



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, and welcome to all our new parents and carers of pupils in Year 7, and any other parents of pupils who have joined us from other year groups.

I expect there is a mixture of anxiety and relief to have your children return to school after such a long time at home. We have all missed the pupils so much and many staff felt quite emotional to see them arrive at school on Thursday and Friday.

It was impressive to see everyone so focused in class and looking smart. Thank you parents for taking the time to ensure your children were fully equipped and appropriately dressed for school (together with face mask!).

Hopefully you have read our letter we sent you in July ([and which is on our website](#)) regarding the arrangements this half term. Even though the school day will be structured differently, our standards and expectations remain the same.

We are confident that we have everything in place to ensure pupils are as safe as possible in school. We do not wish our focus this year to be dominated by 'COVID-19' - that is something we shall just deal with, but rather our focus is to ensure that pupils settle in well and catch up as quickly as possible with their learning.

Our extension work is progressing very well and we are hoping for completion later on this term.

Our biggest news about our first ever set of results for the school. We are extremely proud of last year's Year 11 pupils, so please do read on to find out more.

We sincerely hope for a successful year ahead for your child and we look forward to continue working with you as valued parents and carers this year.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher



MESSAGE FROM TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER



To support the safe return of pupils to school, TfGM will be running approximately 300 additional bus journeys each weekday across the region. Duplicate buses, exclusively for school and college students and staff will run up to 5 minutes behind scheduled services at set times. The usual route number starting in 'S' will indicate that the bus is a school service. These buses are separate to existing dedicated school bus services and TfGM's yellow school bus services.

TfGM has set up a dedicated web page at www.tfgm.co/duplicate-school-buses where you can find all the latest information on the extra services.



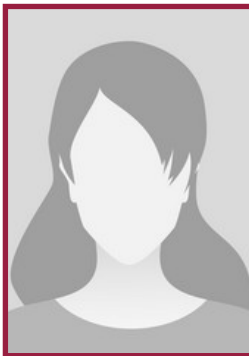
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Year 7 - Mrs Rashford

Hello, may I take this opportunity to introduce myself as your child's new Head of Year. I look forward to working with you this year, helping your child to settle into this school, guiding pupils through a successful year and ensuring that they achieve the best possible results. This term will present your child with many challenges as they adapt to experiencing new journeys, new teachers, new subjects, more homework, and new friends to make. Whilst some pupils will adapt quickly to all the changes without too many problems, some will need to access the support systems we have in place. Please contact myself or Mr Cooper (Year 7 Pupil Support Manager) as soon as you can, if your child needs support. At the moment the school day for Year 7 is 8.40 -2.45. All Year 7 pupils start at 8.40 and must enter the via the dining room doors at the start of the day and leave via the dining room doors at the end of the day.



Year 8 - Mr Diaz

Welcome back to Dean Trust Ardwick, it was a pleasure to see you all during our induction day this week. I have never failed to be impressed by your level of maturity as a year group, and I am looking forward to seeing you develop this year as role models to our new Year 7 cohort. You may have felt a little overwhelmed with the amount of information that was shared with you this week, but rest assured all staff are here to support you to ensure your return to school is as smooth, safe and comfortable as possible. Please, remember, Year 8 pupils will be entering the school building via reception at 8.40am, your lessons will be in the 'Green Zone', which is the second floor of the school building. When leaving the school building at the end of the day, Year 8 will also exit via the school reception at 2.45pm. I am very excited to see you back in lessons actively engaging in your learning again with your teachers and peers.



Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn

Welcome back Year 9! It was fantastic to see everyone at your induction session last week. From the moment you arrived, your conduct was impeccable! Please keep in mind your different start times to each of your day's throughout the week. It is important that you arrive as close to your start time as possible. Our new policies and procedures will take some time to get used to, but please remember that they have been put in place for everybody's safety. Ms Welsh and I are looking forward to seeing you returning to lessons and actively engaging in your learning with your teachers and peers. If you are not sure what 'zone' you are in for the next day, please make sure that you ask.



