

DENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARENT BULLETIN



SUMMER 2019

Welcome to our end of year newsletter, helping you keep in touch with all the exciting news, clubs and events going on here at Denton Community College.

In addition to this newsletter, we have launched our school app aimed at helping you keep in touch with the College on the go. A 'how to...' guide to the app can be found at the end of this bulletin.

Don't forget the College are now operating three official twitter feeds to help keep students, parents and carers up to date with the latest news at DCC. In many cases these, along with the College website, are the most effective way of keeping up with what is going on. These can be found at:

- CollegeNews @ DCC_News
- Headteacher @ DCC
- PE News @ DCC_PE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Uniform consultation & piercings

Following our recent consultation, it has been decided that from September 2020 the College skirt will be the design shown below. Until then, the skirt will remain the same charcoal grey skirt that has been part of our uniform since 2010. We are currently in consultation for suppliers from 2020 and will keep you updated from September. The fully updated uniform policy can be found on our website.



September 2019



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Breakfast Club

Denton Community College offers a FREE breakfast (funded by MAGIC BREAKFAST) for all students from 7.30am-8.15am each morning. Breakfast Club can be found opposite the Year 8 Homebase and is run by Mrs Jenks, Mrs Whaite and Mrs Duffy. Our Breakfast Club means every young person has the chance to start the day in a safe, warm environment so they are in a position to begin lessons on time and in the right frame of mind for learning.

Homework Club

Homework Club takes place every night from 2.50pm - 5.00pm and is open to students from all year groups. Homework Club is run by Mr Cook, our Design & Technology technician, in room MM1. All students are welcome to come and work on projects from **any** area of the curriculum.

Calculators

To help our students study maths at home, we would like to encourage them to purchase their own calculator. It would really benefit them if they use the same calculator that they will use in their final GCSE exam so that they are familiar with it. The Casio fx-83GTX usually retails at £14.99, but can be purchased through school for £8.95. We will be taking orders in the maths faculty in September for any students who wish to benefit from this discount. Further information will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

Year 7 Published Writers

Students from Mrs Stevenson's English class entered the Young Writers competition "Mission Contamination". They had to write a 100 word mini saga about a post-apocalyptic world. All of the students were chosen to have their story published in an anthology.

Congratulations to:

Kenzie, Kaiden, Nathan, Wrennay, Matty, Mark, Kayleigh and Amy-Leigh.

We are also very proud to be a 'Young Writer's 5 Star School' for nurturing our students to be literacy lovers.

23 students from Mrs Altimeemy's Year 8 English Class had their Ghost Stories published in May 2019. Their work was featured in a Young Writers Anthology below.



Parent Governor

This year we have appointed three new parent governors to our Governing Board. We welcome:

Mrs K Notaripippo

Ms M Nickisson

Mrs J Harrington

They join Mrs J Pickford & Mrs H Hornby as representatives for our parent voice on the board.

Careers Information

During June and July, our Year 10 students took part in several College Taster Days. These days provided the opportunity to visit a local post 16 provider (Marple College, Clarendon College, Tameside College & Ashton Sixth Form College) and experience the different subjects and opportunities available once they leave us.

