DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 pupils as they reach the final stages of their GCSE examinations. They have demonstrated resilience, determination and maturity throughout the examination period, and we are incredibly proud of the way they have approached this important chapter of their education. Their commitment and hard work over the past five years have been evident, and we wish them every success as they complete their remaining examinations and prepare for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Next week also marks a significant moment in the history of Dean Trust Ardwick as we officially launch our Alumni Network and welcome former pupils back to school for our inaugural Connection Ceremony. As part of our 10th anniversary celebrations, this event provides an opportunity to reconnect with those who have helped shape our school's story over the past decade, while inspiring current pupils through the achievements and experiences of our former pupils.

Over the coming weeks, we are also looking forward to welcoming our new Year 6 pupils as they begin their transition to Dean Trust Ardwick. Transition is an exciting time for both pupils and their families, and we are eager to introduce them to our school community. Through our transition events and induction activities, pupils will have the opportunity to meet staff, make new friendships and begin to familiarise themselves with life at secondary school. We are excited to support them on this important journey and look forward to welcoming them officially as members of the Dean Trust Ardwick in September.

We are delighted by the positive response we have received from alumni and look forward to welcoming them back on Wednesday 17th June. The Connection Ceremony will be a celebration of our shared history, the strength of our community and the lasting connections that make Dean Trust Ardwick such a special place.

As we celebrate ten years of success, we are reminded that our greatest achievement has always been our people. The support of our families, the dedication of our staff, the ambition of our pupils and the continued connection with our alumni all contribute to the vibrant community we are proud to be part of.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing more highlights from our anniversary celebrations and celebrating the achievements of our Year 11 pupils in the weeks ahead.

Kind Regards,

Mr S Worthington

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

Diary Dates

26th June - Inset Day
29th June - 3d July - Yr10 Work Experience

Message from Ms Rahman & Mr Samuels

The final week of Year 11 is always a mix of emotions. Excitement for what's ahead and nostalgia for everything that's coming to an end.

After years of lessons, laughter, and shared experiences, it's a time of signing shirts, taking last photos, and saying goodbye to teachers and friends who've been part of everyday life.

While exams may still be on everyone's minds, there's also a growing sense of pride in how far everyone has come up their mountain climb together.

As this chapter closes, it marks not just an ending, but the beginning of new journeys, opportunities, and challenges beyond school.

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

Keeping children safe online is an essential part of parenting in today's digital world.

With so much of their social life, learning, and entertainment happening on the internet, it's important for parents to stay involved and aware of what their children are doing online.

Setting clear boundaries, encouraging open conversations, and teaching young people how to recognise risks—such as sharing personal information or interacting with strangers—can make a big difference.

Using parental controls and regularly checking privacy settings can also help create a safer online environment. Most importantly, children should feel comfortable coming to a trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried or unsafe.

Don't forget we have our parenting course on for the next 6 weeks. If interested, just come to reception on Thursdays at 9:30am

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

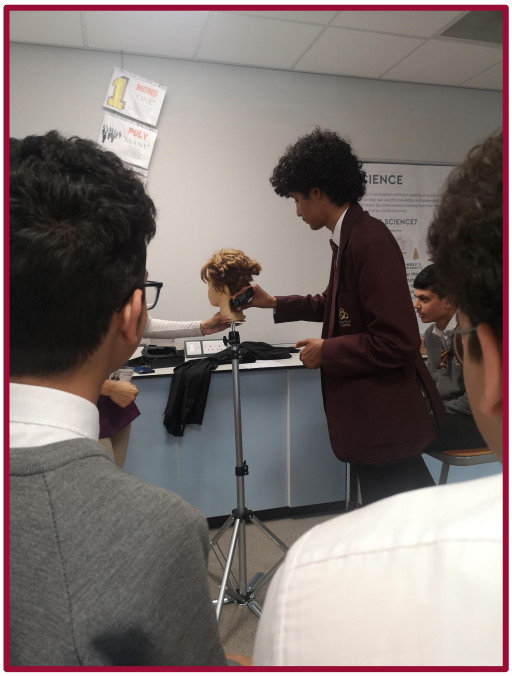
Fill in our quick alumni form: https://forms.gle/YNgkTp8TohhBmbp49,

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.

Afterschool Hair Care Club

More fun on our Hair Maintenance course!
This week, whilst the boys were carefully using clippers to practice fades, the girls (and Ms Charles) were practicing braiding and adding extensions.



Senior Prefects

Year 10 Senior Prefects have been hard at work this week at their first School Council meeting. There has been, engaging discussions, debates and ideas to bring forward to pupils and staff this half term while we embark on KS3 School Council elections!

Parenting Course

Salford Summer School

It's that time of year again – Summer School is back at PQA Salford!

No matter what your child loves, this year's PQA Salford Summer School is packed with fun, creativity, and unforgettable memories! With two incredible experiences to choose from, the only question is… which side will they pick?

Summer Showstoppers – Musical Theatre Summer School

All singing, all dancing, with a splash of improvisation!

