



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Head of School Message

Dear Parents and Careers,

Thank you to all our pupils, parents and carers for attending our Post-16 event on Thursday. Our pupils got the chance to meet representatives from post-16 providers (colleges, sixth forms, apprenticeship employers), and receive guidance around courses and options beyond DTA. The event was a big success and I hope all the attended found it useful. I would also like to thank the representatives from the post-16 providers for attending the event and offering support to our pupils. The photos from the event are shared in this weeks newsletter.



Mr S Worthington
Headteacher

I also want to raise our concerns regarding the use and possession of vapes (e-cigarettes) by our pupils and all young people. I'm sure you have seen in the news that more and more young people are having access to and using vapes. The recent increase in vaping among children appears to have been driven by the emergence of a new class of vapes: disposable products. We advise all parents and carers to be vigilant over the use of vapes to ensure our young people are making safe choices. Please see main body of the newsletter for a fact sheet about Vaping from ASH (Action on smoking and health)

Please note that this Thursday (28th September) is our Open Evening for prospective pupils and their families. The evening will provide an insight into Dean Trust Ardwick and what we have to offer our young people. Please attend if you have a child in Year 5 or Year 6, we would love to welcome you out school. Additionally, we ask that you share the event details with your friends and family. Please find the details on our Open Evening flyer, enclosed inside.

Please note that in order to prepare for this event we will finish school at the slightly earlier time of 2.10pm on this day.

Kind Regards
Mr. S Worthington
Head of School

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Diary Dates

History Trip Shrewsbury Prison- 26th September
Open Evening- Thursday 28th September
Year 7 Welcome Evening- Thursday 19th October
Half Term Break begins- Friday 20th October

Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Miss Martin

Year 7 week 3 done and dusted. This week year 7 have been making a huge effort in trying to get to lesson on time. Our focus as a year group for the next week will be punctuality and being on time to school and lessons. Just to support parents and carers with this, the year 7 gates will close at 8.35 every morning. Please ensure that your child is at the year 7 entrance before then. If your child is late to a lesson, you will be notified on MYCAS that your child has a 20 minute detention. Polite reminder that the deadline for year 7 residential consent forms is Monday 25th September. Have a great weekend everyone and see you on Monday for week 4



Year 7 – Mr Bridden

It is really important to establish a positive mindset for all of Year 8. Having a positive mindset means that our pupils have the expectation that things will turn out well and that they will succeed. It gives them more courage to try and persist with significant lifestyle and positive attitude changes. I know that you - as parents and carers will support your children in ensuring that they are the best that they can be. Lets have a great week next week Year 8!



Year 7 – Mrs Rashford

Thank you to those parents who attended the Post 16 information evening last week. As I stated previously that this year is an important year for year 9. Pupils in the next few months will be focusing on making informed choices about GCSE options and where studying a variety of qualifications could lead. It would be really helpful if you could start conversations with your child about their future study or career plans – Get them to start thinking about it now. There will be further information and advice from school so please don't worry if your child is unsure about next steps.



Year 7 – Mr Smith

The Year 10 pupils have continued their excellent start to the school year. This week the focus of our assembly was how to build the character traits needed to 'summit the mountain' over the next two years. We discussed the importance of intrinsic motivation rather than extrinsic motivation and how this will help motivate and drive them towards success in both their academic and personal life.



Year 7 – Mr Diaz

This week Year 11 pupils have continued with their careers programme in form time. This is a crucial time for pupils to begin thinking about life after DTA, form time sessions are tailored to this to support pupils and exposing them to the information they require to make the right decisions for their next endeavours. It is also a time for reflection, in looking closely at their progress in their lessons and utilising feedback from their teachers along with their predicted grades to apply for the right courses at Post-16. This Thursday we had Post-16 Evening for Year 11, an important event for everyone to access further information for Post-16, including apprenticeships and training. Year 11 have begun the process to write their personal statements and continue to attend career appointments to support their journey post-DTA. We are keeping a close eye on uniform standards, I appreciate your support in ensuring your child is prepared for school with the correct uniform and equipment to assure they are ready to learn in each and every lesson.

Post-16 Evening- Thursday 21st September

Thank you to Connell Co-Op College, Loreto Sixth Form, Xaverian College, Salford City College Group, The Manchester College, Parrswood Sixth Form, Stretford Grammar, William Hulme Grammar, Michael John Training Manchester, Football Futures, Stockport County and Trinity Sixth Form for attending the event!

