THE DEAN TRUST
Ashton on Mersey School

NEWSLETTER

28th March 2025

Headteacher Message

Mr McConaghie
Headteacher

Ashton on Mersey Sixth Form's fundraising team have rallied the school community to raise funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). Ice creams and Krispy Kremes have been enjoyed by many of our pupils this week whilst Wax the Teacher and Hair Down Day has raised a significant sum (the exact amount to be confirmed soon) for our chosen charity. Donations are still welcomed. Thank you for the support.

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Cardiac Risk in the Young

I should take this opportunity to remind pupils that school closes for the Easter break on Thursday 3rd April and reopens on Tuesday 22nd April.

Have a great weekend.

Key Dates

- Wednesday 2nd April – Year 10 Photography Trip
- Thursday 3rd – Sunday 6th April – Trip to Seville
- Thursday 3rd April – GCSE Drama Practical
- Thursday 3rd April – School Closes to pupils for Easter Half Term (normal time)
- Monday 6th – Wednesday 9th April – Year 11 & 10 Easter Revision and coursework sessions
  (Parents/Carers will have received information via MCAS for pupil sign-up)
- Tuesday 22nd April – School reopens to pupils

Sixth Form fundraising week

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the fundraising week. The Sixth Form staff and students have worked tirelessly to put on a fantastic week of fundraising activities. The grand total will be revealed in next week's newsletter. If you would like to donate, please use the barcode below.

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Cardiac Risk in the Young

Computer Science

Retrieval in Computer Science

As all Computer Science lessons are timetabled in our high quality computer suites, both staff and pupils have the advantage of using technology to help remember what has been taught. During this term the Computer Science teaching team have been working tirelessly to embed new retrieval tasks in order to prepare pupils for their upcoming end of term assessments, and for the GCSE exams. There have been some new additions to the commonly used platforms we have here in school and the faculty has been testing them out with great success.

Enrichment opportunities

On Friday 5th March, Mr Moore and the Year 12 BTEC Creative Digital Media Production students visited the Trafford job fair in The Trafford Centre. This gave the sixth form students their first opportunity to engage and link with professionals in the media industry to allow them to begin their online digital media portfolio and networking unit. By the end of their course, they will have created their own online digital portfolio of work, alongside their own professional social media account, allowing them to progress into further careers in the industry if they wish.

Computer Science

Exam and Coursework success

Recently the department had some results for external exams in Year 12 and external moderation of coursework in Year 11 with fantastic results. **78%** of pupils achieved a **Merit or above** in their Unit 8 exam, led by Mr Bott, which are the best results we have ever achieved in the faculty in this unit. Additionally our Year 11 pupils internally assessed but externally verified coursework results report was returned with outstanding success. **43% of pupils** achieved at least a **Level 2 Distinction** grade in their coursework (equivalent to a grade 7 and above). 89% of pupils achieved a Level 2 Pass or above (equivalent to a grade 4 and above). These are fantastic results, and will support pupils in their final task which is the exam on **Tuesday 10th June.**

Easter School boosters

Over the Easter Holidays, the Computer Science team will be offering some booster sessions for the various qualifications we have on offer. The table below outlines what is in store and how this can help your child.

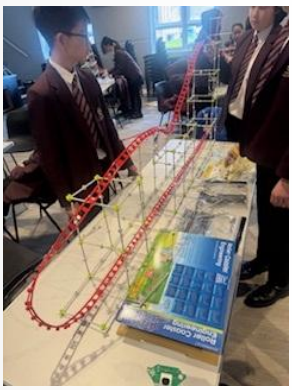
Year 11 GCSE Computer Science Revision booster				
Staff	**Location**	**Day**	**Times**	**Signup link**
Mr Lawson	Room 3	Monday 7th April	10:00 - 12:00	https://forms.gle/PCy69zD2VGmwJkFM8
Year 10 OCR Creative iMedia catchup				
Staff	**Location**	**Day**	**Times**	**Signup link**
Ms Pepper	Room 1	Wednesday 9th April	10:00 - 12:00	https://forms.gle/u561Zq6BG6bpSGCc9
Ms Pepper	Room 1	Wednesday 9th April	12:30 - 2:30	
Staff	**Location**	**Day**	**Times**	
Mr Lawson	Room 3	Tuesday 8th April	10:00 - 12:00	All pupils encouraged to attend, letters will be sent out in lesson week beginning 31st march
Mr Lawson	Room 3	Tuesday 8th April	12:30 - 2:30	

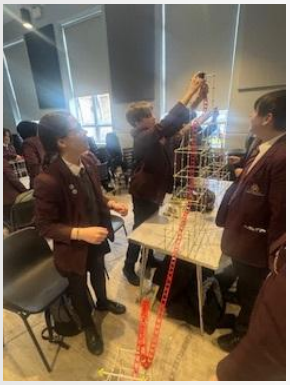
STEM Workshop

The Engineering Development Trust (EDT) Industrial Cadets came into school this week to deliver a workshop for 60 of our Year 8 pupils, to help them achieve their cadet challenger award.

The scheme was developed by the EDT to inspire young people through industry-based experiences. It provides a benchmark accreditation and maps activities against a skills and competency framework.

The workshop was based on the physics of structures and roller-coasters Pupils worked in teams to produce a solution to get the longest run time on a track. All pupils engaged really well with the activities and enjoyed the programme.





