DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Head of School Message

Mr S Worthington
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term! We are off to a fantastic start with pupils demonstrating high standards in lessons and around school. This half-term we will continue to build on the high standards and expectations for our pupils to ensure that they are becoming successful learners.

I am proud to announce that Dean Trust Ardwick received a National School Attendance Award for the 23/24 Autumn Term and have ranked in the top 25% of schools. This is a great achievement and I would like to thank you for your support in encouraging your child into school, which enables them to receive a high quality education and achieve their potential.

We will be holding a Coffee Morning Event at 422 Community Hub on Stockport Road on Monday 11th March, starting at 2pm. We will be providing updates on the on-going work post fire, outlining plans to support Year 11 in their last few weeks in school and discussing how we will support pupils during Ramadan. We look forward to a strong turnout from our families and trust you will find the updates valuable.

Following the success of last year, we will be holding a Community Iftar this year on Friday 15th March, where the community can come together to break fast. Assistant Headteachers Mr Musa'ad and Ms Sayeed have been busy planning for the celebration of Eid ul fitr and communication will be sent to parents in due course.

Finally, I would like to thank you to all parents and guardians who attended Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday. I hope you found it useful to meet with teachers and to hear about the progress your child is making following their Mock Examinations.

Kind Regards
Mr S. Worthington
Head of School

Follow us on X (Twitter) and Instagram, @dt_ardwick for regular updates!

Diary Dates

11.3.23- Coffee Morning
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

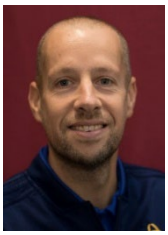
Year 7 have had a brilliant first week back. We held an assembly to realign the year group with the DTA way. I have seen some excellent examples of pupils habituating the DTA on the corridors and in lessons this week. Pupils have been demonstrating our values of ready, respectful and responsible during the school day. Polite reminder that if your child has lost their pupil passport, they will need to purchase one from the pastoral hub. They are able to do this every day on the way to form. The cost is £6. Have a great weekend

Year 8 – Mr Bridden

I would like to give all of year 8 a warm welcome back and hope you all had an enjoyable break and are well rested for your return. We are having a big focus on making sure all pupils are organised and prepared for school on this first week back so if you are aware your child is missing any of their equipment or a planner. They can purchase it upon entry to school with cash or through the MyCAS application.

Year 9 – Mrs Rashford

I hope you had a restful half term. This term is a short one and again a busy one. Year 9 Pupils picked their options choices last week. If you have any queries regarding this process please don't hesitate to get in touch. Pupils will be informed of confirmed choices in due course. Please note once choice are confirmed pupils will not be allowed to change once they start year 10.



Year 10 – Mr Smith

The Year 10 pupils have started back with a really strong work ethic and focus since their return from the 'fire break'. We have spoken about the importance of turning 'adversity into advantage' and how the extended Christmas break will hopefully have given them an extra period of rest and rejuvenation in what is normally a tiring half term up to February. The pupils now need to concentrate on the upcoming mock exams and ensuring they are revising and preparing for these.

Year 11 – Mr Diaz

Thank you to everyone who attended Year 11 Parents Evening this week, I'm sure you will all agree, this is a crucial time for our pupils and it is of most importance that everyone is on board to support them in getting through these last few hurdles before their official GCSE Examinations. All pupils in Year 11 are eager to succeed and there is no better encouragement and motivation, than having a strong supportive network between school and home. If you were unable to attend Parents Evening, please contact the school, or me directly, for further information. Revision classes, Masterclasses and other support will soon resume for Year 11 this half term and through the Easter Holidays, which we will inform you and our pupils about in due time. 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!

National Attendance Award

Dean Trust Ardwick has been recognised nationally for excellent attendance in the Autumn term, top 25% of all school. All pupils have contributed to our school receiving this award. Well done everyone!

