



NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th February 2020

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a number of pupils take part in an academic 'scholars' programme (Brilliant Club) this term. This initiative aims to increase the number of pupils from under-represented backgrounds to progress to highly selective universities. Pupils involved in the programme had their graduation at the University of Manchester this week. It makes me exceptionally proud to see pupils from Dean Trust Rose Bridge in the headlines for their academic endeavour. Congratulations to all involved!

Have a good half term break. School will be open for timetabled Year 11 exam preparation and intervention sessions during half term, please check the timetable on the website



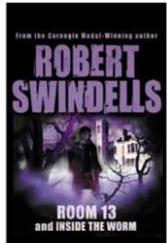
James Haseldine
Executive Headteacher



The Performing Arts Department had the pleasure of taking 5 of our outstanding pupils to a 'Musical Theatre Masterclass' at Wigan and Leigh College that gave them a flavour of what would be expected if they were to train, rehearse and attend auditions for work. Pupils completed a gruelling fitness class, some hints for vocal improvement and challenging choreography to the Greatest Showman song 'From Now On'. They were pushed out of their comfort zone to think beyond the techniques and steps and shown how to stand out during an audition, creating an instant impression. I was so proud of how all the pupils conducted themselves, showing resilience and passion during the afternoon, resulting in 2 of our pupils chosen as the final 2!!!! Well done Y10, your future is very bright.

Book of the week

This week's book is 'Room Thirteen' by Robert Swindells. It seems like an ordinary school trip to the seaside.....who would have thought that there would be a vampire on the loose? Will Fliss survive her visit to the 'Room of Doom'?



Half Term Revision for Year 11

With **only 9 school weeks** left until the first official GCSE examination, please encourage your child to revise.

We will be running a series of revision classes during the half term break and I would ask for your support in encouraging them to attend.

Further details of useful revision sites and a timetable of half term activities can be found by visiting the school website:

<https://www.deantrustrosebridge.co.uk/year-11-study-support/>

Faculty of the Week: Humanities

History

This week was the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the death camp, Auschwitz. The number of survivors, understandably, are declining but as E Wiesel said "To forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time." Consequently, as part of these commemorations, pupils have been learning more about the Holocaust and genocide in their PDC lessons.

Each year group sat and listened respectfully to an assembly that informed them of not only atrocities inflicted on people from the Nazis, but also people from Cambodia and Dafur in more recent persecutions. Using information from the assembly and their form tutors, each pupil has produced a piece of work that later next week form captains will be using to creating a collaborative contribution of our thoughts regarding the Holocaust and overcoming discrimination and prejudice.

Year 7 pupils have been studying the contenders for the throne in 1066 over the last couple of weeks and beginning to learn about the Battle of Hastings. They have taken it in turn to present their cases on who they think should be the next King of England and there have been some surprising results! As it is National Storytelling Week, they have been reading Horrible Histories and the rivalry between brothers Harold Godwinson and Tostig,

Year 9 pupils have some big decisions to make in the next few weeks regarding their options. In history, we have given pupils a small taste of what they can expect to study at GCSE. Pupils worked in groups to investigate the lives of Plains Indians and White Settlers in the 1830's. Using different artefacts and images pupils examined the reasons for conflict and suggested ways that conflict could be avoided whilst allowing both groups to live on the American Plains. They worked brilliantly and came up with very sophisticated ideas as to how each group could live harmoniously without upsetting the other.



Geography

Last week the Geography Department carried out local fieldwork to provide a taster of GCSE Geography with all of our Year 9 pupils. The pupils completed primary data collection in the form of environmental quality surveys and field sketches across two sites. Back in class, pupils are completing work to try and prove or disprove the hypothesis "The environmental quality of the canal will be better than Holt Street". This work will include data presentation, analysis and evaluation. This class work will be great preparation for some of the requirements GCSE Geography.



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Key Stage 3

Congratulations to our pupils in Years 7,8 and 9 who have been awarded departmental badges so far this half term for their excellent attitude and work ethic in Spanish. Isabel F, Samuel L and Liam M.

Year 9 have received a Spanish GCSE Options Assembly to give pupils an insight into the benefits of studying a language at GCSE and how having language skills can help pupils really stand out from the crowd and be extremely useful in further education and across a wide range of jobs and careers

Year 9 have are studying the topic of 'holidays' and are learning how to make complaints at a hotel. A particular highlight was Archie B's effort in lesson when performing as a hotel receptionist in class "¡muy gracioso!"

Modern Foreign Languages

Year 7 have just finished their 'mi vida' topic. They have now learnt how to describe themselves and other people. 7X1 worked really well in a lesson dedicated to developing the speaking skill, where they had to play a game of Guess Who in Spanish.

Year 11 pupils have been visited every Monday by Spanish pupils from Winstanley College. The pupils have been helping our pupils practice and prepare for their Spanish speaking exams. All Year 11's attitude and maturity has been absolutely fantastic in these sessions and they have been a credit to the school, well done!



- **Congratulations: Humanities pupils of the week are:**
- Year 11 – C Slater
- Year 10 – M Webster
- Year 9 – E Pennington
- Year 8 – S Lovas
- Year 7 – S Holcroft

Faculty of the Week: Humanities

Religious Education

In Year 11 RE pupils spent a day off timetable preparing for their exams. They covered key knowledge for Paper 2 and lots of exam skill which left them feeling full of confidence. The pupils were a credit to themselves and worked really hard showing a mature approach to their studies”

Year 9 Mock Trial

Several Year 9 pupils were invited to Bolton 6th Form College to participate in a mock trial and carry out the role of being part of the jury. Having listened carefully to the evidence from the prosecution and defence, pupils had to reach a verdict of guilty or not guilty. Our pupils weighed up the evidence and with other pupils from other local schools and reached a not guilty verdict. Our pupils were a credit to the school, especially Tommy T who contributed brilliantly to the summing up of the trial.



Dean Trust Rose Bridge Vision for Careers

At Dean Trust Rose Bridge, Careers Education, Information Advice and Guidance is a part of every pupil's entitlement. We are committed to providing high quality, impartial careers guidance which will help pupils to make informed choices about which courses suit their academic needs and aspirations. We use a variety of learning experiences to help young people manage the key decision points in their lives. The education they receive prepares them to make informed decisions about the next learning or employment stage for them. We value pupil feedback and ask for pupil evaluation after each event. In this way our strategy is continually being reviewed and updated to meet the needs of our learners.

Just this week we have re-launched the careers section of our website to showcase all the fantastic opportunities we provide in school, to show case our fantastic pupil voice from this half term and to give parents access to key information to help them support their children in the next stages of their education. Please visit: <https://www.deantrustrosebridge.co.uk/curriculum-2/careers-education/>

We would love parent feedback. What is it you as parents want to be able to find out via our website about our careers provision here at DTRB? Is there anything you want to know that you can't easily find out from our website? Please speak to Mrs Gibbard if you would like to share your views.