Science as well as the other STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects. You may just be surprised!

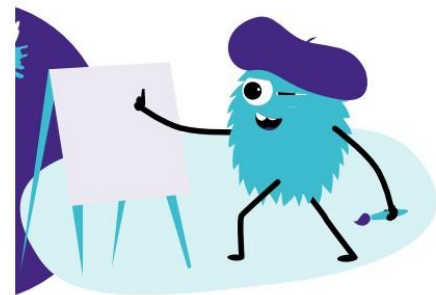
Here's a sneak peak into the poster challenge:

KS3 Poster Competition

- Work individually or as a team.
- Work must be original and created by you!
- Hand your completed poster to your Science teacher by **Friday 24th March**.
- Please include your name (or names if working as a team) and your age on the back of your work.
- Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and you'll need to be able to take a photograph of each one so it can be sent in online for judging. Students can use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or use materials such as pencils, paints, crayons and paper to create their posters.
- The top 5 entries will be sent in to the national competition where prizes could be won!



The theme this year is 'Connections', so there are loads of STEM topics that could be explored! How about exploring how our body parts are all connected and work together, the connection between our actions and the impact on our environment, or even how internet connection has changed the world.



If you your child has any questions about how they can get involved with British Science Week, ask them to speak to their Science teacher.



School Messages

Performing Arts

We are casting for our school musical!

The Performing Arts faculty are delighted to announce our next school production will be 'Matilda'!



Over 60 pupils came to audition on Wednesday and Thursday this week. The pupils have given the staff a very hard task in casting the show as they all showed huge amount of talent. Rehearsals will begin next week and there is great excitement from all involved. Watch this space for details of rehearsals and performances.



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.

