

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Many pupils enjoyed an exhilarating afternoon as they joined other Dean Trust schools for the annual Dean Trust Active Challenge this week. See the photo below and read on to find out more about our successes on the day.

Our other major event this week was the culmination of the 'Making Manchester' project where 30 Year 9 pupils participated in a top class music and drama performance at the Niamos Theatre last night. They are performing again this evening and we wish them every success. We shall hear more about their experience next week. Meanwhile, please read the information about 'Making Manchester' on the back pages of the newsletter. We have really talented pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick who, through these kind of opportunities, discover new talents and interests for themselves. It is exciting to see them widen their horizons, and develop their confidence in trying out new experiences. They are a credit to themselves and the school.



Ms S. Finlay Headteacher

Finally, our examinations period has finished, and now we look forward to finding out the results of our hard working pupils. We also look forward to the many exciting events which will finish off our year very nicely, and lead pupils and staff into a well-earned break.

Enjoy a good read!

Ms S. Finlay

Safeguarding Tip: Help your child remember ways that he or she has successfully handled hardships in the past-these past challenges help them build the strength to handle future challenges.

Dates for your Diary

3rd and 4th July 2019 Year 6 Transition Day

11th July 2019 Awards Evening

13th July 2019 Community Fête

15th and 16th of July Aladdin Jr. Production

22nd July 2019 Sports Day





Head of Year Updates

Year 7 News

Year 7 are coming to the end of their examinations and it can be a stressful time for some. Please encourage your child to take breaks during revision and to create balanced revision plan to support with their learning. It is vital that pupils adhere to examination rules. The same rules apply for all year groups, including GCSE pupils. I am pleased to say that overall, Year 7 pupils have conducted themselves extremely well in their very first set of exams in Secondary School. Finally, the end of year trip to Blackpool is edging closer, so if your child has been offered a place, please ensure the documentation and payment needed is completed to secure their place.

Year 8 News

Well done to 8T Victoria who achieved 100% attendance for the previous week. If your child has received a rewards trip letter to Blackpool please can you return the relevant paperwork and make payment to the Year 8 pastoral team at your earliest convenience.

Year 9 News

This week we had our first ever Boxing Club for the Year 9 pupils. This is a daily club at lunch time which aims to give the opportunity for pupils to take participate in a lunch time activity that will help their fitness, strength and mind-set. Mr Tait who is our resident kickboxing coach is leading the sessions and hopes the raw talent may see a number of the pupils join our local kickboxing clubs!

Year 10 News

This week, 11 Year 10 students travelled to Newcastle University Summer School for a residential trip. The trip was led by the Russell Group University and gave students an insight into life on campus. Students were kept busy with lessons which covered Marine Biology and Psychology. They were a credit to the school and fully enjoyed this opportunity.

Theme of the Week: School Council - How are your voices making a difference?

This week pupils received feedback on how their voices have helped shape our school so far this year. From adapting the food choices at lunchtimes, to developing our fundraising opportunities and enhancing the use of Google Classroom. The views and opinions of our pupils and staff are of vital importance to help shape the school. All pupils have been encouraged to get involved in their form time activities to ensure the School Council can provide a wider range of pupil voice and ideas to continue the great work this year.





Mathematics

The Dean Trust Ardwick Maths Challenge is taking place this term. Each maths class has been challenged to create every number from 1 to 100 using only the number 4. For example to the number 45 can be achieved with the sum of (4/4) + 44. The winning class will be awarded with a prize! How many can you get?

4-4:4+4	43		8
4+4×4÷4	44	44-4+4	8
4+4÷4+4	45	44-4+4	8:
(44-4) ÷ 4	46		8

English

Year 8 have been working solidly on thinking of whole school approaches to reducing single use plastic. They have collated their research and are writing speeches and designing reusable bottles especially for Dean Trust Ardwick!



Science

A small cohort of Year 6 pupils, who will be joining us in September, visited the science department this week to experience a taster session in the lab! Pupils learnt how to use a Bunsen burner safely and received their very own licence. A special thank you to our pupils who helped fantastically, including Rahmario in Year 7!



