DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents, and staff for a positive start to the term. I hope that pupils are feeling motivated, settled, and ready to make the most of the exciting opportunities ahead. A special welcome continues to go to our new Year 7 pupils, who are beginning their journey with us. We are proud to have you join our school community and look forward to supporting you as you settle in, make new friends, and embrace the many opportunities that lie ahead.

This term we have a number of important events coming up:

- GCSE & Post-16 Welcome Evening (Year 10 & Year 11) – Thursday 18th September
- Year 7 Welcome Evening – Thursday 2nd October
- Year 9 Welcome Evening – Thursday 9th October
- Year 8 Welcome Evening – Thursday 16th October
- Open Evening – Thursday 25th September

Attendance remains a vital part of success at school. It is important that pupils attend every day to ensure they do not miss valuable learning, and in line with government guidance, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

For parents and carers of our new Year 7 pupils, please make sure you have set up access to our My Child at School app (MCAS). This provides a central hub to monitor attendance and behaviour, support homework, sign up for extracurricular activities, and stay connected with the school throughout the year.

Kind Regards,

Mr. S Worthington
Head of School

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Diary Dates

18th September - Post 16 Evening
25th September - Open Evening
2nd October - Year 7 Welcome Evening

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Assembly Theme of the Week

This week, our assemblies have been centered around 'The DTA Way'. We talk a lot about the DTA way – because these values help our pupils build strong habits for success.

The key messages shared were:
This year, the present moment is asking something crystal clear from us: to make every second of every lesson count.

- Because each lesson is a step up the mountain.
- If we waste steps, we fall behind.
- If we climb together, focused and strong, we rise higher.
- Being ready, respectful, responsible is how we climb.
- 'The DTA Way' isn't just words — it's the way we protect what has been built before us, how we succeed in the present moment and the way we create conditions for others to thrive after us.

Staff Member of the Week…

Ms Curran, Attendance Officer

Her hard work and commitment make a huge difference every single day. As an integral part of the safeguarding team, she goes above and beyond to support our pupils and families, ensuring that attendance is always a priority and that every child feels safe and cared for.

Book of the Week

As part of form time reading, Year 10 have started reading *Stone Cold* by Robert Swindles. It is a novel that makes us thinking about homelessness.

When Link has troubles at home, he tries to move to London. Due to issues with finding a job and having support, he ends up living on the street and makes friends with another homeless boy called Ginger. However, there is a man in London who hates the homeless and his aim is to remove them by any means necessary…

Message from Ms Vernon: Head of Year 7

As we come to the end of the first week, I want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of our new Year 7 students.

Starting secondary school can be a big step, but they have approached it with enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness, already showing commitment to the DTA way.
It has been a pleasure to see them settling into new routines, making friends, and engaging positively with their lessons.

The staff and I have been impressed with their behaviour, curiosity, and the way they are already becoming valued members of our school community.

Reminders that the school gates open at 8:30am and close at 8.40am. If your child arrives 8.40am they will have a lunchtime detention. If your child arrives after 9.10am it will be unauthorised.

Thank you for your continued support – we're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Year 7	97%
Year 8	94%
Year 9	93%
Year 10	94%
Year 11	92%

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!

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Safeguarding Message of the Week

The online world can be a fantastic place for children to learn, play, and connect with friends, but it's important to help them stay safe. Talk regularly with your child about what they do online and encourage them to share if something makes them feel uncomfortable. Remind them never to give out personal details such as their full name, school, address, or phone number, even if someone online seems friendly.

It's also a good idea to set up parental controls and privacy settings on devices, apps, and games to limit what your child can access. Teach them how to use privacy tools such as blocking and reporting features, so they feel confident if they encounter anything worrying.

Most importantly, keep the conversation open. Let your child know they can come to you without fear of getting into trouble, and take an interest in the websites, games, or apps they enjoy. When children feel supported and listened to, they're more likely to make safer choices online.

If you have concerns about what your child is accessing online, please don't hesitate to contact our welfare team, via. admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk. Alternatively, please call us on 0161 972 2988 to discuss your concerns in confidence.

MCAS - 'My Child at School'

MCAS is the main communication between home and school. MCAS stands for 'My Child at School'. It is a app downloadable for Apple or Android. We want all parents to download this app to ensure you get key updates about your child at Dean Trust Ardwick.

The information you can see on the app is:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Positive points
- Detentions
- Payments
- Reports

When your child is enrolled at Dean Trust Ardwick:

1) Download the MCAS app
2) You will receive an email with a link to set up your account (the same email you provided to school)
3) Click the link on the email and follow the steps
4) Once set up and signed in through the webpage, you can then log in through the app.
5) You will not be able to use the app if you have not signed up through the web page first.

If you have any questions or issues, please contact our main reception who will be happy to assist you.

10 Year Anniversary: Looking Back

In 2015, Dean Trust Ardwick opened its doors early to meet the growing demand for school places in our community. Starting with just **120 pupils and 6 dedicated teachers** in a temporary building, the school quickly became a hub of learning and ambition. Pupils traveled to another Dean Trust school for specialist lessons, demonstrating the collaborative spirit that has always been a hallmark of our Trust.

As the years passed, Dean Trust Ardwick grew rapidly. The school **moved into a state-of-the-art building**, welcoming an additional **300 Year 7 pupils**, and cementing its place at the heart of the community. The excitement of this milestone was marked by a truly memorable occasion when the school was **officially opened by the late Manchester United legend Sir Bobby Charlton**..

From these modest beginnings, Dean Trust Ardwick has flourished, nurturing generations of learners and shaping futures. As we celebrate **10 years,** we look forward with pride and anticipation to the next chapter of our journey.

Dean Trust Ardwick's Open Evening

Thursday 25th September

Come and see for yourself why we are the school of choice for children and parents of Ardwick and Longsight.

- Open to Year 5 and Year 6 Children and Families
- Talk from the Headteacher (4:15pm & 5:15pm)
- Tour of the School
- Meet current staff and pupils

Location: 345 Stockport Road, Longsight, M13 0LF
Time: 3:30pm - 6:30pm

QR code to visit our website

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Manchester Term Dates
2025- 2026

Autumn Term		No of days
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Friday 24th October 2025	39
Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025	35
Spring Term		
Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026	30
Monday 23rd February 2026	Thursday 2nd April 2026	28
Summer Term		
Monday 20th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	24
Monday 1st June 2026	Friday 17th July 2026	34
	Total Days:	190

INSET Days

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 20th March 2026 (Eid)
Friday 26th June 2026
2 days from twilights

Bank Holidays

Thursday 25th December 2025
Friday 26th December 2025
Thursday 1st January 2026
Friday 3rd April 2026
Monday 6th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026
Monday 25th May 2026

Contact Information:

Dean Trust Ardwick opened in 2015 and we are now a fully-fledged Year 7-11 school, serving over 1300 pupils. We serve the Ardwick and Longsight community and pride ourselves on being a local school for local children. Since our inception, we have become the school of choice for families.

Key Contacts:

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