



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Head of School Message

Dear Parents and Careers,

Thank you to all prospective pupils, parents and carers for attending our Open Evening on Thursday. I hope the evening was enjoyable and provided a valuable insight into life at Dean Trust Ardwick. I would like to also thank our pupil helpers who supported within the faculties and did an amazing job showcasing the school. Our Head Prefects Samuel and Diane and Deputy-Head Prefects Qudama and Ramaya delivered amazing speeches, sharing what Dean Trust Ardwick means to them and how they have developed whilst at the school.



Mr S Worthington
Headteacher

This week the focus has been on Respect and our 'Culture of Kindness'. To help pupils understand how they can contribute to our 'culture of kindness' we teach them:

- That all our pupils have a right to an education.
- The Equalities Act: all the protected characteristics are deserving of our protection – 'it's not a pick n mix' and...Discriminatory banter is never ok.
- Teamwork: we work together as a school, year group, form or a class...No matter the group, we do better when we work together.

Well done to all those pupils who have been awarded for 'random acts of kindness' – it is great to see you being kind to each other and strengthening our school's culture. All winners receive a random acts of kindness ticket from a member of staff together with a chocolate treat. Pupils are also entered into a prize draw.

Kind Regards
Mr. S Worthington
Head of School

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Diary Dates

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

Head of Year Messages

Year 7 – Miss Martin

Year 7 we've made it to the half way point of the half term. You have completed your first full month with us here at DTA. The year group has now been fully inducted in to the DTA way. There have been lots of different events going on this week such as MacMillan Coffee morning and cupcake design competition. Well done to everyone who has taken part. We have also had European Day of Languages on the 26th of September. Mr Taylor-Johnson and a few year 11 pupils led a brilliant assembly on home languages and it gave pupils an insight in to how many different languages are spoken here at DTA. If you speak a home language let your form tutor know. Ms Santos also organised a fantastic poetry workshop which gave 30 year 7s the opportunity to work with a local poet. Pupils had lots of fantastic creative ideas. A few reminders, please ensure that if you are staying for an extracurricular club that you let your parents know in advance. If the club is cancelled or you want to go to a different club on the day, please speak to the year team and we can call parents and let them know. A reminder for parents and carers if your child is late to a lesson they will receive a 20 minute truancy detention. Parents and carers will be notified via the messages section on the My Child At School App. Please ensure you check this if your child hasn't come out at 3.10

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday for week 5



Year 7 – Mr Bridden

Well done to the Year 8 Stars of the Week winners for last week who each received chocolates and certificates to celebrate their hard work. This week prepared for European Day of Languages and pupils had a presentation delivered to them in assemble about all the languages spoken by pupils attending our school. regarding the up and coming HPV vaccinations next month. All parents and carers should have received an online consent form to fill in. Please can you check that you have received this and completed it as soon as you can. If you do not consent to your child having the vaccination please state this on the form too.



Year 7 – Mrs Rashford

Last week saw our year 9 DTA Pupil Leadership being elected. Well done to those pupils who were successful in being voted in as Form Reps. Pupils will have the opportunity to be a leader and spokesperson will have the opportunity to be a leader and a spokesperson for not just their form but their year group and the whole school. I look forward to working with the Year 9 Form reps this academic year.



Year 7 – Mr Smith

The Year 10 pupils have had another good week in school. It has been lovely to see so many pupils taking part in extra curricular clubs, especially the boys and girls football practice!

This weeks assembly theme was on the 'European Day of Languages' - Mr Taylor-Johnson led the assembly with some great guest Year 11 speakers who spoke to the pupils in their home language, it truly embodied our core value that 'our diversity is our identity'!



Year 7 – Mr Diaz

Year 11 have been busy this week making a start to their personal statements for college/sixth form applications. As advised during the Post-16 evening, all pupils in Year 11 are encouraged to apply to at least 3 different colleges/sixth forms, some applications are online and thus students are responsible to ensure they meet the deadlines for those colleges. If pupils are completing a paper application, deadline is the 4th December. Year 11 will soon be receiving their predicted grades, which they will be using for their applications. It is a time for reflection for Year 11 as they begin to think about career paths for Post-16, whether this is college, sixth form or apprenticeship and training. 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.





Introducing... Senior Pupil Leadership Team

Our Prefect team at DTA are an integral part of the daily running of the school and make important contribution on the corridors and around school. The Prefect team is headed up by our Senior Pupil Leadership Team consisting of 2 Head Prefects and 2 Deputy-Head Prefects.

Pictured below with Mr Diaz (Head of Year 11), Dr. Stephanie Jenkins (Chair of Governors) and Mr. Abdul Qayum (Community Governor) our Head Prefects Diane A (Centre left) and Samuel U (Centre right) and Qudama G (1st on the left) and Ramaya A (2nd on the right) make a huge positive contribution to Dean Trust Ardwick and lead the Prefect team with pride.



Visit from poet, Nik Berry

This Friday we had a visit from local, multi award-winning author, Dominic (Nik) Berry. He's an incredible poet, who has been recognised as the best spoken-word poet in the country, and our year 7s were lucky enough to meet and work with him.

First, he came into the year 7 assembly and performed three fun and vibrant poems which allowed the pupils to join in. One was all about a dragon eating a maths teacher after it was released from the pages of some homework! His performance was incredibly fun and engaging and the pupils loved getting involved.

Afterwards, some pupils were chosen to join Nik in the library. They spent time listening to more poems and then writing and performing their own. They were able to practise their writing skills as well as exploring ideas creatively. Some of the pupils wrote metaphor poems about their names, while others wrote and performed haiku poems about the seasons. The work produced was amazing and I was super impressed with the people who were brave enough to share their poems.

Nik thoroughly enjoyed his time at DTA and the pupils loved learning from him. It was brilliant having Nik join us in school. He was engaging and inspiring and showed everyone just how much fun poetry can be. Thank you, Nik, for visiting us!



Macmillan Coffee Morning- 29th September

This week our Year 7 pupils decorated cakes to celebrate and raise money for Macmillan Coffee Morning. They did a great (messy) job!



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