



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th September 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another fantastic week at Dean Trust Rose Bridge and our Year 10 pupils in particular deserve a special mention as they have had a great start to their GCSE courses, demonstrating maturity and enthusiasm in their attitude to learning. In our assemblies this week, we have been sharing the ethos and values of “belonging” to The Dean Trust community and the meaning of our mission statement; ‘Believe, Achieve, Succeed’.



Barry Bridden
Executive Headteacher

We are also delighted to announce that we now have advertised Governor vacancies, offering the opportunity for a Parent/Carer and for a member of staff to join the Governing Body of the Wigan Learning Partnership. Information on how to nominate can be found on the back page of this week’s Newsletter.

Elections for Head Girl and Head Boy

The first ever elections have been held at Dean Trust Rose Bridge for Head Girl and Head Boy . All of the school community voted, and we were privileged to have three fantastic candidates for each position.

In order to reach this stage, candidates had to complete an application form, deliver a presentation to the Senior Leadership Team and undertake a short panel interview. The calibre of candidates was incredibly high, and we look forward to announcing our winners who will go forward to help shape the development and improvement of our school. Once the staff and pupil nominations have been counted and verified we will announce the results next week.

In addition to the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl, we have further opportunities for pupil leadership and we will share this news over the coming week.

Good luck to Zainab, Lewis, Mia, Alfie, Alicia and Luca!



Zainab



Lewis



Mia



Alfie



Alicia



Luca

Faculty of the Week: English

Literary Focus Half Term 1 – CONNECTIVES

A connective is a word that joins one part of a text to another.

Connectives can be conjunctions, prepositions or adverbs.

Co-ordinating connectives (but and so) link words and phrases which are equally important.

Subordinating connectives (if, when, however, because, while) link a main clause with a subordinating clause. There are various kinds of connectives:

Adding	Time	Cause/Effect	Contrasting
and	next	because	however
moreover	then	therefore	alternatively
also	finally	so	although
as well as	meanwhile	consequently	except
furthermore	eventually	as a result of	unless

Using these accurately will improve the sophistication of your writing. Can you challenge yourself to use more connectives this week?

Teacher's Choice

Miss McQueen – The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett (Year 8): A brilliant book about healing, nature and finding hope after giving up. The end always makes me cry!

Miss Tunnicliffe – “All Quiet on the Western Front” by Erich Maria Remarque (Year 10): A World War One novel written from a German soldier’s perspective. The novel shows the equality between the soldiers on the front and the trials they face in combat.

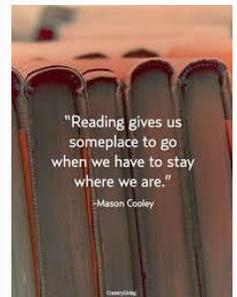
Mrs Kelly – “Looking for JJ” by Anne Cassidy (Year 8): Three young girls play in the woods but only two come back! A provoking tale of a child murderer who is desperately seeking a new life as an adult.

Mr Hayes – “The Switch” by Anthony Horowitz (Year 7): Thirteen year-old Bob has always wanted to be someone else. Then, one day, the unthinkable happens and he wakes up as someone completely different.

Mrs Vallender – “Peter Pan” by James Matthew Barrie (Year 7): A free-spirited and mischievous young boy who can fly and never grows up, Peter Pan spends his never-ending childhood having adventures on the mythical island of ‘Neverland’ as the leader of the Lost Boys, interacting with fairies, pirates, mermaids, Native Americans and occasionally ordinary children from the world outside Neverland. Love the escapism and Tinker Bell!

Mr Walsh – “Things a Bright Girl Can Do” by Sally Nicholls (Year 7/8): A fictional tale inspired by the true events of war-ridden England illustrating the power of young females and their ability to succeed in a world dominated by misogyny and societal stigma.

Miss Worrall – “Wonder” by R J Palacio (Year 7): Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie Pullman becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local school. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to accept him, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.



Faculty of the Week: English

Reading: Why is it important?

- “Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body!” (Joseph Addison)
- At Dean Trust Rose Bridge, we are proud of our reading culture. Reading is the foundation of the ability to learn and ultimately, the ability to function properly in an ever-changing society. It builds vocabulary, developing confidence and independence. It improves grammar and writing skills as well as enhancing imagination.
- As part of your child’s essential equipment for school, they should have a reading book with them every day. Making sure your child is reading a book at the appropriate reading age is vital for their development. Soon your child will complete a test which will tell them their reading age. Here are reading lists to help your child choose an appropriate book. Many of these books are available in our Rec Room.