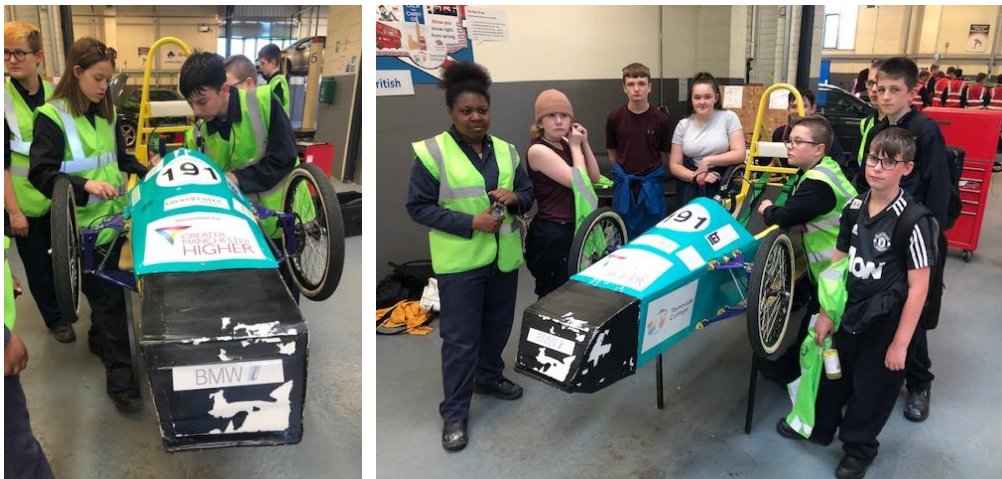
Apps for Good Workshop

Thirty Year 9 students took part in a workshop, delivered by Apps for Good on Tuesday 9th July. The day involved students working in teams, alongside industry professionals, to design an app that solves a problem that they care about. The aim of the event was to give students experience of the types of careers available within the digital industry.



Greenpower Project

Twelve Year 9 students were selected to take part in an exciting project, in conjunction with Tameside College, to design, build and then race an eco-powered car. The students spent two days at Tameside College, working alongside engineers, to design and build their eco-powered go-kart. Their final design will then be entered into a national competition, in Liverpool, where students will compete against other colleges and universities from around the UK.



RADIO 4

One really easy way to extend your child's knowledge and understanding is to listen to some of the programmes on Radio 4 - there is something for most interests! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4>



- For those interested in Maths and fact-checking there is 'More or Less'
- 'In Our Time' is great for really in depth History
- 'Today is the morning news' - it has business news at 20 past the hour which is ideal for Business Studies students
- 'Word of Mouth' is a fascinating and often humorous look at the way we use words and communicate

All of these- and many more- are also available via the free BBC Sounds app.

Library Plea - Are you having a spring clean?

Denton Community College will be making some exciting changes to our library over the summer holidays. We are asking for donations of any books that may be appropriate for our library. If you are having a clear-out and would like to donate any books to us, please bring them into school or send them in with your child. There will be a box at reception to collect any donations. Thank you so much in advance from the English and Library team!

Provisional GCSE Exam Timetable

A provisional GCSE exam calendar for the 2020 season has been included with this bulletin. If you are a parent of a student who is sitting GCSEs in 2020, then please check this prior to booking any holidays. This calendar is subject to change and the most up to date version can be found in the 'Exams' section of the College website.

School Bus Fare Increases

From the start of the 2019/2020 academic year, school bus fares will increase in line with inflation. The new fare tariffs are show below.

Fare Type	Old (£)	New (£)
Child Single (IGO)	1.35	1.40
Child Single (no IGO)	1.75	1.80
Child return	2.30	2.40
Child Weekly	7.30	7.40
Adult Single	2.70	2.80

Holiday Pattern for 2019/20

The published holiday pattern for the 2019/20 academic year has been included in this document. This document can also be found in the 'Parent & Carers' section of the College website. Please note that the proposed May Day Bank Holiday Monday (4th May) has been moved to Friday 8th May as part of the commemorations for VE Day.

Class of 2020 Prom

The Prom for the Class of 2020 has been provisionally booked for Thursday 25th June 2020 at the Village Hotel, Ashton. At this time, all Year 11 students (2019/20) are cordially invited to attend. However, the criteria for receiving a formal invite will be shared with students in September.

Student Rewards

This academic year we aimed to raise aspirations and celebrate achievement. At the request of our Student Council, we introduced 2 new badges (Platinum & Diamond) into our reward systems for students achieving over 1000 and 1500 points respectively. As a result, we have seen an increase of 18% in the number of positive points awarded and an increase of 17% in the number of positive actions being recognised. This year, over 200 students have received Platinum Award of which 10 students achieved the Diamond Award.

