



NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st November 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back following the half term break. During the half term a group of our Year 9 pupils set off to enjoy the historic sites and beautiful city of Barcelona. They have returned refreshed and inspired, ready for the new term. Staff were also pleased to welcome a large number of pupils who attended the revision sessions provided in school for catch up and support, during the break.



Barry Bridden
Executive Headteacher

This week we launched the Hummingbird Project with Year 7 pupils. The aim of the programme is to explore practical ways in which we can positively impact on our mental health. I am looking forward to seeing the ideas develop and being put to great use now and in the future.

Dates for the diary

Careers Fair – 6th November

Pupils from Years 8 – Year 11 will all be able to visit our annual Careers Fair, where they will be able to speak to over 25 local employers and apprenticeship providers in school. This is an excellent opportunity to gain insights in to a wide range of career options and is always well attended. Parents and Carers of pupils from **all year groups**, are also welcome to attend from 3:15pm – 3:45pm. The event is being held in the sports hall and access to school is via the new pupil entrance on Holt Street, (via the back yard). We look forward to seeing you at the event.



Awards Evening – 21st November

We are hosting an event to celebrate the successes of pupils who have won awards across a number of categories, such as Duke of Edinburgh, Head of School Award and Achievements in subjects. Parents/Carers of pupils who have won awards will receive a letter in the post. The event will be held from 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

Awards Evening (Year 11 – 2018/2019) – 28th November

We are hosting an event to celebrate the successes of pupils who undertook their final exams in the summer. Parents/Carers of our school leavers will receive an invitation letter in the post. The evening commences at 6.30pm and there will be additional awards for attendance and subject areas during the evening.

We look forward to welcoming Parents/Carers and pupils to the events.

Faculty of the week: Pastoral

Year 7 It has been a very busy first half term for our new Year 7 pupils and they have settled in to life here at Dean Trust Rose Bridge really well. They have been enjoying lessons, particularly Food Technology and they have made some delicious treats already including cupcakes and bread. It has been great to see a number of Year 7 pupils also getting involved in extra curricular activities including rugby, football and even a new aquarium club in Science, looking after some tropical creatures including Axolotls and fish with Mr Hulton.

Staff are proud at the efforts being made by our Year 7. As part of our rewards system, staff can award points for being a good citizen, excellent academic achievement and effort. They have been achieving large numbers of positive points which are all recorded on classcharts. We have already have 55 pupils who have achieved + 100 or more points on class charts which is an amazing result.

The Hummingbird Project started this week, with our Year 7 pupils taking part in a six week project focusing on happiness, resilience and positive mental health. They really enjoyed the first session, learning new ways of staying mentally healthy which took place on Thursday.



Year 8 Pupils took part in a First Aid course last term, delivered in school by the charity Millie's Trust. Pupils were given training and engaged in the practical elements of the day achieving a certificate and gaining important skills that will last a lifetime.



A special mention goes to the following Year 8 pupils, for their achievements;

Kalel Griffiths - despite dedicating long hours every week to darts training and competitions to achieve his ambition of becoming a professional player, he remains an exemplary student in all aspects of classwork, homework, manners, and has 100% attendance this year.

Kaiden Jones - was rewarded with tickets for a match at Manchester United at the end of half term following an excellent start to Year 8 and for his interest and skills in football.



Alisha Round & Amy Tillotson were hugely successful at a recent morris dancing competition where their troupe came 2nd and were only ½ point off first place. Alisha was also awarded 'Leader of the Day' and 'Champion Leader of the Year'. Well done girls!

Girls Football – The Year 8 girls competed in the U14 Wigan Schools tournament this term. They showed excellent skills and resilience to finish third overall. This was brilliant achievement for the team as the majority of their opponents were a school year above them.



Dean Trust Rose Bridge – Colleague of the Week

This week's winner is; Miss Williams for the glowing feedback she has received for the training and support she has provided to trainee teachers since September. Thank you!



Faculty of the week: Pastoral

Year 9

A group of Year 9 pupils attended the school trip to Barcelona over half term, viewing Gaudi's frequent work in the city and touring Camp Nou. They also enjoyed a day trip to Port Aventura and visited the beautiful cathedral, La Sagrada Familia. Finally the trip ended with a relaxing day on the beach. We are proud that all the pupils continued to uphold our high standards throughout our trip to Barcelona.



Year 10 Some of our Year 10 pupils and staff recently attended a residential trip to Holcombe Moor Military Training Camp and experienced army life as part of an initiative to build up resilience, try new experiences and work as a team. They worked very hard over the two days and despite appalling weather conditions, enjoyed the trip immensely. This trip was arranged in conjunction with the Manchester United Youth Association as part of their youth mentoring initiative.



Year 11 Our Year 11 pupils have been working hard in preparation for their mock examinations which start week commencing 25th November. They have been making use of all resources to assist in their revision and are showing real commitment to their studies. A special mention goes to the following pupils;

Rebecca Cuff – is also one of our recently appointed prefects and an exemplary pupil in all aspects, recently receiving a Science, English and R.E. award.

Regan Baker - is always one of the first prefects to his duty, undertaking his duties diligently. Regan is always willing to help and is an excellent ambassador for the school.

Three of our Year 11 pupils, Cody Slater, Nikia Gaskell and Mia Thompson recently showcased their talents by taking part in the Brothers Beyond production which was staged Epstein Theatre in London.



Well done to all!

Meet the Team Pupil Support & Heads of Year



Mrs Raughter
Lead Pupil
Support Manager



Mrs Smith
PSM
Year 11



Mr White
Head of
Year 11



Miss Johnson
PSM
Year 10



Mr Volante
Head of
Year 10



Miss King
PSM
Year 9



Mr Shepherd
Head of
Year 9



Mrs Ashurst
PSM
Year 8



Miss Warren
Head of
Year 8



Mrs Jackson
PSM
Year 7



Mr Hulton
Head of
Year 7

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

This year we are supporting Operation Christmas Child which sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled boxes. All pupils have been given an opportunity to take a leaflet on how they can support this great event. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organisation. They ship these simple gifts outside the UK to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease.

- Find an empty shoebox- Wrap the lid and box separately in wrapping paper and decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl
- Remove the label and stick on the shoebox lid (Available from the staff room and prefects will bring some round). Tick the appropriate age box.
- Fill your box with gifts and make your donation. Please donate online in the first instance, if at all possible. If not, place £5 cash in the box to cover transportation costs.

Please note the list below on things to pack:

Toys – such as; playdough, bear, soft toy, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, blocks, small instrument, trucks/cars, dolls, play jewellery.

Educational supplies – such as; felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers.

Hygiene items – such as; toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, sponge/flannel.

Sports items – such as; tennis ball, skipping rope, baseball hat, small football, inflatable beach ball, ball, stopwatch, sweat bands, swim goggles, toy medals.

Other items – such as; sweets, hat, scarf, gloves, sunglasses, hat.

Please do not pack: food, medicine, war-related items, fragile items, liquids, dangerous items, novels, hand-knitted/stuffed toys without a CE mark or anything of a political nature.

Shoe boxes need to be returned to our reception by **Friday 15th November** so we can send joy to children around the world.



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Friday Fry Up – Attendance Reward

Pupils were rewarded with a Friday Fry-up on the last day of term to celebrate their 100% attendance in the first ½ term of the year. Heads of Year joined Mrs Edwards, Mrs Raughter and Mrs Halliwell in the monster task of cooking a tasty start to the day. Well done to all 319 pupils from across the school, more reward opportunities are planned so watch this space!

