DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this term and for entrusting Dean Trust Ardwick with your child's education. Please find some information to help you prepare for the start of Term 3.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families of the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. Research shows that the single biggest factor influencing a child's academic success is being in school regularly. Every day in school matters: it ensures your child doesn't miss vital learning and gives them the very best chance to achieve their full potential. It is therefore essential that **all pupils return to school on Monday 20th April 2026**, ready to begin the new term on time and with a positive mindset. Please also remember that holidays should not be taken during term time. In line with government guidance, headteachers are unable to authorise term-time holidays, and any unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice from the local authority, as outlined in our attendance policy.

By ensuring your child attends school every day and on time, you are playing a vital role in supporting their learning and long-term success.

Our standards of appearance are a way of demonstrating pride in ourselves and in our school. Wearing our uniform smartly and following the school's expectations around appearance show that we are united and proud to belong to our community.
Please support the school by ensuring that your child adheres to our uniform and appearance standards and comes fully equipped when they return to school.

Key Diary Dates
As we enter the new term, please note the following key dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 30th April - Year 8 Parents' Evening**
- **Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)**
- **Friday 8th May - Coffee Morning**
- **Monday 11th May - Start of Formal GCSE Exams**

Further details for each event will be shared closer to the time.
Thank you again for your ongoing support. We wish you a restful and enjoyable break.

Mr S Worthington

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

Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd April - School closes for Easter
MOnday 20th April - School Re Opens

Message from Ms Vernon: Head of Year 7

We were pleased to invite parents and carers of Year 7 students to our Parents' Evening on Thursday.

This was a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teachers, discuss their progress, and find out how they are settling into secondary school life.
Parents and Carers were able to talk through achievements, areas for development, and ways to support learning at home.

We enjoyed meeting everyone and look forward to continue working together to support your child's success.

Year 7	95%
Year 8	94%
Year 9	92%
Year 10	94%
Year 11	92%

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!

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Safeguarding Message of the Week

Help your child understand that neurodiversity means people think, learn, and experience the world in different ways—and that these differences are a normal part of life, not something to "fix." At secondary school age, young people are more aware of social dynamics, so it's important to have honest conversations about conditions like autism, ADHD, and dyslexia, including both the strengths (such as creativity, focus, or problem-solving) and the challenges individuals may face. Encourage your child to think critically about stereotypes they may see online or hear from peers, and to question unkind behaviour. Talk about the impact of language—how jokes, labels, or casual comments can affect someone's confidence and sense of safety. Reinforce that everyone deserves respect, even if they don't fully understand someone else's experience.

You can also guide them on how to be an ally in school: being patient during group work, respecting different communication styles, giving others time to process information, and including classmates who may feel left out. Discuss real-life scenarios, like what to do if they witness bullying or exclusion, and remind them it's okay to speak up or seek help from a trusted adult. Finally, keep the conversation open. Let them ask questions, share experiences, and reflect on what they see at school or online. Building this understanding not only promotes empathy but also helps create a safer, more inclusive environment where all young people feel accepted and supported.

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

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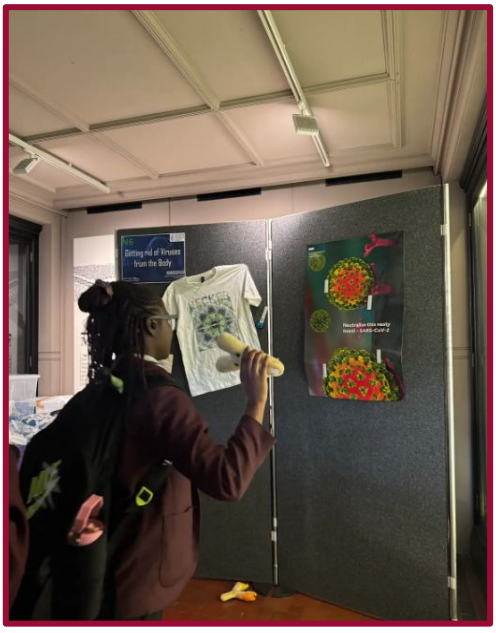
Science Week

Last week we celebrated British Science Week at DTA, this year's theme is 'Curiosity, what is your question?'.

