



# #TEAM DEYES NEWSLETTER

December 2023



## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Christmas newsletter from Deyes High which is full of stories about the many events and amazing achievements of our students from the last half term. I hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as I have



Certainly there are many, many students who have exemplified the Deyes values in everything they have done. We couldn't be more proud of them. It has been a long and busy term. Both staff and students are looking forward to their break very much!

I would like to wish our students, staff, families/carers and all in the Deyes community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2024 will be an exciting year for Deyes High School. I hope it is a successful one for everyone.

With kindest wishes,

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Students Celebrated at Award Evening

In October, we hosted our annual Awards Evening. Over 130 awards were presented for a variety of different achievements. Each year group recognised students for Academic Achievement and contributions to the wider school community through our Pastoral Awards. We also recognised students' achievements through our individual Subject Awards.

These awards are particularly meaningful as they recognised students' achievement, not only academically but also through their attitude to learning and overall contributions in lessons during the year.

We also recognised last year's Year 11 students for their excellent results and welcomed back our Year 13 leavers who have now started their higher education journey in various universities across the country.

We would like to thank all pupils who attended the evening and their parents and guardians, who were been very proud to watch their children collect awards.

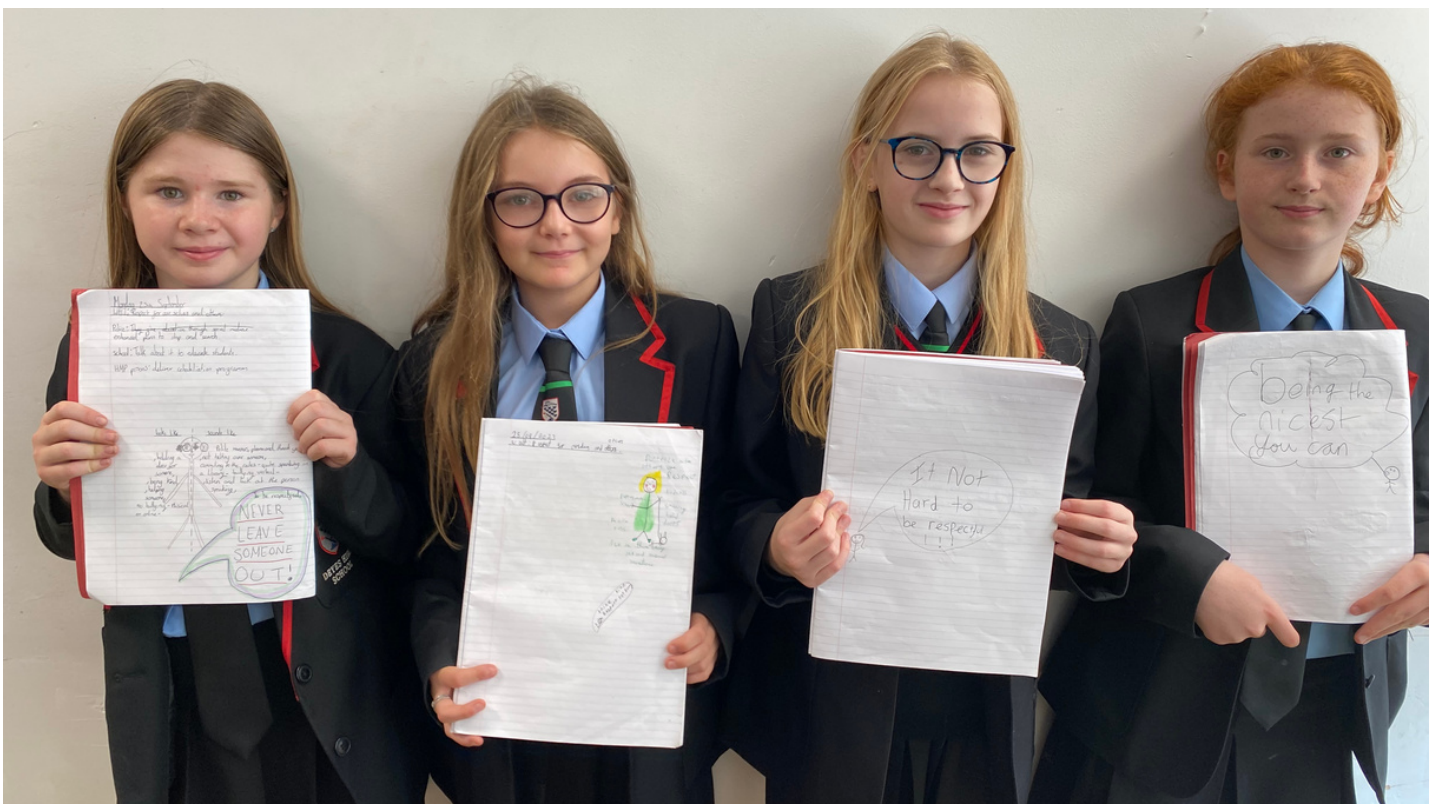


# SCHOOL NEWS

## Social Media Kindness Day

In November, we participated in Social Media Kindness Day, an annual event dedicated to promoting positivity, empathy, and kindness in the digital world.

