



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

# NEWSLETTER

## Head of School Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Dean Trust Ardwick 'our identity is our diversity' - our school community is enriched by the diversity of our pupils and staff. This week we have celebrated International Women's Day. Pupils received assemblies encouraging them to embrace equity and a select number of pupils recorded a podcast which will be shared on our social media. Please see inside this week's newsletter for all the highlights from our teaching and celebrations of International Women's Day.



Mr S Worthington  
Headteacher

Following the success of last years event, I am pleased to announce that we will be holding DTA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Iftar event which will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are free however will be limited, so please remind your child to speak to Ms Sayeed or Mr Musa'ad to secure them.

As ever, thank you for your continued support as we approach the end of Spring Term.

Kind Regards  
Mr S. Worthington  
Head of School

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and Instagram,  
@dt\_ardwick for regular  
updates!**

## Diary Dates

11.3.23- Coffee Morning  
13.3.24- Ramadan Starts  
14.3.24- Year 7 Parents Evening  
15.3.24- Community Iftar  
28.3.24- Inset Day

# Head of Year Messages



## Year 7 – Miss Martin

Year 7 have had another fantastic week this week. The year group as a whole have achieved 1069 positive points for their efforts this week. Some of the reasons were hardworking, good academic progress and outstanding behaviour for learning. The 8th of March also marks International Woman's Day where we celebrate the courageous, brave, strong and independent women in our lives. To celebrate, some pupils in year 7 attendance an event led by Mr McCabe which focused on building self-confidence, resilience and motivation. This event also focused on what it meant to be a woman in a multicultural society. A polite reminder to parents that our policy on mobile phones is that pupils must have their mobile phone turned off and in their bag before they enter the year 7 gate in the mornings. Phones should not be in blazer pockets. If a pupil is caught with their phone on school site, it will be confiscated, placed in our school safe until Friday. Parents will be expected to come in and collect the phone.

Happy international Woman's Day to all the strong women in our school community ! Teachers, mums, aunts, sisters, cousins, foster mums, grandmothers ! Thank you for all your do to support the pupils.



## Year 8 – Mr Bridden

This week we celebrated international women's day in our assembly and why this celebration is so important.

I have also reminded pupils that we are having a big focus on uniform and banned items in school.

- Pupils who are caught with banned items (chewing gum) will receive a 1 hour detention
- Pupils who are seen twice or more with their shirt not tucked in, will receive a lunch time detention.



## Year 9 – Mrs Rashford

It has been another busy week at DTA - with World Book Day and Women's International Week. A number of the Year 9 girls attended a workshop organised by Mr McCabe from Manchester United Foundation. The event consisted of some inspiring women in different professions to come into school and talk about their journey's; experiences and challenges they've faced and how they've overcome them. The girls really enjoyed the well-being sessions hosted by Mr Samuel's – Year 9 PSA sister.



## Year 10 – Mr Smith

This week the Year 10's had an assembly on 'Internal Women's Day' led by Miss Bostock. International Women's Day is a holiday celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement. IWD gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women. The pupils found the assembly thought provoking and interesting and it was lovely to see a small group of girls involved with the guest speakers.



## Year 11 – Mr Diaz

This week several pupils have engaged in International Women's Day events and workshops which were prepared and delivered by DTA Staff and Visitors, it was wonderful to receive positive feedback on pupils' participation. Revision classes, Masterclasses and other support will next week, from Tuesday 12th March for Year 11 and through the Easter Holidays. We also have Study Sanctuary, which has begun this week, for which some Year 11 pupils have been invited to attend, the Study Sanctuary runs every day after school in the Library. I will soon be announcing more information about Year 11 Prom, this will be the most exciting event of the year for our pupils and a great opportunity for them all to look back at their 5 year journey at DTA. Watch this space!

## Weekly Attendance Update

Results of the weekly attendance from Mr Fuller and Mrs Pett

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!



### ATTENDANCE LEADERBOARD

<b>1</b>	<b>YEAR 7</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>YEAR 8</b>	<b>95.3%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>YEAR 9</b>	<b>94.0%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>YEAR 10</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>YEAR 11</b>	<b>93.0%</b>

## DTA Community Iftar

We would like to invite you to our second DTA Community Iftar as an opportunity to share the month of Ramadan with our parents and pupils and to break our fasts together. This will take place in our main hall 5.30pm-7.30pm. Tickets are limited so please ask your child to speak to Ms Sayeed or Mr Musa'ad in the Dining Hall on Tuesday.