Senior Prefects

This year, we were very pleased that over 30 Year 10 students put themselves forward for consideration for our Senior Prefect positions for 2019/20. Following an application process, interviews and a staff vote the Senior Prefect Team is as follows:

Benedict Moyo (Head Boy) Xara Broomhead (Head Girl)

McKenzie Jones (Deputy Head Boy) Emily Guinnane (Deputy Head Girl)

Senior Prefects

Sophie Allum Megan Massey Myles Mastin Will Myers Kate Scott Nicola Scott

Prospectus Cover

We were so impressed by this interpretation of the Denton 'd' by photography students Angel & Dylan in Year 10. We have used their design as the front cover of our College prospectus in 2019/20.



Extremism & Forgiveness

This year Figen Murray (the mother of Martin Hett who died in the Manchester Arena Bombing) has spoken to students in Years 9 & 10 about her experiences, thoughts, and the impact that extremism has had on her life. This is part of her ongoing project to increase the awareness of how someone becomes influenced by extremism and reduce the vulnerability of some young people by spreading her message of peace and forgiveness. You can follow Figen on Twitter @FigenMurray.

Our Charity Work

This year we have supported a number of charities both local and national. As you will be aware our main charity for the 2018/19 academic year has been 'Brain Tumour Research'. We felt this was a very worthwhile cause for the College as brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other form of cancer. As of publishing this bulletin our community has raised an amazing £4250 towards the £2740 it takes to fund each of their research centres for a day. We would like to thank everyone for your support.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP & SPORT

Year 7 Tameside Rounders Champions

On Thursday 27th June our Year 7 rounders team became Tameside champions. They were undefeated in all their games and demonstrated excellent teamwork and good communication, as well as great sportsmanship. Well done to all involved we are very proud of you,



Sports Leadership Academy!

During the summer term, our Sports Leadership Academy have been extremely busy delivering sports days for Greswell, Dane Bank & Russell Scott primary school, as well as a Year 5 Inspirational Day here at the College for over 300 KS2 students. As always, our leaders have been very well organised, polite and encouraged all students that they have worked with.

Sport Presentation Evening

This year, our PE department hosted our inaugural Sport Presentation Awards Evening. Students were invited to come and celebrate their achievements in categories such as PE Performer of the Year, Inspiration of the Year, Most Improved PE Performer of the Year, Sport Leader of the Year, Commitment to Extra-Curricular, BTEC PE Award, Team of the Year and Sports Personality of the Year. Our congratulations go out to all our winners and we hope you enjoyed the evening.



Inspire Tameside Awards

Once again, we were represented at the annual Inspire Tameside Awards in association with Tameside School Sports Partnerships. This year, we won the 'Student Leadership Award' as well as being given the 'School Games Award – Silver Mark'. Mr Schollar was given a 'Special Recognition' for his continued work on our Learning Enrichment Partnerships with our local primary schools.



Sports Day

Sports Day for Years 7 & 8 took place on Thursday 27th June with students from all forms taking part in events such as javelin, shot put, long jump, high jump, 100M, 300M, 600M, 1200M and 3x300M relay. The sun was shining and the heat conditions were tough, but all competitors did their very best and produced some excellent performances. Dench were the overall winners for Year 7, with Holmes finishing 2nd and Coe finishing 3rd. Holmes were the overall winners for Year 8, with Coe finishing 2nd and Adlington finishing 3rd.



CREATIVE EXPRESSIVE PERFORMING ARTS

Annual Denton's Big Sing

On 3rd July, Denton Community College once again hosted our annual Denton's Big Sing. Choirs and performers from our local primary schools came to the College to perform a concert for their parents in our theatre.

Dentonbury

On 4th July, our annual Dentonbury festival took place in our theatre. The event was organised by Year 10 students as part of their BTEC Music qualifications.



