

Northern Education Trust

We begun working with Northern Education Trust at the start of September, following the decision that they will be our academy sponsor—a family of schools with an impressive track record of school improvement. This is an exciting moment for Denton Community College as we move to the next stage in our improvement journey. We have featured some of the new ideas that we have already introduced in this edition of the newsletter. Their vision of 'outcomes focused, child centred' are at the heart of every action they take and I am sure you will agree they have already had a huge, positive impact.!



PROUD Thursday

We have been delighted and overwhelmed with the vast number of students taking part in PROUD Thursday. This is an event every Thursday lunch time where students bring a piece of work they are proud of. They share their work with a member of staff and are given a certificate for their fine work. It has been an absolute pleasure for staff to listen to students explaining why they are proud of their work. This event is open to all year groups and has been a huge success so far. Look out for certificates coming home with your child soon!



Applause moments

Visitors to school have commented on the ripples of applause being heard around the building. Students are encouraged to applaud any noteworthy response from their peers in all of their lessons. It is a pleasure to hear applause moments all around the school building during lesson time and students are keen to celebrate the achievements of others.

As part of our praise culture, every week each teacher selects a student to praise and writes their name on their classroom door on the Extra Applause boards. These are students who have gone above and beyond in lessons and deserve the extra recognition.

Science star

Year 10 recently did an assessment that all Year 10 students in Northern Education Trust completed. We have to say a huge WELL DONE to Jack Lacey in Year 10 who got the highest mark...not just in DCC but across the whole Trust! What a fantastic achievement.

Expectations for Learning

Many families will already be aware that we are moving the whole school onto the Northern Education Trust 'Expectations for Learning' behaviour policy. This 'E4L' policy is designed to make students understand they are responsible for their own behaviour and gives them opportunities to regulate their behaviour before there are consequences, with a strong focus on the positives in the classroom.

It has made a real impact in the year groups we have introduced it to, and we hope to have the whole school using it shortly. Our belief is that teachers should be able to focus on teaching and should not have this interrupted by poor or defiant behaviour.

However, one key message to reinforce at home is that students must not refuse a 'reasonable request' from an adult. For the majority of our students this is just common sense of course! For those that can't meet this simple expectation of courteous behaviour we have a new system ready to help them to learn to be better behaved.

REASONABLE REQUESTS

- * **Be on time for lessons**
- * **Stop when an adult asks you to**
- * **Speak courteously and politely when an adult speaks to you**
- * **Do not walk away from an adult who is speaking to you**
- * **Tidy up a mess that you / your friends have left behind**
- * **Correct poor uniform**

Year 11 enrichment

All Year 11s are welcome, but if your child has been given an invitation in their planner they must attend for these essential catch up sessions:

- ⇒ Monday after school: English enrichment
- ⇒ Wednesday after school: Maths enrichment

Your child may also have tutor time or 1:1 English and Maths sessions with Subject Directors—the must be in school and on time for these too.

Five for Praise

Each week we have a meeting to look at what more we can do to improve the outcomes of Year 11. As part of the meeting, the English and Maths teams choose five students who deserve extra praise for the positive work they have put in and the improvements they have made.

These students are given praise by staff and encouraged to keep up the good work—good attendance and a positive attitude is the cornerstone of success!

Well done for fantastic work in Maths and English this week!

Maths

- ✓ Amir Aldhurafi
- ✓ Phoebe Brennan
- ✓ Isabelle Holt
- ✓ Isabelle Brunton
- ✓ Louis Syme

English

- ✓ Paige Leary
- ✓ Rohan Andrew
- ✓ Alexandru Stan
- ✓ Megan Murray-Nestor
- ✓ Millie Hamilton

Ofsted update

In July we had our first Ofsted monitoring visit. The team were in for two days and we are pleased that they concluded "Leaders have made progress to improve the school". You can read their full report by following this link:

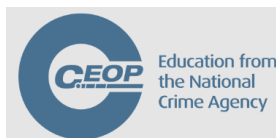
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The Sharp System

The Sharp System is an online reporting tool that students can use at home to report their concerns. Our safeguarding team pick up the alerts and can follow up; if we know about an issue we will

Online safety



Teaching students to stay safe online is built into the school curriculum in lessons, form time and assemblies. But what support is there for parents? We recommend the excellent resources at the CEOP www.thinkuknow.co.uk website. There is age appropriate advice for young people as well as for parents and it is regularly updated.

The new school day

After half term the school day will be reorganised to give an even quieter, calmer lunch and breaktime experience to students.

This will be explained in the Head's letter and then to students on the first day of the new half term. It builds on the work already done on Courteous Dining.