Year 10 - Mr Hull

Hi Year 10. It was great to see you return to school on Friday. I am really excited to be working with you in the future, as you begin this important and exciting phase of your school journey. While school may look and feel a little different from what we are all used to, I am sure that by displaying some of the resilience and determination that you have shown before, along with the support that your teachers are ready to give you, we can deal with all the challenges we face and grasp the fantastic opportunities that will come your way. It is truly important that we hit the ground running straight away in school and on remote learning days. I cannot wait to get started and begin working with you to give us the best chances of success.



Year 11 - Mr Smith

Welcome Back Year 11! It has been lovely to see you all this Friday after so long away from school. I hope you are now raring to go again particularly as we go into the final and most important year of your Dean Trust Ardwick journey. We already start the year with celebration as nine pupils from our year group received their GCSE language results in August; eight pupils gained a grade 9 and one pupil gained a grade 8 making it 89% grade 9s - Well done! Hopefully this is a sign of what will follow and your focus and desire to succeed will be demonstrated throughout the year.



Results Day 2020

The first cohort of Dean Trust Ardwick pupils have now received their Key Stage 4 results and we are incredibly proud of their achievements and the opportunities that these qualifications will now provide for them. The results demonstrate the incredible success our school has had over its first five years of serving this community.

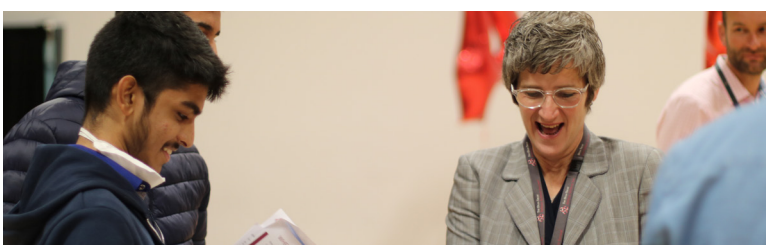
As you will be aware, the method through which pupils' grades were awarded this year was adapted; teachers were asked to use a range of evidence to determine the most likely grade a pupil would have achieved were they to have sat their external exams. This process was enacted by our team with the utmost integrity, professionalism and expertise and culminated with six tiers of quality assurance including at a cross-Trust level. Therefore, it is with full confidence that these results reflect the high standards and quality of both the teaching and learning and our welfare provision for our pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick.

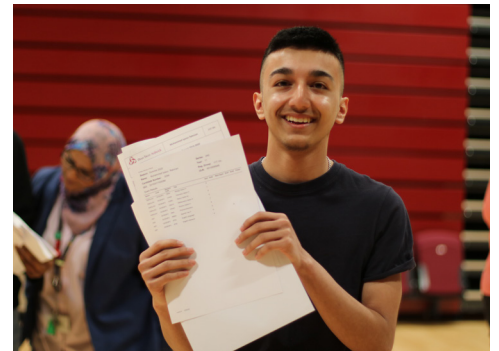
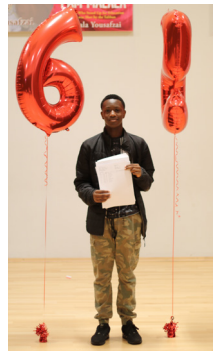
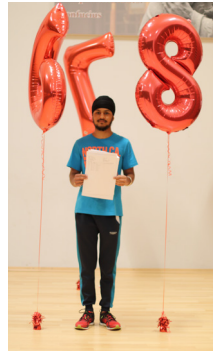
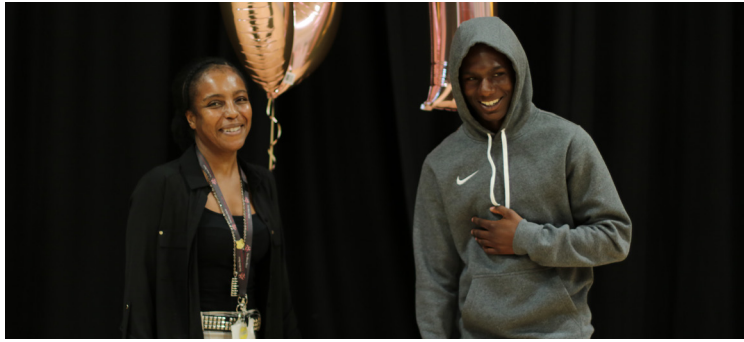
Our key headlines:

- 12 of our pupils achieved at least 1 grade 9 including 1 pupil who achieved seven grade 9s and one grade 8
- 3 of our pupils achieved 14 grade 9s and 14 grade 8s between them
- 11 out of 16 pupils achieved grade 9s in additional language qualifications
- In Maths, 23.3% of pupils achieved grade 7 or above which is the highest across the Dean Trust
- 75.8% of pupils achieved grades 9-4 in English
- 75% of pupils achieved grades 9-4 in Maths
- 58.3% of pupils achieved a grade 5 or above in Maths (18% higher than the Manchester average in 2019)
- 58.3% of our pupils entered the English Baccalaureate and 41.7% of them achieved a standard pass which is the highest percentage across the Dean Trust Schools
- 25.8% of those entered, achieved a strong pass across the English Baccalaureate
- Our Value Added scores in Science, Languages and Humanities are the highest within the Trust
- Results suggest that pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick make the most progress between key stage 2 and 4 within the Trust

At Dean Trust Ardwick, ensuring the quality of teaching and learning in every classroom for all our pupils is of vital importance and the outstanding results above, across all qualifications, is a testament to the consistent high standards which we have. I am incredibly proud of our Year 11 leavers and the entire staff team here for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the success of the young people in our care.

Finally, I wanted to pass on my gratitude to the parents and carers of our 2020 cohort, with whom the school have built strong relationships and we have benefitted from their continuous support over the five year journey.





A message from Mrs Hardman...

When I first took over as Head of Year for this year group at the start of year nine, I was super excited to be taking the first cohort of pupils, in a brand new school, through their GCSEs. I am extremely proud of each and everyone of their achievements.

This results day was the best one I have had in my time as a Head of Year due to the sheer delight our pupils had when opening their envelopes and seeing their results in what has been a very somber end to their time with us. The sun was shining and I saw my year group smiling, laughing and celebrating in their accomplishments. This was a joy to see!

What I saw on results day was the rewards of pupils' hard work and dedication to their studies. It was a celebration of a wealth of knowledge which will enable them to thrive and flourish. Many pupils were eager to thank their teachers for all of their support over the last five years.

It was our honour to educate such wonderful young people. I am immensely proud of all their achievements and I wish them every success in their future endeavours.



Mrs Ford, Careers Advisor

Following a great *Results Day* for our pupils my work now turns to making sure our 2020 cohort is settled and happy with their choice of course, college, sixth-form or training. I am contacting every pupil to discuss their choice and providing support where needed. This is yet another great part of my job, hearing about the next chapter of our pupils' journey and I would like to share some of their successes with you:

Rueben secured a place at the NFL Academy in Londo. This is extremely prestigious: out of four wide receivers selected there was only one British young person and that was our very own Rueben. He is already settling in and featuring on their Instagram Account.

Jun has moved on to Sale Grammar School to study Biology, Chemistry and Maths after securing excellent GCSE grades.

Jaskaran is embarking on an Architectural and Construction Engineering Scholarship at Manchester College. This was a highly competitive course to get into due to the fact that it required high grades and has such excellent links with major construction companies. This is no small achievement for Jaskaran who came to England two years ago.

Declan has been showing an outstanding work ethic over the summer and has been holding down two jobs. He has now moved on to a pre-apprenticeship in Electrical Installations at the Skills Company.

