DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into November, I am delighted to share some exciting news and upcoming events happening at Dean Trust Ardwick.

Next Level November
Our Next Level November initiative has officially begun! We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible effort and achievements of our pupils. Already, many pupils have enjoyed a special hot chocolate and games afternoon as a reward for their hard work. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and positive engagement, and we look forward to more celebrations throughout the month.

School Production of Oliver Jr.
Looking ahead, we are very excited to invite you to our upcoming school production of *Oliver Jr.* This performance will take place on **Wednesday 20th November and Thursday 21st November at 5:30pm**. It promises to be an entertaining showcase of our pupils' talents, and we would love to see as many families there as possible to celebrate their hard work and creativity. For more information, please see the main body of the newsletter.

School Street Initiative
We are also excited to share news about our School Street project, developed in collaboration with the local council. A School Street is a designated area where the road will be closed to traffic at specific times during the school day. This helps to reduce congestion, improve safety, and minimise the risk of accidents around the school, while still allowing access for those who need it.

We will be **trialing this initiative on 20th November** with a 'Play Street' road closure from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. During this time, there will be a range of activities to celebrate and raise awareness of this exciting change.

We are confident that this initiative will have a lasting positive impact on our school community, and we look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Kind Regards
Mr S Worthington
Head of School

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, @dt_ardwick for regular updates!

Diary Dates

Oliver Jr Performance - Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th November
Pupil Flu Vaccinations - Monday 24th November
Year 10 Parents Evening - Thursday 4th December

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Assembly Theme of the Week - Remembrance

This week, our theme is **Remembrance** — a time for thoughtful reflection and appreciation.

Following Remembrance Day at the weekend, we are encouraging pupils to think about what it means to remember and why reflection is such an important part of personal growth and community life.

In assemblies and tutor sessions, pupils are exploring how remembrance can take many forms — from showing gratitude and respect, to appreciating the contributions of others, to learning from experiences that help us become more understanding and compassionate individuals.

This theme also invites us to look ahead. Remembering is not only about the past; it's about recognising how our values and actions today can help shape a positive future. By showing kindness, fairness, and empathy in our everyday interactions, we contribute to a community where everyone feels valued and respected.

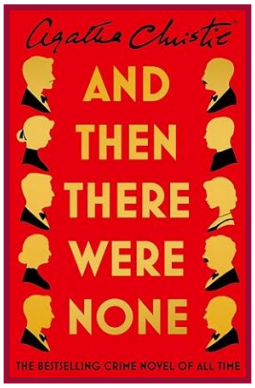
As we reflect this week, we hope our pupils take a moment to appreciate the importance of gratitude, understanding, and connection — qualities that strengthen both our school and the wider world around us.

Staff Member of the Week…

Miss Wallace
Year 7 Pupil Support Manager

This week, we are delighted to celebrate **Miss Wallace**, an integral and highly valued member of our **Year 7 team**. Her dedication, positivity, and unwavering commitment to supporting every pupil truly set her apart. Thank you, Miss Wallace, for your hard work, teamwork, and the care you bring to everything you do. We are incredibly lucky to have you!

Book of the Week



And Then There Were None is a tense mystery in which ten strangers are invited to a remote island and soon realise they are being targeted for past crimes. As the guests begin to die one by one, fear and suspicion grow, leaving everyone unsure whom to trust. Agatha Christie creates a gripping, atmospheric story that keeps readers guessing until the very end.

Message from Ms Morton: Head of Year 8

It has been a productive and encouraging term for Year 8, and I am proud of the positive attitude many students continue to show in their learning.

As we move further into the year, I would like to remind all students of our shared behaviour expectation: Being ready, Being respectful and Being responsible.

I am pleased to see so many pupils meeting these expectations daily, and I encourage everyone in Year 8 to continue upholding the high standards that make our year group such a strong part of the school community.

Year 7	97%
Year 8	95%
Year 9	93%
Year 10	94%
Year 11	93%

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!

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Safeguarding Message of the Week

We have seen an increase in pupils gathering around the school, in Wonderland Park and nearby streets after the school day. While it's natural for pupils to want to socialise, this raises some important safety and behaviour concerns.