Physical Education - The Dean Trust Active Challenge!

A selection of Key Stage 3 pupils were chosen to represent our school in the Dean Trust Active Challenge held at the Lord Derby Estate! This is an annual event which sees pupils from all 10 Trust schools compete in a cross country race! In total, 66 pupils from Dean Trust Ardwick represented our school as they tested their resilience and determination in a 2 kilometre race! Congratulations to all pupils involved, in particular Zak and Macey whom both finished first within their year group! Also, a special mention to Jack and Tahir whom accidentally followed the teachers route and completed a 4 kilometre instead of the intended 2 kilometres!







Humanities

To celebrate the winners of our school wide plastic recycling competition, 8D Deansgate, as well as Year 8 Form Captains and the Eco-committee, had the opportunity to watch 'Bin It' last week. 'Bin It' is a recycling drama workshop that encourages pupils to think about their plastic use and how we can all do our bit by recycling more. Pupils were perfectly behaved and enjoyed such an interactive event.



Design and Technology

This week in Design & Technology, Year 7 pupils have been working hard on their clock designs. The clocks have recently been laser cut and engraved with the pupils choice of theme and now the pupils are spending time adding colour and further patterned details.













Performing Arts

This term, pupils have continued to make excellent progress in their peripatetic Guitar lessons. Mr Buxton for One Education has been delivering guitar lessons to over 20 pupils each Thursday. Year eight pupils, Tyler Rothwell said he's found the lessons to be both "helpful & entertaining". We are hoping to offer lessons in a wider range of instruments next year.

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Hospitality and Catering

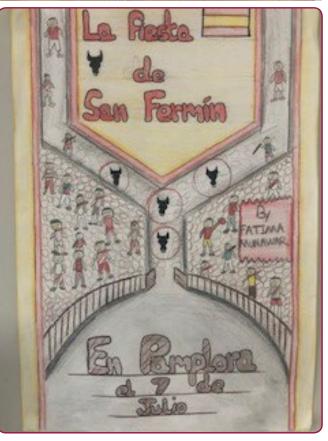
This week the first group of Year 10 students experienced the practical mock. Pupils had 3 hours to plan, create and present two dishes of their choice; everyone worked extremely hard and met the deadline of 3.00pm. I am sure you will agree that the products created were of an excellent quality.



Modern Foreign Languages

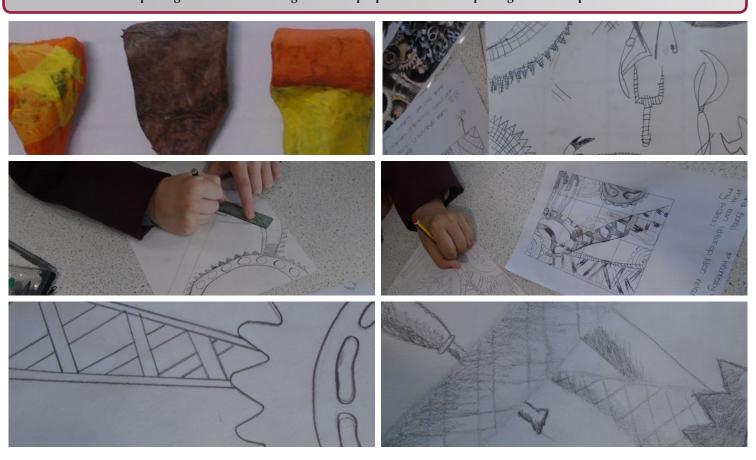
As we have introduced the festival of San Fermín to Year 8, we received this amazing poster from Fatima where she has detailed all the information for San Fermín.





Art and Design

Year 9 have been completing some brilliant design work in preparation for completing their final pieces.



Manchester United Foundation

On Tuesday 18th June, nine pupils took part in a STEM event at Old Trafford stadium. Hosted by the RAF in association with Manchester United Foundation, the pupils invited were provided with 'Lego Mindstorm' kits and constructed robots that they programmed to move and race independently! Those in attendance represented the school fantastically and really enjoyed the event. We definitely have some future engineers in Year 8!





