DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

As we begin Term 3, I would like to share the key focus areas discussed with our pupils during our "Ready to Realign" assemblies. Our theme for this term is "Excellence is the Standard," and we are committed to ensuring every pupil has the best environment to succeed.

The DTA Way: Every Second Counts

We are challenging all pupils to "make every second of every lesson count". We view their education as a mountain journey; every lesson is a vital step toward the summit. By consistently being Ready, Respectful, and Responsible, our pupils are building the habits that lead to long-term success.

Attendance: The 'No Days Off' Challenge

Attendance remains a top priority. This half term, we have launched the 'No Days Off' Challenge. Pupils who attend every day for 10 consecutive days can claim a reward from the Pastoral Hub, and those with perfect attendance for the half term will be entered into a draw for a brand new laptop. Please remember that punctuality is essential, and pupils arriving after 9:10 am will receive an unauthorised absence.

Maintaining a Focused Learning Environment

To ensure our classrooms remain free from distractions:

- **Mobile Phones:** If a phone is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and kept in the school safe until Friday. Confiscated phones must be collected by a parent or guardian on Fridays between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.
- **Safe Space:** DTA is a "no touching" school. We expect pupils to respect personal space at all times, which means no play fighting or physical "banter".

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child reach the summit of their mountain journey.

Mr S Worthington

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

Diary Dates

30th April - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Message from Mrs Rahman & Mr Samuels: Yr11 Pastoral Team

Reminder of incentives we have for Year 11:

To get a Golden Ticket you need to attend revision masterclasses, and then your ticket will go into a hat. You then will be in with a chance to win a prize in Monday's assembly. Prizes include, prom tickets, headphones etc.

We also have the 'Gimme 5' cards to encourage pupils to do their best, meet their targets and reach their potential as they come to the end of their mountain climb.

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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Uniform

It has come to our attention that some pupils have started wearing the wrong uniform to school. Please can we remind you of our uniform expectations below and ask that you check your child has the appropriate uniform before leaving for the school day. If any items of uniform are missions, please inform the school should you require support.

Mobile Phones

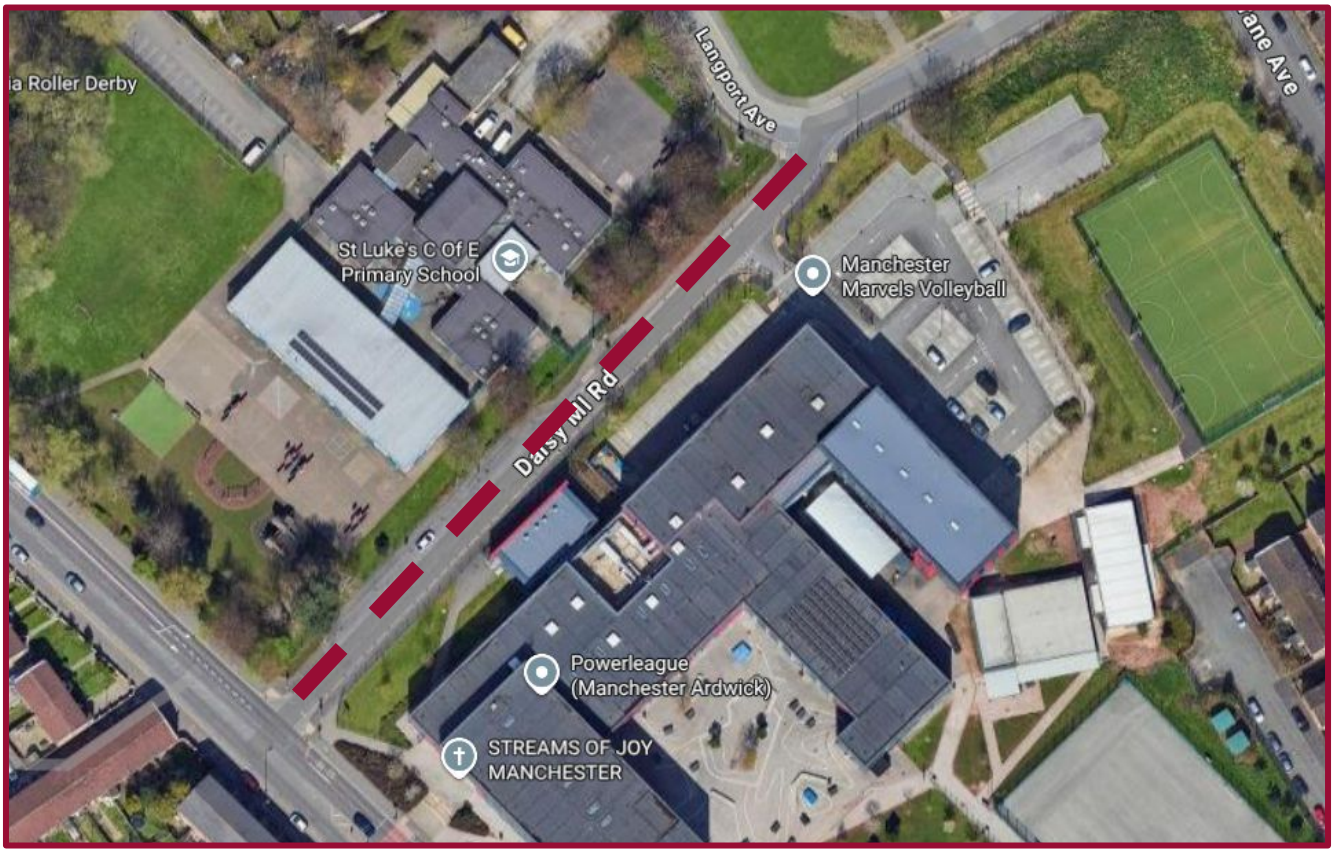
- If a pupil is seen with a mobile phone it wil be confiscated by a member of staff.
- The phone will be given to the pastoral office where it will be placed in the school safe until Friday after school.
- Mobile phones will not be handed back to pupils at any point.
- Only a parent or legal guardian can collect confiscated mobile phones on a Friday after school between 3.00-5.00pm

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.

Key Contacts:

Head of School: Mr S. Worthington
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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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