I am immensely proud of our first cohort of Year 11s, providing such positive stories and acting as role models for our future cohorts coming through. My support will continue to ensure that our pupils sustain their destinations and go on to have exciting and fulfilling futures.



Rueben training for NFL academy

Introducing Mrs Dunn, Deputy Headteacher



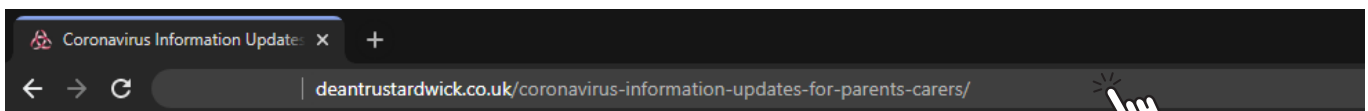
My name is Mrs Dunn and I am excited to be joining the leadership team at Dean Trust Ardwick as a second Deputy Headteacher. My key areas of responsibility involve setting the right climate and culture within our school to enable all of our pupils to thrive and achieve their considerable potential. I will also be overseeing attendance and admissions, and strengthening our links and partnership work with our local community.

I feel privileged to be joining such a warm and wonderful community and look forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming weeks.

Warm regards,
Mrs Dunn



IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



Please find information on returning to school on our website at the following page: www.deantrustardwick.co.uk/coronavirus-information-updates-for-parents-carers. Please make a note of which day your child is doing remote learning at home.



Our school, and Trust, risk assessments are available on our website. Please view them at the above link.



If you wish to see a member of staff, please make an appointment. All visitors must wear a face mask when coming into school.



When collecting your child please arrange to meet away from the school grounds. Please respect social distancing rules, to ensure the safety of all.



DO YOUR BIT

SECONDARY EDUCATION TRAVEL INFORMATION PACK RETURNING TO COLLEGE – AUTUMN TERM 2020

As your family begin to prepare for the return to school in September, or your child is starting secondary school for the first time, you will be starting to think about how the coronavirus pandemic may affect your travel plans.

How we travel around Greater Manchester has changed so you will need to think ahead about [how and when your child will travel](#), to make sure they arrive safely and on time.

Public transport services have limited space due to social distancing measures, and with more people returning to work and school in September, traffic will increase.

One way to help reduce congestion is to walk and cycle to school if possible. Walking and cycling to school is a healthy way to travel and frees up space on services for those pupils who need to use public transport.

If you do need to use public transport, TfGM and public transport operators have put more measures in place to help you travel safely, including enhanced cleaning, extra services and passenger information and signage. We are working closely with our partners to ensure that your network is as safe, clean and reliable as possible. We have risk assessed our service in-line with Government advice and put in measures to increase social distancing as well as ensuring buses, trams and trains are deep cleaned more regularly. Hand sanitiser dispensers are located at interchanges, bus stations and at key Metrolink stops.

This travel information pack provides guidance to enable you to make informed decisions about your child's journey to and from school and help you plan ahead. For the latest updates on local restrictions and how this affects travel, visit tfgm.com/coronavirus.

Things to Consider

- How does your child currently travel to school?
- How will they travel to school in September?
- Will they be looking to travel differently than usual?

Public Transport

Bus

If your child needs to travel by public transport, space will be limited on many services due to social distancing. Capacity is reduced to half and **services will operate on a one-off, one-on basis, meaning you might have to wait longer for a bus that has free space for you.**



Commercial bus, train, tram and rail services are all running as many services as possible to support those returning to school and work in September and increase social distancing.

To support you and your children in your journeys to and from school in September, TfGM have received additional Government funding to provide extra transport for back to school services where required.

Yellow School Buses

- Your child can use the Yellow School bus service if you live within Greater Manchester and they go to a school that's served by Yellow Bus. [See which schools use the yellow bus service.](#)
- Usually you need to apply for a yellow school bus pass via TfGM before the start of the new school year, but due to the coronavirus pandemic, TfGM won't be issuing passes for the new academic year in September.