

## **#TEAM DEYES NEWSLETTER**

**November/December 2022** 



## **HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME**

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter which is full of updates and celebrations!

We are extremely proud of our students' fabulous achievements and the wide range of activities they have contributed to.



At this time of year, it is especially important to think of others and the overwhelming response to our Reverse Advent Calendar will certainly support many people in the local community. Thank you for helping us to do this.

Similarly, our choir entertaining at local care homes and the Royal Liverpool Hospital this month will exemplify our commitment to the wellbeing of others. As one of our core values, it is a large part of who we are at Deyes.

I hope you enjoy reading about many of the other ways we have demonstrated our ambition, resilience and kindness this term.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and every happiness in 2023.

With kindest wishes,

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School



## **AWARDS EVENING**

### **Celebrating student achievements**



We hosted our annual Awards Evening in October and presented over 130 awards.

Each student year group was recognised for their Academic Achievements and contributions to the wider school community through Pastoral Awards.

We also recognised pupils' achievements through our individual Subject Awards. These awards recognised pupils' achievement academically and their attitude to learning and overall contributions in lessons. We also recognised last year's Year 11 for their excellent results and welcomed back our Year 13 leavers, many of whom have started their higher education journey in various universities across the country.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School, said: "The awards evening is one of the highlights of the school year when we celebrate our wonderful student community and the excellent qualities they bring to our school. Well done to all award winners for going above and beyond, we're very proud of your achievements and thanks to parents and guardians for attending."

### Aaron achieves black belt

Congratulations to Aaron from Year 10 NPA who passed his grading for first degree black belt in Taekwondo.



Well done Aaron on your achievement!

## RECOGNITION

### Year 7 Recognition Awards and Trip



Year 7 students have had a fantastic start to their first Term with lots of rewards to be had! Mrs. Bradshaw, Head of Year 7, enjoyed congratulating lots of students on their incredible start on their High School journey and having lots of fun.

Students in Year 7 were rewarded for their participation in exhibiting our core values, maintaining 100% attendance and gaining ATL scores of 1 and 2. Celebrations took place on the last day of half term.

Activities started with an awards ceremony where certificates and chocolate were presented to students nominated by the Pastoral Team and then broke off into form groups for some crazy antics!



Our amazing Year 7's and our fabulous Form Tutors took part in a Mummy Challenge before splitting off into a reward activity of cinema experience or Ninja Warriors.

Our students had a brilliant time and thoroughly deserved their reward. Well done everyone!



## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

### **Student Leadership Council**

The Student Council, which comprises representatives from across the school and Sixth Form, has now launched activities for this year. Their priorities and focus include food waste in school, the environment and transition activities for younger and new students.



Students have been coordinating the Reverse Advent Calendar collection for local foodbanks, as well as Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. We are looking forward to starting our next phase of activities next term.



## **NEW BUILD**

### First students visit new build site



Mrs. Beaney recently visited the site with two Year 7 students to celebrate the progress of the steel frame construction.

Macie and Sammy met Kier and Department for Education staff who explained new school plans then the group toured the site.

The first stop was the side of the steel frame where the students and Mrs. Beaney signed their names on a steel column for posterity. Kier then gave the students a quick orientation of where different rooms would be located.

Macie and Sammy asked lots of questions about the construction process including how the foundations were prepared and how the concrete stairs had been constructed. The group then walked to the side of the steel frame for a final picture before returning their muddy boots and hard hats to the Kier office.

Mrs. Beaney said: "I'm really pleased we were able to take the students to visit the site so they could learn more about our plans and feel a real sense of ownership. The new build is such an important development to our staff and students."

Macie said: "It's been excellent learning about the new build and seeing where the new drama hall will be. It's very big and spacious and I'm excited to move in." Sammy added: "I enjoyed learning how the frame is put together and talking to the builders and site managers about their roles. It's good to get a feel of the new school's layout. I'm really excited to move into the new building, it looks amazing!"



## **NEW BUILD**

### Students learn about net zero new build

Staff from Kier visited school in November to talk to students about the new build.

Year 7 Science had a presentation about carbon net zero and sustainable building technologies. Senior Manager Dave Parr and Nick Thomas, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Lead, talked about the biosolar green roof, solar panels, thermal insulation, passive ventilation and air source heat pumps.



The students were interested as they recently finished a module about renewable and non-renewable energy and were asked to think about other ways the school can improve our environment after the visit. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to watch a video about the visit.

A selection of Year 10-13 Geography students learnt about carbon net zero and biodiversity from the Kier team, including Landscape Lead Chris Podmore.

Miss Gilroy, Director of Learning Humanities, said: "Thanks to the Kier team who presented to our Geography students. It was super interesting and useful for them to learn about sustainable buildings."

Students enjoyed the talk, commenting:

"I learnt about the carbon neutral plans for the school, it sounds amazing!"

"It was interesting to hear about the huge variety of careers that work together to deliver carbon neutral buildings and maximise biodiversity."



## **NEW BUILD**

### Structural steel frame takes shape

In November, work commenced on installing the structural steel and precast concrete floors and staircases will be installed from December.

These activities use a mobile crane and the frame can now be seen from the A59.

Works has now also commences on excavating and installing the new drainage system throughout the site.



### Groundworks timelapse video

New build works began in August and the site is developing rapidly. We've produced our first timelapse video which shows the initial phase. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to watch the video. We'll be sharing more videos as the build progresses.