We ran a PEAK session for all students where we talked about the importance of being kind to others and asked students to write positive hashtags. Students also wrote respect messages in their PEAK books.



#sharingiscaring #justbekind

#treatothershowyouwanttobetreated

#spreadthelove #bepositive

#stopbullying #dontbeabullybeafriend

#endbullying #safezone #love>hate

#kindnessiscool #staykindforcaroline

#don't be mean, there's a face behind the screen

#pushthepositivity!

#Acknowledgeandbeacknowledged #schoolissafe

#kindnesscosts£0 #takeachillpill

#Thinkbeforeyouspeak #berespectful #showlove



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Splendid Year 7 Science Show

This term, our year 7s took part in a research project of their choice at home. They came up with a hypothesis, collected results and drew conclusions from their experiments.

Dr Lally, Director of Learning Science and Technology, said: "The quality of every project was outstanding. The projects were very imaginative. We were very impressed with the hard work that everyone put into their projects, and it was lovely to see how much care was taken. It was great to see that everyone learned a little more about how the world of science works, through research, observation, and experimentation."

Some of the best projects were displayed during a celebration event where Dr Lally and other Science Department teachers judged projects. [Click here to watch a video showing our award winners.](#)

A massive congratulations to every student who took part.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## New School Build Fundraising Update

It was Giving Tuesday recently and we'd like to thank our school community for raising £4,500 towards our new school build fund! This will fund an entire classroom in our new school. If you'd like to make a donation, please do so via ParentPay or email [charity@deyeshigh.co.uk](mailto:charity@deyeshigh.co.uk).



Work on our brand new school building is progressing well and we can't wait to move in next year. We're fundraising to purchase new furniture and kit for our new classrooms. If you'd like to support us, [click here for more information](#).



# NEW BUILD

## New School Build Timeline

**June 2022 - Planning Permission granted**

**August 2022 - Groundbreaking**

**September 2022 - Reduce level dig**

**October 2022 - Foundations**

**November 2022 - Structural steel and drainage**

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**January 2023 - Pre-cast concrete plank installation**

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**February 2023 - Concrete topping**

**March 2023 - Roof and walls constructed**

**March 2023 - Facade works**

**April 2023 - Brickwork**

**May 2023 - Internal fit out**

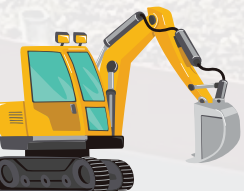
**July 2023 - Curtain walling and cladding**

**September 2023 - Parapet cappings and stair cores**

**October 2023 - External Works Hard & Soft Landscaping**

**April 2024 - Handover**

**April 2024 - Phase Two begins**



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Year 9 Battlefields trip

In October, our Year 9 students embarked on a Battlefields trip to France where they visited the site of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and the Battle of the Somme.

The trip encouraged our students to reflect on the bravery and selflessness of those who fought for our freedom and pay tribute to their memory.

It is a trip we are sure they will never forget.



## Y12 Tour University of Liverpool

Our Year 12 students visited the University of Liverpool last week to see what university is all about. They toured the campus and had an overview about what life is like as a university student as well as which courses are on offer. At College@Deyes, we want every student to explore Higher Education for the subjects they study. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were exemplary throughout the whole day.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Deyes Enrich Green Park CPDL

Mr Lock and Mr. Norbury, Design Technology and Engineering Teacher have been working with Green Park Primary School on their Design and Technology curriculum.

The Deyes team have been working with pupils in the summer term on a STEM project and were invited to offer our expertise on the key stage 1 and 2 curriculum.

They held a Q&A session on what we thought about the resources they were using and how they might approach the teaching aspects of it. By the end of the session we were all in agreement that everything was suitable and the team are now raring to go.

The DT Department look forward to working with Green Park in the Spring and Summer terms when we will be hosting more STEM clubs for their pupils in years 5 and 6.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## Deyes Duck Dolly's New Home

Many students will have noticed the lone duck that was left by its family in the quad area of the Lydiate block. It was believed that she had a broken wing so was unable to fly. Lots of staff and students checked on her welfare and lovely Jen from our premises team provided food for her. She made lots of human friends and was very vocal especially when swimming in her little pond. However, as the winter approached we were all very concerned about her welfare.