Why This Matters

- **Safety risks:** Roads are busy after school and pupils are more vulnerable once off-site.
- **Community impact:** Large groups can sometimes lead to noise, antisocial behaviour, or negative perceptions of pupils.

Expectations for Pupils

- Leave the school site promptly unless attending a supervised club or activity.
- Travel straight home or to an arranged destination.
- Be respectful of residents and the wider community.

How Parents/Carers Can Support

- Encourage your child to come straight home after school.
- Make sure you know **where they are**, **who they are with**, and **what time they will be home**.
- Ensure clear arrangements if they are attending an activity.

Thank you for helping us keep pupils safe and maintain positive relationships within our community.

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:

This year marks a remarkable milestone for Dean Trust Ardwick - our 10th anniversary! For a decade, our school has been at the heart of the community, shaping futures, inspiring ambition, and creating countless memories along the way. As we look back on all we've achieved, one thing stands out above all else: our people - the pupils, staff, families, and friends who have made our school what it is today.

To celebrate this special moment, we're reaching out to our alumni - all the incredible individuals who once walked our corridors, learned in our classrooms, and helped build the foundation of who we are. Whether you graduated in our earliest years or left just recently, you'll always be part of the Dean Trust Ardwick family, and we'd love to hear from you.

Over the past ten years, so many of our former pupils have gone on to achieve wonderful things - in higher education, careers, and their communities. As we celebrate this milestone, we want to share your stories, celebrate your journeys, and showcase how far our alumni have come.

We're also planning some special anniversary events and features, and we'd love our alumni to be a part of them - from reunion gatherings to newsletters and online spotlights. Whether you'd like to reconnect with teachers and classmates, offer words of advice to current pupils, or simply reminisce about your time here, this is your moment to get involved.

How to Take Part:
If you're a former pupil of Dean Trust Ardwick please get in touch with us! You can:

Email us at miawain@deantrustardwick.co.uk

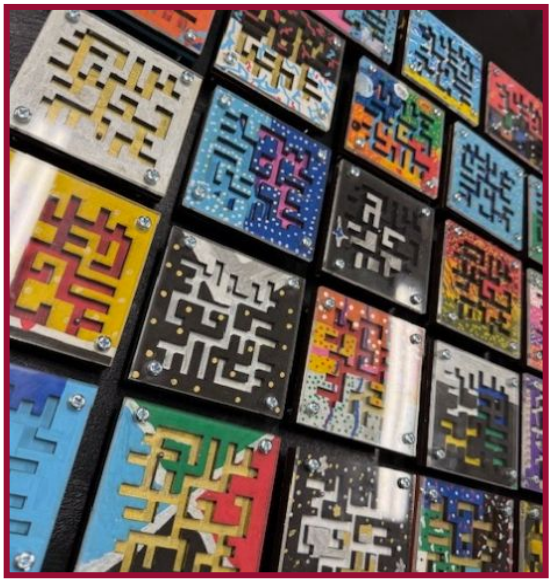
Fill in our quick alumni form: https://forms.gle/YNgkTp8TohhBmbp49,

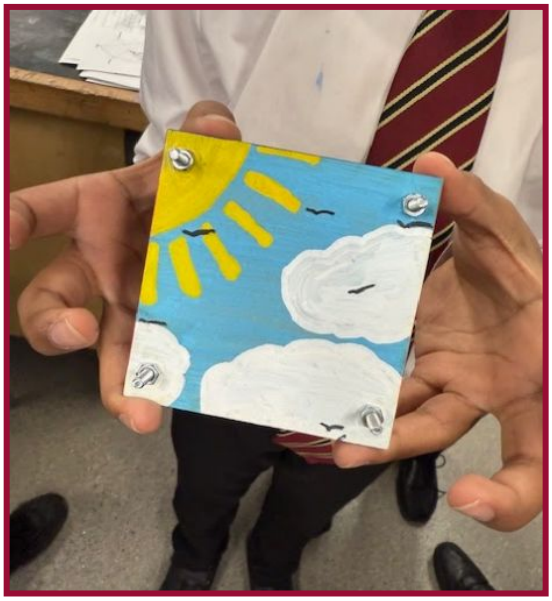
Follow us on social media for updates and event details

Let's make our 10-year anniversary not just a celebration of our past — but a celebration of everyone who has been part of our story. We can't wait to reconnect, reflect, and continue building the next chapter together.