	Period	
8.40 - 9.40	1	1hr
9.40 - 10.40	2	1hr
10.40 - 11.30 (50 mins)	20 min break/30 min tutor	
10.40 - 11.30 (50 mins)	30 min tutor/20 min break	
11.30 - 12.30	3	1hr
12.30 - 2.00	4	3 x 30 min lunch
2.00 - 3.00	5	1hr

Sporting star

In this edition of the newsletter we would like to celebrate the sporting success of Ruby Walford in Year 9. She is one of the country's most promising cyclists and competes in the high-octane world of BMX racing.

Ruby is 3rd in the National Standings and is hoping for some more international success this year—she is currently 14th for her age in the world rankings. We hope to see her competing at the Olympics in the future!

If you'd like to find out more about how to take up BMX (or other cycling activities) in Manchester check out the link below:

<https://www.nationalcyclingcentre.com/bmx>



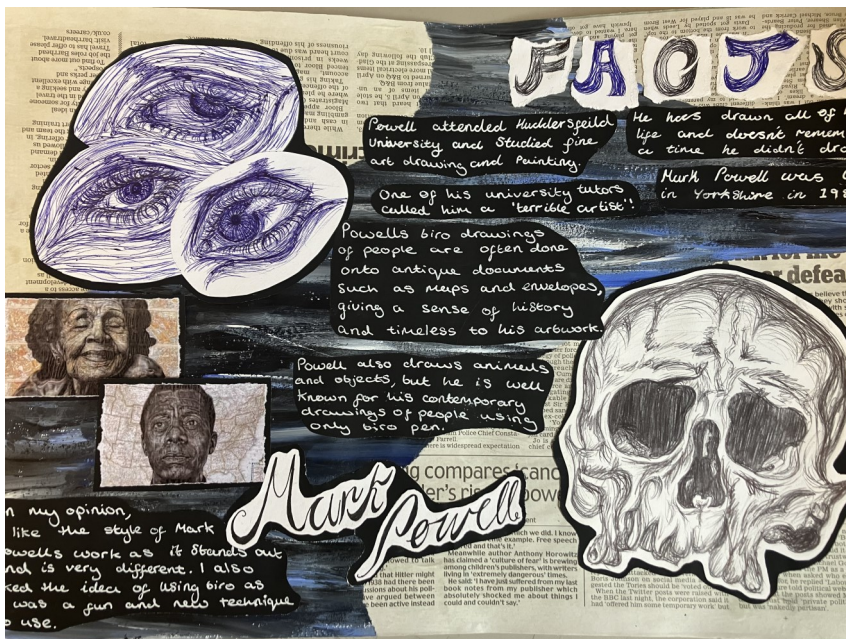
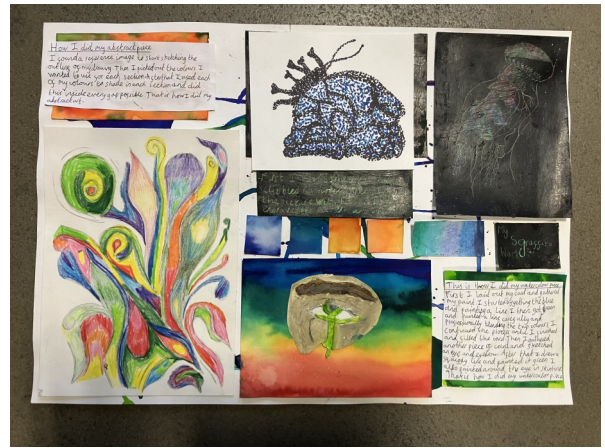
Spotlight on Art

On this page you can see a few examples of the fantastic art that students have created already this year. The talent is incredible and we love seeing it brought along to PROUD Thursday!



Well done to: these featured budding Picassos

- ◇ Maya H
- ◇ Evan H
- ◇ Lucy F



Maya was inspired by the artist Mark Powell. You can see examples of his work by following this link:

www.markpowellartist.com/portfolio/categories/

You can see some of the work by the artist that inspired Lucy here:

<https://www.cuded.com/watercolor-animals-by-abby-diamond/>

"I have never had such a warm welcome in a school. The staff and students were lovely and the atmosphere in assembly was great."

Ashton Sixth Form
guest speaker



Form time

This is the time of year that Colleges and other post-16 providers come into school to deliver assemblies and share key information with students. In recent weeks Ashton Sixth form and Clarendon College have been in and they have been mightily impressed with our DCC students. This is key information to help make the big decisions about what courses to take after DCC. This is just one more reason to ensure that your child comes to school on time every morning.—if they are late they will miss this essential information!