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NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we begin a new month at Dean Trust Ardwick, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some key updates and celebrations from across our school community.

This week, we welcomed our newest families to the Year 7 Welcome Evening. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to meet staff, learn more about the curriculum, and see how well our Year 7 pupils have settled into life at Dean Trust Ardwick. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive, and we are proud of how confidently our pupils are embracing their new journey.

I would like to take this moment to remind all pupils and families of the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. Every school day counts, and arriving on time ensures that no learning is lost. Together, we can continue to work towards our goal of achieving outstanding attendance across the school. A further reminder that pupils are expected to wear their full school uniform with pride. Our uniform policy helps to promote high standards and a sense of belonging. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that pupils come to school each day dressed smartly and appropriately, ready to learn.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 9 families to their Welcome Evening next week. This event will provide an important opportunity to hear about the academic year ahead, meet subject teachers, and understand how we can work together to support pupils as they prepare for Key Stage 4.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us provide the very best education and experiences for our pupils

Kind Regards,

Mr S. Worthington

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Diary Dates

9th October - Year 9 Welcome Evening
16th October - Year 8 Welcome Evening
24th October - Last Day of the Half Term

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Assembly Theme of the Week - European Day of Languages

This week, our assembly celebrated European Day of Languages, highlighting the importance of learning other languages and embracing the rich diversity of communication around the world. Pupils were encouraged to see language learning not just as a skill, but as a gateway to becoming citizens of the world, fostering understanding, empathy, and global awareness.

We are proud that our school community is incredibly diverse, with more than 50 languages spoken by our pupils. Our Home Languages Program provides an outstanding opportunity for students to maintain and develop their mother tongue, celebrating their cultural heritage while building bridges across languages and cultures.

Our pupils' achievements in modern and community languages are outstanding. Last year, 86% of students studying Arabic, Urdu, Persian, Turkish, and Cantonese achieved above a Grade 7, with 49% achieving the top Grade 9. These results reflect not only their dedication and hard work but also the strength of our language programs and the support provided by our talented teachers.

Through this celebration, we aim to inspire all pupils to value linguistic diversity and recognise the opportunities that come from being multilingual.

Staff Member of the Week…

Miss Russell

Miss Russell from the Admin Team has been an outstanding asset, and her recent recognition as Colleague of the Week is a testament to her dedication and hard work. She consistently goes above and beyond in her work around Admissions, ensuring that every family feels welcomed and supported from their very first interaction with the school. Her efficiency, professionalism, and friendly approach make the admissions process smooth and positive for both parents and students. Miss Russell's commitment to clear communication and genuine care truly makes a difference, and she exemplifies the supportive and approachable spirit of our team.

Book of the Week

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton is a novel about two rival teenage groups, the Greasers and the Socs, who come from very different social backgrounds. The story is told from the perspective of Ponyboy Curtis, a young Greaser who struggles with identity, loyalty, and the harsh realities of growing up. When conflict between the groups turns violent, Ponyboy is forced to face the consequences of his choices and reevaluate what truly matters. The novel explores themes of friendship, class, and the desire to belong.

Message from Mr Diaz: Head of Year 10

After the first month back at school, Year 10 students are starting to focus more seriously on their GCSEs, especially with mock exams coming up.

This is a key time to build good study habits, stay organised, and revise regularly.

Mock exams give a great chance to practice and see where you need to improve before the real exams next year. It's normal to feel a bit stressed, but try to use that stress as motivation to work hard and ask teachers for help if you're struggling.

Remember, preparing well now will make a big difference later on!

Year 7	97%
Year 8	95%
Year 9	94%
Year 10	94%
Year 11	95%

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!

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Safeguarding Message of the Week

Anti-social behaviour, including actions such as vandalism, littering, or disruptive gatherings, can affect the safety and well-being of the wider community. While young people may not always realise the impact of their actions, these behaviours can cause distress to others and sometimes escalate into more serious issues. It is important that we all work together to promote positive and respectful behaviour both in and outside of school.

Parents and carers play a key role in supporting young people to make positive choices. Encouraging constructive activities, discussing the importance of respecting others, and being aware of where children are and who they spend time with can make a real difference. At Dean Trust Ardwick, we are committed to guiding pupils to be responsible and considerate members of the community, and we welcome partnership with families to achieve this.

We also encourage pupils to take pride in their local area and to act as positive role models for their peers. Small actions, such as helping keep public spaces tidy, showing kindness to neighbours, and reporting unsafe situations, all contribute to a stronger, safer community. By fostering a sense of responsibility and empathy, we can support young people in making choices that benefit both themselves and those around them.

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: Celebrating Staff Milestones

At Dean Trust Ardwick, our pupils benefit every day from the dedication and expertise of our amazing staff. This year, we are proud to celebrate colleagues who have reached **5 and 10 years of service**—milestones that show true commitment to our school community.

5 Years of Service

Staff reaching five years have brought energy, skill, and passion to the classroom. Their dedication helps ensure **consistent, high-quality teaching**, making a real difference in the lives of our pupils.

10 Years of Service

A decade with Dean Trust Ardwick is a remarkable achievement. These colleagues have shaped the experiences of countless pupils, offering **stability, guidance, and expertise** that underpin our school's excellence.

Experienced staff make a difference every day. Their knowledge and continuity support pupils' learning, build strong relationships, and help maintain the high standards parents expect. To all our colleagues reaching these milestones: thank you for your commitment, passion, and hard work. Your dedication ensures that Dean Trust Ardwick continues to be a place where pupils thrive.

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Manchester United Foundation Girls Tournament

Roxy, Mama, Ikrah, Isra & Peri, all took part in a Manchester United Foundation tournament held at this cliff. The girls all performed amazingly. They won 2 and lost 2 matches

Year 8 Boys Football Team vs Cedar Mount

Year 8 Boys had their first league fixture against Cedar Mount.
Despite losing, the boys played some excellent football, considering it was their first match on a 11 aside pitch. Well done to Noel, who scored a hat trick!

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.

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Head of Key Stage 4: Ms J. Halfacre
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