

#TEAM DEYES NEWSLETTER

October 2023

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. It has been a half term focused on "belonging" and welcoming new students across all year groups, particularly those in Y7. We are delighted that it has been such an amazing start to the year for staff and students alike, with so many exciting times to come. The poems I received from some Y7 students following National Poetry Day made me so proud that not only have our youngest year group settled so quickly, but also that they are growing to love our school as much as I do.



The newsletter features, as always, sporting success for Deyes and other fantastic events we've held at school, such as the Careers Festival. You can also read our update on the new school build, which is progressing at lightening speed thanks to our partners, Kier.

This week our celebration assemblies will highlight group and individual success over the half term. I would also like to congratulate everyone for their commitment to learning and confidence in tackling challenging tasks. This is a pleasure to see in action.

As always, thank you to all our parent and carers for your continued support. I hope you have a restful half term break.

With kindest wishes,

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School

Open Evening A Huge Success

Our recent open evening was a huge success. We enjoyed meeting over 1,500 primary students, families and carers and showing them around our school.

We had lots of activities on offer including a chocolate taste test, Journey through Dickens, Sherlock, Bronte and Shakespeare, practical pupil cooking demonstrations, The Black Death taster lessons, Grease show performances and Colourful Experiments, Bangs and Explosions.

Feedback from our visitors was very positive. One parent said: "Thank you so much we had an amazing time and enjoyed your hospitality, education and pupil teacher interaction. It put our minds at ease and helped make our choices easier."

Thank you to all staff and students who supported the open evening for your contribution. <u>Click here</u> to watch our video highlights.



NEW BUILD

New Build Summer Progress

Over the Summer, Kier installed new electrical and network trench from the existing school to the new build site.

Glazing on the new school is now complete and the external brickwork is progressing rapidly.

The living roof has now been planted and new shrubs are bedding in. This feature will help the building save energy, improve air quality and reduce rainwater run off.

Some classrooms have now been completed and are ready for the furniture to be installed.



New Build Fundraising Appeal

We recently launched our new build fundraising appeal and aim to raise £500,000 to purchase brand new furniture and equipment for all departments.

We'll be organising termly non-uniform days and other fundraising events for students and families over the next year.

For more information about our fundraising appeal, click here.

If you'd like to sign a brick and be part of the new build's legacy, click here.

If you have any queries or suggestions, please contact our fundraising committee via charity@deyeshigh.co.uk

Year 7 Summer School

In August, we welcomed our new Year 7 students to Summer School and had an amazing week!

The week included lots of fun activities including Dragon's Den, making cakes, a scavenger hunt, self-portraits, reading and writing tasks and ice creams. Well done to all students who participated, we hope you had fun!

Click here to watch our highlights reel.



National Teaching Assistants' Day

We celebrated National Teaching Assistants' Day in school recently and recognised the vital work they do in our classrooms.

Students read out messages of thanks to the SEND support team and presented them with gifts. We are so grateful to the team for their care and dedication every lesson, every day.



October Online Safety Newsletter

Our October Online Safety newsletter is now out! Inside this issue, read about live streaming, games console parent settings, online gaming and teaching children about money.

Click here for more information.



Deyes Team Complete CRUK Walk



A team of Deyes staff recently participated in the Shine Night Walk Liverpool 10K in aid of Cancer Researh UK.

Ms. Turner, Head of Year 11 said: "We did it! Friday was such a fantastic evening, the weather, the crowds, the atmosphere, the support from the public and lots of our past students who we met along the way was just phenomenal. Well done ladies. Thank you to everyone who supported us we are on track to smash our target of £1000."

If you'd like to make a donation to support the team, please click here.

Loudspeaker Careers Workshop

In September, the team from Loudspeaker hosted a Post-16 Careers morning for our Year 11 students. The team ran a session introducing the various options and pathways students can take when they leave school. Our Year 11's had a fun, energetic and informative morning. Students left the session feeling informed and prepared for our Careers Festival.



Careers Festival Triumph



Our Careers Festival was a huge success recently. Over 50 colleges, universities and employers attended the event and discussed future opportunities with more than 600 Year 9 to Year 13 students and their parents.

All Year 11 students attended the event as part of their Careers programme. Students had meaningful conversations with exhibitors including colleges, universities, charities, apprenticeship providers and other employers to find out more about future options. Click on the video below to watch some highlights and hear from employers and students.



Year 11s Ace Mock Interviews

Over 200 Year 11 students participated in mock interviews with professionals during the Careers Festival and took away lots of tips and ideas to help them prepare for real interviews.

Year 11 student Liam said: "The Careers Festival is a very useful experience. I've learnt what it's like to do an interview and now understand what I need to do to prepare. I'd like to become a doctor or pharmacist in the future and plan to study my A-Levels at College @ Deyes before university."

Mrs. Dwan, Deputy Head, St. Andrew's Primary School: "We offer Deyes students work experience placements and support mock interviews as part of our partnership. I've been blown away by the students I've spoken to. The students were eloquent, prepared and embraced my opinions and feedback."

Charlie, AMP SCITT trainee: "The mock interviews were really enjoyable. It's really important for students to practice so they can learn from their mistakes in a safe space. I enjoyed talking to the students and giving them feedback and tips to help them improve."