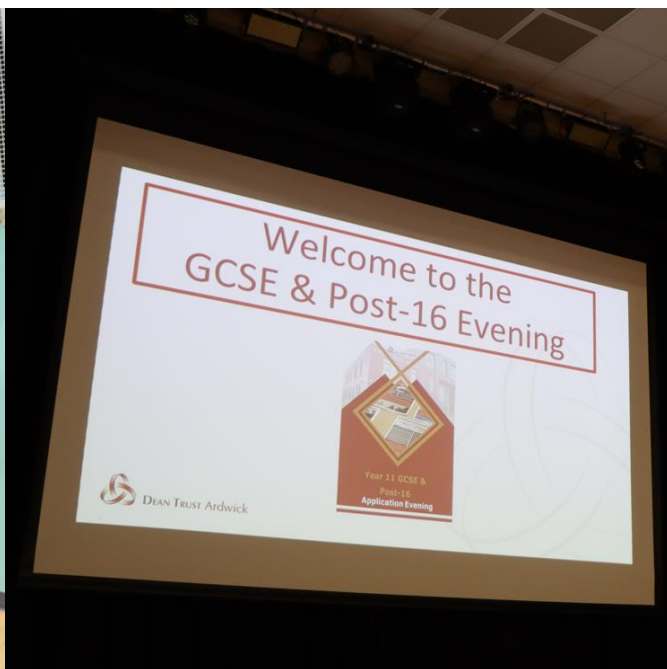
Mr P. Carberry From Loreto College shared with us by email:

"I have visited countless schools throughout Greater Manchester over the last twenty years but honestly this evening's careers event at DTA was a highlight. Although, non-stop from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., the time went quickly fielding questions from your delightful students and their parents.

I live in Levenshulme and often pass your school; now I have a new perspective.

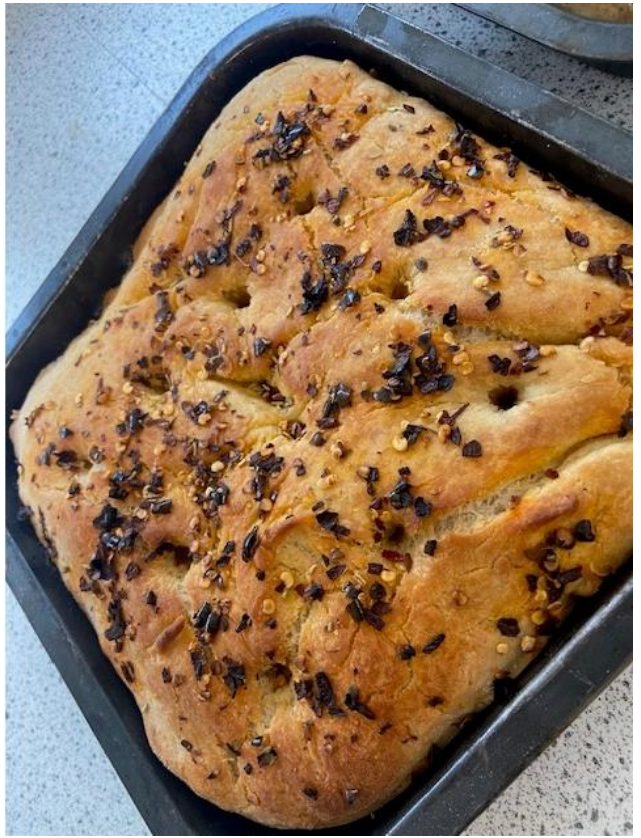
A bonus was meeting with a former Loreto student, now a member of staff at DTA, who was in my A level Theology & Ethics class in 2006!

Keep up the great work!



Design & Technology- Cooking practical!

This week has marked the return of the cooking practical's in the Technology Faculty. The Year 8's have really got stuck into their first practical making focaccia bread. The smell of baked bread filled the corridors here at DTA and the pupils were very proud of their mouth-watering finished results



Physical Education- KS3 Basketball

This week we've seen excellent extra-curricular attendance! We had over double the amount of pupils attending KS3 Basketball on Monday as well as over 30 girls attending Girls Football on Wednesday. Well done to all those that attended and we look forward to seeing more pupils next week.



Science Club

This week in science club year 7's and 8 pupils got to experience how scientists detect and identify ions in samples by using flame tests.

The entire science department were impressed with pupils engagement, enthusiasm and ability to work safely in a laboratory. Same time next week!