High School Musical

As you will be aware, the big school production this year was High School Musical. This took place on 9th, 10th & 11th July and was seen by over 800 people, including a number of students from our local primary schools, who were treated to a matinee performance. Well done to all those involved.



TRIPS & RESIDENTIALS

GCSE Geography Fieldwork

On Wednesday 26th June, Year 10 Geography Students visited Crowden in the Peak District to take part in a river study. They used specialist equipment to collect data which will prepare them for their GCSE exams.



On Wednesday 11th July, the group continued their field studies in the city centre of Manchester.



Clarity Travel

A small group of Year 10 Travel & Tourism students visited 'Clarity Travel' on 11th July to experience a day working in the business side of travel. They had the opportunity to listen to customer phone calls, chat with apprentices and take part in team building tasks.

Religious Studies Trip - Ashton Mosque

Year 8 students visited Ashton Mosque as part of their curriculum to increase their understanding of places of worship. Students learnt about Muslim values and how the mosque plays a part in teaching and learning for the Muslim community. Students were encouraged to ask questions, which they did in a very polite and articulate manner. They had a tour of the mosque where they took pictures of the different rooms and amenities.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who successfully completed their 3 day silver expedition on 21st to 23rd June. These students have been working hard over the last 12 months to complete their individual sections of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. The students have been completing their volunteering section in different ways from working in charity shops to cleaning cars. Students have been learning to cook, learning to draw or learning to play a musical instrument for their skills, whilst they have joined football teams, dance groups and fitness classes in order to complete the physical section of the award.



On the 7th July, 13 Year 9 students successfully completed the expedition phase of their Bronze D of E award. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved.

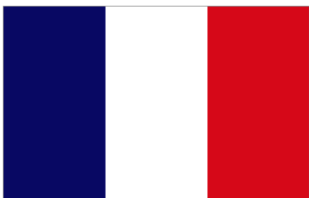
English Trip – Rose Theatre (York)

On 12th July, 40 students from Years 7 & 8 attended a performance of “The Tempest” by Shakespeare at The Rose Theatre, York.

Additional educational visits that have taken place this term have included:

- Anglesey Residential (Year 7) 29th April to 1st May 2019
- Normandy Trip (Years 8 & 9) 9th to 13th June 2019
- Manchester Cathedral (Year 7) 15th July 2019
- Manchester Buddhist Centre (Year 7) 15th July 2019

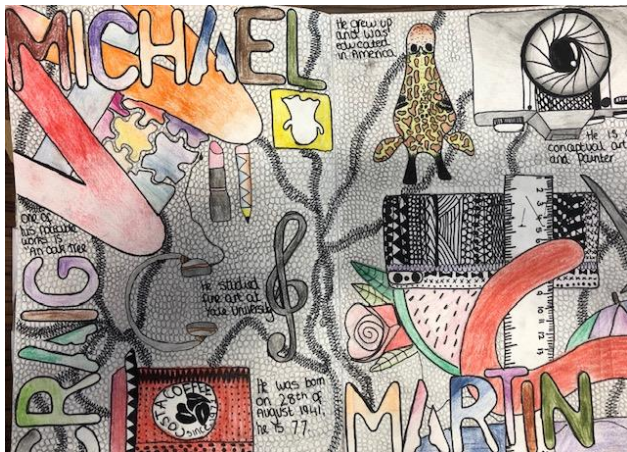
Years 8 to 11 Dordogne (ALONS-Y!) - 19th to 27th July 2019

