



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

# NEWSLETTER

## Head of School Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week marked the opening of our reward shop which allows pupils to convert positive behaviour points into currency to purchase prizes which range from pencil cases to headphones and Amazon Fire Tablets. A massive well done to Ikrah H who was rewarded with the biggest prize this week for the most positive points (155 this school year) for more on the reward shop please see main body of the newsletter.



Mr S Worthington  
Headteacher

Our theme of the week has been focused around World Mental Health Day and providing pupils with the knowledge and tools to help pupils manage their own mental health. The health and wellbeing of our pupils is the most important thing to us at Dean Trust Ardwick and we have a friendly and helpful Pastoral and Safeguarding team who are here to support our young people with any concerns or issues they may have relating to their mental health.

This week we are holding a Year 7 Welcome Evening for the families of our Class of 2028. This is an opportunity to meet our and to receive the information and guidance for the rest of the year.

There will be two presentations by myself and Miss Martin, Head of Year 7 with an opportunity to ask any questions.

Please do take the time to come to this event as I am sure you will find it useful. If you are unable to attend, please contact the year team.

I have also included a letter from Greater Manchester Police in the main body of the newsletter in preparation for the October Half Term holidays. Please remain vigilant and encourage your child to make good choices.

Kind Regards  
Mr S. Worthington  
Head of School

Following the recent Parent Governor election, Mr Worthington and Dr Jenkins are delighted to announce the election of **Kalsoom Bilal** to the Local Governing Committee.

**Kalsoom Bilal** will take up their role as of **16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

Thank you to all candidates who took part in the process and to all parents/carers who voted in the election.

## Diary Dates

Year 7 Welcome Evening- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Half Term Break begins- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 10 Parents Evening- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Matilda Public Show- 14<sup>th</sup> December

# Head of Year Messages



## Year 7 – Miss Martin

Year 7 we are at the penultimate week of the half term this week. I can't believe we are already here. This week we celebrated world mental health awareness day. Pupils had an assembly on self-care and wellbeing and how to care for their mental health. Furthermore, the year 7 reward shop has now opened. Year 7 will be able to spend their positive points each Friday lunch and after school to buy prizes. A lot of year 7 were really excited to spend all of their positive points on prizes. Some of the top prizes were footballs, water bottles, watches, notepads. However, there is a big prize that a lot of pupil's are saving their money for and that is a fire 7 tablet. Year 7 know what they need to do to be in with a chance to get this prize. They need to be following the 3 Rs of ready respectful and responsible. One more week until half term and our very exciting achievement assembly. Have a great weekend



## Year 7 – Mr Bridden

This week has been a really positive week overall year 8, our attendance is on the up and pupils have been banking positive points.

This may be because the Dean Trust Ardwick rewards shop has opened and pupils are all excited to exchange there hard earned points on rewards.

In assembly we focused on World Mental Day and 5 simple steps we can take to maintain a positive mental health.

Next week we look forward to celebrating out HT1 achievements with the year group.



## Year 7 – Mrs Rashford

We are nearly at the end of the half term. During the last week we will be celebrating the successes of year 9 pupils this half term during their achievement assembly. You will have received an flyer from Reachout via email. Pupils on the program will be working alongside an adult mentor to support them in developing their character strengths and helping them in considering career options after they leave school. If you want your child to take part there is online sign up information on the flyer.



## Year 7 – Mr Smith

This week the Year 10 pupils had a focus on world mental health day in the assembly. We discussed the importance of a healthy mind and how this will have a positive impact on their general well-being and happiness. Over the next two years the pupils will likely feel times of stress and anxiety over their exams/revision and we have started the process of giving them tips and ideas to help with a positive mindset. It is also important that they feel confident to speak to a trusted adult if they do feel as though any elements of their life are getting on top of them and we have signposted the different support available in school.