Dolly was finally caught and was taken to Brambles Wildlife Rescue Centre. She has since had an Xray on her leg and wings and was found to have a damaged tail as a result of an attack when she was a baby duckling. She is now on a course of anti-inflammatory medication and painkillers in the hope of a recovery. It's unknown whether or not she'll be able to fly however she will eventually be placed in a suitable new home with other ducks. Brambles have kept us updated on her progress and sent photographs of her enjoying a bit of TLC and sunshine.

If you'd like to make a donation to [Brambles Wildlife Rescue Centre](#) please use the following details. Sort Code: 40-12-13 Acc: 82284723



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Your Best Deyes

In February 2023, we launched our new whole school award programme, Your Best Deyes, All students can complete a series of challenges for their year group, working towards a badge they can wear with pride. The challenges engage students in all aspects of school life whilst also empowering them to try new activities and develop new skills.

The achievement criteria vary by age group but include activities such as:

- Regularly attend an enrichment activity
- To represent the school in sports, contribute to Performing Arts events or subject specific event
- To attend cultural or sports events outside of school
- To have at least 'good' (97%) attendance
- To read aloud during Project L on 3 or more occasions and engage in wider reading
- Contribute to a whole school event

Well done to all students who have now completed their Your Best Days challenges and received their badges and certificates.

For more information about Your Best Deyes, [click here](#).



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Deyes Reverse Advent Collection

Our school community is supporting our local families who are going through a difficult time to help make the festive season a little easier.

Our Reverse Advent took place from Monday 27th November – Monday 11th December. Thanks to our Year 7 Enterprise students and Year 11 Careers Ambassadors who have worked very hard to co-ordinate the campaign. Thanks also go to students, friends, families and members of the community for their generous donations.

We would also like to thank the customers of Morrison's Maghull for their in-store donations and Morrisons Maghull for supporting our campaign.

The food and toiletry items were donated to The Big Help Project to support local families. Thank you for supporting our appeal.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Mission Christmas for Deyes Students

We were asked by Mrs Bradshaw to take part in a community project to show everybody what Team Deyes is all about. Our aim was to raise money for the Mission Christmas Cash for Kids appeal that provides gifts for children living in poverty. We went to Morrisons to help pack people's bags in exchange for cash donations. Lots of people came and were really generous in giving us their spare change. One lovely man even gave £5 note and Laila's Nan gave us cookies, which Mrs Bradshaw insisted on trying as 'quality control'!

We had lots of lovely chats with Morrisons staff and customers. When we counted the money, we had raised £92. We were delighted that we'd helped less fortunate children get gifts for Christmas.

By Summer and Khloe

Well done Summer, Khloe, Florence, Imogen and Mollie for being excellent Community Ambassadors, we're very proud of you.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Christmas Jumper Day

We held a Christmas Jumper Day for students and staff earlier this month. We proudly wore our festive jumpers and accessories to raise money for our new school build fund and also made a donation to Save the Children UK.

Many thanks for your support!



# CAREERS

## New School Build Tours

Our Careers team takes students to the new build to learn about construction careers each week. Since tours started last year, more than 300 students have participated in tours.

Students are now considering construction careers from bricklaying and plumbing to architecture and health and safety and have learnt about apprentice and graduate opportunities at Kier.

Subject leaders have also arranged tours to provide real world learning opportunities and also arranged tours and talk for GCSE Construction and A-Level Geography students recently.



# CAREERS

## Year 11 & 13 Careers Conversations

This half term, our Year 11 and 13 students have attended Careers Conversations, which will continue next year. In the meetings, students are given impartial career advice and guidance to ensure that they meet their aspirations and capitalise on opportunities. Students in Years 7-13 can also make appointments with Mrs Dainton King, our Careers and Employer Engagement Manager. Careers meetings can be booked by students, parents and carers with the Careers department.



## Careers Breakfast with Unilever



This half term we welcomed Unilever to school to talk all about careers including Degree Apprenticeships.

The event was open to all students. The guest speaker talked about current vacancies, guidance around the recruitment process and expectations on application.

They also discussed what Unilever is like to work for and careers prospects.

If any Year 13 or Year 11 students are interested in careers with Unilever, please go to [Apprenticeships \(unilever.com\)](https://www.unilever.com/apprenticeships).

Information about Careers Breakfasts in 2024 will be shared via School Synergy .