English Lessons with Mrs Qasim

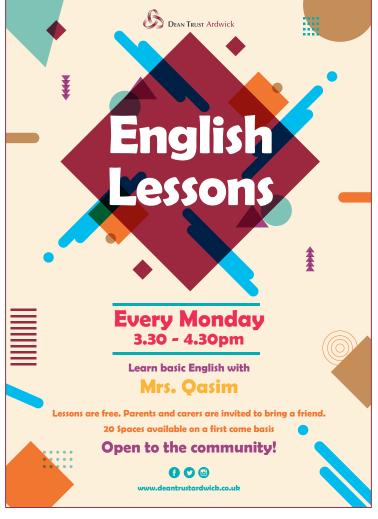
Mrs Qasim is hosting free English lessons every Monday, 3.30 - 4.30pm. There are 20 spaces available on a first come first served basis. For the first time, Mrs Qasim is opening her lessons to the community by inviting you to bring a friend to learn with you! Please contact Mrs Qasim for further details.

Kickboxing sessions with Mr Tait

Mr Tait held a trial kickboxing session for a select group of Year 10 students on Friday after school. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to have a taste of training with a fully qualified coach! The warm up consisted of skipping and body weight exercises before students moved on to focus pads and kick drills. Finally, some light body sparring to end the session off. Below are some action shots of Taijon, Ismail and Ashah!











Tickets £1 each

Available at break and lunch times in the Dining Hall from 1st July 2019

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MAKING MANCHESTER



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What makes a city? A powerful new work about home, migration and belonging

Making Manchester is a multi-media performance exploring real-life stories of migration to the UK, as told by 60 pupils from Dean Trust Ardwick secondary school in Manchester. Using live music, poetry and physical theatre, the performance explores how these unique family histories, and communities' shared experiences of migration, are woven into the socio-cultural fabric of the city and its people.

Our Migration Story and Olympias Music embark on oral-history and music project

In June 2018, Our Migration Story and Olympias Music conducted 6 weeks of oral history, interview and writing workshops at Dean Trust Ardwick secondary school. 95% of the pupils were from BAME backgrounds. The result was

60 unique family histories, researched and written by the pupils there. The next phase of this project is to turn these unique migration stories into a musical performance, written in conjunction with pupils from Dean Trust Ardwick.



Credits

Partner School: Dean Trust Ardwick Secondary School

Director: Emma Doherty **Producer:** Jo Yee Cheung **Poet:** Shamshad Khan

Composer/Deviser: James Whittle
Electronic Sound Artist: Hayley Suviste
Musicians: Kabantu and Vonnegut Collective

Movement Director: Tilda O'Grady

Actor/Dancers: Dom Coffey, Mithun Gill, Sameena

Hussain, Zoe Katsilerou **Videographer**: Adam Blyth

Graphic Design: Max Thomas and Chiahu Lee

Tech: Gareth Jones and Lorien Edwards

FEATURED ARTICLES

AN INTERVIEW WITH MY GRANDAD MOHAMMED FROM ASSAM TO BURNLEY JOURNEY FROM SYRIA

A note from poet, Shamshad Khan

In an upside down room

Two adults are talking to each other In camouflaged words There is no-one here you recognise

You reach for Suspended memories A smiling boy A laughing girl

You breathe in the scent of home

(Extract from 'Making Manchester: Intro')



With thanks to Prof. Claire Alexander (University of Manchester) and Sundeep Lidher (Cambridge University; Runnymede Trust) from Our Migration Story, Jenni Vickers (Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre), Linda Brogan (The Reno @ The Whitworth), Helen Pidd (The Guardian), Mr Carey, Miss Williams and all of the staff from Dean Trust Ardwick, for their generous support.

For more information, visit www.olympiasmusicfoundation.com/making-manchester FB/Twitter/Instagram: @OlympiasMusic

