



NEWSLETTER

6th March 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term! We are off to a fantastic start with pupils demonstrating high standards in lessons and around school. This half-term we will continue to build on the high standards and expectations for our pupils to ensure that they are becoming successful learners. This week I have been delivering assemblies to all year groups to remind all pupils of what is important and what we should focus on to be successful. We have revisited our mountain analogy to show pupils that school, like climbing a mountain, is not easy but 'the DTA way' ensures that we create the conditions to give everyone the best chance of success. If pupils commit to our routines and practices they will develop the character traits and habits to achieve the best possible outcomes.

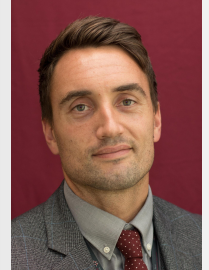
I am proud to share that Dean Trust Ardwick is ranked 3rd nationally in the Urban Debate Mate Leaderboard. Well done to all pupils who have taken part and good luck for the next round of the competition.

This week we have been celebrating World Book Day, please see inside for details of the competition, activities and author visits that have taken place.

Finally, I would like to thank you to all parents and guardians who attended Year 8 Parents Evening on Thursday. I hope you found it useful to meet with teachers and to hear about the progress your child is making. We will be writing to parents of Year 7 pupils next week to discuss the details of the Year 7 Parents Evening.

With best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip:

YoungMinds

This week's safeguarding tip is about looking after your mental health for parents, young people and professionals working with young people.

Whether you want to understand more about Mental Health and find ways to feel better, or you want to support someone who's struggling, Youngminds charity can help. Visit the websites in the main body of the newsletter which have lots of advice and information to support you.

Diary Dates

English, Maths and Science Master Class	7th March 2023
Year 11 Mock Results Day	15th March
KS4 Interim Reports Home	20th March
Year 9 Reach Out Trip	21st March



Head of Year Messages

Year 7 – Mr Bridden *Well done, uniform standards are great!*

I would like to give all of year 7 a warm welcome back and hope you all had an enjoyable break and are well rested for your return.

We are having a big focus on making sure all pupils are organised and prepared for school on this first week back so if you are aware your child is missing any of their equipment or a planner. They can purchase it upon entry to school with cash or through the MyCAS application.

Year 8 – Mrs Rashford *Year 8 Parents Evening was a success!!*

I would like to welcome year 8 back to new term. Thank you to those parents and carers who attended Parent's Evening on Thursday. It was lovely to meet and speak with so many of you on a pastoral or Maths level. If there are any outcomes from the evening that you would like to discuss further then please get in touch. I will be happy to help

Year 9 – Mr Smith *Year 9 celebrated their achievements!*

In the last week of term the Year 9 pupils enjoyed their Achievement Assembly to celebrate the end of a half term. There were some fabulous scores in the Achievement points table with Ali, Kanta, Shabnam, Marjana and Aysha as our top 5 pupils respectively. It was also a time to celebrate form success with Piccadilly being top for 'Behaviour' and Bridgewater picking up the 'Attendance' prize! We also celebrated the success as a Year group that the pupils have amassed over 13,000 positive points this year so far, that's a 90% positive ratio compared to negative points! Overall we are really pleased with the half term year for the Year 9 pupils and hope we will push on for a great second half to the school year!

Year 10 – Mr Diaz *Year 10*

Welcome back to another half term at DTA, we hope you have all enjoyed a restful half term. Year 10 this week have been busy selecting from several experiences that are coming up, there is a college trip, university visits, outdoor expeditions and many more for pupils to put themselves forward to. I look forward to seeing many wanting to take part in these events. 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 8 weeks till the start of GCSEs!!*

Well done year 11 on a positive and productive start to half term 4. I particularly want to say a massive well done for Tuesday's strike day. The conduct and attitude to learning for the year group was outstanding. This shows the commitment and diligence that year 11 have to their studies as well as to DTA. Year 11 revision and 1-1 tutoring sessions started this week and they were a huge success. If your child has received a letter for either of these sessions please ensure that it is signed and returned to a member of the year 11 team. Remember we are down to 8 school weeks until the start of the GCSEs – make sure you are revising consistently. A massive thank you to all the prefects who volunteered to help out at year 8 parents eve. Have a restful weekend and we will see you next week



School Messages

World Book Day

It was World Book Day this week and we have been thinking about what it means to be a reader. In form time we spoke about what makes good reading habits and what reading can do for our wellbeing. Miss Santos has also been delivering assemblies about the power of reading. Did you know that reading makes the connections in our brains stronger making it easier for us to access stored information?