Year 7 Design & Technology

In Year 7 Design & Technology our pupils have been working on their computer aided design and manufacture (CAD/CAM) knowledge and learning about how different products are designed and made. The pupils utilised CAD software to draw up their own maze design and then used CAM machinery to cut out their design on the laser cutter.The pupils have really enjoyed this unit of work and were very excited to both decorate and assemble their final products ready to take home



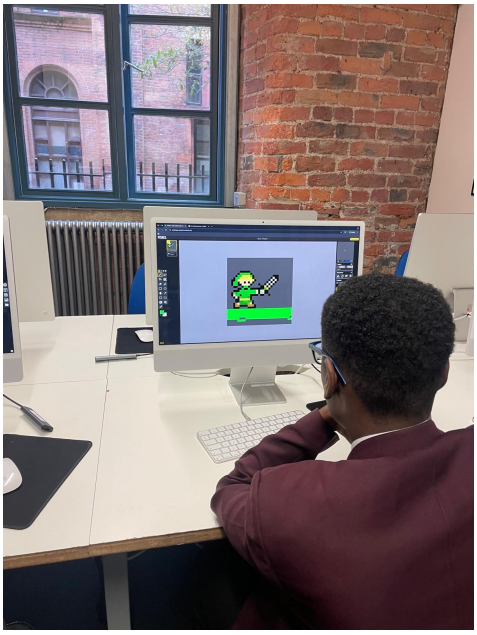


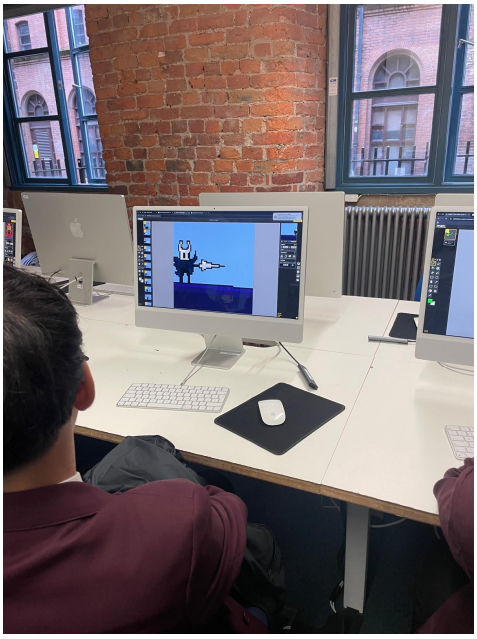
Year 8 Design & Technology

In Year 8 Design & Technology our pupils have continued working on their 'Mini Monster' Textiles project and have now progressed on from their initial design idea sketches to cutting out their pattern pieces ready for manufacture. The pupils were very excited to get started on cutting out their felt pieces to start bringing their monster designs to life!

Year 10 Computer Science

Fourteen Year 10 Computer Science students attended a careers and pathways taster day at Access Creative College in Manchester, accompanied by Mr McCabe and Miss Santos. They explored further education in creative media through four practical workshops: collaborative art, animation, Photoshop and 3D modelling.





School Street

SAFE ROADS SAFE LIVES

FOR ST LUKE'S & THE DEAN TRUST

ROAD SAFETY EVENT

Daisy Mill road will be **closed** on **20 November**, between **1pm and 4pm**

We are aiming to:

- reduce air pollution
- improve the physical and mental well-being of our pupils
- create a safe walking and cycling route

A DAY OF FUN FOR PUPILS FROM BOTH SCHOOLS!

