



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

# NEWSLETTER

## Head of School Message

Dear Parents and Careers,

This week has been a busy one at Dean Trust Ardwick as we enter into the penultimate week of Half Term 1. Our pupils have had the privilege of watching an assembly Delivered by MILK, who shared their ambition to 'make life kind'.



Mr S Worthington  
Headteacher

We also have delivered assemblies linking to Black History Month where we encouraged all our pupils to 'be the change they want to see in the world' and continue to take positive action through acts of kindness.

This week a group of our Year 10 pupils attended the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership Conference. The event is organised by the Rights Respecting Schools Award and Manchester City Council, and brings together a select number of schools to speak out on safeguarding issues that are relevant to them that the school has a significant level of involvement in shaping society through making Manchester a child friendly city. We are so proud of the contribution our pupils made and of the significant level of involvement we have as a school in shaping society through making Manchester a child friendly city.

Next week we have Year 7 Welcome Evening where our new cohort and their families can attend and have the opportunity to find out a bit more about the school and ask any questions they may have. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Kind Regards  
Mr. S Worthington  
Head of School

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## 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 week 5 done and dusted and what a tremendous week we have had. A total of 837 positive points were achieved this week throughout all 11 year 7 classes. This demonstrates that year 7 have embraced the DTA way and are making steady progress on their mountain journey. Over 400 of those positive points were for pupils showing that they are working hard in lessons. This is linked to our DTA value of being responsible and taking responsibility for learning. This week we also had milk education in delivering all year group assemblies. I want to say a special thank you to Loti for the powerful and influential messages he shared with the year group surround Black History Month and the theme of celebrating the sisters. Pupils were very respectful and engaged during this. A polite reminder that next week there is a coffee Morning for year 7 parents in the library and I look forward to seeing you all there. Have a brilliant weekend and see you Monday for week 6!



## Year 7 – Mr Bridden

This week our Year 8 pupils were inspired by “Marcel” the guest speaker in our assembly a Make Like Kind Influencer.

Marcel shared his life story our pupils, the struggles faced through his childhood and his achievements and accomplishments through adversity.

The key messages from Marcel’s presentation were focused on resilience and determination which strongly align with our School’s ethos.



## Year 7 – Mrs Rashford

We are over halfway through this term. It has continued as always to be a busy start to the academic year. DTA have been working with an organisation called Reach-out. Pupils who have taken part have worked with adult volunteers taking part in fun activities. The aim of the sessions are to increase social and academic confidence, develop our pupils character strength and help support pupils in considering career options for the future. As stated previously year 9 is an important year as pupils will be deciding their option choices for KS4 and beyond. Reach-out would be an invaluable opportunity for preparing pupils to being successful citizens of the world. If you are interested in your child taking part please get in touch with me.



## Year 7 – Mr Smith

This week we had a guest speaker into our assembly as part of our Black History Month. Marcel from ‘Milk-fluencers’ spoke to our pupils about his past growing up and how racism affected him as a young person. He told his personal story of how he had to be resilient and change his mindset towards adversity to become successful in his life and gave the pupils lot’s of great tips on how to build their personal characteristics so that they can achieve everything they want to in life! The pupils were really engaging in the assembly and I know took a lot from this.

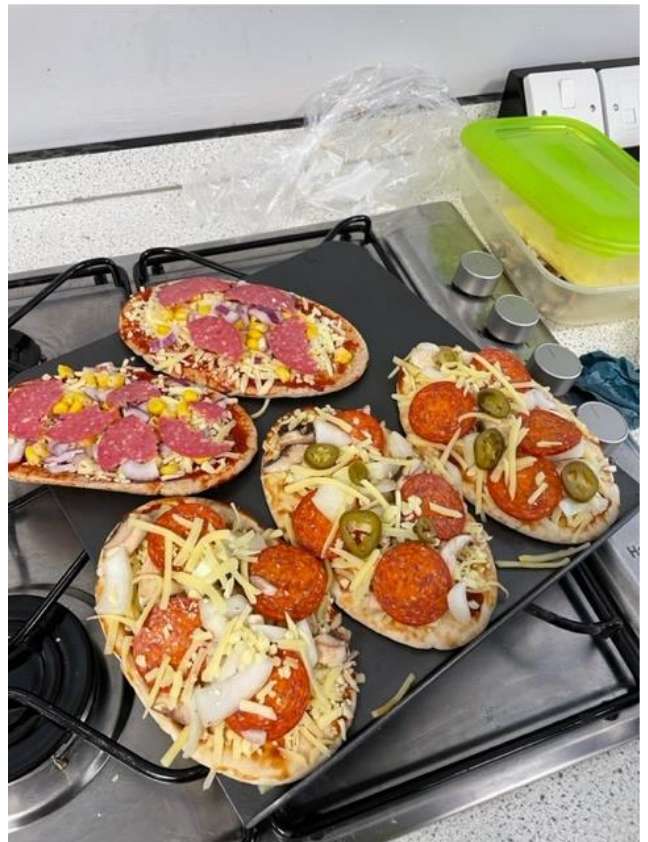


## Year 7 – Mr Diaz

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.