All pupils in Y7 got the opportunity to attend a planetarium show centered around our solar system and our future explorations into space! Well done to the 8 Year 9 pupils and 28 Y10 pupils who received their Crest Bronze Award certificates in assembly. Those Year 10 pupils also attended a reward trip to the University of Manchester science fair, where they got to explore the museum and speak to current STEM researchers at the University. There is an ongoing poster competition for British Science Week to design a poster about your childhood and what makes it positive. The deadline is 16th April and there will be prizes on offer, please hand your completed poster to Miss Daniels.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

This years theme:

What are children and young people's visions for a good and positive childhood?

Ideas to consider in your research and creation:

- *What was childhood like in the past?*
- *What makes young people's lives or your life positive now?*
- *What would you like to improve for your own children?*
- *How might your generation make things more positive for young people in the future?*
- *What will you be doing/eating/learning/thinking about?*
- *If you could ask a young person from 2036 about their life, what would you want them to know?*

You can use *any materials that you like*, including **digitally**. Your poster must be **A4 or A3** in size and you'll need to be able to supply a 2D image of it so it can be sent to us online for judging. You can also work in a **team** or **individually.**

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Official prizes available:

- **Shopping vouchers**
- **Amazon echos**
- **Magazine subscriptions**
- **Scientific kits**

There will also be a school based reward for <u>any entry</u> into the competition.

If you are interested in entering, you can get more information from room 168.
<u>Deadline: Thursday 16th April!</u>

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Year 7 Football

The Y7 boys beat Manchester Academy 4-2 in the final game of the season.

They have finished 3rd in the league which is a great achievement winning four out of the six games they played.

And in the final game of the XvY band Football series, it went down to the final game with the scores tied at two matches each .... in a close encounter X band won 1-0 to be crowned the **Year 7 CHAMPIONS!**

Easter Holiday Clubs

The A6 Young People's Centre has a **free** playscheme this Easter holidays for young people on free school meals under 13 years old.

Year 11 Easter School

DTA Easter Timetable 2026- Week 1- W/C 6th April					
	Monday: 06/04	**Tuesday: 07/04**	**Wednesday: 8/04**	**Thursday: 9/04**	**Friday: 10/04**
AM	**EASTER MONDAY**	**Spanish (SED) RM TBC** **(9-10.30) Higher** **(10.30-12) Foundation**	**Child Development (AIH) RM-TBC (10-12) Group 1** **Photography NAK RM140 (9-12)**	**Geography** (STJ/MAE/DAB) Rm **(10-12)** **Biology (separate science) (10-12) COA RM E105** **Combined Science HEA (10-12) Rm 178**	**D and T** (9-3) **Rm G75**
PM			**Child Development (AIH) RM-TBC (1-3pm) Group 2**	**Combined Science COA- (1-3) RM E105** **Chemistry (separate science) HEA (1-3) RM 178**	**D and T** (9-3) **Rm G75**

