DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and inspiring half term at Dean Trust Ardwick with pupils across all year groups embracing new challenges, working hard, and making fantastic progress.

Year 11 have just completed their mock exams. We were really impressed with how engaged they were throughout the process. Their dedication and focus have been excellent, and we are confident that all their hard work will pay off in the coming months. Keep up the momentum, Year 11 - you're on the right track!

A group of Year 7 pupils had an unforgettable time taking part in a circus skills workshop. From juggling to balancing acts, pupils threw themselves into the activities with energy, creativity, and plenty of laughter. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to build confidence and teamwork while having lots of fun.

Year 10 had an exciting visit to Cadbury World as part of their GCSE Business studies. Seeing a real-world business in action brought their learning to life and gave them practical insights into marketing, production, and business strategy.

Year 9 have been busy with Parents' Evening and Options Evening, giving them the support they need as they make important decisions about their GCSE choices. These evenings also provided an opportunity for parents and carers to discuss the progress their children are making so far this academic year.

We are so proud of all our pupils for their hard work, and engagement - both in and out of the classroom. Thank you, as always, for your continued support; it makes such a difference to their success.

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Diary Dates

Message from Ms Martin: Head of Year 9

As we move through this important stage of Year 9, I would like to highlight the significance of Parents' Evening and the upcoming GCSE options process.

Parents' Evening was a valuable opportunity for parents to speak directly with subject teachers about your child's progress, strengths, and areas for development. These conversations will help inform the choices students make when selecting their GCSE subjects, ensuring they choose courses that match their interests, abilities, and future aspirations.

We were pleased to see many of our families attend and engage fully in the process, as your support and guidance play a vital role in helping students make confident and well informed decisions about the next stage of their education.

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

Talk Openly About Safety in the Community

For many secondary school students, growing independence means spending more time outside the home—walking to school, meeting friends, or attending clubs and activities. While this is an important part of developing confidence and responsibility, recent reports show that many teenagers feel anxious about personal safety in their local area, with some having witnessed or experienced worrying situations.

It's important to talk openly with your child about staying safe in the community. Here are some practical ways you can support them:

- Plan ahead: Encourage your child to let someone know where they're going and when they expect to return.
- Stay in groups where possible: There's safety in numbers, especially when traveling in the evening or through unfamiliar areas.
- Be aware of surroundings: Help your child recognize potentially risky situations and encourage them to trust their instincts.
- Know who to turn to: Make sure they know trusted adults at school, in the community, or within the family that they can contact if they ever feel unsafe.

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: Alumni

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.

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Year 9 Parents' Evening

Year 9 Parents' Evening was a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to come together to discuss students' progress and next steps. The evening focused on celebrating achievements, identifying strengths, and setting clear goals for the remainder of this school year and beyond, as year 9 students begin to prepare for their GCSE subjects.

It was great to see such strong engagement from parents and carers, with open, positive conversations supporting each student's learning and wellbeing.

Circus Skills Workshop

Some year 7 students took part in an exciting circus skills workshop where they explored juggling, diablo sticks, balance, and dragon dancing.

The session helped them build confidence, coordination, and teamwork while trying something new in a fun and supportive setting. Everyone was encouraged to step out of their comfort zone, celebrate small successes, and enjoy the creativity and energy of the circus experience.

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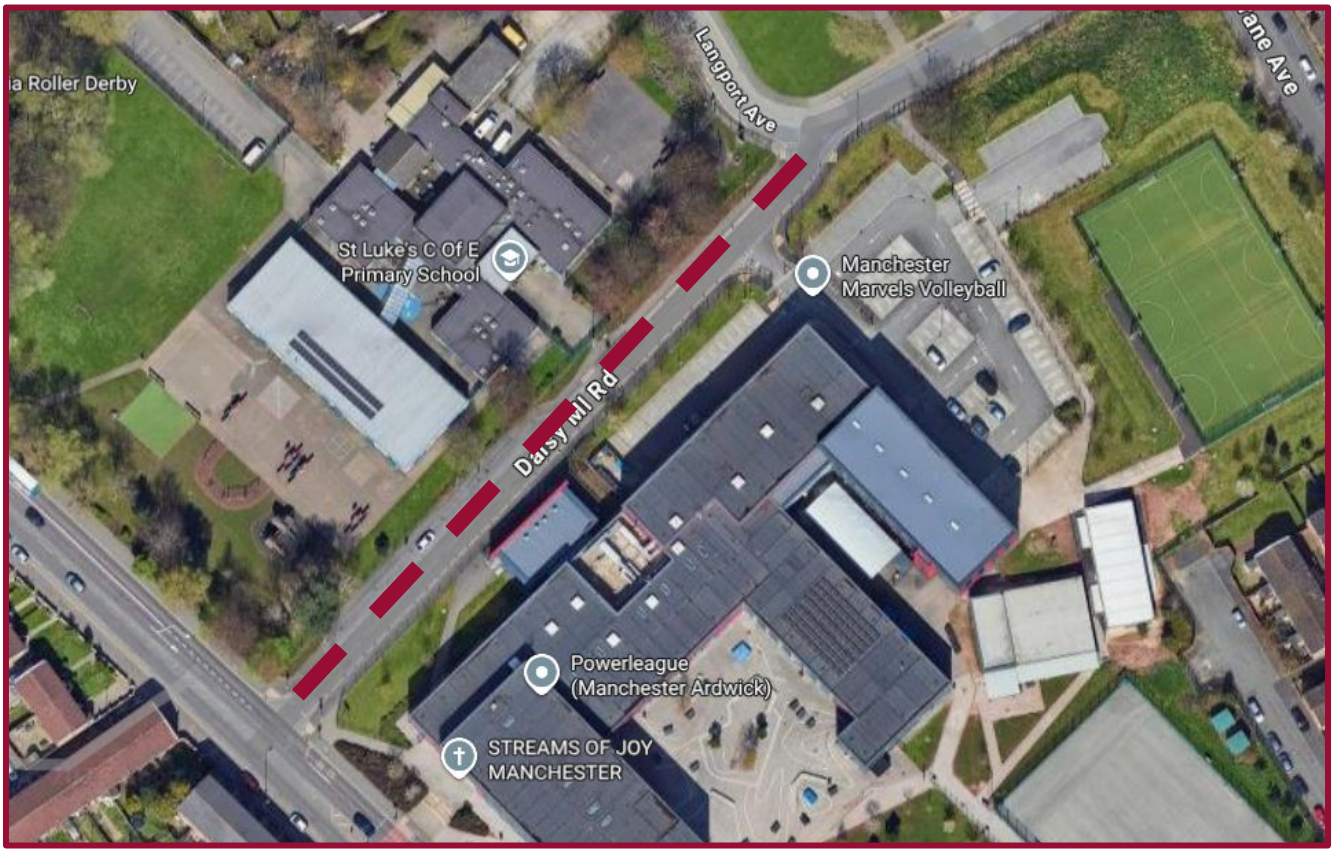
Parking around Dean Trust Ardwick

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 residents' 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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