DEAN TRUST Ardwick

# NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher's Message

This week marks the beginning of the GCSE examination period for our Year 11 pupils, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish every pupil the very best of luck. These examinations represent an important stage in their education and are the result of sustained effort, commitment and preparation over many months.

Our Year 11 pupils have shown great resilience and determination throughout the year. Their positive attitude towards learning, engagement in lessons and participation in intervention sessions have been commendable. I am proud of the maturity they have demonstrated and confident that their hard work will place them in a strong position to succeed.

During the weeks ahead, continued support at home will play a vital role. Regular revision, effective organisation and healthy routines can help pupils remain focused and confident. Encouraging pupils to manage their time carefully, get sufficient rest and maintain a balanced approach to study will help them perform at their best.

Attendance remains essential throughout the examination period. In addition to sitting examinations, pupils will continue to receive targeted support and expert guidance from their teachers in school. These final preparation sessions are carefully designed to reinforce knowledge, address misconceptions and build confidence ahead of each paper.

We also expect pupils to maintain the high standards that have been established throughout the year. Arriving on time, attending in full uniform and bringing the correct equipment each day are all important in helping examinations run smoothly and ensuring pupils are fully prepared.

Examinations can be challenging, but they also provide pupils with the opportunity to demonstrate everything they have learned. We encourage all Year 11 pupils to approach this period with confidence, determination and pride in the progress they have already made.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement. By working together, we can help ensure that every pupil is able to achieve their very best.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Worthington

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## Diary Dates

## Message from Ms Rahman & Mr Samuels

Effective revision is not simply about the amount of time spent studying, but the quality of the techniques used. The following strategies are recommended to support students in preparing successfully for their GCSE examinations:

Here are some simple, effective ways to revise well:

- **Test yourself often**
  Don't just read notes—use flashcards or practice questions. Apps like Quizlet can help.
- **Space your revision**
  Go over topics regularly instead of cramming everything at once.
- **Use past papers**
  Practise questions from AQA, Edexcel or OCR and check mark schemes.
- **Keep sessions focused**
  Work for short bursts (25–50 mins), then take a break.
- **Mix subjects**
  Switching topics helps keep your mind fresh.
- **Focus on weaker areas**
  Spend more time on what you find difficult—it makes the biggest difference.
- **Look after yourself**
  Get enough sleep and take breaks—this helps your memory and concentration.

Consistent, focused revision is far more effective than long, last-minute sessions.

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| 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

**Stay curious, not confrontational, about your child's online world**

Teenagers often won't raise concerns if they feel they'll lose their phone or get into trouble. Regular, calm conversations are one of the most effective ways to keep them safe.

A few simple approaches that help:

- **Ask open questions**: "What apps are popular with your friends at the moment?" rather than "Are you doing anything unsafe online?"
- **Normalise talking about mistakes** so your child knows they can come to you if something goes wrong online.
- **Look out for subtle changes** in mood, sleep, or behaviour, which can sometimes indicate online stress or peer issues.
- **Know where to report concerns** on platforms your child uses, and don't hesitate to use school safeguarding channels if something worries you.

You don't need to monitor everything—they just need to know you're a safe and consistent place to turn if something doesn't feel right.

## 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.

## Form Trips

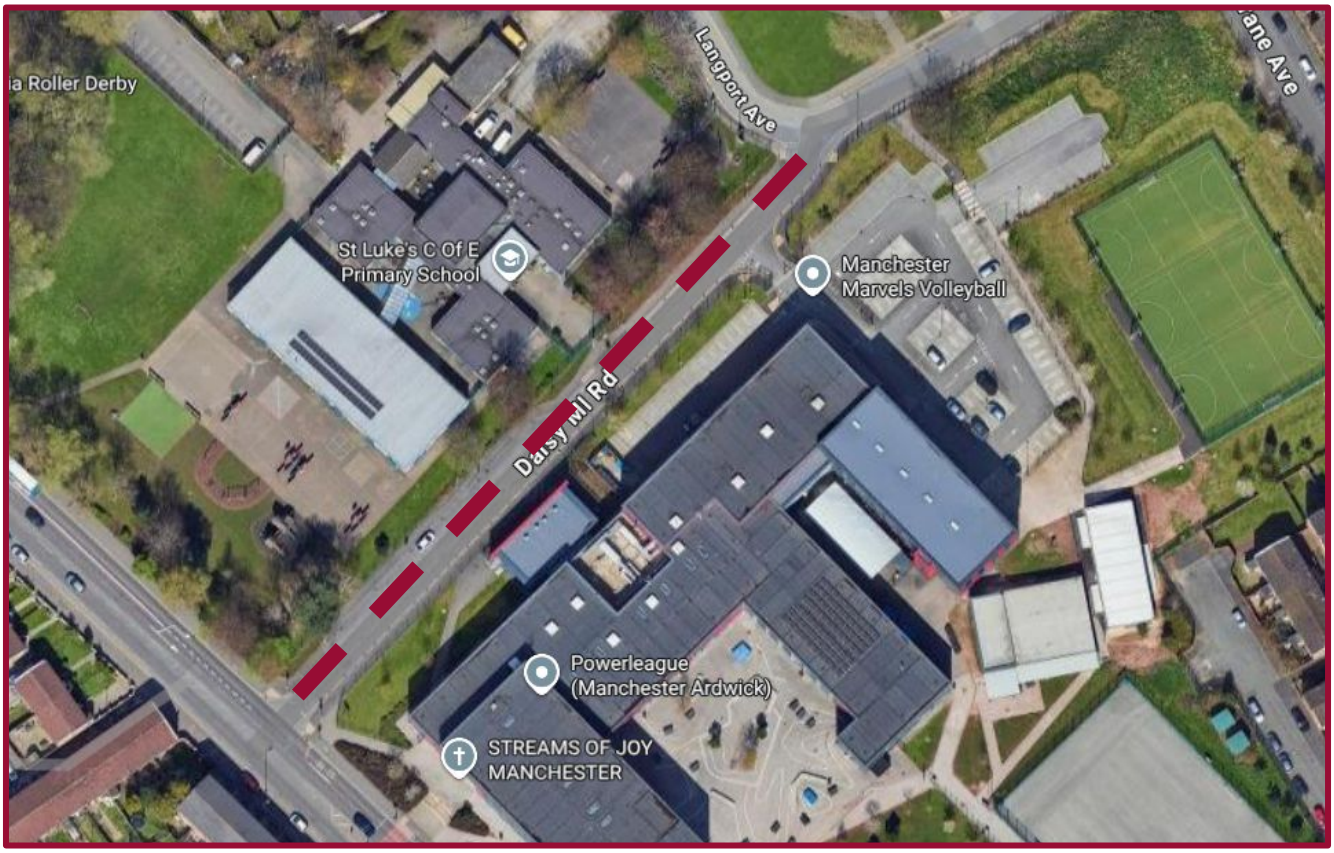
8X Palace went on a trip to RLB last week and represented the school exceptionally well. They were fully engaged in the LEGO task, asked thoughtful and intriguing questions, and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout.

## 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:

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