At break and lunch, the library hosted a few activities and competitions. Pupils were able to sample new worlds in selected books, make bunting about their favourite books, and add recommendations to a poster. There was also a competition about creating a map for your own imaginary world and a creative writing competition describing a setting. Pupils have the rest of the month to get involved. Go and see Miss Santos in the library if you would like to hand her an entry.

Library

We have had a couple of very busy and exciting weeks in the library lately.

On 17th February, a professional manga artist named Sonia Leong came in to work with some of our gifted and talented artists. She spent the whole day at DTA and worked with three different groups. She taught everyone about the history of manga and its different styles, before going on to lead a workshop about drawing faces. It was really interesting and the pupils involved had a great time. Some of them even asked if she could come again soon.

On 1st March, award winning author Manjeet Mann came to visit us as a way to mark both International Women's Day (8th March) and World Book Day (2nd March). She worked with three groups of girls from years 9, 10 and 11 throughout the day. We learnt about her life and her books and gained insight into her writing process. She was a very inspiring woman and it was fascinating to get the chance to work with her.

The pupils involved in both of these events were absolutely brilliant. Their behaviour was exemplary. The artists really listened to the advice and some amazing drawings were produced. The girls who worked with the author did a few short pieces of writing too – they were thoughtful and brilliantly done. Interactions with our guests were always polite and respectful. Both visitors were very complimentary of the pupils they spoke to. Thank you for being amazing and embodying our DTA values.



School Messages

Before half term Year 8 pupils were fortunate to have Mohammed Amin MBE visit our school and talk with our pupils about how Britain has changed during his lifetime. Mohammed was born in Pakistan, before moving to and growing up in Manchester, Mohammed then went on to graduate from Cambridge University and worked at the prestigious PricewaterhouseCoopers as a tax partner.

Throughout Mohammed's talk he explored his own journey, drawing parallels and comparisons to that of our pupils, and examining how our pupils can harness their own opportunities to achieve success for themselves. A focus on education was a key driving point of Mohammed's talk, identifying how education is a key factor for future success and how he developed his own knowledge through focused revision and hard work.

Pupils commented on how they found it powerful to have someone from their local community role model how to be successful.

"I really liked the fact he came from where we come from, it is amazing to know that we can go on to be successful if we work hard like he did. I would love to go to Cambridge!"

"I like knowing that we can achieve anything if we work hard enough!"

Thank you to Mohammed for his visit, our pupils and staff greatly appreciate his time and his story

Mr Carey

Head of Religious Education



Start of Half-Term Assemblies - School Messages



Behaviour at DTA - The standards and values we live by

'The DTA way'



BELIEF in yourself & the school

COMMITMENT

Always being READY

Staff are mountain guides



TRUST others

TEAMWORK

Always being RESPECTFUL

Valley or Mountain person?



CHALLENGE yourself for GROWTH

DISCIPLINE

Always being RESPONSIBLE

Climb your own mountain but cheers for others too



Contribute to a culture of KINDNESS

RECOGNISE & Celebrate others



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

'The DTA way'



High Expectations



We expect your best



If we let you off, we let you down



Gratitude not attitude



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Believe Achieve Succeed

Young Minds

The links below are for young people, parents and professionals working with young people

[Mental Health Support For Young People | YoungMinds](#)

- Mental Health conditions
- Supporting a friend
- Feelings
- Medications
- Coping with life
- Your guide to getting mental health support

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

- There are lots of information and resources on;
- Getting help and advice for your child
- Parents A – Z guide on Mental Health
- Parents guide to looking after yourself
- How to talk to your child about your mental health
- Parents Blog
- Support in the cost-of-living crisis



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.