- sport activities with MUFC
- information stand
- bring your bike

Making our children happier and safer

Help transform the school run

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

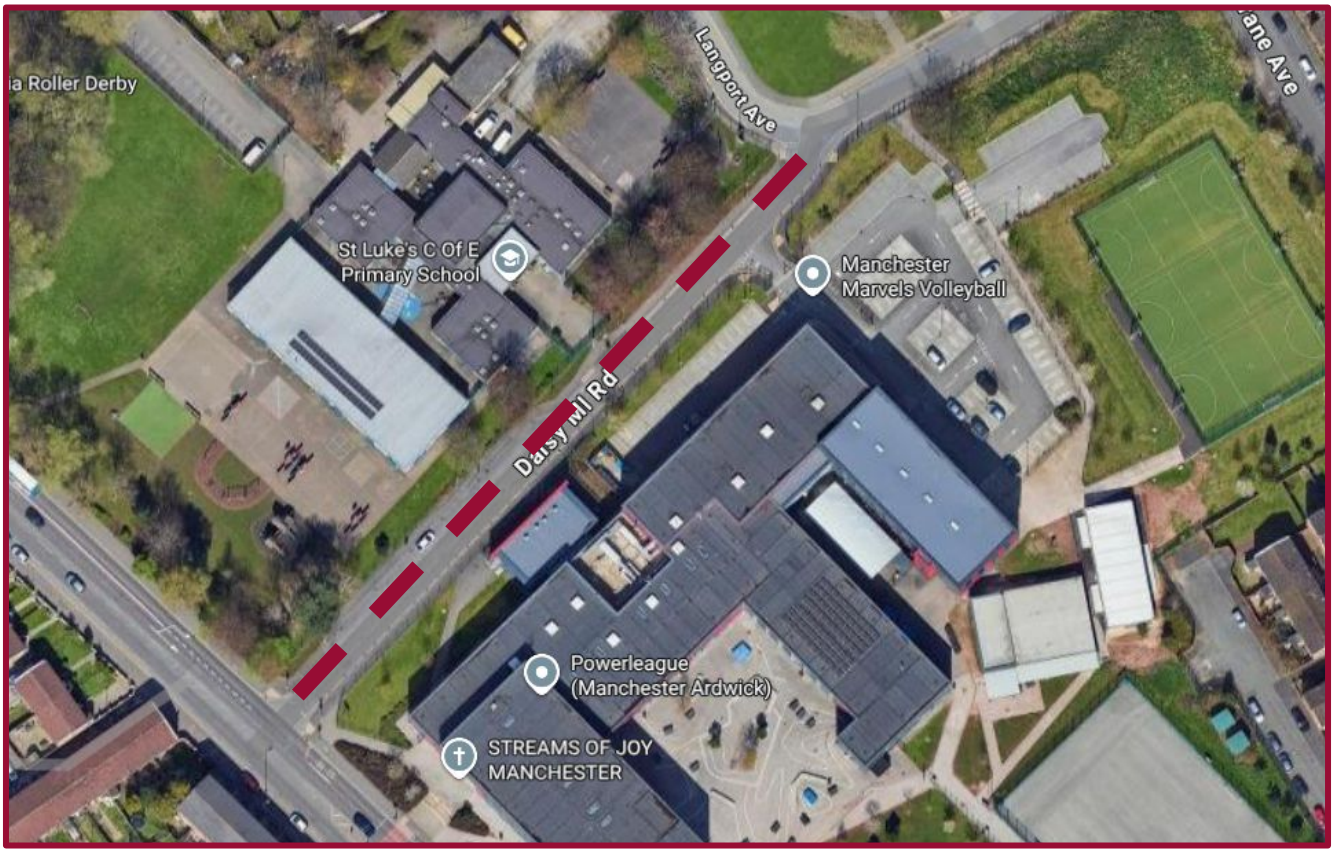
Thursday 25th December 2025
Friday 26th December 2025
Thursday 1st January 2026
Friday 3rd April 2026
Monday 6th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026
Monday 25th May 2026

Parking around Dean Trust Ardwick

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of car accidents and near misses on Daisy Mill Road, many of which have been linked to illegal or unsafe parking during school drop-off and collection times.

Parking on double yellow lines or blocking residential driveways not only causes disruption but also puts our pupils and families at serious risk.

We urge all parents and carers to use the designated lay-by parking areas and to park with care and consideration at all times. Our priority is the safety of every child - by working together and following parking guidelines, we can help prevent further accidents and keep our community safe. Please arrange for a safe place to collect your child away from school, if the parking bay is unavailable.



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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