It was also lovely to be able to use the 'Star of the Lesson' draw this week to select pupils for Manchester United tickets and a school trip to Old Trafford for 'Black History Month', we have had nearly 1,000 'stars of the lesson' this half term already which demonstrates how well the Year 10 pupils have started the academic year – keep up the good work!!!!



## Year 7 – Mr Diaz

As pupils continue to reflect on their Post-16 journeys, it is important to keep reminding pupils of the expectations placed upon them and their responsibilities when completing applications. Colleges/Sixth Forms have deadlines which pupils need to ensure they meet in order to secure their place. This weekend are Loreto and Xaverian Open Days, if pupils are interested in applying for a place at these Colleges/Sixth Forms, then it is vital they attend these Open Days to explore their pathways and opportunities available. The Year 11 Team have other College/Sixth Form Open Days and a link to a Colleges website pupils can use to inform themselves of upcoming events. During Form Time sessions, pupils are being supported with their Personal Statements, they are also completing a Careers Questionnaire to support their journey into Post-16. 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.



**Antisocial Behaviour Action Team**  
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Date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Preventing anti-social behaviour in Manchester city centre**

We are writing to you in advance of the October 2023 half term break to ask for your help to prevent anti-social behaviour and disorder in Manchester city centre.

Unfortunately, we have recently experienced incidents of large groups of children congregating in the city centre at the end of term with some of these children being involved in anti-social behaviour and disorder. We appreciate that your child may not be involved but we want to reach as many parents and carers as possible to raise awareness of our concerns.

Manchester City Council and Greater Manchester Police work together with partners, including schools and colleges, to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour in Manchester.

At the end of the current half term, there will be an increased police presence to ensure the city centre is a safe place for everyone. If there are further incidents of anti-social behaviour or disorder, we will work together with our partners and the public, to review our extensive CCTV coverage to identify everyone involved in crime and/or anti-social behaviour and take appropriate action. In the most serious cases, this could result in arrest and criminal convictions, or even orders that prevent individuals from entering the city centre.

We ask that you speak to your child about these concerns and that you are aware of your child's whereabouts when school closes for the half term break on Friday 20 October 2023.

Thank you for your support in helping us to prevent anti-social behaviour in our city centre.

Yours faithfully,

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Sara Duckett  
Anti-Social Behaviour Lead

