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Weekly News

Headteacher's Message: This week our students have been involved in visits to deepen and enrich their curriculum. Our performing arts pupils attended a work-shop and performance at the Lowry Theatre, whilst our year 8 geographers braved the weather during an exciting visit to Ingleton caves. Both visits brought the curriculum to life for these pupils. It was also fantastic to celebrate with pupils, parents / carers and staff in our first ever Hall Awards evening. A number of pupils were recognised for their excellent contribution to this school.

48 Geographers Visit Ingleborough Caves

48 Geographers visited Ingleborough caves on Tuesday this week. As part of their adventure landscapes unit they have been looking at underground caves and the formations inside them. We arrived in the village of Ingleborough in the morning before we began an ascent up through the woodland along the river towards the entrance of the caves. Staff and students got to see real examples of the speleothems (cave formations) such as stalactites and stalagmites. Many of our students contributed to a discussion about how they were formed, consolidating their learning from class. Their attitude, manners and engagement were commented on by the tour guides, in particular from Dave Cordingly who we later found out was one of the men who discovered Titan! Another area we have recently studied!



Super League Scholarship

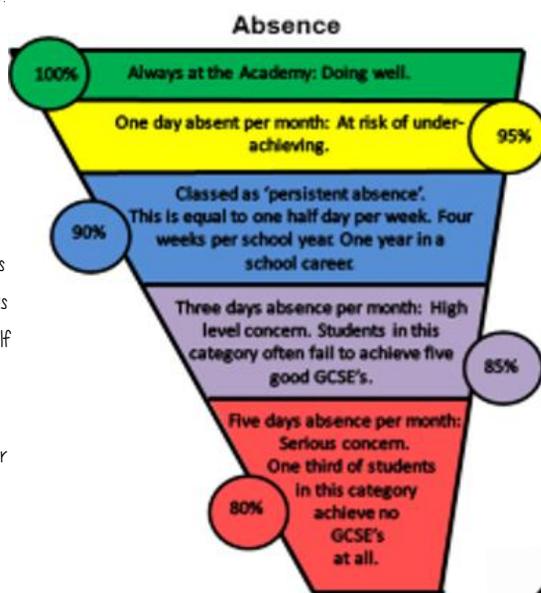
Jack Houghton from 10J has been awarded a two year scholarship at super league club Warrington Wolves. This is a tremendous achievement. Jack was spotted whilst playing for Thatto Heath Crusaders, being coached by Warrington's ex star player Lee Briers. Jack plays the position of loose forward and hopes to go on to follow in the footsteps of Wigan Rugby League captain Sean O Loughlin.



Attendance Targets

Individual attendance targets at Dean Trust Wigan are set at 97%. To achieve this target a pupil must have no more than 5 days absence from school in any year. We are introducing new ways to monitor and reward attendance this year including 'return to school interviews' following periods of absence and regular prize draws for pupils with 100% attendance. If you feel that you would like support to improve the attendance of your son/ daughter or if you have any queries regarding our systems please contact their Head of Year.

Attendance Target = 97%
You need to have fewer than 5 schools days absence to reach this target.



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Dean Trust Wigan Hall Celebration Evening

On Thursday 5th October Dean Trust Wigan held the first Hall celebration evening. The aim of the evening was to celebrate the fantastic effort and engagement students across all four halls have displayed. Each hall awarded prizes to students who have shown commitment to extra curricular activities and have exemplary attendance and punctuality. An overall hall student was also awarded. There was also four amazing performances, one from each hall. The students who were awarded should be extremely proud of themselves, they displayed their hall characteristics and are fantastic ambassadors for their halls and the school. It was a wonderful event and it was great to see so many of our students family and friends attend.



Kicks

Latics in the community are running football and multi sports sessions free of charge for young people from Y7 – 11 here at Dean Trust Wigan

Mondays 6pm – 7pm Astroturf
Fridays 5pm – 7pm Sports Hall

Wear your own clothes
Bring your friends
FREE to take part

Just turn up on the night!

Y10 & Y11 Futures Fair

Y10 & Y11 Futures Fair Wednesday 18th October 5 pm – 8pm.

Letters have been sent to parents/carers about our highly successful upcoming Futures Fair later this term. Look out for more details of this exciting event for parents/carers and pupils in next week's newsletter.



Theatre Trip

On Friday 29th September, students from years 9, 10 and 11 who study Performing Arts went on a theatre trip to The Lowry. The students watched performances from Rambert Dance Company, Britain's flagship contemporary dance company. The performance was a great insight into how the company works, Mark Baldwin (the artistic director) explained the dance pieces before they were staged and the company's rehearsal director ran a class on stage so students could see how the performers prepared for a show.

The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the show and were well and truly astonished by the amazing technique and athleticism shown by the dancers. Mrs Taylor, Miss Backhouse and Mr Callaghan were also incredibly proud to take such a smart, well behaved and polite group of students to the performance. The Lowry staff commented on the exceptional engagement of our students. Well done!