



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

# NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another fantastic week here at Dean Trust Rose Bridge and an emotional one as we said goodbye to our Year 11 pupils at their Prom on Thursday evening at Leigh Sports Village. Staff and pupils gathered in all their finery for their final celebration, a three course meal and lots of dancing.

(Pictures to follow in next weeks' newsletter).

We also had the privilege to welcome our future Year 7 pupils on Tuesday who joined us as part of their transition activities. During Transition Day, Year 7 spent the day getting to know each other better and sampling a taster of English, maths, science and sports lessons. Our Manchester United partners led a variety of team building exercises and games; they even sent 'Fred the Red' for a special visit, (the Manchester United mascot). All of the children and staff really enjoyed the day and we look forward to welcoming them in September.



Barry Bridden  
Executive Headteacher

## GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, Year 7 have created some fantastic projects based on the topic 'Restless Earth.' We have acquired some excellent volcanoes and earthquake disaster zones and we have even managed to erupt some volcanoes in our lessons!



We would like to give a special mention to Alfie Peet, Lucas Walls and Sophie Burke for their outstanding and very creative projects.

The Geography Department would also like to say a huge well done to pupils in Year 7,8 and 9 for their commitment and effort in the end of year assessments. The way our pupils have conducted themselves was excellent and we are very impressed.

It has been emotional time in the Geography Department as we said our goodbyes to our wonderful Year 11. We are so proud of the pupils of Dean Trust Rose Bridge and we will miss them all terribly. Their hard work and dedication to geography was reflected in their commendable efforts whilst sitting their exams. Good luck Year 11 for the future!

# Year Group News

## Jamboree Day

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July all staff and pupils will participate in a series of activities to celebrate the end of a successful school year. Pupils and staff will spend half the morning joining in a sponsored walk on local paths to Haigh Hall under staff supervision and then engage in four further activities such as archery, a climbing wall, mindful colouring, crafts, baking and decorating cakes. Pupils will make their choices this week as to which activities they would like to do. Dress code for the day is either school uniform or school PE kit and all pupils will have a free barbeque lunch and ice creams. The final session of the day will involve a school concert and staff versus pupils football match. Last year this event proved to be extremely popular!



## Year 7

Year 7 have the highest number of 100% attenders in the school – well done to all those pupils and it is great to see that we have increased our 100% attenders every term since September. Let's keep this up!

Year 7 headline news is that Sophie Burke is the first pupil ever to have earned enough E-praise points to claim an iPod and there are 2 pupils VERY close behind her; Lexie Winstanley and Kael Griffiths. Kael has also earned over 1000 points but is yet to decide on his prize.

Amy Rourke has been impressing the judges with her Karate skills this weekend when she brought back four medals. She won gold for her Team Kata, took silver for her Individual Kata and was awarded bronze for both team and individual sparring. We are very proud of Amy and all the success she has been having with her karate. Well done Amy. The hard work is paying off.



## Year 8

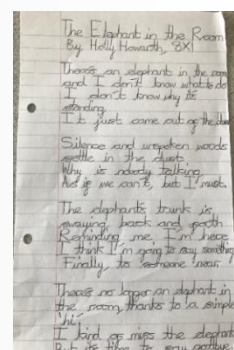
### Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Well done to our two Year 8 pupils who completed the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition for their Bronze Award this weekend, who are; **Elise Pennington** and **Jessica Murdoch**, Congratulations! A big thanks goes to Miss Sharples, Mr Shepherd and Mr Cunningham for giving up their time to supervise the weekend.



### National Poetry Day

Holly Howarth was one of forty pupils to enter the schools competition for 'National Poetry Day'. Her outstanding poem, 'The Elephant in the Room' was the overall winner for Year 8. As a result, she was entered into the national competition entitled; 'Young Writers' which offers successful entrants the opportunity to be published in a book. Watch this space for more information on Holly's success story.



## Year 9

Year 9 are continuing to improve as a year group, which is particularly important as this academic year is drawing to an end and next year, pupils will begin their GCSEs. Alongside the many improvements during the year there have been some particular highlights that deserve a mention.

### 100% attendance



The following pupils have been present at school every day since September. Well done

Kenzie Ashurst, Abigail Aspinall, Luke Aspinall, Linden Gaskell, Alisha Green, Lewis Halliwell, Tilly Ingham, Jonathan Marsh, Erica Martinez, Courtney Matthews, Michael Melling, Zak O'Leary.

### Star pupils

Well done again to Linden Gaskell for his performance in the Dean Trust 4k race (included in last week's Newsletter). Congratulations to Gracie O'Brien on her performance on the television programme; 'The Voice Kids'.