#### Timing

New school will open in Spring 2024

Phase 2 will start in Spring 2024

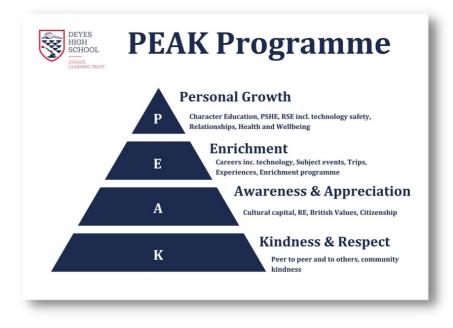
Project completed in Spring 2025

## PEAK

## **PEAK Programme Launched**

Our PEAK programme consists of carefully planned sessions to support students Personal Growth, Enrichment, Awareness & Appreciation and Kindness & Respect for Others.

Each session has been carefully tailored so that content is age appropriate and relevant to students in our community.



We work with external agencies and stakeholders to inform the programme and believe it supports the development of the whole child.

Each fortnight, students receive several PEAK sessions during morning or afternoon Collective Meeting times. These meetings replace the traditional form time and enable the time to be used for focused student development.

### Bronnie talks mental health

Deyes recently hosted musician Bronnie, who performed original and cover songs to all year groups followed by a talk and Q&A about wellbeing, mental health and methods of keeping your mind healthy.

Students were active and engaged, and discussed things such as 'who can you talk to if you're struggling?' and 'how can you clear your head?" Staff and students really enjoyed the sessions



## **EVENTS**

## **Open Evenings a Huge Success!**

In September, we delivered one of our best Open Evenings to date. The night was a huge success and we welcomed around 1,000 visitors to the school. During the event, visitors attended presentations and visited all of our faculties to meet our fabulous student ambassadors and teaching staff. Feedback was very positive. Thank you to all parents and students who attended.



In November, College @ Deyes held a successful Open Evening. Hundreds of students and their families attended the event, which included a welcome presentation, subject presentations and a marketplace where our student ambassadors and teachers answered questions about different qualification and subject options.

Feedback from attendees was excellent. Thanks to all parents and students who joined us.



## **CAREERS**

## **Careers Dpt Celebrate Successful Term**

#### **Careers Conversations**

This half term, our Year 11 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. Please contact Mrs Dainton King via admin@deyeshigh.co.uk.

#### **BBC Share Your Careers Story**

We welcomed the BCC BBC Share Your Story back to Deyes for another careers deep dive. Our Year 9-13 students enjoyed a lively discussion about careers in storytelling. The panel consisted of Ellis Palmer, BBC journalist, Karina Molby, Molby Fashion and Mark Davies from K2 Architects.

Storytelling is important in a range of different careers from Marketing and News reporting to Law, Entrepreneurship and Design. Our students were inspired an enthused after learning about each panellist's personal career journey.



#### The Big Help Project inspire Sixth Form students



Our Sixth Form students had a presentation from The Big Help Project to learn how they can support the local charity as part of their extracurricular activities.

A group of students will support the foodbank warehouse in December, and others are considering fundraising activities for the charity.

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#### **Enterprise Club**

Our Year 12 Enterprise Club leaders, are doing an amazing job, leading our Year 7 and 8 students with different projects, including our Reverse Advent Calendar, and the Christmas events in aid of The Big Help Project to help feed local families.

#### Year 10 Step Up Programme

In late November, a group of Year 10 students spent the day at Liverpool John Moores where they toured the learning facilities, met university students and found out about future education and career paths. The Step-Up programme will continue to support students next year, with more sessions in school and at LJMU. Thank you to staff and students at LJMU for giving students a great insight into higher education. Our Year 9 Step Up Programme students will visit JMU university campus in March 2023.

#### **Work Experience**

Year 10 and 12 work experience programmes have now been launched. See the adverts below for key dates and form links.



## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

### **Football News**

Deyes football teams played against Litherland teams recently. The Year 9-10 team showed good spirit and motivation and had some promising attacking play. Year 7-8 team won their matches against Litherland and Weatherhead High. Well done girls!

Year 7 played in Fleetwood and Wirral competitions and Year 10 (pictured right) played in a local derby against Maghull High School. Although the teams didn't win, they demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment and did Deyes proud. Well done to all!

The Y11 football team played in the Merseyside Cup v Rainford High. The boys played with skill, intelligence and determination but lost in the last few seconds. Well done for your efforts boys.



### **Maghull Netball Derby**

Our girls' netball teams played Maghull High School at home recently and each team fought a hard battle. Year 7 A lost, Year 7 B drew, Year 8 drew, Year 9 won and Year 10, pictured, won.

Well done to all for your effort and determination!



## **CHRISTMAS**

### **Christmas @ Deyes**

'Tis the season to be jolly! The Expressive and Performing Arts Department would like to invite all parents and families to our annual Christmas Concert at St. Andrews on Tuesday 20th December starting at 6:30pm.

The event will include performances from our school choir, drama group, musicians and dancers. Tickets are now on sale from Mrs Byrne, Miss Neill or Mr Pattern in the Expressive and Performing Arts office.

After the performance, please join us for minces pie and raise a glass of mulled wine for a Christmas toast.





### Grease is the word

Are you too pure to be pink?

The Expressive and Performing Arts Department are delighted to announce that this year's school production will be Grease.

Auditions will take place in the new year and live shows will be performed in July. Exact dates will be confirmed later in the school year.



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- https://www.citizensadviceliverpool.org.uk/
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