422 Community Hub- Stockport Road

During the aftermath of the Fire Incident in January, the school was supported greatly by 422 Community Hub who offered us working spaces to allow us to offer provision to our most vulnerable pupils, and also offer a drop in service for families to access support. Additionally, they also provided free lunches for pupils working from 422, as well as any pupils entitled to a Free School Meal. This support was crucial, and we are so grateful to the team. The 422 Community Hub is a project of Manchester Vineyard, a local church in the heart of the Longsight-Ardwick community. The 422 Hub hosts a community cafe, a variety of free programmes and spaces to hire for like-minded organisations that offer opportunities, boost well-being and tackle poverty. The hub also has a Community Pantry, which supports families who are referred to them because they are experiencing food poverty. As members they make a £1 membership contribution and receive 10 items of food and essentials each week for three months. Please visit the website for more information of the support offered from The 422 Hub Projects – 422 Community Hub (422manchester.org)

Physical Education- Year 11 Football Team

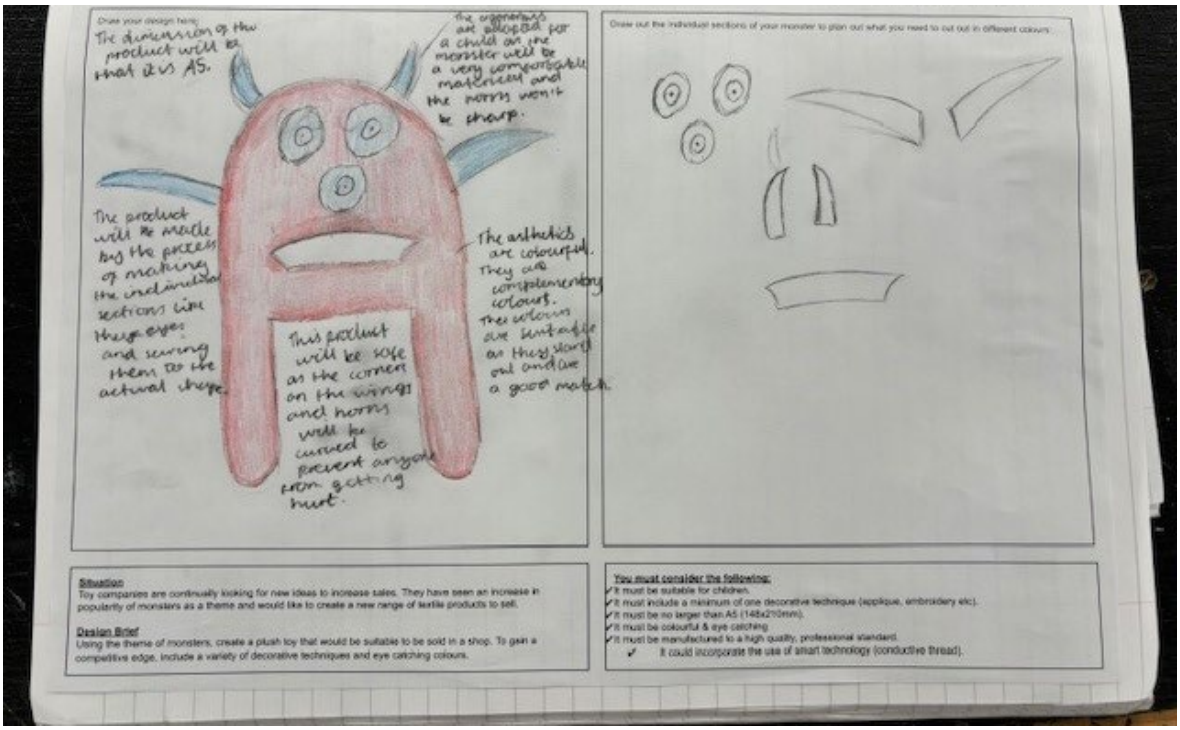
It is great to restart fixtures since the fire incident. The Year 11 team were brilliant in their 7-2 win over St Anne's on Tuesday. DTA dominated possession of the ball and created lots of chance. Shaheen was player of the goal scoring a hat trick from midfield! Well done to all the pupils involved and to those continuing to participate in extra-curricular.