Well done to Alex Wilson, Kenzie Ashurst, Luke Aspinall, Lucy Hilton, Lewis Hogan and Jack Cornwall. You have particularly impressed your teachers over the last few weeks and we are really impressed by your attitude to learning and continuous effort across school.



**FairPlay**

### Soccer Aid

Last Wednesday the Year 9 form groups battled it out in a 5-a-side football tournament to raise money for Soccer Aid. The winning team was 9KB. The player of the tournament was Lewis Deakin. The 'Fair Play Award' went to 9CB.

## Year 10

Year 10 have experienced Taster Days at Wigan and Leigh College and they will be visiting Winstanley, St. John Rigby and Wigan Warriors later in July. The staff at Wigan and Leigh College were delighted to work along side our pupils and shared the following comments;

"The pupils from Dean Trust Rose Bridge are a pleasure to work with".

"They have a positive attitude to their learning and a willingness to embrace new subjects, skills and challenges".

"Their behaviour is a credit to their school".



### EmpowHER

Year 10 girls are taking part in the 'EmpowHER' Project. It is being delivered by Wigan Youth Zone and they will be covering topics such as self esteem, bullying, risk taking, sexual health and drugs and alcohol. They will also be deciding on which local charity to support over the course of the project.

### Sunshine House

Several pupils have been successful in gaining employment over the summer holidays with Sunshine House. They will also be giving up some of their own time to help in other areas as well as their chosen one.

The pupils will have chance to gain valuable new skills and complete courses in different aspects of a working environment. They will be facing new challenges and will gain experience that will help them in their future career paths. The positive comments the pupils received from the staff at Sunshine House made us very proud. We were told that the criteria was of a high standard and the way the pupils presented themselves, along with their excellent behaviour, was second to none. These factors made the task of choosing the successful candidates very difficult.

## Transition

Our Transition programme is now well underway and it has been great to see so many of our future Year 7 pupils and their families in school this week. Our Transition Evening on Thursday 20th June enabled our new pupils to have a look around school, to meet some of their Form Tutors and teachers and also to be measured up for their new uniform. Head of School, Ms Phillips delivered a talk to all Parents/Carers alongside our own Dean Trust Rose Bridge pupils, enabling them to get a real flavour of our school and its vision.



On Tuesday 2nd July, we welcomed 120 future pupils to Dean Trust Rose Bridge, as part of our transition offering. The day was designed to introduce them to life as a pupil here and to support the move from primary to secondary school.

After a communal breakfast, Ms Phillips led a Welcome Assembly that revolved around the New Zealand Rugby Team, illustrating the importance of working as a team within our Dean Trust Rose Bridge community. Following this, our Year 6 pupils met with their new Form Tutors, experienced two engaging lessons (gaining Bunsen Burner licenses in Science; code-breaking in Maths; and understanding the benefits of our REC facility in English) before enjoying lunch.

In the afternoon, all pupils participated in a dodgeball and bench ball competition designed and facilitated by our Year 10 Sports Leaders, before working with Manchester United FC coaches on a range of team building activities and football skills. As well as the hard work from our staff in organising a day filled with such opportunities, each new Year 7 form was supported by two Dean Trust Rose Bridge pupils. These pupils were incredible in the support they offered to all of our new cohort and really helped to eliminate some of the anxiety faced by our new pupils. At the end of the day, our pupil helpers led a Celebration Assembly, in which all Year 6 pupils received certificates and additional prizes for their fantastic efforts throughout the day.

We look forward to welcoming all of our future pupils in September as our official Year 7 cohort.

## Standards and Expectations

Thank you for your continued support during this academic year. As we continually look to build on the positive strides made during this year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some updates with you. In addition to the Newsletter you will receive our updated 'Standards and Expectations/Code of Conduct' which applies from September 2019. Some of the key points to note are as follows;

- Scientific calculators and highlighters are now **essential** items
- Grey pinafores must be knee length at all times and have the **school logo at the knee**
- Girls must wear plain black knee length socks or tights
- Black trousers must have a crease and have the **school logo on the waist band**
- No earrings, piercings or jewellery other than an analogue wristwatch are allowed
- Mobile phones should be left at home or handed in to the attendance office upon pupils' arrival at school
- Aerosols are not permitted on site

### Dean Trust Rose Bridge – Colleague of the Week

**This week's winner is...**

**Ms Warren for her hard work in organising so many extra curricular activities this week and raising lots of money for good causes.**