# DTA COMMUNITY IFTAR

Join us for a memorable iftar experience

Friday 15th March

If you and your family would like to join the community iftar on Friday please come and see Ms Sayeed or Mr Musa'ad in the dining hall on Tuesday.

Tickets are limited!

## World Book Day

Our staff were invited to dress up for World Book Day, with the pupils being tasked with identifying their characters using a map. Pupils were very excited



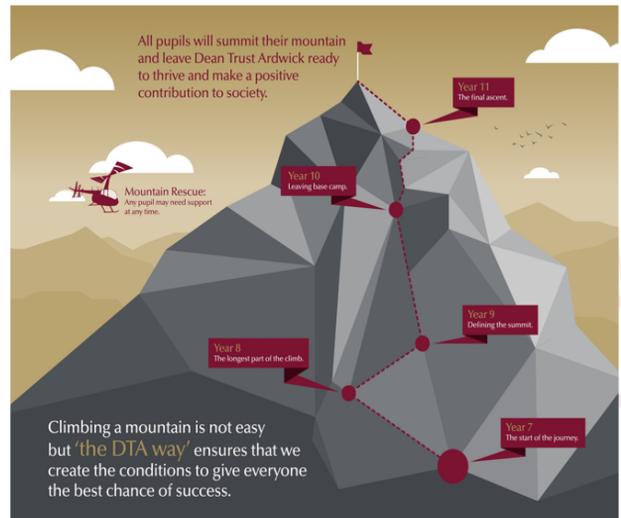
## International Women's Day

The first IWD was held in 1911- think about how far we have come as a society in forging more equal opportunities and respectful relationships since then. But we still have much more to do to create a truly fair and equal world for women. This week, we have been engaging pupils in meaningful discussions around what we can all do to pursue this ideal. We have also had multiple events to inspire our female pupils to aspire to successful futures (a big thanks to Mr McCabe for organising these opportunities). We would like to encourage families to continue to have positive conversations about the role of women in our society and encourage all pupils to recognise the important roles women have, and to treat everyone as equals.



# “Proud to Belong”

At DTA, our identity is our diversity. As a community we stand shoulder-to-shoulder in challenging discriminatory behaviour of any kind. We are committed to making the world a better place and becoming the change we want to see. We are committed to creating equality through equity and ending violence against women. At DTA, all staff and pupils are...



Respectful Ready Responsible

# International Women's Day 2024

“The protected characteristics are not a pick and mix”

“There is no hierarchy or league table to the protected characteristics”

## Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy & maternity
- Race
- Religion and/or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation



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### DTA Students International Women's Day Podcast

Last Wednesday, 5 students for Years 8, 9 & 11 sat down and created a podcast to discuss International Women's Day with the theme of inspiring inclusion.

Within the podcast, the girls discussed their views and understanding on intersectionality, growing up as young women in our current society, feminism, challenging stereotypes, and could be done to improve positive attitude towards female gender.

The podcast was entirely student led. They decorated the board and set-up for the room and prepared, wrote and delivered a running order and speeches themselves; taking great pride and ownership in what was the start of a great celebration



### Year 8 Girls STEM Trip at University of Manchester

On Thursday, Mr McCabe took 8 girls to University of Manchester to experience a day within the Engineering department as part of a celebration of International Women's Day.

The Students worked together to build rockets from art and crafting materials to ignite creativity but also deepen understanding of fundamental principles of motion and energy.

The girls enjoyed the experience, getting a great opportunity to learn, work and socialise together; and falsify gender stereotypes that engineering is for males.



