



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th November 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has been a fantastic celebration of the success of our pupils and we welcomed back the 'Class of 2019' on Thursday evening. All pupils received congratulatory scrolls and certificates for high attainment and progress in subjects. It was fantastic to spend some quality time with them afterwards to hear about their college courses, ambitions for the future and for some, their career paths that have already begun. We have a number of events in the lead up to the end of term which will be shared with you next week.

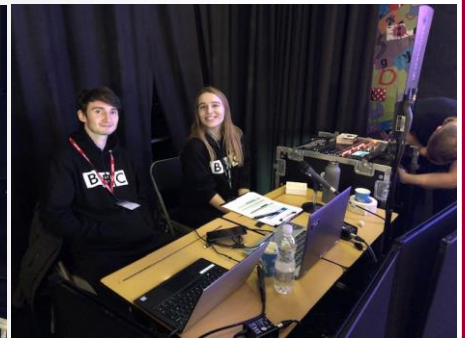


Barry Bridden
Executive Headteacher

We continued our focus on Careers education with a group of pupils attending a conference delivered by the NHS on career paths. On Friday the BBC team arrived to deliver a presentation which championed careers in the media industry with real BBC employees. It was great to see our pupils asking purposeful questions and the genuine excitement for what the future may hold. These events will continue throughout the year to maintain our focus on high aspirations.

BBC Bitesize Digital Careers Event

A crew from BBC Bitesize came into school to work with our Year 7 to 9 pupils as a fabulous opportunity for them to learn more about Careers in the digital sector. As well as finding out about the huge range of careers available they were able to ask questions of staff already in those roles in order gain a more in depth insight. This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and it was clear to see just how much they enjoyed it.



Pastoral Update : Year 10 Parent's evening Tuesday 3rd December, 4.30pm - 7.00pm.

Please can you ensure your reply slip is returned to school as soon as possible, your support on the evening is essential and we look forward to discussing your son/daughters progress so far this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Volante, Head of Year 10 at school.

Geography in the News:

It is impossible not to feel empathy for the people of rural New South Wales in the recent wild fire events. Four people have lost their lives and many people have had to evacuate their homes. However, this environment is not only home to people but to native species like koalas. Many have thought to have perished in the fires and local people are now risking their lives to rescue injured animals from the bushfires. Miss Williams recently adopted a koala named 'Elliot' located in the region of Australia and is still waiting for news that he has been saved. Let's hope he is found and has survived this ordeal. As geography staff we naturally link such natural disasters to an increase in global temperatures. Such events really do highlight how we need to act now and reduce the impacts of climate change.



MFL - ¡Hola! Pupils across all years have been developing their Spanish skills over a variety of different topics. Year 7 are currently learning how to describe family members and have been engaging with the activity 'One pen one dice'. Who knew translating could be so fun?

Year 8 have started a new topic comparing their favourite TV programmes. Listening skills have been a focus in lesson for Year 9 for their topic of "Disastrous Holidays" and they have been challenging themselves with delayed dictation and timed writing activities. Next week a group of Year 9 pupils have an exciting opportunity as they will be going to Manchester for a morning of language and culture workshops at 'Instituto Cervantes', this will be followed by lunch at a local Spanish restaurant. A reminder to bring letters and money in no later than Monday 2nd December 2019.

Year 10 are developing their speaking skills in line with the GCSE and are becoming more familiar with answering roleplay and photocard style questions. Year 11 are edging ever closer to their mock exams and have been working hard in lesson to improve their writing skills. Revision is on Thursdays every week after school.

A reminder for pupils to attend homework and revision clubs if they are struggling with their homework or classwork. There is plenty of opportunity to gain some support from your teacher before school, during lunchtime and after school.

During October half term, Year 9 pupils visited Barcelona for three nights. Pupils enjoyed fun filled days exploring Barcelona practicing their Spanish language at every given opportunity. A walking tour was first on the itinerary and pupils were able to do some sightseeing where they took in all of the Gaudi inspired architecture as well as a visit to the famous market on La Rambla. The day continued with a trip to the Nou Camp and finished with an authentic meal of tapas and Paella in a local restaurant. The following day pupils visited Porta Aventura Theme Park and although the weather wasn't great it didn't dampen anyone's spirits! After such a busy two days the last day called for a spot of souvenir shopping and some unwinding on the beach. Pupils and staff had a fantastic trip and are looking forward to planning another!



Religious Education

Key Stage 3

Year 7 have been studying the similarities and differences of world religions. Lessons have been engaging and thought provoking with pupils asking questions about Hinduism and Sikhism. In Year 8 pupils have been studying the work of Jesus and his miracles and using drama to express their understanding. In Year 9, the focus has been on the Christian views of the role of men and women. We have had lively discussions with pupils sharing their opinions regarding how some of these views could be perceived as being outdated in today's 21st Century. Pupils shared information about roles of men and women in their families and were keen to talk about the support that they offer too at home with younger siblings and working parents.

