

The Denton Way

You'll have seen that we are changing the way in which lessons begin, introducing consistent routines that we are calling The Denton Way. Learning will start promptly each lesson and so our students and staff have to be very prepared. This will start on 3rd July, alongside phase two of our mobile devices plan.

Research shows that having consistent routines has a significant positive impact on learning, particularly for teenagers. It allows students to focus on the learning. The teacher presence improves safety on corridors and the emphasis on courtesy teaches the good manners and the positive behaviour we all want for our children. The design of the end to all lessons also means that students leave lessons in a very controlled and calm manner.

Years 7-9 have had assemblies on the Denton Way and Year 10 will be introduced to it when they return from work experience.



GreenPower victory!

Our Year 9 group won the annual GreenPower event this year, beating six other schools. This is an annual event hosted by Tameside College and is a three day engineering challenge.

The team were superb from the word go. All students were put through a lengthy selection and interview process over the last 6 months and are deserving winners. Just to give you an insight:, students had to build and drive an electric go-kart independently / from scratch using only a manual. Real teamwork, problem solving skills and true determination were shown by all in our team!

Well done to: Brayden Dix, Oliver Manuell, Anthony Jones, Freyah-Mae Hesford, Ebony Suanders, Ryley Rouse, Alfie Manser, Lucas Blease.



Summer Fair: 15th July

We are holding our annual community fair on Saturday 15th July 11am-3pm. We invite all our school community to come along and join in with the many FREE family activities including: laser tag, inflatable archery, inflatable darts, free inflatable slides, an assault course, a fantastic marketplace and so much more!

We would like to thank all the organisations who have supported this event and look forward to seeing you there!



Fusion Dance

We have another outstanding success to celebrate with our Fusion Dance Company. Our dance team were crowned champions in the U16 elite group for contemporary dance at the 'Calling You Out National Championships' at Winter Gardens in Blackpool. They also were awarded 3 trophies after placing 4th in U16 Street category and took home a cash prize of £300.

Well done to the dancers and to the dedicated team of staff and parents that have given up evenings and weekends to participate in this prestigious competition.

Barcelona trip



A 'muy afortunado' group of students and staff recently went on a trip to Barcelona, Spain. They saw some of the iconic sights of the city and soaked up the culture, including La Sagrada Familia, La Rambla, El Barrio Gótico, Barcelona Zoo, Parc de la Ciutadella, and the tasty Museu de Xocolata

Matilda performances: 5th and 6th July

Matilda at the Festival Hall

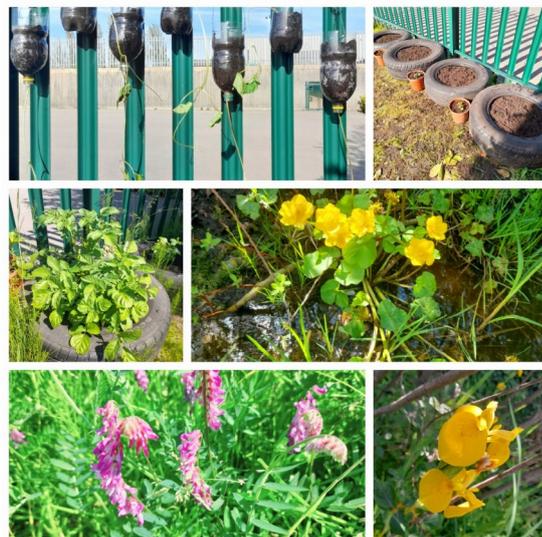
During the last week of May half term, a number of students performed a number of songs and dances from the summer performance of Matilda at Denton Festival Hall luncheon club. This is the first time the students have performed this to the public and they did absolutely brilliantly. We couldn't be prouder of the maturity and confidence of the students and a number of people in attendance approached staff to tell them how much they enjoyed the performance and how fantastic the students were.

Eco Garden

Since September the SEND team, Miss Batty and a group of year 7 students have been working hard to create a school eco-garden. Using tools donated from staff, an area of unused land was cleared, before the students decided on a variety of items to grow from seed.

To date we are growing potatoes, mint, lemon balm, tomatoes, pepper, cucumber and aubergine plants. Next year there are plans to further develop the garden so that it can be used to engage and support our students in a variety of ways.

If you would like further information or to donate any items to the project please email a.mistry@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk



Breaktime is back!

The new breaktime has been a positive step, one that's been particularly pleasing for our students. The catering team are serving up tasty snacks and students are socialising together very nicely. It is wonderful to see them being so courteous and considerate with each other and is just the first stage in our move to a new dining experience.

We do have a few reminders about our breaktime expectations:

- Students must queue courteously and considerately
- Please and thank you should be said to the staff at the tills
- Tables should be left tidy - rubbish in the bins
- Move straight to lessons when the bell goes

BREAKTIME FOOD

Toast	35p
Croissants	75p
Cinnamon Bagel	70p
Teacakes	55p
Plain Bagel	70p
English Muffin	40p
Cheese Bagel	80p
Crumpets	50p
Small Bacon Bap	80p

Young Ambassadors

We are proud to announce that four DCC students qualified as the very first students to become Tameside Leadership Academy Young Ambassadors. They put in a huge amount of time delivering activities, festivals and competitions to students across the whole borough and we are very proud of them!



Blades of glory!

We are very proud to announce that one of our Year 9 College students is representing the country at Ice Hockey and is a rising star of the sport.

He recently took part in the RIGA cup where the team came 3rd out of 25 teams in the tournament. Well done!



The Sharp System

As part of our drive to ensure students are safe and feel safe, we have introduced the Sharp System.

The Sharp System is an online reporting tool that students can use at home to report their concerns. They can do this anonymously or by giving their names. Our safeguarding team pick up the alerts and can follow up—if we know about an issue we will ALWAYS act on it.



How to report your concerns about discriminatory language, violence or bullying:

YOUR SAFETY

- ✓ Speak to the pastoral team (Head of Year, form tutor, behaviour managers)
- ✓ Speak to your teachers
- ✓ Come and speak to SLT
- ✓ Speak to any other adult – we are all here to help
- ✓ Use the Sharp System

We will check in with you afterwards.



What is the DNA of DCC?

- Making 'the safe space'
- Making sure we have a safe space
- Challenging staff and pupils to be safe
- Making sure we have a safe space

RESILIENT CONSIDERATE COURTEOUS

GCSE Citizenship

In Years 10 and 11 all students take a GCSE in either Citizenship or RE. We feel this is important in making them well-rounded citizens and a group of Year 11 students have recently demonstrated the value of the course. For their 'active citizens' project, they investigated the impact of misogynistic language and the sexual harassment that young women experience in the modern world. They looked at online and real-world experiences and recently presented their findings to local councillors and to the Tameside Domestic Abuse team, as well as our own Senior Leadership Team.

The presentation was very impressive, and the students have been asked to help create new educational resources that will be used in schools across Tameside. They were also invited to meet the Civic Mayor to talk further about what could be done to tackle this important issue. It is very unusual for a school project to make such a difference and really shows what great potential our students have!



THEY CONTROL WHO I SEE AND WHERE I GO

DOES THAT SIT RIGHT WITH YOU?

DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS

#SittingRightWithYou

If you are worried about yourself, or someone you know visit www.tameside.gov.uk/domesticabuse or call 0800 328 0967. It's time to talk about it.

Tameside Metropolitan Borough