DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Dean Trust Ardwick, with lots of opportunities for our pupils both in and beyond the classroom.

Last week, a group of our pupils took part in their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze residential. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their confidence, independence, teamwork and resilience, while enjoying a completely different experience outside of school. I am incredibly proud of the way they represented Dean Trust Ardwick and embraced the challenges and opportunities presented to them.

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of attending the **first ever Dean Trust Awards Ceremony** at the Halliwell Jones Stadium in Warrington. It was a wonderful occasion, bringing together schools from across The Dean Trust to recognise and celebrate the exceptional achievements of our young people. I was incredibly proud to see our pupils recognised for their hard work, dedication and contributions to school life. A huge congratulations to all our award winners!

This week has also seen our Year 7 pupils take part in the **Outward Bound Adventure Programme**, which has been a fantastic experience for everyone involved. Throughout the week, pupils have challenged themselves through a range of activities designed to develop teamwork, resilience and confidence, including raft building and virtual reality adventures. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm and willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

We were also delighted to welcome Year 6 pupils from **Armitage CE Primary School** on Thursday, who joined us for their own Outward Bound experience. This was a brilliant opportunity for them to get a taste of life at Dean Trust Ardwick, meet some of our staff and enjoy the exciting opportunities we have to offer. We hope they enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed welcoming them!

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Headteacher's Message (continued)

Over the last few weeks, we have also welcomed parents and carers into school for our **Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Welcome Evenings**. It has been wonderful to see so many families attending, meeting our staff and learning more about the opportunities and support available to their children. Building strong relationships with our families is incredibly important to us, and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be hosting our **Open Mornings for prospective Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers** in November. These events will provide an opportunity to see our school in action, meet members of staff and gain an insight into the learning environment, opportunities and support we provide for our pupils. We look forward to welcoming more families into our school community.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff involved in organising and supporting these events, ensuring our pupils continue to benefit from experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,
Mr S. Worthington

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Diary Dates

15th October - Year 9 Welcome Evening

Message from Ms Morton: Head of Year 9

I am delighted to invite you to our Year 9 Welcome Evening, which will provide a valuable opportunity to meet key members of the team supporting your child throughout this important year.

Parents and carers will have the chance to speak with form tutors, the Year 9 team, and our SEND and Welfare teams to discuss any questions, share concerns and learn more about the support available to ensure every student thrives.

The evening will also provide an opportunity to look ahead to our upcoming Options Evening, where students will begin exploring the GCSE subjects available to them and considering the pathways that best reflect their interests, strengths and future aspirations.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that Year 9 is a positive, successful and rewarding year for every student.

Year 7	98%
Year 8	92%
Year 9	90%
Year 10	90%
Year 11	92%

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!

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Safeguarding Message of the Week

In the UK, teenagers under the age of 18 face strict **legal restrictions and severe penalties** for purchasing, possessing, or misusing fireworks. Under the Gov.uk Fireworks Law, using fireworks illegally can result in an **on-the-spot fine of £90**, a formal police caution, an **unlimited court fine**, and up to **six months in prison**.

Core Legal Restrictions for Under-18s

- **Illegal Purchase:** It is against the law for anyone under 18 to buy "adult" fireworks (Category F2 and F3), which includes standard rockets, fountains, and even sparklers.
- **Illegal Possession in Public:** Teenagers under 18 cannot legally possess adult fireworks in any public place. Doing so gives the police grounds to confiscate the items and issue penalties.
- **Public Use Ban:** It is a criminal offence for *anyone* **(regardless of age)** to set off, throw, or cast fireworks—including sparklers—in a street, highway, thoroughfare, or public space.
- **Nighttime Curfews:** It is illegal to set off fireworks between **11:00 PM and 7:00 AM**. According to guidelines from the Greater Manchester Police, the only exceptions that extend this curfew are:
    - **Bonfire Night:** Allowed until midnight.
    - **New Year's Eve, Diwali, and Chinese New Year:** Allowed until 1:00 AM.

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.

University of Manchester Trip

20 students in Year 9 and 10 were invited to attend a lecture by Professor David Olusoga at the University of Manchester as part of Black History Month.

They heard from a recent History and Politics graduate, who spoke about her experience of studying History, its place in the modern world and how it links to different careers.

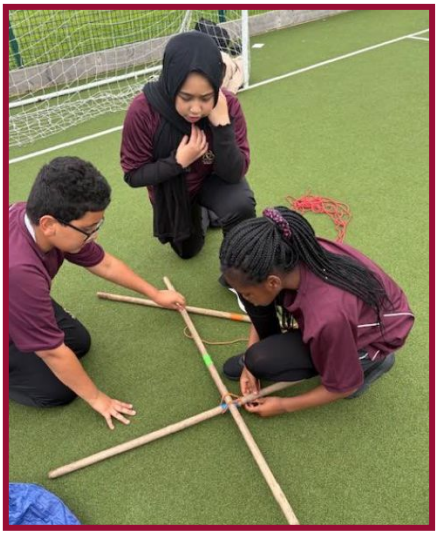
They then heard Prof Olusoga speak about the forgotten figures of Black History, including the role of French colonial troops in World War 2.