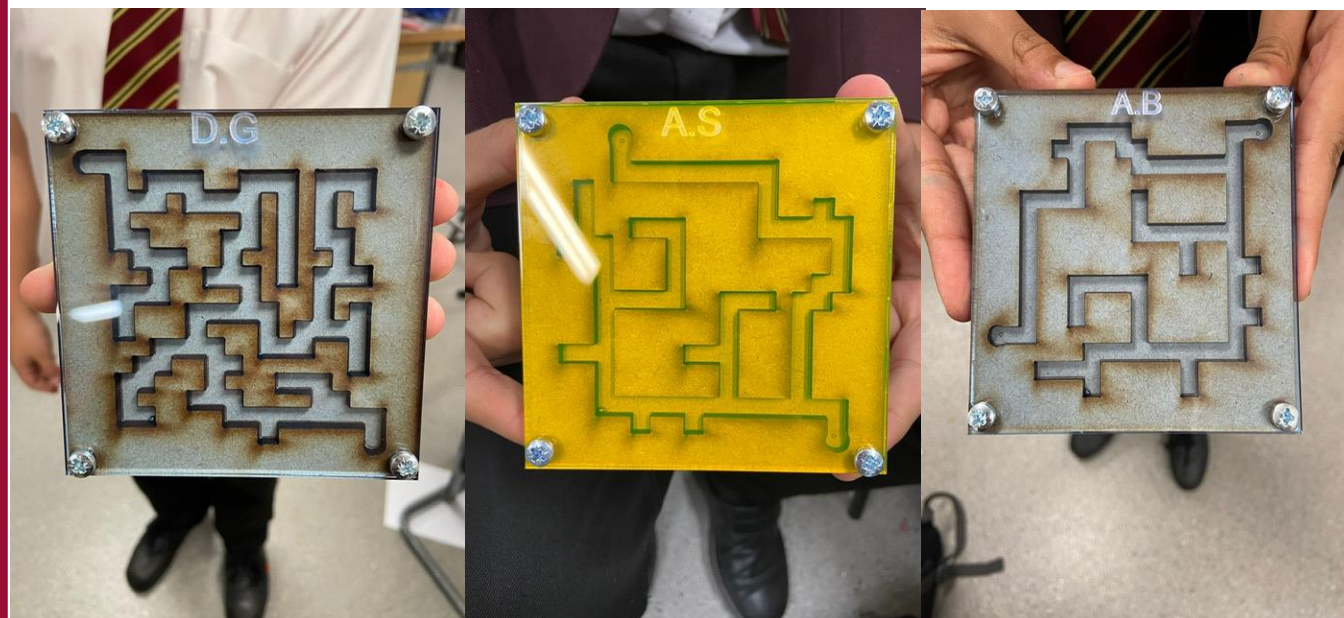
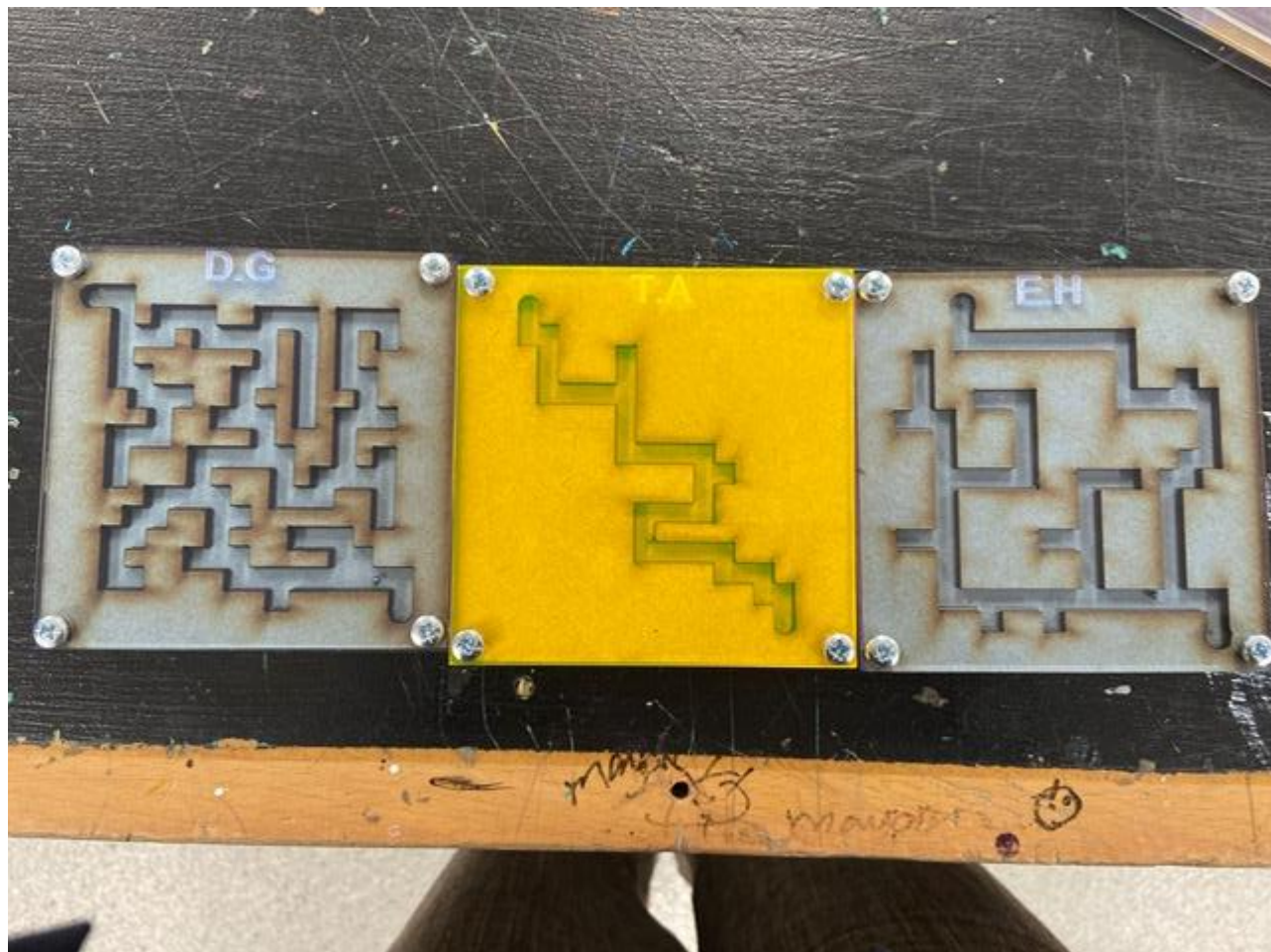
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Inspector Glenn Rees  
City Centre Neighbourhood Team