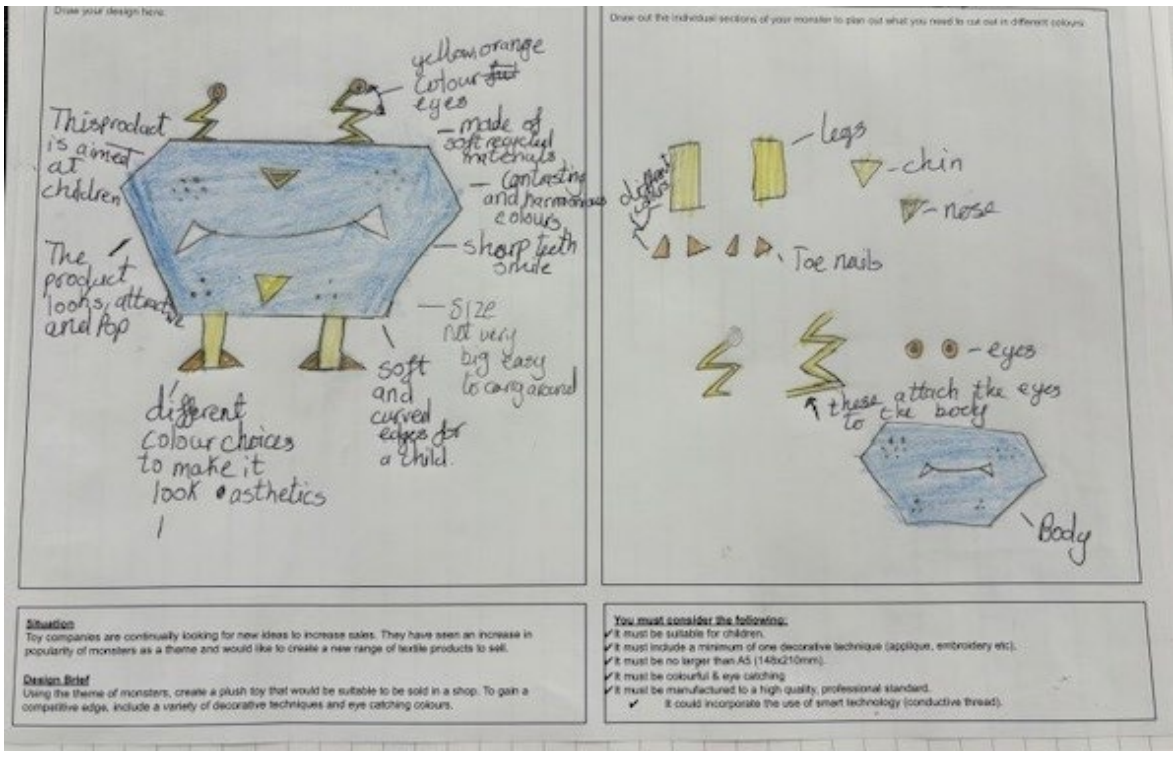
Manchester United Trip

On Tuesday some of our pupils went on a trip to Manchester United, this included a stadium tour and museum tour. All pupils enjoyed this trip, especially the trophy cabinet section!

Design Technology

This week the Year 7 pupils have been working on their 'Mini Monster' Textile design unit, all pupils have been coming up with their own monster designs and creating fantastic sketches with annotations to explain their final design idea. Some fantastic results have been produced and the pupils are looking forward to manufacturing their monsters!