The university commented on how enthusiastic and curious DTA students were as they asked a series of thoughtful questions to Professor Olusoga following the lecture.

Duke of Edinburgh

We are delighted to celebrate our students who have taken part in the **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award**.
The programme has provided students with the opportunity to develop their independence, resilience and teamwork while taking on new challenges and experiences outside the classroom. Through volunteering, physical activity, learning a new skill and completing their expedition, students have demonstrated commitment, determination and a willingness to step outside their comfort zone.
We are incredibly proud of their achievements and would like to thank everyone who has supported them throughout their Duke of Edinburgh journey.

Outward Bound



A sparkler can't do serious damage!!!
Sparklers can reach temperatures of over 1,000°C.
They are hot enough to cause severe burns in seconds.
If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999.
Pol-Ed

Firework offences are not taken seriously
Illegal use or sale of fireworks can lead to fines, and some offences can result in up to 6 months' imprisonment.
People can also receive on-the-spot fines.
If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999.
Pol-Ed

Fireworks are not dangerous!!!
Fireworks are explosives and can cause serious burns, eye injuries and fires.
Around 2,000 people visit A&E each year in the UK because of firework-related injuries.
If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999.
Pol-Ed

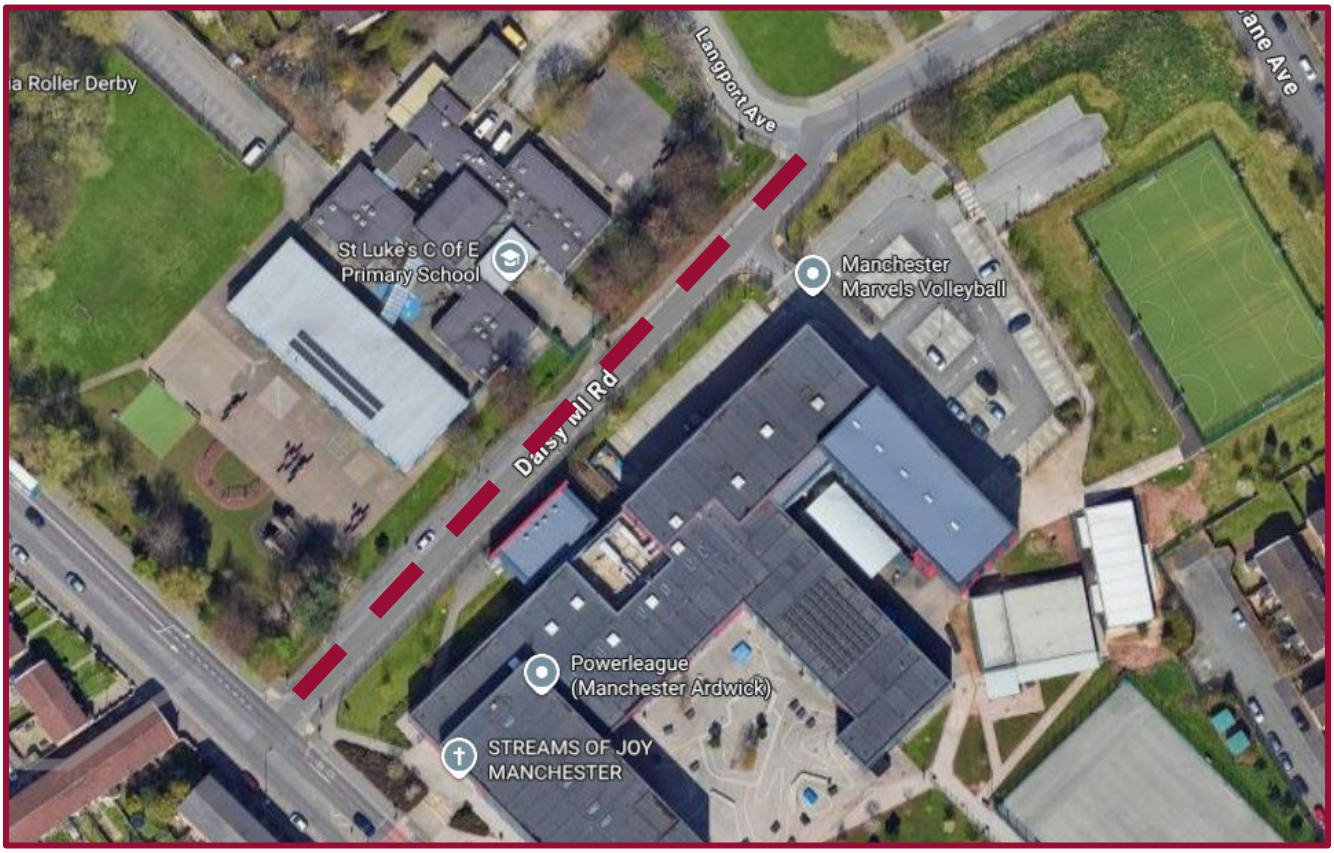
NOT
I'm old enough to handle fireworks
Only responsible adults over 18 should handle and light fireworks.
Fireworks are explosives and can cause life-changing injuries in seconds if used incorrectly.
If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999.
Pol-Ed

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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