DEAN TRUST Ardwick

# NEWSLETTER

## Head of School Message

Mr S Worthington
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank everyone who joined us at our Community Iftar last week. We came together as a school community to share a special Iftar, a moment that highlights the spirit of unity during the month of Ramadan. At DTA, our identity is our diversity. By uniting people from all backgrounds to celebrate and share with one another, this shared sense of belonging strengthens our community and makes us proud to belong. Being part of this community has deepened my cultural understanding, and I am grateful for the opportunity to experience and learn from it.

Eid Al-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan, is expected to fall at the end of March. To support our families in celebrating this occasion, we have scheduled an INSET day on Monday 31st March 2025, allowing pupils and their families to mark Eid without disrupting their learning. Additionally, we will be arranging in-school Eid celebrations during the week commencing 24th April so that we can celebrate together as a school community. Further communication will be sent to families nearer the time of Eid.

While we recognise the significance of Ramadan and Eid, it is essential that pupils attend school regularly to ensure they do not miss out on valuable learning opportunities. Regular attendance is crucial in providing the best possible education for your child. During this time, we politely request that you continue to follow the school's attendance policy.

As part of our commitment to true inclusion, we recently hosted Dean Trust Ardwick's second annual International Women's Day event, celebrating the achievements and empowerment of women. This year's theme, Accelerating Action, was brought to life through inspiring guest speakers who shared their professional journeys and led engaging discussions and activities.

Finally, a big well done to our Year 11 and Year 7 Football teams who both won their final games this year 2-1 in 2 highly competitive games. Year 11 beat William Hulme Grammar whilst Year 7 beat MEA Central. Pupils were great and all worked hard especially whilst most were fasting.

Best regards,
Mr S. Worthington
Head of School

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## Diary Dates

**31.03.25 – Inset Day**

**04.04.25 – End of term**

Following the last two successful Community Iftars, we were able to host our third one on 14th March. This was a well attended event, bringing together the school community including parents, staff and pupils.

Food was donated from a local caterer and Aspen's provided fruit and dessert platters.

This year, we were able to partake in the spirit of Ramadan where everyone was encouraged to bring food in to share. It was a lovely evening, bringing the local and school community together.

Thank you to Abu Bakr Siddique Y11 for make the dua (supplication) and leading the prayer and thank you to all who attended and provided food.

Friday prayers have had a huge turnout and the prayer hall has been busy during Ramadan being used by both staff and students.
It is lovely to see the school community come together for prayers.

**Weekly Attendance Update**

*Results of the weekly attendance from Mrs Charles*

**WELL DONE YEAR 9s!**

## ATTENDANCE LEADERBOARD

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| 1 | YEAR 7 | 93.5% |
| 2 | YEAR 8 | 94.1% |
| 3 | YEAR 9 | 94.9% |
| 4 | YEAR 10 | 91.3% |
| 5 | YEAR 11 | 91.5% |

# Join the Olio Community

## What's Olio?

It is a sharing app for local communities, on a mission to reduce waste. From food to furniture to clothing.

## Share and receive items

- Grow together: Pass on outgrown clothes, toys, books, and more to other families
- Save money: Get free items that your children need, from other local parents
- Declutter: Free up space in your home by giving items a new life with another family

## Give and get free food

- Collect free food that would otherwise go to landfill - perfect for feeding your family on a budget
- Don't let surplus food go to waste, share it with people in your neighbourhood instead!

## Protect our planet

- Help reduce waste and your carbon footprint by reusing and sharing items and build a better future for our children

## How to get started?

1. **Download the Olio app**
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2. **Create a profile**
   Join our growing community of over 8 million users
3. **Start sharing**
   Post items you no longer need or browse items available nearby

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