



The magnificent MATILDA!

A huge congratulations to the cast, crew and all the staff involved in this year's triumphant school production of Matilda the musical. The acting was sharp, the songs catchy, the jokes delivered with great timing and the choreography was impressive. Add the professional standard set and costumes to the mix and you can be sure the audience were treated to something really special—it was a show worthy of the West End or Broadway!

Matilda took us all on a journey, from the hilariously horrific family to the sentimental singing of Miss Honey, via the terror that was the Trunchbull!

We're pleased to report that headteachers aren't like that in real life and the children aren't quite so revolting..! Well done everyone!



One audience member



"Huge congratulations to all the pupils and staff for the superb show Matilda.

We came as a family to see our granddaughter perform on Thursday evening. We were impressed and amazed at the school and its facilities.

Keep up the good work everyone you are making a huge difference to those pupils. Our granddaughter has grown in confidence since attending your high school."

said...

The Denton Way

A new system of classroom routines has been introduced to lessons in recent weeks. At the start of lessons, students line up and are greeted by their teacher who checks uniform and welcomes them in to the room where they complete a 5 minute recall 'Do Now' activity. A similar routine happens at the end of the class, ensuring a calm and courteous finish to all lessons.

Students tell us it is already helping to improve their learning experience by ensuring that they focus from the moment they arrive to the lesson!



What is the DNA of DCC?



- = Asking "Do we feel safe?"
- = Looking out for those who feel unsafe
- = Challenging staff and pupils to be safe
- = Always acting and behaving safely
- = DILIGENT CONSIDERATE COURTEOUS

Leavers' Prom 2023

The Year 11s attended their prom, which this year was held at at Bredbury Hall. They were greeted by an honour guard of staff at the entrance as they arrived, with many proud parents watching on. They all looked amazing and danced the night away. The staff at Bredbury Hall commented on the good manners of our students and we may well return next year. Good luck to each and every one of you for the future!



Keep on running!

Well done to Darcy Slattery (Y10) and Alfie Manser (Y9) who qualified to represent Tameside at the Greater Manchester Athletics Championships on Saturday 10th June at Longford Park Stadium.

Darcy finished 1st in the 1500m Steeplechase and Alfie finished 7th. Well done to both students.

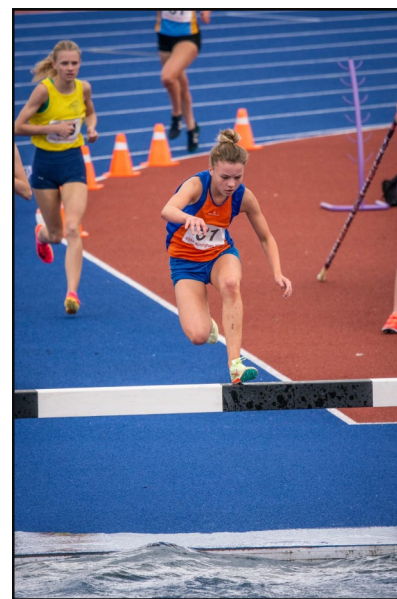
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Darcy also represented Greater Manchester in the National Championships and finished 5th overall at the English Schools Athletics competition!

What an achievement: well done Darcy!

If you'd like to find out how to take part in running, athletics or any other sport in the local area please speak to one of the PE team here in school.

THE STEEPLECHASE



Hitting new Peaks!

Year 10 Geography students have been to Crowden in the Peak District National Park as part of their GCSE course. They have been measuring the changes in the river, by collecting and analysing data. They really got stuck in to all of the activities - and even enjoyed a visit from some very curious sheep. They were a credit to the school and one of the rangers commented that a group he worked with on Thursday were one of the best groups of students he had ever worked with. Well done, everyone!



Courteous Dining

One big change coming this September is the new Courteous Dining approach that we are introducing. With the changes to the school day, and form time moving to the start of the day, there will now be a 45 minute lunchtime for all students. We will expect students to:

- * Queue politely when it is their year group's turn to be served
- * Sit down while eating, then tidy their place and any mess left by their friends
- * Thank the kitchen staff who serve them—we are one community
- * Return to the playground as soon as they have finished eating
- * Make use of the many new clubs and activities that will be on offer



School Sports Week

From Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June we celebrated National School Sports Week (NSSW)!

Students took part in a variety of activities in their PE lessons from Dodgeball, basketball, just dance, football and fitness.

Monday night saw the staff unbeaten in a game of Staff v Students Rounders! Wednesday 85 students took part in a Tough Mudder event and loved it!



“Don't be afraid of failure.

This is the way to succeed.”

LeBron James



“My coach said I run like a girl, I said if he ran faster he could too.”

Mia Hamm, former US footballer



Team Denton

Finally, on the Friday we finished the week with Sports Day and Staff & Student Basketball, again with the staff remaining unbeaten!

A big thank you to all students and staff that got involved to make the week so successful!



Advanced

Across Greater Manchester, and in particular in Tameside, there are some of the lowest rates of girls taking STEM subjects further than GCSE level. We want to change this! We have worked with Ashton Sixth Form College and the [Advanced Mathematical Support Programme](#) to deliver an A Level taster session to a group of our Year 10 female students who are interested in further study of Mathematics.

Two of our former students who now study mathematics at some of the top universities in England also attended as special guests, and gave the opportunity for our current students to ask some really good questions about further study.