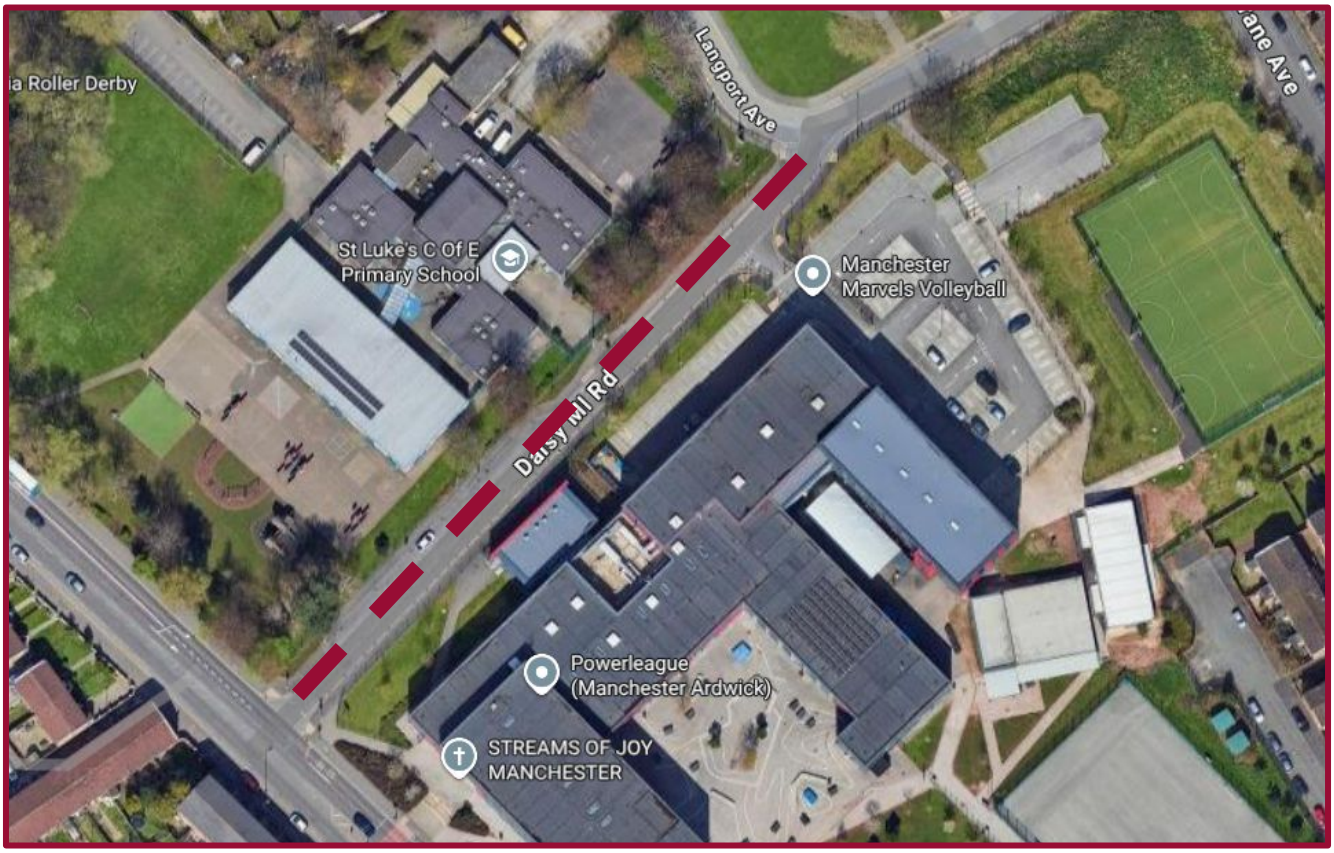
DTA Easter Timetable 2026- Week 2- W/C 13/4					
	Monday: 13/04	**Tuesday: 14/04**	**Wednesday: 15/04**	**Thursday: 16/04**	**Friday: 17/04**
AM	**RE (NAA)** Rm E207 **10-1.pm** **ART** (ALA) **(9-3) (Selected students- Unit 1 catch up)** RM 102 **Physics (NIW) Rm 179 (10-12)**	**Statistics Rm G44 (9-11)** **Statistics Rm G44 (11-1)** **ART** (ALA) **(9-3) (Selected students- Unit 1 catch up)** RM 102	**Maths (9-12) RM TBC**	**Drama-JUV Main Hall (9-12) Group 1** **English (9-12) ABH RM TBC**	
PM	**ART** (ALA) **(9-3) (Selected students- Unit 1 catch up)** RM 102	**ART** (ALA) **(9-3) (Selected students- Unit 1 catch up)** RM 102	**History** (MAH) (1-3) RM E205	**Drama-JUV Main Hall (12-3) Group 2**	

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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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
Headteacher's PA and Clerk to Governors: Miss. M Wain
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