Reading Lists

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks4-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-year-10-pupils-ks4-age-14-15/>

Rec Room News!

As many of you will know, the ‘Rec Room’ is what we call our Library at Dean Trust Rose Bridge. We are pleased to announce that we have just installed a brand new operating system, called ‘Reading Cloud’ which means that from now on it will be much easier to match up our pupils with a reading book they will enjoy. From now on, Mrs Worrall in the Rec Room will be able to tell pupils straightaway if the book they want is in stock. Books on loan to other users can be reserved, so that those on the waiting list can be informed as soon as the book they want is returned. There are some further changes for example, the loan period will now be two weeks, instead of the old open-ended system. Books can be renewed, however so they won’t have to be returned unfinished!

The new system gives us lots of new opportunities. All pupils will be able to open their own account on ‘Reading Cloud’, which they can use to keep track of books they have read and books they want to read. There will also be opportunities for pupils to post reviews of books they have read to let other readers know what they are like.

At Dean Trust Rose Bridge, the improvement of reading skills is massively important, as pupils need to be confident and quick readers in order to meet the demands of examinations and of course, as a vital skill throughout life. We hope that it will now be easier for them to the fulfil school expectation that they have a book in their bags at all times and that they complete a minimum of an hour of reading every week.



Meet the Department



Miss McQueen
Head of
Department



Miss
Tunnicliffe
Second in
Department



Mrs Vallender
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Walsh
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Kelly
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Hayes
Teacher
of English



Mrs Ashton
Teacher of
English



Miss Lawson
Teacher of
English



Miss Winrow
Teacher of
English

Faculty of the Week: English

Wigan Learning Partnership Governing Body – Election of one Parent Governor 2019-2023

Nominations are invited no later than **10.00am on Monday 30th September 2019** for the election of a Parent Governor to serve on the Governing Body of the Wigan Learning Partnership. The term of office will be for a maximum of four years commencing from the date the result of the election is declared.

Candidates must be a parent or have parental responsibility for a registered pupil in attendance at Dean Trust Rose Bridge on the day the nomination forms are distributed and who is willing to accept appointment if elected. Anyone who works for Dean Trust Rose Bridge for more than 500 hours in any school year is not eligible to stand for election as a Parent Governor. Nominations may be made by parents of registered pupils at Dean Trust Rose Bridge (this should not be the nominee). Parents are also asked to return a written statement of no more than 50 words in support of his/her nomination. The nomination form must be returned to Suzanne Strong, Clerk to Governors, **no later than 10.00am on Monday 30th September 2019**.

We look forward to receiving your nomination forms shortly.

Nomination forms and further details are available to download from the school website at: <https://www.deantrustrosebridge.co.uk/governance/parentgovernorvacancyseptember2019>

School Uniform

As the term gets underway we are now handing over uniform sales to Slaters School Wear. We believe this will allow families greater flexibility when they wish to purchase uniform. This will be effective from Friday 13th September when uniform sales on the Dean Trust Rose Bridge School Gateway will shut at midnight. Slaters School Wear will have stock of the uniform from **Wednesday 18th September 2019**.

Orders that have been placed with Dean Trust Rose Bridge (prior to 13th September) will be fulfilled as soon as stock is available and your child will be notified via their Form Teacher that their uniform is available for collection from Reception. Thank you.

Eco Club

Eco Club members were sent home at the end of term with pumpkin seeds to plant. Our club leader Mrs Norburn commented that she was pleased to discover that some had grown really well. Congratulations to pupil Pearl Barker on successfully growing the plant pictured! Mrs Norburn has also stated that this will be planted as the Dean Trust Rose Bridge pumpkin. Well Done Pearl!



Reward Tickets

Brogan Bowker was recently rewarded with two tickets to watch Manchester United vs Leicester on Saturday 14th September for showing a great attitude and having a positive start to his first week in Year 7.



Dean Trust Rose Bridge – Colleague of the Week

This week's winner is... Mrs B Blakeley

We would like to thank Mrs Blakeley for all her hard work and in undertaking further responsibilities over recent weeks.