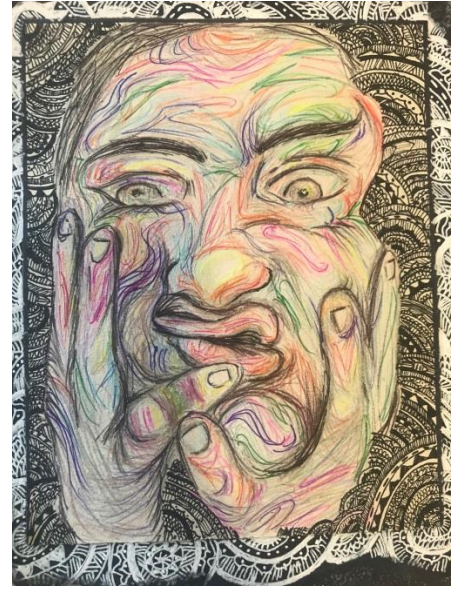


The PE department are off to the South of France with 42 students from Years 8 to 11. They will be enjoying a week of different activities such as kayaking, sailing, high ropes, gorge scrambling, canoeing, fencing, climbing, paddle boarding and many more.

Artist of the Week

We love to celebrate talent and showcase pieces of art created by our students. Below are some of the pieces we have shared this year:





PROVISIONAL GCSE EXAMINATION CALENDAR 2020

Year 11 examination timetable summer series 2020

Date	AM Session	PM Session
09/01/2020	Child Development – (Yr 11 resit) Music - The Music Industry	
10/01/2020	Travel and Tourism – UK Sector	
Date	AM Session	PM Session
04/02/2020	Sport, Activity, Fitness	

Date	AM Session	PM Session
11/05/2020	Music: Unit 1 The Music Industry Computer Systems	Religious Studies: Paper 1
12/05/2020	MFL: French: Listening & Reading	Science: Biology Paper 1
13/05/2020	English Literature: Paper 1	
14/05/2020	Science: Chemistry Paper 1	Computational Programming
15/05/2020	MFL: French: Writing	
18/05/2020	Geography – Living in the UK Travel & Tourism – UK Sector	Drama – Understanding Drama
19/05/2020	Mathematics: Paper 1 - Non-calculator	Religious Studies: Paper 2
20/05/2020		Science: Physics Paper 1
21/05/2020	English Literature: Paper 2	Business Studies Paper 1
22/05/2020		Product Design: Metals
Date	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
01/06/2020	History: Paper 1	Science: Biology Paper 2
02/06/2020	English Language: Paper 1	Business Studies Paper 2
03/06/2020		Geography – The World Around Us
04/06/2020	Mathematics: Paper 2 - Calculator	History: Paper 2
05/06/2020	English Language: Paper 2	
08/06/2020	Mathematics: Paper 3 Calculator	Child Development
09/06/2020	History: Paper 3	
10/06/2020		Science: Chemistry Paper 2
11/06/2020	Geography – Geographical Skills	
12/06/2020	Science: Physics Paper 2	
Date	AM Session	PM Session
16/06/2020	Hospitality & Catering	

Exams dates still to be confirmed

- **BTEC Sport** - awaiting exam board
- **Drama** - practical to be confirmed when external moderator is appointed
- **Dance** - assessment window to be finalized
- **Art** - 10 hour practical
- **Photography** - 10 hour practical
- **French + other MFL speaking exams** will also be scheduled during April and May

Denton Community College Uniform Policy

Denton Community College Uniform:

- Purple blazer (including College logo)
- Charcoal grey sweatshirt with green trim (optional item)
- College tie
- White shirt or blouse, which buttons up to allow a tie to be clipped to the collar
- Charcoal grey (not **BLACK**) trousers fitted to the waist
- Charcoal grey (not **BLACK**), A-lined non-pleated skirt to the knee (tight, stretchy, jersey or Lycra material will not be accepted)
- Black leather shoes with low heels which can be polished (trainers, canvas pumps, mules, boots, sling backs will not be accepted)
- Plain black or charcoal socks or tights

Denton Community College Sports Kit:

- A unisex t- shirt with the College logo
- Sweatshirt with College logo (dance/drama)
- Black tracksuit (logo optional)
- Black shorts (logo optional)
- Black socks

Please note that extreme hair styles by colour or cut will not be permitted. Similarly, jewellery must not exceed a watch and one pair of small stud earrings (one stud in each ear lobe). Facial or other visible piercings are not allowed. The Local Authority and the College cannot accept responsibility for the above items of jewellery if they are brought onto the premises.