Congratulations

Congratulations to the Year 8 rugby team who put in a great performance at this week's finals at Trafford MV.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlotte in Year 7 who was recently invited to attend a boxing tournament in Copenhagen. It was a fabulous opportunity to practice her skills at a high level. Well done Charlotte.

Photography

On Tuesday this week, some of our Year 10 photography pupils went on a trip around Manchester City centre. The trip was an incredible success, all the pupils were exceptionally well-behaved, captured stunning images, and made the experience truly amazing.

Each pupil captured the essence of urban life as we began our journey. We started at the historic Castlefield canals, moved through the commercial district of Spinningfields, explored the lively atmosphere of Deansgate, and took in the essence of city life along the bustling streets of Market Street through to Piccadilly Gardens. Our journey continued through the characterful Northern Quarter before concluding at the heart of Manchester's public transport network at Piccadilly Station.

Wellbeing

This week, Ashton on Mersey staff got to meet our school volunteer therapy dog's puppies, as part of our staff wellbeing focus this term.

Star of the week

Well done to all pupils who received star of the week this week, each nomination has been linked to one of our school values.

Ambition

Jake Batty, 7AMH – Nominated by Miss Forber for hard work and determination in Art and Design. Jake managed to produce a fantastic observation outcome in limited lesson time than his peers.

Mikey Gray, 7PAC – Nominated by Mrs Higgins & Mrs Mungovan for making great strides in school and for always listening and implementing advice given to help reach new goals.

Harry Corrigan, 8TRL – Nominated by Mr Moore for working extremely hard and gaining a fantastic result in his end of term assessment in Computer Science. Well done!

Elliott Dennett, 12JAM – Nominated by Mr Moore for achieving the highest grade in the year for his unit 8 exam. Well done!

Madison Berry, 12AXB – Nominated by Mr Moore for achieving the highest grade in the year for her unit 5 exam. Well done!

Sava Koprivica, 7PEG – Nominated by Miss Cockayne for excellent quality of artwork produced. What a star!

Leonidas Tsafas, 11ASM – Nominated by Ms Buckley, Leon is pushing himself to achieve an excellent grade in maths, approaching each topic with enthusiasm and ambition. Well done, Leon!

Star of the week

Resilience

Doruk Tsang, 7JEH – Nominated by Mr Gill for consistent hard work in Science lessons.

Eleanor Jones, 10KRK – Nominated by Mr Moore for showing outstanding effort and resilience in coursework effort this term. Well done!

Georgie Bloss, 8PLS – Nominated by Mr Gill for consistent hard work in Science lessons.

Heidi McGivern, 11MAH – Nominated by Mr Evans for working hard to improve attendance, showing great maturity in getting the best out of her education.

Caleb Fallon-Hacking, 9JED – Nominated by Mr Gill for consistent hard work in Science lessons.

Theo Kilbey, 10DAS – Nominated by Mrs Evans for working hard to maintain his 100% attendance this year. This has included ensuring he comes back into school, where appointments have been unavoidable. Well done, Theo

Sophia Adali-Pritchard, 10RAG – Nominated by Mr Gill for consistent hard work in Science lessons.

Maryam Baradie, 8TRL – Nominated by Mrs Evans for great improvement to attendance this year. Great work, Maryam!

Ava Minto, 11CHP – Nominated by Mr Gill for consistent hard work in Science lessons.

Sophie Kent, 12SUE – Nominated by Mr Gill for consistent hard work in Science lessons.

Compassion

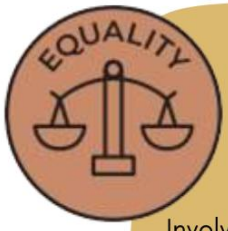
Rose Dulieu, 10NIC – Nominated by Mr Lawson, Rose has been extremely positive in Creative iMedia over the past few weeks, she has been attending interventions and helping other pupils in class with their work.

Lyla Crowther, 7BEA – Nominated by Ms Buckley, Lyla is an asset to 7BEA, she is working incredibly hard in maths and making great progress, as well as always offering to help with jobs and showing kindness and compassion towards her fellow pupils. Well done, Lyla!

Integrity

Dylan Nelson, 7YOR – Nominated by Miss Pepper for having an amazing week and completing work to a really good standard. Well done, Dylan!

Culture Challenge



Equality

Involvement in a form culture calendar assembly

Enrichment points for an extra-curricular activity linked to promoting Equality

Star of the week or a Head of Year reward for Equality

Compassion

Recognition from HOY/PSM for supporting a friend in a time of need

Positive Bromcom points for 'social progress'

Star of the week, a praise postcard or a Head of Year reward for 'Compassion'

Integrity

Volunteer for a leadership role in school

Bromcom points for 'positive contribution'

Bromcom points for 'excellent homework'

Star of the week, a praise postcard or a Head of Year reward for 'Integrity'

Ambition

Subject award on Bromcom

Bromcom points for 'good academic progress'

Bromcom points for 'hardworking'

Bromcom points for 'committed or outstanding behaviour for progress

Star of the week, a praise postcard or a Head of Year reward for 'Ambition'

Respect

Bromcom points for 'being respectful'

Bromcom points for 'being helpful'

Star of the week, a praise postcard or a Head of Year reward for Respect

Resilience

Bromcom points for '100% attendance'

Enrichment points for sustained attendance at an extra-curricular activity

Star of the week, a praise postcard or a Head of Year reward for 'resilience'