

Half Term Activities List

Dean Trust Ardwick staff have put together a list of free and low-cost activities that pupils might want to try out over the October holidays. There is also a list of activities involving admission charges.

Dashehra Diwali Mela 2018 in Albert Square.

Albert Square, City Centre, 20 October 2018, **free entry**. Light up your Saturday with incredible music, dance and a show stopping finale of sound and light in this spectacular free celebration of the Hindu festivals of Dashehra and Diwali.

Rocket Returns to the Science and Industry Museum.

Rocket Returns at Science and Industry Museum, Castlefield, 25 September 2018–28 April 2019, **free entry**. Make tracks for Manchester's Science and Industry Museum. A one-in-a-lifetime chance to see Stephenson's Rocket return to the site of the world's oldest surviving passenger railway for the first time in over 180 years.

iFly Indoor Skydiving

Indoor skydiving is the simulation of true free-fall conditions in a vertical wind tunnel. It's where the dream of flight becomes a reality. Flyers from 3 to 103 years and can experience the thrill of indoor skydiving at iFLY. iFly's Manchester wind tunnel was their first 14ft (4.3m) diameter design and its superiority remains to this day. The airflow is super-fast and super-smooth as always, perfect for all indoor skydiving activities. Their latest addition is a fabulous Italian eatery - Salvi's. Relax in the viewing area and enjoy some delicious delicatessen whilst watching some awe inspiring flyers taking to the air in the wind tunnel.
Trafford Quays Leisure Village, 9 Trafford Way, Stretford, Manchester, Lancs, M41 7JA

Tour one of Manchester's iconic football stadiums

The Manchester City FC Stadium Tour allows you to explore what is far more than a football ground – the Etihad is a seriously impressive complex and resembles a small town, as well a spectacular sporting venue. From the opportunity to view the lavish Chairman's Club, to learning about the youth development approach of the club, to participating in a simulated press conference, the tour provides a thoroughly enjoyable experience packed full of variety. Regardless of if you're a City fan, or even a football fan, the tour is fascinating insight into the world of top class sport.

Manchester United Stadium & Museum Tour at Old Trafford. Step behind the scenes at Old Trafford and see the stadium like the legends of Manchester United themselves. This guided tour takes you to exclusive areas like the Sir Alex Ferguson Stand and the players' dressing room, and brings you through more than 130 years of football history in the museum. When you arrive at Old Trafford, the largest club football stadium in the United Kingdom, immediately go beyond being an ordinary spectator as you slip behind the scenes of the venue. A passionate guide escorts you to parts of the stadium normally inaccessible to the public, testing your Manchester United knowledge along the way. Step into the Sir Alex Ferguson Stand and see the pitch from an awe-inspiring height, and then venture into the players' dressing room for a chance to soak up the atmosphere

Enjoy the ultimate Scaletrix racing experience

Stonerig Race Way is a unique attraction featuring intricately detailed, custom built Scaletrix tracks – enjoy the thrills and spills of scaled down racing as you get hands on with the meticulously crafted vehicles, tracks and scenery. If your need for speed isn't satisfied by that, literally jump into the driving seat and try out the incredible full size Formula One simulator to test your skills in a realistic race environment.

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Prices: 1 Hour £9.50
1 Hour 30 Minutes £13.00
2 Hours £17.00

Challenge yourself!

Challenge 4 Change. 373 Trafford Park Road, Trafford Park, Manchester, Lancs, M17 1AN. It's a unique indoor urban activity centre designed and built to help bring people together and develop their skills, both as individuals and as a group. The centre's motivational trainers have a wealth of experience and have gained a formidable reputation having hosted professional sports people from the likes of Blackburn Rovers, Sale Sharks, Salford City Reds, Manchester City Ladies Elite Development Squad and Wigan Warriors.

Challenge 4 Change is a unique indoor urban activity centre based near Media City in Trafford Park. It is a one of a kind venue that every member of the family is sure to love. The 19,000 sq. foot arena has many different ground level challenges including a tyre pit, scramble net and parallel bars. In addition there are high level challenges including the signature 35 foot high Aerial Trek, Leap of Faith, Jacob's Ladder, Climbing Wall, Elvis Pole and Traversing Beam.

Challenge 4 Change can accommodate individuals with physical and learning disabilities over the age of 10 years old. They provide their very own specialist equipment, adaptive harnesses and qualified and experienced instructors that allows individuals to partake in various activities that are highly enriching and unforgettable. Challenge 4 Change is registered charity and also accommodates customers including educational institutions, charities, housing associations, businesses and sports teams.

Enjoy some winter sports

There really are so many thrilling, fun packed activities to participate in at Chill Factore! As well as the opportunity to get straight to the slopes for those with skiing and snowboarding experience, there is just as much on offer for novices too. Lessons are available with highly qualified instructors to ease you into the excitement of winter sports or, if you're after thrills without the skills, slip, slide and speed your way to a magnificent time in the Extreme Snow facility. If the snow isn't for you, Chill Factore also offers a great climbing facility, including lessons, the chance to have a quick go and fun Mini Moose rescue missions!

Try out Manchester's newest Go-Karting attraction

Experience the adrenaline rush of racing up to 40 mph as you navigate 15 bends on this 550 metre indoor track. Whether pushing your kart to the limit as you speed along the octane straights or skilfully mastering the variety of twists and turns, TeamSport Go-Karting is bound to set your half-term alight! Constructed on multiple levels, this experience offers you the chance to channel your inner Lewis Hamilton and race your way to go karting glory!

Learn all about space!

How did the universe begin? What is a black hole? Explore the wonders of space with a memorable day-out this half term at the Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre. Hosting a hugely interactive, exciting experience, you'll enjoy learning about our place in the universe and beyond! With games and activities galore, science has never been more fun – learn how scientists use radio telescopes to learn more about distant objects, listen to the sound of the Big Bang and ask the experts any questions you've ever had about space. During half term Jodrell Bank is running a 'Reach for the Stars' family science show to celebrate the contributions of great astronomers from around the world to allow you to understand the science behind some of the greatest astrological discoveries ever made. An absolute must for anyone who has ever looked to the stars and wondered what on earth is up there!

Learning

The October holidays is a chance to explore beyond the curriculum or try to increase your knowledge in school topics:

MyMaths <https://www.mymaths.co.uk>

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/education>

Maths watch mathswatch.co.uk/

Pearson Active <https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/secondary-educators/resources.html>

Arts

Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3JL.

Museum of Science and Industry, Liverpool Road, Manchester, M3 4FP.

National Football Museum, Urbis Building, Cathedral Gardens, Todd St, City Centre, Manchester, M4 3BG.

Heaton Park

Virtual Hideout, Deansgate Mews, Great Northern, Manchester, M3 4EN

Imperial War Museum

Sea Life, Manchester

Manchester Craft and Design Centre

People's History Museum, New Ct St, Spinningfields, Manchester, M3 3ER

Greater Manchester Police Museum

Bee in the City Trail

National Football Museum

With interactive objects, games and displays, the National Football Museum has lots of fun activities for kids of all ages.

Please also check Manchester City Council website – school holiday activities for more ideas www.https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/directory/results.page?directorychannel=6-9