Unfortunately, a small minority of students may choose to not comply with the College uniform policy. I would like to reassure you that we will isolate or send these students home to modify their appearance.

Denton Community College

Mobile Phone Policy

At Denton Community College, we recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping students to feel safe and secure. We also recognise that mobile phones can be a fantastic tool for learning when students are properly educated and directed in their use. Mobile phones can, however, be a distraction in school and can provide a means of bullying or intimidating others. Therefore:

- Mobile phones must not be visible in classrooms or on corridors outside of break and dinner time unless directed by the teacher.
- Headphones must not be visible in classrooms or on corridors outside of break and dinner times and will not be directed in their use by teachers.
- If mobile phones and headphones are seen being used without permission, students will be warned and asked to place these items in their bags.
- If a mobile phone or headphones remain visible then the item will be confiscated by the member of staff.
- Failure to hand over a confiscated mobile phone or headphones will be viewed as defiance and will be sanctioned in accordance with the College's behaviour policy.

There is no reason for any student to have their mobile phone or headphones confiscated if compliant with the College's systems and procedures. To ensure this is the case, I advise mobile phones remain in school bags between 8.40am and 2.50pm. Confiscated phones and headphones will only be returned to parents or carers from our main reception after 3.30pm. External communications via mobile phone from home can be a distraction for students. I ask that any messages to your child be sent through our main reception on 0161 336 2219.

Denton Community College
Term Dates and Holidays 2019/20

Autumn Term

Staff INSET Days – Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Students Return to College – Wednesday 4th September 2019
Students Break Up – Friday 25th October 2019
Half Term Holiday – Monday 27th October to Friday 1st November 2019
Students Return to College – Monday 4th November 2019
Students Break Up – Friday 20st December 2019
Christmas Holiday – Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term

Staff INSET Day – Monday 6th January 2020
Students Return to College – Tuesday 7th January 2020
Students Break Up – Friday 14th February 2020
Half Term Holiday – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020
Students Return to College – Monday 24th February 2020
Students Break Up – Friday 3rd April 2020
Easter Holiday – Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term

Students Return to College – Monday 20th April 2020
Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May 2020
Students Break Up – Friday 22nd May 2020
Half Term Holiday – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020
Students Return to College – Monday 1st June 2020
Students Break Up – Thursday 16th July 2020
Summer Holiday – Monday 19th July to Monday 31st August 2020

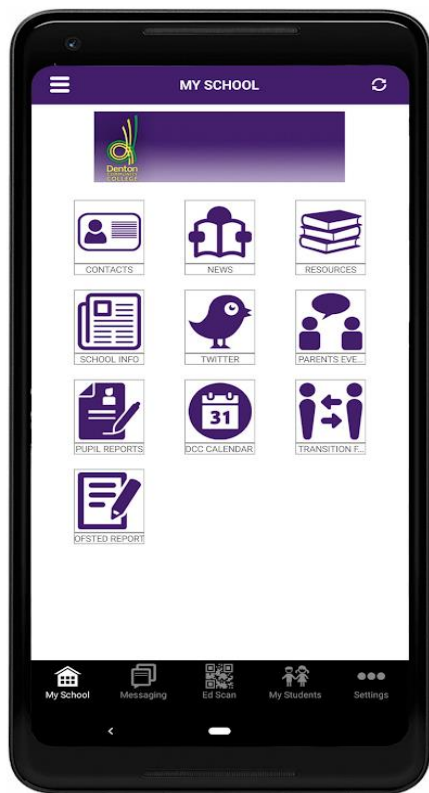
DCC – THE APP



The 'MyEd' app shows you up to date information about all aspects of your child's school life.

Simply download the 'My Ed' app and create yourself an account using your current mobile number and email address (please make sure we have your up to date contact details).

A sync will then take place overnight to authenticate your account and providing the details you provide match our school records your children will appear the next day under the 'My Students' section.



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