Year 10 Performing Arts Trip- 'Hamilton'

On Tuesday, Miss Bell and Mr McCabe took 9 students from year 9 and 10 who were selected to attend an exclusive, targeted educational performance of Hamilton at the Palace Theatre, Manchester. Following the performance, there was a 20-minute Q&A session led by a member of the company, as well as a technical demonstration which reveals the inner workings of the show which gave students an invaluable insight into theatre careers, the workings of the show and support Gatsby Benchmarks 4 and 5. The experience was incredible, and the students came away from it absolutely buzzing; even getting to meet most of the cast after the performance for a chat, photos and signatures.

Debate Mate

On Tuesday evening, 10 students from DTA travelled to Eden Boys Leadership Academy to take part in the second round of the Debate Mate league. The students had a great time but also did brilliantly, winning 3 of their 4 debates, especially considering it was the first competition that 6 of them had attended.

Reward Shop

The rewards shop will be open in the first week of term and the last week of the school term. This will give all pupils who are enacting the 'DTA WAY' the opportunity to get as many positive points as possible. Remember.....points mean prizes!

Reward Shop Key Dates

Year 7 Monday 26th February at 3.10pm

Year 8 Tuesday 27th February at 3:10pm

Year 9 Wednesday 28th February at 3:10pm

Year 10 Thursday 29th February at 3:10pm

Year 11 Friday 1st March at 3:10pm

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Habituating 'the DTA way'

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Respectful Ready Responsible

100% THE DTA WAY

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- We have introduced a new postcard to celebrate and acknowledge students who consistently demonstrate 100% commitment to the school ethos of respect, readiness to learn, and responsibility.
- Pupils will be rewarded for consistently demonstrating 100% commitment to the DTA way.

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Respectful Ready Responsible

Every moment you practise the right things is a moment that builds habits for success.

- ✔ 100% of Pupils, 100% of the time, 100% 'the DTA way'.
- ✔ At Dean Trust Ardwick we don't practice until we get it right, we practice until we can't get it wrong.
- ✔ It is your responsibility to contribute to a culture of kindness.
- ✔ We recognise and reward those individuals who live out our values and habituate 'the DTA way'.

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(during opening hours or leave message)
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OFFICE OPENING 0930-1300 Monday & Thursday
OPEN FOR PARCEL COLLECTION 1100-1300 Monday & Thursday
or 5-6.30pm Wednesday by appointment.

- Providing food parcels for people who do not have the means to feed themselves or their family.
- We can provide up to 5 full-week food parcels in six months from the date of their first referral. We also aim to find appropriate ongoing support, and provide information around other free food provision locally.
- For more information and to refer someone to us, please go to our website and use the online referral form: www.ardwickandlongsightfoodbank.org.uk

Longsight & Mount Road

Family Hub

Support available

0-19 years (25 Years SEND)

We work in the local community supporting families with children between the ages of 0 – 19 years (25 years SEND) and expectant mothers.

We provide a range of information, advice, guidance and support to families to access services in the Family Hub, and the local area to support their children to develop and thrive.

- Information about groups and activities for families with children aged 0 – 19 years (25years SEND).
- Information and guidance with families with children with SEND.
- Assisting in nursery, primary school and secondary school applications.
- Supporting parents who are new to the area (Cheetham and Crumpsall).
- Providing information about courses available in the Family Hub and the local area.
- Information about adult learning opportunities.
- Information about volunteering, peer support and work experience opportunities.
- Support with accessing information and guidance to help with managing children's behavior (e.g. Parenting programmes etc.).
- Information and advice on Antenatal, weaning, immunizations, breastfeeding, toilet training, and healthy eating
- Information and advise around family health, mental health, wellbeing activities/services and financial support/budgeting skills.
- Child safety information and referral for free home safety equipment (subject to eligibility).
- Support for families in hardship to get essential household items, including white goods, clothing, baby equipment (subject to eligibility).
- Information on after school, holiday schemes.

Referrals to other agencies for additional support such as

- Adult education & Counselling,
- Housing & Benefit advice
- Support and assistance to fill in forms

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE FAMILY HUB IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY HUB TEAM OR RING 0161 248 1500

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