## Design Technology

This week in Technology the Year 8 pupils have completed their maze project. The pupils have utilised their CAD skills to design and make a functional maze toy. The pupils have loved making and assembling their mazes and were delighted to test them out as well. Well done Year 8





### Physical Education & Extra Curricular

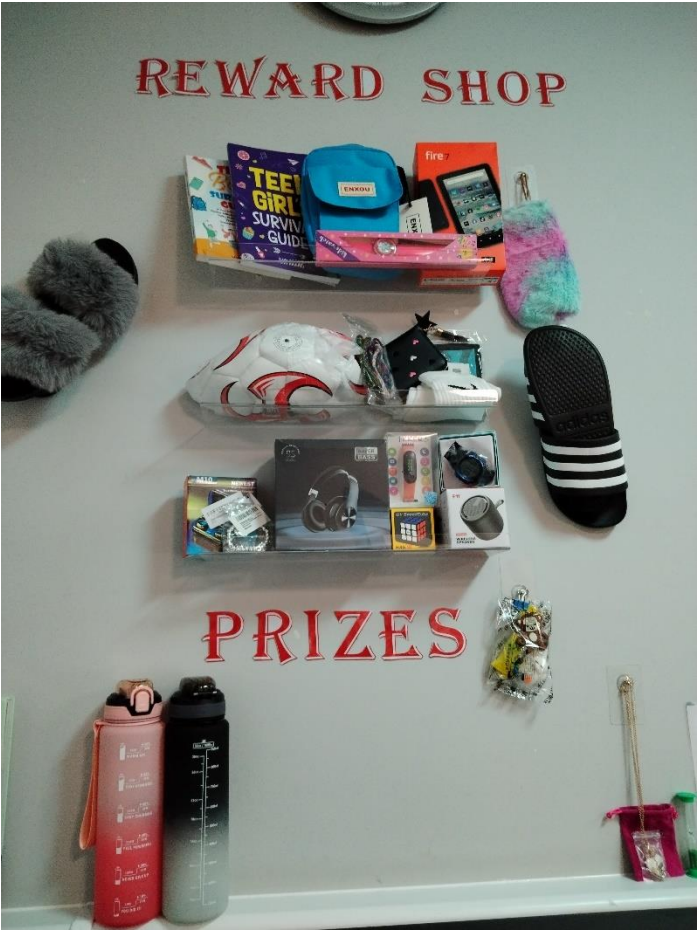
We've had a great week of extra-curricular with Mr Singh's Cricket Club taking off on Tuesdays. Also, well done to the Year 10 Football Team beating Barlow RC 5-0.



### Coffee Morning

This week we had our Coffee Morning for our new Year 7 parents which was attended by over 100 people! Presentations were given by Mrs Charles (Deputy Headteacher) and Ms Martin (Head of Year 7) Thank you for everyone that attended and we hope you found it informative!







# DIARY FOR THE YEAR

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## 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