DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

As we reach the end of a highly productive term, I would like to take a moment to recognise the fantastic efforts of our pupils. A strong focus on improving attendance has led to many students progressing to higher attendance bands—an achievement we are very proud of. I have also been particularly impressed with how consistently pupils have embraced and demonstrated the DTA way in their lessons and daily interactions.

The upcoming term is especially important, particularly for our Year 11 pupils as they begin their formal GCSE examinations. With only a short time remaining, it is vital that students attend all masterclass sessions and continue to work diligently at home. Their commitment during this final stretch will play a crucial role in securing the results they have worked so hard to achieve.

Next term, we will be holding the Year 10 Mock Examinations and the KS3 End-of-Year Assessments. The Year 10 mocks are an important milestone, as they help determine predicted grades for college applications. The KS3 assessments are designed to evaluate pupils' understanding of the curriculum and identify areas for further development. Further details about both assessments will be shared at the start of the term.

This term has also been rich in opportunities and experiences across all year groups. Highlights include the Year 7 Outward Bound Residential, the KS3 Speed Networking Event, and the Year 10 Interpreneurs Panel. In addition, many pupils have benefited from visits to a variety of businesses, thanks to our valued partnerships with RLB and the Dame Robina Shah Foundation. These experiences help to broaden horizons and create lasting memories.

I would like to sincerely thank all parents and carers for your continued support and for entrusting us with your child's education. We are incredibly fortunate to be part of such a supportive community and are proud to serve the families of Longsight and Ardwick.

I hope you all enjoy a restful break, and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Monday 20th April.

Mr S Worthington

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Diary Dates

Monday 20th April - School Re Opens

30th April - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Message from Mr Randals and Mr Ahmed: Pastoral Leads

As we reach the end of the term, we would like to recognise the positive progress made across the school community.

Students have shown increased maturity, resilience, and respect in their daily interactions, following the DTA Way and being Ready, Responsible and Respectful, contributing to a calmer and more focused learning environment.

While there have been challenges, the commitment from both staff and students to uphold high standards has been clear. We are particularly proud of those who have taken responsibility for their actions and made meaningful improvements.

Thank you to families for your continued support, and we look forward to building on this progress in the next term.

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

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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Debate Mate

Debate Mate Schools was founded to close the skills gap between young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers.

We believe communication, confidence, and leadership are essential for success – yet too often, access to these opportunities depends on where a child grows up. Our debate-led after-school programmes equip students with the ability to think critically, speak persuasively, and collaborate effectively. By levelling the playing field, we raise aspirations and empower young people to find their voice.

Community Clean Up

Over the last few weeks, Year 7 students have participated in ‘Keep Manchester tidy’ alongside Manchester City Council and St Lukes Primary School.

Working in small groups, the students collected rubbish from the park and surrounding streets, and public spaces showing a strong sense of responsibility and teamwork.

Equipped with gloves, litter pickers, and bags, they worked efficiently while also learning about the importance of keeping their environment clean. The event not only made the neighborhood look better but also raised awareness about pollution and encouraged others in the community to take pride in their surroundings.

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.

Easter Holiday Clubs

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**

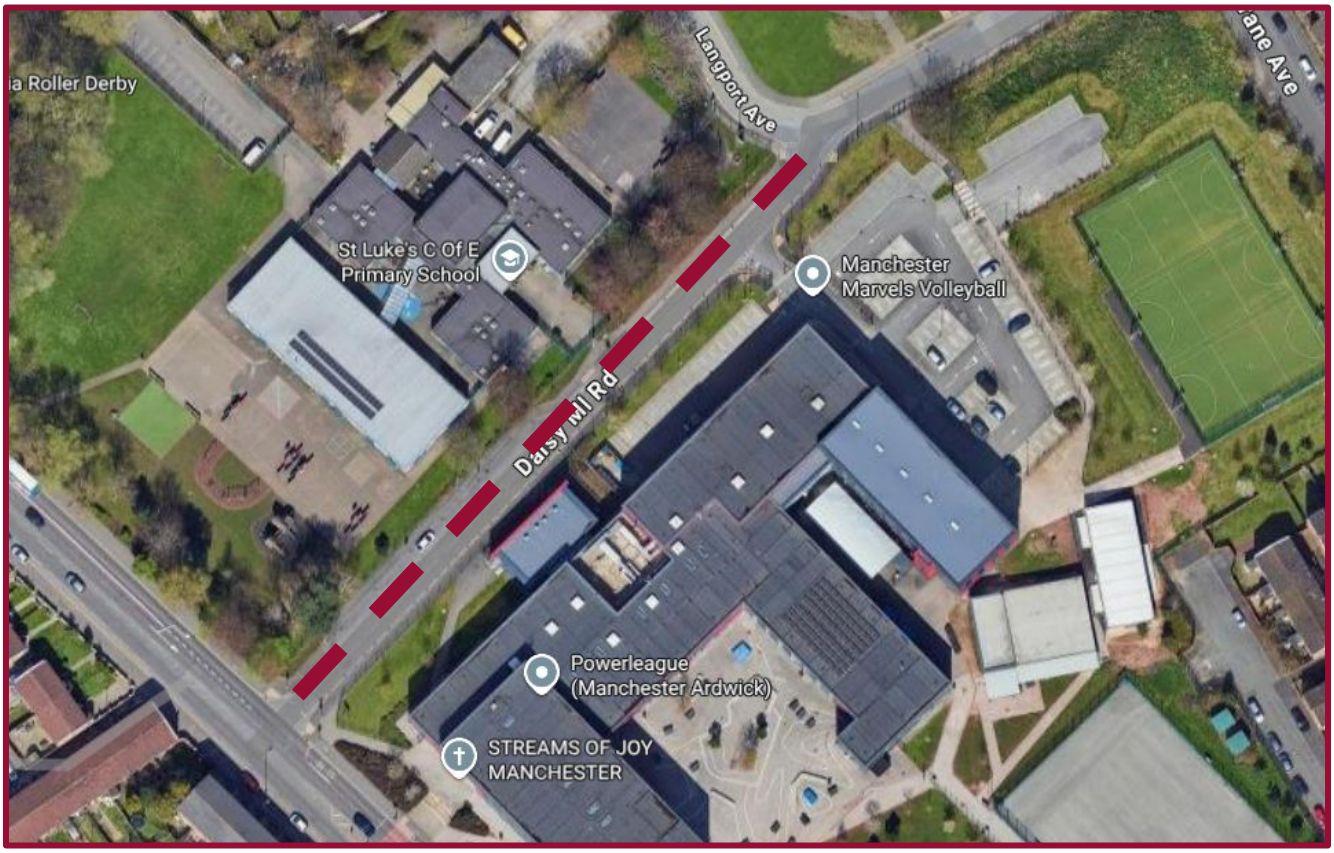
DTA Easter Timetable 2026- Week 2- W/C 13/4					
	Monday: 13/04	**Tuesday: 14/04**	**Wednesday: 15/04**	**Thursday: 16/04**	**Friday: 17/04**
AM	**RE (NAA)** Rm E207 **10-1.pm** **ART** (ALA) **(9-3) (Selected students- Unit 1 catch up)** RM 102 **Physics (NIW) Rm 179 (10-12)**	**Statistics Rm G44 (9-11)**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