### Technology- Year 7 Pitta Pizzas

This week in the Technology department, the Year 7 pupils have been developing their cooking skills by making an array of pitta pizzas. The Year 7 pupils were delighted with the results and as you can see they were all very proud of what they produced in the class. Keep up the good work Year 7!

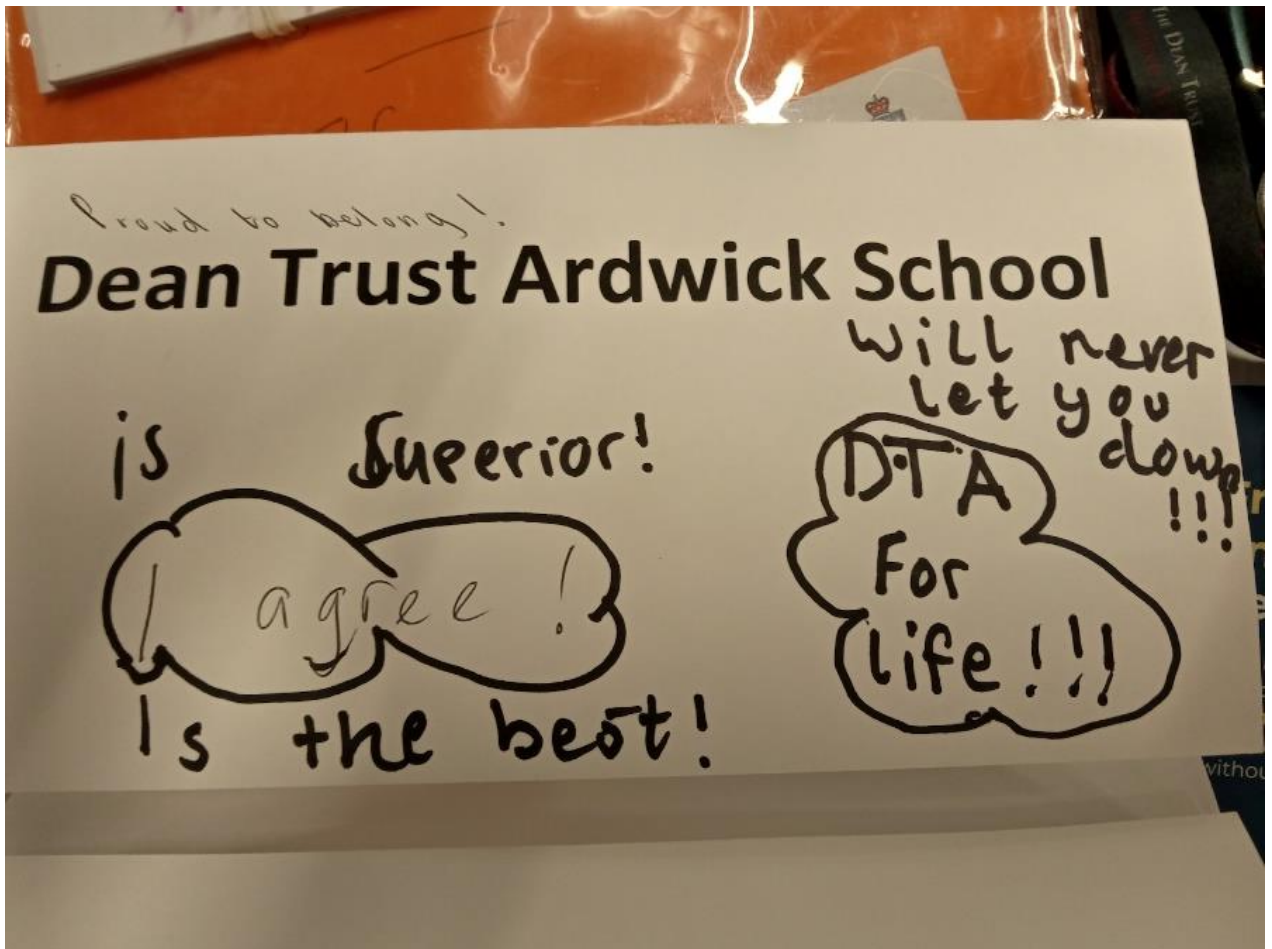




### Manchester Safeguarding Partnership Conference at the Museum of Science and Industry

On Monday, 6 pupils spoke at the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership Conference at the Museum of Science and Industry. The event is organised by the Rights Respecting Schools Award and Manchester City Council, and brings together a select number of schools to speak out on safeguarding issues that are relevant to them. It is attended by multiple agencies such as the NHS, the Assistant Police Commissioner, UNICEF, Transport of Greater Manchester and other health and wellbeing charities.

Zayd, Year 8, Israa, Shannea, Tasnim, Noor, Year 10, and Ibrahim, Year 11, had worked together for three months to prepare their presentation on Child on Child abuse. They were the first group to present and set the standard high, mixing serious information with a number of interactive tasks and audience participation. They have since been partnered with the Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children in Manchester to work on a campaign to reduce child on child abuse happening in the community. They have also been asked to speak at the UNICEF Making Manchester a Child Friendly City event next month, and the educational outreach officer from GMP also wants to use our school for youth voice projects. The pupils performed brilliantly and were by far the most engaged and vocal school there. They truly showed the spirit of being Proud to Belong.



# 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