Maths!

We discussed some amazing female mathematicians who made ground breaking discoveries: Ada Lovelace, Florence Nightingale and Marie Curie, which was really inspiring. Students looked at the fun and challenging jobs that STEM education can help them to achieve and that just taking an A Level in Mathematics could increase their lifetime earnings up to 11%.

All of the students were a credit to themselves and got really stuck in with the maths. Well done! And we hope they are inspired to take Maths in the future.

STEM and careers

Four Year 10 students have also been successful in their application to attend a Science University Summer School. The STEM event, run by GM Higher, aims to give students experience of life at university. The students have taken part in a 3 day residential event, alongside students from different schools across Greater Manchester, involving experiencing lectures in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Life Sciences.

To learn more about careers in STEM careers follow this link
<https://shorturl.at/cCDS1>

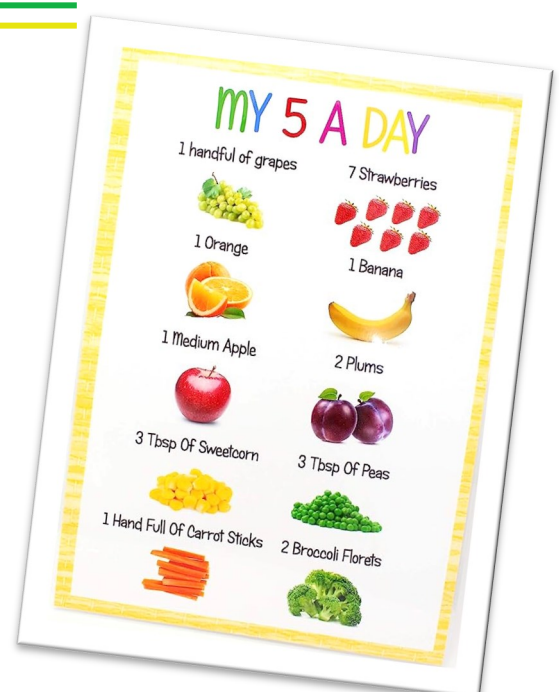
Ready Salted Day!

On Monday 10th July, 30 year 4 students from 3 feeder primary schools attended Ready Salted Day: this is a science and maths aspirational day held at the College.

During the day, the year 4 students discussed the importance of making **healthy** choices with regards to diet, particularly in relation to salt. We discussed what foods contain salt and where salt comes from.

The year 4 students extracted pure salt from rock salt in science. In their maths sessions, they calculated the energy content in different brands of ready salted crisps and used the equipment in the fitness suite to relate this energy content to movement and exercise.

We are looking forward to meeting them again soon as part of our Year 5 work with partner primaries.



'Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary'

DCC SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Can you rise to the challenge and read a book this Summer? Here are our recommended reads:



YEAR 11: MACBETH

William Shakespeare

Three witches tell the Scottish general Macbeth that he will be King of Scotland. Encouraged by his wife, Macbeth kills the king, becomes the new king, and spirals down a hellscape of paranoia and greed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nwLLNt1Ukg>

YEAR 10: AN INSPECTOR CALLS

J.B Priestley

It's 1912 and the Birling family are celebrating the engagement of daughter Sheila, when a stranger, who introduces himself as Inspector Goole, shows up at their door to investigate the death of a young woman.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXTDFrQWM>



YEAR 9: Noughts And Crosses

Malorie Blackman

Sephy is a Cross and the daughter of one of the most ruthless men in the country. In their hostile, violent world, Noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. But when Sephy and Callum's friendship grows into love, they're determined to find a way to be together.

YEAR 8: THE HOUSE WITH CHICKEN LEGS

Sophie Anderson

Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place but her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning.

The only people Marinka meets are dead, and they disappear when her grandmother, Baba Yaga, guides them through The Gate.



YEAR 7: PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF

Rick Riordan

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction.



Dyslexic friendly: Barrington Stokes

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<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/dyslexic-reluctant-readers/>

Yorkshire's rich History!



Year 10 students got the chance to visit the Historic city of York to experience its rich History. The trip included a visit to Clifford's Tower, the York Minster, the Shambles and the York Dungeons. Students were also given the opportunity to explore the city via the city walls.

It was a fantastic day out for all those involved. There were a lot of laughs and screams as we experienced many surprises walking through the depths of the Dungeons.

A Denton mystery

Dragonfly or..?



We have an invertebrate mystery that needs YOUR help to solve. This stunning creature was recently seen on the school playground. First thoughts were that it was a dragonfly, but we don't think it is.

If you can identify the species and get an answer to Mr Cumming there will be a prize. The photograph was taken by Shandon, one of our nature loving bug-spotters!

Find out more www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/invertebrates



MORE SPORTING SUCCESS

On Tuesday 4th July 40 students from year 7-9 represented DCC at the annual Tameside District Sports Competition.

Each student represented the school impeccably!

Well done to all the students who took part and a special mention to the following students who medalled in their event!



Medal winners

Sam Grant - 1st Junior Boys Long Jump

Sam Grant - 1st Junior Boys Shot Putt

Aiden Hoatson - 1st Junior Boys 1500m

Josh Martin - 3rd Junior Boys 800m

Amy-Leigh Massa - 3rd Intermediate Girls 800m

Hollie Carroll - 3rd Junior Girls 100m

