DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into a busy and exciting part of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share some important reminders that help us maintain the high standards we expect at Dean Trust Ardwick.

Uniform Standards Reminders

To help keep our school calm, focused and safe, we'd like to remind everyone of our expectations around mobile phones and headphones. Mobile devices should not be seen or heard anywhere on site, and will be confiscated if they are. This also applies to headphones or earphones. These simple rules help reduce distractions and support positive learning. We appreciate your help in making sure your child either leaves their phone at home or keeps it switched off and out of sight.

Uniform and Appearance

We take great pride in how we present ourselves at Dean Trust Ardwick. Wearing the correct uniform helps pupils feel part of our community and prepares them for the expectations of the wider world. Our uniform and appearance standards apply to everyone and are not negotiable. Thank you for supporting your child to come to school each day in full uniform and without mobile devices.

Year 10 Parents' Evening – 4th December

We are delighted to invite all Year 10 parents and carers to our Year 10 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 4th December. This is an important opportunity to meet with teachers, discuss your child's progress and work together to ensure a successful GCSE journey. We look forward to welcoming you.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to our school community. By working in partnership, we can continue to provide the very best environment and opportunities for our pupils.

Kind Regards,
Mr S Worthington

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Diary Dates

Pupil Flu Vaccinations - Monday 24th November

Year 10 Parents Evening - Thursday 4th December

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Assembly Theme of the Week - Anti-Bullying

This week in assembly, pupils explored the importance of creating a safe and respectful school community by standing together against bullying. We discussed what bullying looks like, whether it's unkind words, exclusion, repeated teasing, or online behaviour, and how these actions can have a lasting impact on a child's confidence and wellbeing.

We talked about how small actions—such as offering kindness, including others, or reporting concerns to a trusted adult—can make a big difference in helping someone feel supported.

The message of the week focused on empathy, kindness, and responsibility. By thinking about how our words and actions affect others, pupils can help create a positive environment where everyone feels safe and valued.

We also reminded pupils that they are never expected to deal with bullying on their own. Knowing who to talk to—whether it's a teacher, support staff member, or another trusted adult—is an important part of keeping our school a safe place for everyone. By working together and communicating openly, we can ensure that any concerns are addressed quickly and effectively.

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, reinforcing the importance of respect and kindness in everyday interactions.

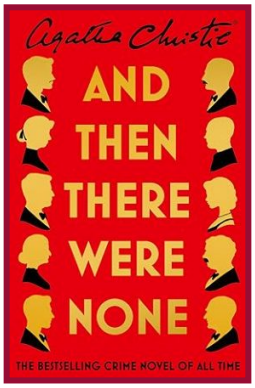
Staff Member of the Week…

Miss Street
Pupil Welfare Officer

This week we are pleased to recognise **Miss Street** for her fantastic work on the *School Street* project. She has shown great commitment in helping to make the start and end of the school day safer and calmer for our pupils and families.

Thank you, Miss Street, for your hard work and dedication—you are greatly appreciated!

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 Martin: Head of Year 9

Year 9 have made an excellent start to this half term, and I'm delighted to celebrate the improvements we're beginning to see in attendance.

Many students have shown real commitment by arriving each day Ready, Responsible and Respectful, and it's been wonderful to see how this consistency is helping them grow in confidence and progress across their subjects.

Thank you to all students—and their families—for the effort they are putting in. Let's keep aiming high and finish off this term even stronger!

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 want to remind families that **vaping—especially THC vapes or unknown/unregulated products—can carry serious health risks** for children and young people. Many vaping devices contain harmful chemicals, and when these products are bought outside regulated sources, there's a real risk of dangerous substances being involved. Users often don't know exactly what is in those vapes or how strong they are, which makes sharing or accepting them from others particularly risky.

Nicotine—the addictive substance found in many vapes—is especially concerning for young people, whose brains are still developing. According to NHS guidance, the long-term effects are not yet fully understood, but addiction, impact on concentration, mood, and learning are all possible.

We urge you to encourage your child to **talk to a trusted adult** (this could be you, a teacher, or another member of school staff) if they ever feel pressured to try a vape, or if they're worried about something a friend is using. Open, honest conversations at home and at school are one of the strongest protections: when young people feel they can talk without judgement, they are more likely to share their concerns and make safer choices. Public Health agencies also emphasise that by giving young people the facts—not lecturing—you increase the chances they'll come to you if something goes wrong.

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 Football

The year 7 boys football team competed in the MUFC Hub tournament and the Manchester United Training Ground. The boys played 7 matches, drawing the first 3 and then winning the final 4 games. Once they found their rhythm, the boys played some great football.

Year 10 Football

Dean Trust Ardwick year 10 boys fought hard for a draw with Burnage high school. We went 1-0 up through a K Palmer goad and dug in for the rest of a game to get a draw. Well done boys!

Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball

Year 7 and 8 girls competed in multiple netball fixtures. Year 7 girls unfortunately lost their first match against St. Bede's, however bounced back and won their second match against William Hulme.

Year 8 girls won their first fixture against William Hume, but lost their second match against St. Bede's.

Well done girls!

School Street

In collaboration with the local council, we have begun working towards transforming Dean Trust Ardwick into a School Street.

A School Street, is a designated area where the road is closed to traffic at specific times during the school day, helping to reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, and minimise the risk of accidents around our school. However, those who require access will be able to use the facility.

On Thursday we trialled this initiative on 20th November, with a ‘Play Street’ road closure from 1pm to 4:00 PM. During this time, students enjoyed various activities organised to celebrate and raise awareness of this exciting change.

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

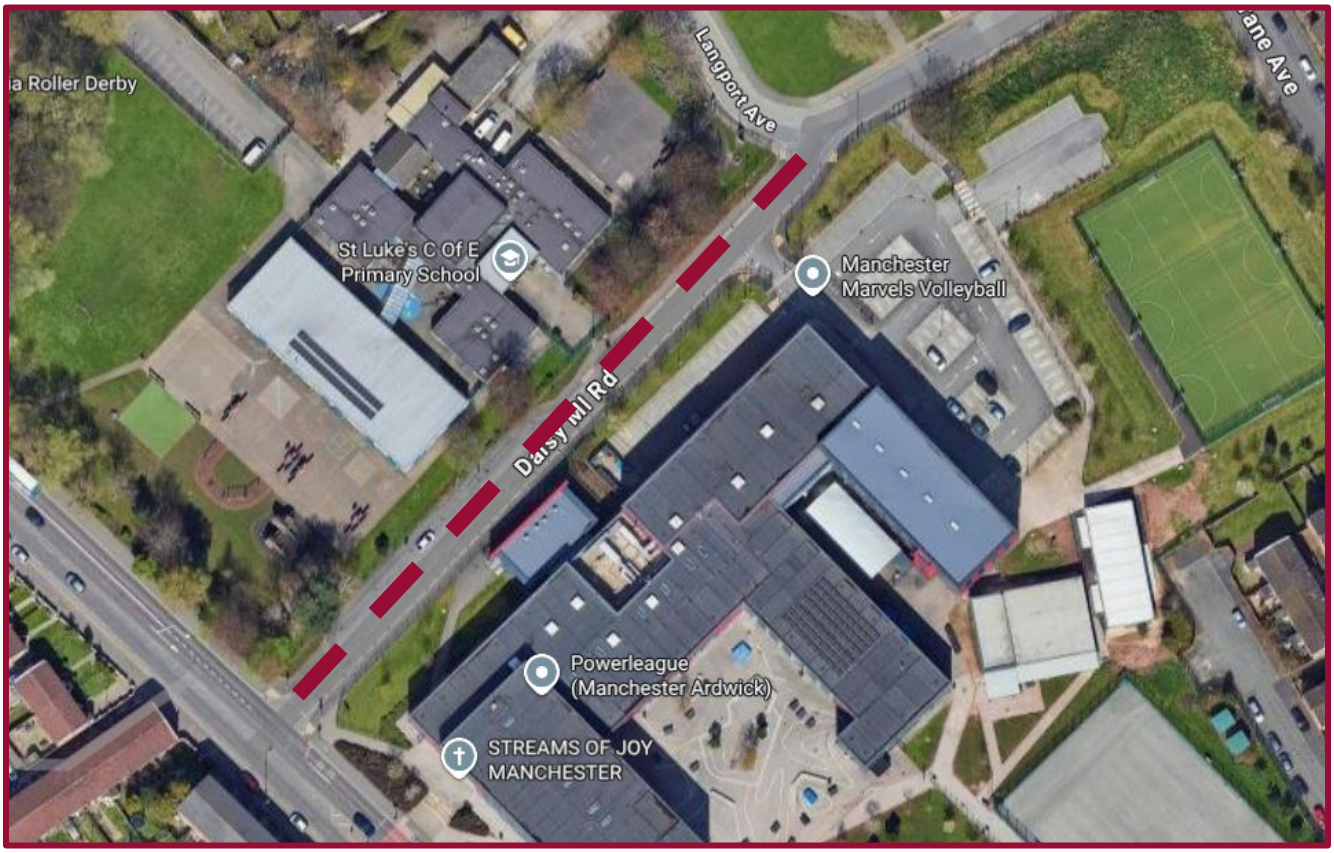
Thursday 25th December 2025
Friday 26th December 2025
Thursday 1st January 2026
Friday 3rd April 2026
Monday 6th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026
Monday 25th May 2026

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.

Key Contacts:

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Chair of Governing Committee: Dr. S Jenkins
Head of Key Stage 4: Ms J. Halfacre
Head of Key Stage 3: Ms B. Sayeed
SEND Coordinator: Ms J. Hallam
Pupil Services / Parent Contact: Admin
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