Over five action-packed days, young performers will:

- Learn high-energy choreography
- Master show-stopping songs
- Explore fun improv and performance skills

By the end of the week, students will dazzle in a **Friday evening showcase on 7th August at 5 PM**, performing for family and friends. It's the perfect chance to shine, laugh, and make memories that last a lifetime!

(Show in a Week returns next year, so don't miss out on this classic PQA experience!)

5-Day Film Challenge – Filmmaking Summer School

Lights, camera, action! Over five thrilling days, budding filmmakers will:

- Write and develop their own short film
- Star, direct, and bring stories to life on screen
- Learn camera techniques and filmmaking secrets

Open to students aged 9–18, this hands-on course culminates in a professionally edited film sent to parents, showcasing all their hard work and creativity. Spaces are limited – so book fast to secure your child's place!

Key Details

When: Monday 3rd August – Friday 7th August

Where: The Empty Space, Media City

Timings: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (plus Friday 5:00 PM performance for Showstoppers)

Ages: Summer Showstoppers: 6–18 years | Film & TV Summer School: 9–18 years

Costs: £165 for full 5 days |10% sibling discount

Booking:

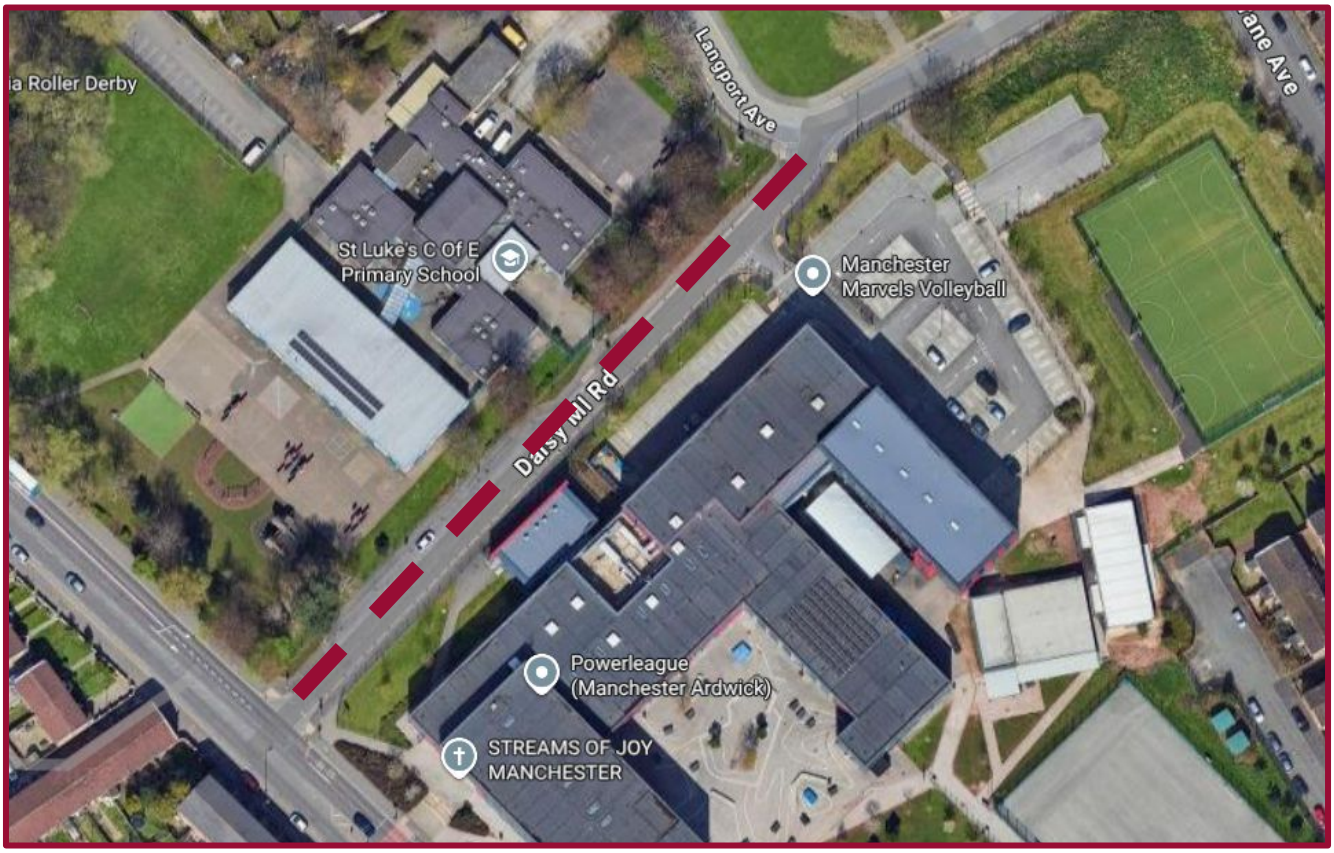
To book a place or ask any questions, email **claire.oxlee@pqacademy.com** today!

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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