# CAREERS

## Year 10 Work Experience Deadline

As a school we believe in developing the relationship between education and industry, so our students can connect with employers and discover more by immersing themselves in different careers. By doing this we are also helping our students to stand out from the crowd when applying for their post 16/18 destinations and future job applications.

Our Year 10 work experience programme will take place from Monday 11 – Friday 15 March 2024. Both forms must be completed by Monday 22nd January 2024.

[Click here](#) for student form and [click here](#) for employer form.



The poster features the Deyes High School logo on the left and the 'CAREERS @ DEYES' logo on the right. The central text reads 'Year 10 Work Experience' in a large, bold font, with 'Monday 11 – Friday 15 March 2024' below it. A central image shows a young woman in a blue shirt looking thoughtful, surrounded by circular icons of various professions: a doctor, a chef, a construction worker, and a business professional. Below this image, the text says 'Find your own placement Complete student and employer forms by 22 January 2024.' Two QR codes are positioned on either side of the central text, with labels 'Scan here for student self-placement form' and 'Scan here for the employer form'.

## Deyes Careers Champions

Mrs Dainton King is recruiting 16 Career Champions from across all Year groups. The Careers Champion programme has been launched by the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Careers Hub to improve pupil, staff and parents understanding of growth sectors and wider understanding of the local labour market.

If you are interested, please call into Careers during break time and speak with Mrs Dainton King.





# PERFORMING ARTS

## Community Carol Concerts



Our Deyes High School Choir performed Christmas songs at Aintree Hospital, Royal Liverpool Hospital and the James Page Care Home this month.

The students warmed the hearts of people in our local community and raised over £200 for Liverpool Hospitals Charity Fund.

Well done to our talented students!

# PERFORMING ARTS

## Students Wow at Christmas Concert



The Expressive and Performing Arts Department annual Christmas Concert at St. Andrews Church was a resounding success.

Our students delivered amazing performances. Highlights included Deyes Voices, the Deyes Woodwind Ensemble, Deyes Heavy Metal Band and the new College@Deyes 6th form band. The Deyes Drama Club performed A Christmas Carol. [Click here to see more photographs.](#)

Well done to everyone involved.

# PE NEWS

## Football Round-up

It has been a joy to see so many students enjoying extra-curricular sports this month. We would like to congratulate all students who have joined a club or have represented our school. It has been an impressive month for sporting achievement. Throughout these activities it is the personal development that our students experience through their involvement in school sport that makes it all worthwhile. A big thank you to all the staff who have supported school sport this term. Well done everyone.

Our Year 7 and 8 girls football team played against Darwen Vale High School in wet and windy conditions. The girls fought hard to finish 3-3. In a penalty shoot-out, goalie Megan saved 2 and Ava, Caitlin, Charlotte, and Aimee scored penalties, giving us a 4-1 win. We are so proud of girls for the dedication they commit to every game.

Our Year 8 boys played impressively in their game against Cardinal Heenan. A special mention to Peter who played excellently in defence and Archie who played in a variety of positions, covering so much ground.



## Football Round-up

Our Year 11s played well against Sacred Heart, putting on a great display of teamwork. Our defence were solid in the first half led by Matthew and Ste who were excellent. The midfield were tireless in their efforts and showed some superb skills and tenacity. Ryan worked tirelessly up front alone and deserved to score his two goals for his efforts. The result in the end was a 3-2 defeat but our team of brilliant ambassadors for Deyes High put on a display they should be proud of.

## Alexandros is WKU World Champion

Huge congratulations to Alexandros from Year 8 who won two titles in the WKU World Championships in Calgary, Canada recently.

Alexandros said, "It just feels normal to win, it hasn't really hit me yet. Everybody has been congratulating me."

We asked Alexandros what he had to do to prepare. He explained "I had to do lots of early morning training at 5am, two training sessions a day and a strict diet. I couldn't even have the best attendance toast! My advice to others is to do things you like and work hard."

Well done, we're all very proud of your achievements!



# AND FINALLY..

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## Help and advice

- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.kooth.com/>
- <https://www.clearfear.co.uk/>
- <https://www.liverpoolcamhs.com/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/>
- <https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/childrens-social-care/getting-help/careline-child-services/>
- <https://www.citizensadvice.liverpool.org.uk/>
- <https://111.nhs.uk/> <https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/childrens-social-care/young-carers>

## SHARP System

Access our School Help Advice Reporting Page System:  
[deyeshigh.thesharpsystem.com](http://deyeshigh.thesharpsystem.com)

This is a confidential way to get help or advice for you, or if you are worried about a friend or someone else who needs support