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Open Evening

Thursday 28th September
4pm - 6:30pm



Safeguarding Tip- Vaping (use of E-Cigarettes)

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/behaviour/challenging-behaviour/im-worried-about-my-child-vaping/>

How do I talk to my child about vaping?

- Find a good time to start the conversation. It might be as you walk past a vape shop or see someone using an e-cigarette.
- Ask your child what they know about vaping. You can ask them if they know of people who use them and why they use them. You might ask them if they've ever tried it.
- Listen to your child, their experience, and their point of view. Show you are interested in what they have to say.
- Then you can gently and calmly give them some facts about vaping. Ask them what they think about the facts.
- If your child is already using a vape, then have the same conversation with them and ask them what they like about it. You are not saying it's okay for them to do it, by being interested. You can still be clear about how you feel.

If they feel pressured into vaping by friends, you can teach them helpful skills of being confident

I'm worried about my child vaping:

It's common for parents to worry about their children trying smoking, alcohol or drugs as they get older.

However, in recent years, more young people have been using e-cigarettes, known as vaping. Children are trying vaping younger than ever and the risks are less well known than with other substances.

If you think your child might be vaping or you're worried they might start, it's important to understand what it is and what the risks are so you can talk to them about it. Most children and young people do not vape or smoke on a regular basis over a long period of time, but they might try it. Keeping them informed about the risks, will help them to make healthy choices for themselves.

VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES: THE FACTS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



This leaflet is to support parents and carers to have conversations with their children about vaping.

WHAT IS VAPING?

Vaping is the use of an electronic device to inhale vapour derived from a heated liquid. The main ingredients are vegetable glycerine and propylene glycol, but most e-liquids also contain nicotine, which must be no more than 2% or 20mg per ml, as well as small amounts of flavourings and sweeteners.

SMOKING VS VAPING

Smoking is much more harmful than vaping. Tobacco smoke contains carbon monoxide and tar, a sticky soup of around 250 toxic chemicals, 69 of which are known to be carcinogenic, causing disease, disability, and early death.

HOWEVER, VAPES ARE NOT HARMLESS

Short-term effects can include:

- coughing
- headaches
- dizziness, and
- sore throats.

Long-term effects are, as yet, unknown.

WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS WITH VAPING AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?

Most children and young people don't vape or smoke. However, in 2022 the number of 11-17-year-olds in Great Britain currently using vapes rose to 7% compared to 4% in 2020. Whilst this increase is concerning, it is important to note that most vaping is experimental, with regular vaping mainly confined to children who currently smoke or have done in the past.

The increase in youth vaping has coincided with the arrival on the UK market of a new category of cheap and attractive disposable vapes that have proven particularly popular with children and young people and have been promoted extensively on social media. We are working hard nationally and locally to address these issues.

HOW DO VAPES HELP SMOKERS QUIT?

Like nicotine patches and gum, vapes containing nicotine are a useful aid to quitting as they deal with the cravings smokers get when they try to stop. Nicotine vapes are proven effective and have become the most popular quitting aid for smokers in recent years. However, vapes are not recommended for non-smokers, particularly children.

THE LAW AND VAPING

Vapes and vaping products containing nicotine, like tobacco, are age restricted. It's illegal to sell them to under 18s, and for adults to buy them on their behalf.

If you know of anyone who does sell vapes or tobacco illegally, you can report them to trading standards through the Citizens Advice online portal:

citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer

Advertising of all tobacco products is illegal, but if you see advertising for vapes that you feel is trying to encourage children and young people to try vaping, you can report it to the Advertising Standards Authority:
asa.org.uk

For more information about vapes and stopping smoking, visit the Smokefree Sheffield website:
smokefreesheffield.org

Children and Young people can find out more information on vaping on the FRANK website:

talktofrank.com/drug/vapes

Or read the ASH Briefing:
ash.org.uk/uploads/ASH-brief-for-local-authorities-on-youth-vaping.pdf



**OUR ADVICE TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IS:
DON'T SMOKE? DON'T START TO VAPE.**

DIARY FOR THE YEAR

Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Half-Term
School closes: Friday 20 October 2023

Half-Term
School opens: Monday 30 October 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas holiday
School closes: Wednesday 20 December 2023

Christmas holiday
School opens: Thursday 4 January 2024

Spring Term

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 16th February 2024

Half-Term
School closes: Friday 16 February 2024

Half-Term
School opens: Monday 26 February 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Easter holiday
School closes: Wednesday 27th March 2024

Easter holiday
School opens: Monday 15 April 2024