Kier Construction Careers Tours

Every Tuesday our students learn about careers in the construction industry at our new school site with new build contractors Kier. Kier site managers are currently taking our Year 8's around on tours. Our students are excited to learn about the new sports facilities, science department and living roof and some are now considering construction careers.



Geography Living Roof Tour

Our Year 12 and Year 13 Geography students enjoyed a trip to our new build site this

term where Kier showed them the new green roof and a management strategy for the urban heat island effect they are currently learning about. A huge thank for to the team at Kier for sharing their knowledge with our students and inspiring careers in construction!



JLR Apprentice Careers Talk

College @ Deyes held its first Meet the Apprentice event of the academic year this week. Joe Rubbery, former student and currently a degree apprentice at Jaguar Land Rover spoke to Year 12 and 13s about Degree Apprenticeships. Students really enjoyed the informative session and asked lots of questions.



Year 10 Work Experience Launch

We've now launched our Year 10 Work Experience Programme. As part of the Key Stage 5 Work Related Learning curriculum, students have the opportunity to experience the world of work first-hand.

The one week Year 10 work experience programme will take place from Monday 11 – Friday 15 March 2024.



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 standout from the crowd when applying for their post 16/18 destinations and future job applications.

<u>Click here</u> for student form and <u>click here</u> for employer form. Both forms must be completed by Monday 22nd January 2024

PERFORMING ARTS

Lookback to Grease School Production

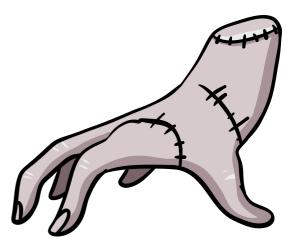
What a huge success this year's school production was! The cast, crew, live band and staff had standing ovations each night of the show. We had members of staff in tears as they were overcome with emotion and pride for our talented students and their amazing performance. A massive amount of time and energy went into the show being such a success. Hours upon hours of rehearsals after school and at weekends, pints of paint to create our set, over one hundred batteries to power our radio microphones but it was definitely all worth it. A big congratulations to all the pupils, staff and parents for making our school production one for the Deyes High history books and thank you for everyone's support and being such a great audience.

In Summer 2024, The Addams Family will be our next Deyes High School Production. Auditions will be held in January.



We've got lots of exciting Expressive Performing Arts events planned in 2023/24:

- Tuesday 5th Dec Sketch Show 6-7pm
- Tuesday 12th Dec Carol Concert at St Andrew's Church
- Talent Show date thc
- Tuesday 2nd July & Wednesday 3rd July The Addams Family School Production





THE DEYES HIGH



Main School Hall

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 6PM - 7PM





Hosted by Deyes High School Drama Club

STUDENT NEWS

Students Build Deyes Duck House

Four of our amazing students at Deyes High School, Megan, Macie, Olivia and Abbey came up with an idea of building a shelter for the Deyes' resident duck family to protect them from predators over weekends and holidays when the staff and students are not around to protect them. The students made a model design of the hut including features to complement the Lydiate garden. They approached the Design Technology department to ask if they could help build it with them.

A few days later, materials were delivered to school from the parents of the girls. Mr Wright, Mr Jones and technician Mr P Jones started right away in their free time. The four students had a huge hand in helping with the build. Each student had tasks to help produce the hut which took 10 hours. The girls helped cut, sand, nail and oil the project to ensure it was made to the highest standard.

Mr. Wright said: "I am very proud of what the girls have produced. The thoughtfulness behind their idea and the drive to build and produce the hut to help the ducks living in out Lydiate Garden is fantastic." 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 term. I would like to congratulate all those students who have joined a club or have represented our school. We have had some highs and lows. 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 9 (6-5) and Year 11 (2-2) played away to Holy Family and their efforts were outstanding.

Our Year 8 team played exceptionally well against Maghull High, beating them 8-0 in the first round of the Sefton Cup.

Our under 13 girls travelled to Formby to play their first game of the Sefton league. The girls put in an outstanding effort, with a couple of them making their debut for Deyes! Alongside the cup game, the girls also played a friendly fixture. They played great winning 3-1, and were a real credit to Deyes.

Our Year 11 team put on an impressive display of teamwork in their game against Sacred Heart. Despite being beat 3-2, the boys were great ambassadors for Deyes and played tremendously.





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Our Year 11 team had a great victory against Ormskirk High. Our boys set up in tight formation leaving no gaps for Ormskirk to exploit. Winning 2-0 the boys are through to round 3 of the National Cup. We are incredibly proud of the team.



Deyes' First Netball Fixture

However, it isn't just football our students are enjoying playing! It was so lovely seeing so many students enjoying a night of netball in the sun this term. We took 43 students to Chesterfield to play their first netball fixture of the season. Although we didn't get the result we wanted the girls worked really hard and enjoyed playing.





COLLEGE@DEYES SIXTH FORM









OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
2023 FROM 5 - 7.30PM

AND FINALLY..

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- https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/childrens-social-care/gettinghelp/careline@child-services/
- https://www.citizensadviceliverpool.org.uk/
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SHARP System

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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

