

# #TEAM DEYES NEWSLETTER

March 2024



## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Dear parents and carers. Welcome to our half term 4 newsletter. We have often found ourselves looking forwards over this very short half term.



Students have been preparing for upcoming examinations and assessments which will give them access to exciting opportunities in the future.

Our Y10 students were focusing on the future during their work experience week, considering prospective careers and developing skills to support this journey.

We have also been planning to move into our new school which is the beginning of a new chapter and has been the most amazing experience to have been a part of.

Our Alumni farewell event for our current building was a wonderful reminder of the affectionate memories so many people have of our school.

We will certainly be taking our values and ambition for our students with us on the next part of this fantastic journey.

I look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the summer term in our spectacular new home. Please enjoy the this newsletter and I wish you a lovely Easter break.

With kind wishes, Mrs. Beaney, Head of School

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Preparing for Our New School

Our new school is now very close to completion. Contractor Kier is completing final works and the keys will be handed over next month. External signage and internal wayfinder signs have now been fitted and new furniture is being installed.

To help students find their way around the new building, our Headteacher Mrs. Beaney and Assistant Headteacher Mrs. Norton have made an information video to help students prepare - [click here to watch](#).

We look forward to welcoming Year 11 students and staff on Thursday 11 April. All other year groups will start on Monday 15 April.

We've sent letters out to parents via ParentPay about the staggered start times and plans for our first day of term.

We can't wait to welcome all students to our amazing new school next month.



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## Our Best Deyes Alumni Event

Earlier this month, we welcomed our alumni and ex-staff to an 'Our Best Deyes' event to celebrate our history and achievements at Deyes Lane campus.

Visitors toured the school and told us lots of stories about their time at Deyes. Performing Arts students provided entertainment during the afternoon tea including lots of different musical performances and acting scenes. All attendees also signed bricks for the new school and we will invite them back to tour our new build in 2025. The event was a huge success and an excellent way to mark our 85th anniversary!

Chris and Matt Bigley said: "Me and my brother really enjoyed having a last look around the school and sharing memories. It was of course also great to see Deyes is still producing top talent - thoroughly enjoyed the students performances and couldn't have asked for a better way to say goodbye to the old place."

Karen Coppelov (née Davies) added: "Thank you for a really great afternoon yesterday. It felt surreal to be back in the familiar buildings after so long. So lovely to meet up with old friends and staff. The food and entertainment were fantastic. Looking forward to seeing around the fabulous new school at its opening."

Johnny shared: "Thanks for a fabulous 'Our Best Deyes' event. It was very nostalgic to be back and revisit some fantastic memories of 1992-1999. Lovely to see Mrs Holt too."

[Watch our event highlights video here](#)



# SCHOOL NEWS

## International Women's Day 2024



To celebrate International Women's Day, our students had the opportunity to network with successful women from different business sectors. Guests included fashion designer Kirsty Doyle, Stephanie Clay, lead therapist at Aintree University Hospital, Sarah Morton (regional director at Kier) and ex-student Sarah Cluney (founder of The Paper Doll).

Guests spoke to students about their journeys to success, breaking boundaries, and the importance of following your passion. Despite coming from a broad range of industries, there was one common piece of advice that all of our wonderful guests gave to our students: if you have professionalism, drive, and determination you will reach your goals.

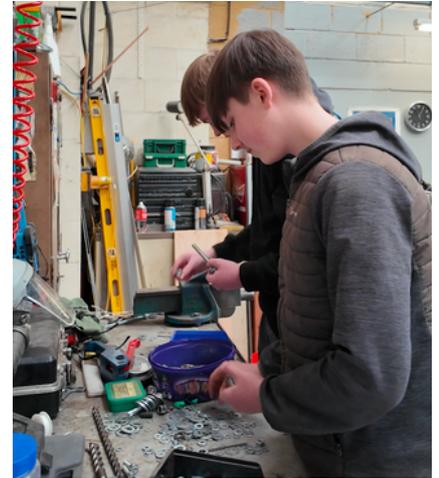
We asked our students for feedback at the end of the event, and it was amazing to hear about how guests had positively influenced our students.

Florence from Year 7 said: "International Women's Day is important to be because it gives a chance for women to soar in the world and that we aren't looked down on by men and we all have an equal amount of leadership". Another student added: "I think it's important women have jobs in leadership as it shows that we can do the same roles as men. We should all have the same opportunities!"

[Watch our video highlights from the event here](#)

# CAREERS

## Year 10 Work Experience Success



More than 200 Year 10 students spent a week on work experience placements this month to develop employability skills and help them pursue career pathways.

Student Lucy said: “I chose to do my placement at Bellway Homes because I'm interested in property. It's given me a good idea of how an office works and I've developed lots of skills. I've also found out about different apprentice and graduate pathways.”

Jack added: “I secured a placement in JJ Smith working on machinery for woodwork. I like engineering and I want to pursue this as a career in future. I've really enjoyed working on the lathe and learning about woodworking tools and machines.”

We are extremely proud of the amazing feedback we received about so many of our students' efforts in their placements, and their positive attitudes towards work.

Rachel Baker, Managing Director at JJ Smith Woodworking machinery said: “We believe its really important way for students to see the real life work that happens within engineering and manufacturing companies. We've been really impressed with Zach and Freddie and hope their week with us has inspired them to pursue engineering careers.”

Kieron James, Trainee Quality Surveyor at Bellway added: “Lucy is very competent and has relished working on all of our projects, including our site in Maghull and HQ in Liverpool si

Thank you to to all employers who accommodated our students, and supported them during their first taste of working in the real world.

## Year 11 Taster Day

College@Deyes recently delivered a full day taster day for our Year 11 students who have applied for September 2024. Students enjoyed spending a day participating in lectures and getting a feel for Sixth Form life.



## Year 12 Edge Hill University Visit

Our College@Deyes Year 12 students recently visited Edge Hill University. They learnt about higher education courses, participated in a workshop, toured the campus and learnt about student life. Thanks to all involved for an excellent and informative day!



# AND FINALLY..

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- <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

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