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# Weekly News

**Headteacher's Message:** The first half-term of the year has gone at lightening pace. I would like to thank all our pupils and staff for the incredible amount of hard work they have completed in these first weeks. During this half-term a number of visitors have been in school from our wider Trust, parents / carers and other interested groups. It has been a pleasure to show visitors round the school at work and hear how impressed they are at the quiet, purposeful atmosphere. I would also like to thank parents / carers for their support in continuing to raise the standards of uniform across the pupils. We should all be very proud of the positive impression our pupils give of Dean Trust Wigan. Finally, I hope you all enjoy the break and return well rested to school at 8.25am on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## Pemberton Festival

Dean Trust Wigan hosted a performance showcase as part of the Pemberton Community Festival. This year we took the opportunity to showcase our talented KS4 Performing Arts students across years 9,10 and 11. We were entertained by musicians, actors and dancers who showed just how hard they are working in and out of lessons. Events like this are so important to our students and an integral part of the performing arts course at GCSE and BTEC level. We would like to thank Stephen Southern and the organisers of Pemberton festival for inviting us to take part. A massive well done to all the students who took part, they are all so talented and we are very proud to have them as members of Dean Trust Wigan.



## Callum Gregory Scholarship



Callum Gregory from 10Q has been awarded a two year scholarship at super league club Warrington Wolves. This is a tremendous achievement. Callum was spotted whilst playing for Thattotheth Crusaders, being coached by Warrington's ex star player Lee Briers. Callum plays the position of full back and hopes to go on to follow in the footsteps of world famous full back, Billy Slater. Good luck Callum!

## Futures Fair 2017 Success... Again!

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October DTW hosted the 2017 Futures fair. We had over 200 attendees come to engage with a whole host of providers including colleges, universities, employers, apprenticeship providers, the forces and services and more. On an evening fueled by complimentary pie and peas, parents/carers and pupils received advice and guidance on opportunities regarding their next steps. Presentations were also delivered by senior staff that reinforced the key changes to GCSE assessments, the DNA of successful pupils, the importance of attendance and the selection of appropriate level courses following leaving school. Further guidance was provided for parents/carers regarding study skills and how parents/carers can help their children to maximize their revision and exam preparation. Each attendee received a revision resource pack to support and enthuse pupils in their revision.



## St Thomas the Martyr enjoy the French Café

St Thomas the Martyr primary school took advantage of Dean Trust Wigan's facilities this Thursday and visited the French café! All orders were completed in French and the pupils also enjoyed using the props to have their pictures taken. *C'est magnifique!*



## Year 11 PE Students Visit Howe Bridge

Our year 11 students have been enjoying the new options available in core PE. The students pick their preferred activity and each Friday spend the afternoon improving skills, developing fitness, playing competitive sport, experiencing new activities and having fun! These lucky students have been enjoying climbing and using the skate park at Howe Bridge.



## Dean Trust Wigan U8 Rugby Team

On Tuesday, a group of enthusiastic rugby league players travelled to North Manchester RUFC to try their hand at some Rugby Union. They attended an 'Emerging Schools Festival' run by the RFU. They boys responded very well to being 'thrown in at the deep end', and despite their very limited knowledge of Union, they quickly adapted to the nuances of the game. By the end of the afternoon they played some excellent rugby and are already looking forward to some additional fixtures