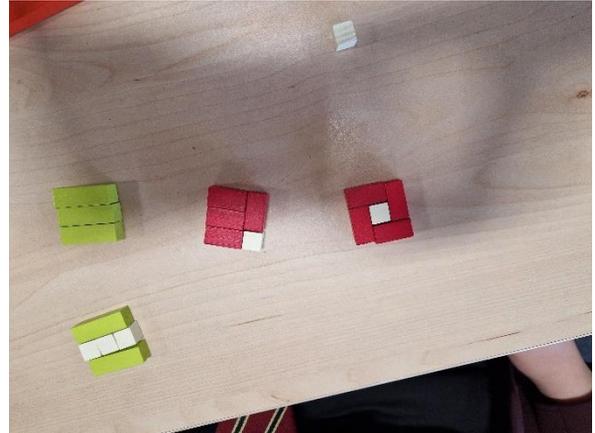
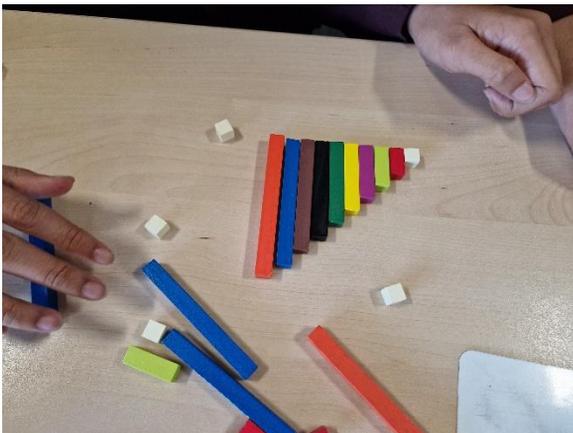
## Physical Education

We've had a busy week with fixtures this week. Well done to the Year 10 Football team beating Eden Boys 3-2 in a closely contested fixture. Also, well done the KS3 girls competing at the MUFC Hub Tournament, they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and showed great character within the games! It is excellent to have so many pupils attending extra-curricular clubs again and enjoying competitive fixtures. A reminder, with Ramadan starting next week, pupils are still expected to bring their full PE kit. We have made adaptations in the curriculum to ensure: 1) less physical activity, 2) more breaks, 3) more opportunities for sports leadership to accommodate pupils.



## Maths

Miss Walker is completing a 3 year course for mastery, and has been introduced to Cuisenaire rods. 8y3 had their first lesson with these manipulatives, first just investigating themselves and then with direction from myself. It was exciting to see the pupils understanding equivalence with equations. It was also great to see how mature and responsible the class were with a new school resource. This was the first of many lessons across the KS3 curriculum that we can use manipulatives to deeper the understanding of our pupils, hence improving our outcomes and enjoyment in maths at DTA!



## Meet the Funder!

### Big Bike Revival

Cycling UK's Big Bike Revival fund opens Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Join an online session with Cycling UK's Development Officer Ellen Holmes and learn how the funding can help you deliver entry-level cycling opportunities in Manchester.

Big Bike Revival funds cycling activity for adults, such as Learn to Ride, Led rides and bike fixing opportunities. The fund is for beginner or lapsed cyclists and is particularly aimed at groups under-represented in cycling, including women, ethnic minorities and people living in areas of higher deprivation.

Find out more and ask questions at one of the below sessions:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2-3pm** OR **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 6:30-7:30pm**

To book, please email Laurel – [l.kinrade@mcractive.com](mailto:l.kinrade@mcractive.com), stating which session you want to attend.



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The session is delivered by Cycling UK and Manchester Active as part of the Manchester's European Capital of Cycling Year.



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## Smoothwall Parental Workshops

As part of Kat Howard's from Smoothwall work with Manchester LA they are putting on a series of workshops for families across Manchester LA.

These workshops are to be held online, by Kat, and provide parents with up to date information, advice and guidance regarding online safety at home.

Please find the links below for our families to sign up for both this term and next term.

Thursday 7th March - Secondary parents workshop 6-7pm -

[https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZIH2UVjvQEY6u6lnz28qLw](https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZIH2UVjvQEY6u6lnz28qLw)

Monday 17th June - Primary parents workshop 6-7pm -

[https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_uOkpgIA1QmSj7RrNAbxow](https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uOkpgIA1QmSj7RrNAbxow)

Thursday 20th June - Secondary parents workshop 6-7pm -

[https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_FC8rhDTQTru7Kfg2R1SmjA](https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FC8rhDTQTru7Kfg2R1SmjA)

# 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