Key Stage 4

Pupils have been preparing for their mock exams using a variety of different revision techniques to see which one best suits them. We have focused on retrieval practice using the techniques below:

Retrieval Practice

Testing what you know is a powerful tool in revision, the effort to remember something really strengthens your memory

Apps such as Memorise and Quizlet allow you to use or create your own quizzes based on topics.

Create them, test yourself or get someone to test you, it's works!

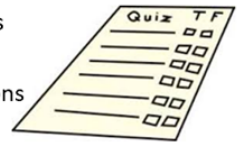
How to use in RE

Spaced	Knowledge Organisers	Factors/Causes/Consequences	Examples
Test on old and new topics mixed up	Use to create 'must know' quizzes for a topic	To identify 2-3 factors, reasons for different opinions and ideas	'Outline 3 features of...'

Types

There are a number of types you can create:

- Multiple Choice Questions
- True or False
- Short Explanation Questions
- Odd One Out
- If this is the answer then what is the question



Curriculum to Career – Religious Education -Diplomatic Service Officer:

Diplomatic Service Officers work for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) to protect and promote UK interests and support British citizens and businesses throughout the world

Salary: £28,000 - £45,000

Education needed: Any degree and entry is often through the Civil Service Fast-Track Scheme

Skills needed: An interest in foreign affairs and must be good at building working relationships

Geography

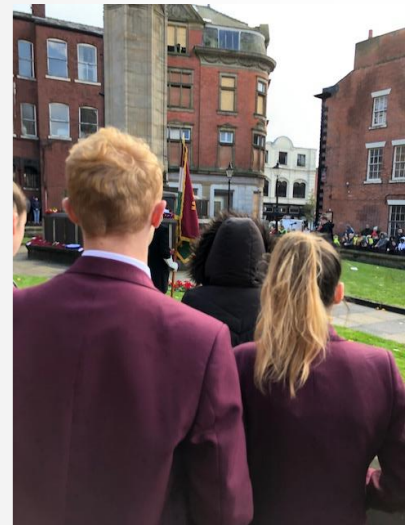
It has been a busy time in the Geography Department with Years 7-9 starting new topics focussing on the wonderfully diverse continents of Asia and Africa. In addition, mock examinations began this week for our Year 11 pupils with two papers to be sat in Geography. All pupils have been advised to revise both human and physical topics and to utilise our department revision guides and workbooks. It is of upmost importance that all pupils try their very best in all examinations.

Upcoming events in the geography department:

After the mocks, Year 11 will be conducting fieldwork as part of their GCSE course. Our entire cohort will be visiting Clapham in North Yorkshire to complete a river study as part of their physical geography field work. Our pupils will be putting on their 'wellies' and getting to grips with nature in the river calculating erosion rates and velocity change downstream. Fingers crossed for nice weather!

Remembrance Commemorations

Pupils were involved in 'Remembrance Day' commemorations, with the whole school involved in the British Legion's theme of 'Remember Together'. During PDC lessons pupils investigated the pioneering work of individuals during the First World War. For example the work of LB Robertson who created a method to give blood transfusions on the Western Front or H Boyle who created apparatus to offer anaesthetics to injured soldiers. In assembly pupils were supported in reflecting on the importance of Remembrance Day, they each made a poppy giving thanks to those who have served in conflicts since WW1 and some of these were displayed in the school gardens. Several pupils also represented DTRB by attending the Remembrance service at the Cenotaph in Wigan. In addition to listening to the service they laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Staff who attended with the pupils commented on the respectful conduct of the pupils.



Other news in the History Department:

Mock exams are currently underway for our Year 11 pupils. They are taking two mock papers, Crime and Punishment 1000AD – Present Day and Weimar and Nazi Germany 1919-1939. Well done to those pupils who have already been attending revision classes on Wednesday evenings after school.

A few events in History this month

1st November 1993 – The European Union came into existence after the Maastricht Treaty was signed.

3rd November 1534– Henry VIII became the Supreme Head of the Church of England

20th November 1944 – after 5 years the 'blackout' ended in London.

Famous Historians/people with a career in History

Jonathan Ross – the famous talk show host. He began his career using his history degree as a researcher and moved onto to other areas within the media. He uses the enquiry and questioning skills that historians need, when interviewing other celebrities.

Dean Trust Rose Bridge – Colleague of the Week

This week's winner is.....Mrs Lagar

We would like to thank Mrs Lagar for supporting staff across school during Mock Exams.



Meet the Faculty



Ms Hyde
Faculty Leader



Miss Waring
Teacher of
History



Miss Williams
Head of
Geography



Mrs Brady
Teacher of
Geography



Miss Batley
Teacher of
Geography



Mr Cunningham
Head of Modern
Foreign
Languages



Mrs Gibbard
Teacher of R.E
Assistant HT



Ms Brabin
Teacher of
Modern Foreign
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