

#TEAM DEYES

NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2020



TERM 1

Our first term of 2020 has been an exciting one!

We welcomed our new Headteacher, Mrs Beaney to Deyes and it already feels like she has always been with us. We were excited to see Mrs Beaney feature in the national 'Educate' Magazine and we are so glad to have her on board.

WELCOME!

Term 1 has also seen us welcome lots of new students to our Deyes family. The Year 7s, led by Mr Owen, have been absolutely fantastic and really immersed themselves in to all things Deyes. They have settled in wonderfully and it is hard to imagine the school without them now. The Year 12s have quickly found their feet and are performing brilliantly within College@Deyes



ONLINE LEARNING

Recent times have seen all at Deyes having to change the way we teach (and learn). During Term one we have been proud to see rapid adaptation from staff to facilitate remote learning. All staff and students at Deyes have embraced the new virtual way of learning, using Teams and Satchel One to stay connected and support high quality education. Well done to all!



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DEYES STARS!

Virtual Climb

During lockdown one of our Year 9s has raised more than £800 for charity by taking on a 'virtual climb of Mount Everest!' Sophie created a Just Giving page to raise funds for Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool and CAMHs, the child adolescent mental health services. She made local headline news and featured on ITV news. We are really proud of what Sophie has achieved and for the (4G) Grit she showed throughout her challenge.

Making Music

Current student Lucy has just released an album that now features on Spotify. She has recently been interviewed by Maghull TV about her musical success. We have been proud to nurture her talents and are sure she has a bright future.

Sporting Success

Budding professional golfer, Zara won a coveted golf tournament during term 1. Zara has been playing golf since she was young. In the future, Zara wants to see more women experience success in this male-dominated sport. *Here come the girls!*



COVID restrictions meant that we had to be creative in our provision of Year 11 work experience this year. We partnered up with the National Citizenship Service (NCS) to offer and 'world of work week' based at Deyes. To make sure our young people didn't miss out on the important skills and developments from work experience, we worked closely with NCS to create bespoke

content to ensure all students obtain the benefits they would usually be entitled to. We understand the impact Covid-19 has had on young people's education and mental health so together with NCS we wanted to ensure all of our Year 11 students have opportunities to access to some of the most important life skills they need, especially during the current circumstances. These sessions were fun, informative, inspiring and engaging.

NCS created 4 key workshops, at our request, to focus on the following topics:

- Employability (CV Writing & Interview Skills)
- Career Progression & Aspirations
- Mental Wellbeing & Resilience
- Your Voice Matters (Political Engagement)

"The experience opened my eyes for the future and how hard I need to work". Lucy



Y9 RAISING ASPIRATIONS



As part of their SMSC 'Term of Careers', students in Year 9 took part in a virtual seminar with Liverpool John Moores University. The session focused on Raising Aspirations, Careers and Making Decisions For Your Future. As always the students were a credit to Deyes and thoroughly enjoyed the taster of university life.

"Today's session has helped me realise that when choosing my options next year, that it is really important to do what is right for me and not what my friends are choosing". Jamie
"I don't feel as anxious to pick my options after today's SMSC session" Lillie

Thank you to our Director of Careers, Mrs Dainton-King for organising these fantastic events!



Student Leadership

During Term one, we conducted our annual recruitment drive for student leaders. We are delighted that 76 students from Year 7-11 put their names forward. In the new year, all student leaders will be receiving bespoke leadership training to enable them to fulfil their roles to their full potential. Plus they will receive badges to showcase their successful applications.

We are also proud to congratulate our very first 'Junior Leadership Team' in Year 11 who will work alongside our Head boys and girls from College@Deyes.

Deyes Student Awards 2020

During term 1, Mrs Beaney had the privilege of presenting lots of our fabulous students with prestigious awards based on their efforts last year. In total, more than 30 awards were given to students across all year groups. These students received a certificate and gift voucher for their efforts and achievements. Well done to you all!

Staff Appreciation Awards

Thank you to all the parents, carers and students who have taken the time to send in a 'staff appreciation award' nominations for our fabulous colleagues. We were both delighted and overwhelmed with your response. To date we have had start to the academic year these have lifted the spirits of the staff at Deyes and ended the term on a festive high. We would like to return the thanks to our parents and carers for supporting us and making Term one a real success.



EXCITING INITIATIVES



PROJECT L



This year, we have an initiative running across Lydiate Learning Trust called Project L which is aimed at driving up reading standards across the Trust.

Project L essentially stands for Lydiate, Literacy, Literary Canon and Lexonik. These are all programmes and initiatives that are being implemented this year for our students to encourage frequency and enjoyment of reading.

EXTRA CURRICULAR & ENRICHMENT

Our COVID-safe extra curricular offer is now LIVE! From January 2021, students across year groups will have the opportunity to attend some of the 28 clubs we have on offer.

Year 11 students have also been provided with a bespoke daily schedule of after school subject intervention sessions to support their exam preparation.

TERM 2 BOOKS

Our term 2 books are all engaging works of fiction with a focus on BAME, exploring different cultures, and including American Literature.

Y7 will read *The Other Side of Truth* by Beverley Naidoo (CSSA); and *The Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine (DHS).

Y8 will read *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Y9 will read *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi

Y10 will read *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Our fantastic Year 9 Enterprise Team, along with the whole school (and wider) community have been digging deep during December to contribute towards our 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. Deyes teamed up with Morrisons in Maghull, to collect for the food bank appeal. Thousands of items were donated, which will help those in need from our local area. Well done to everybody and may your Christmas be merry and bright!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 11th December we celebrated national Christmas jumper day to raise money for "Save the Children".

Our staff and students did not disappoint. They arrived in their festive finest and in doing so, managed to raise much needed funds for this fantastic cause.

Well done
#Team Deyes!



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