



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher Message

Last night was our combined Year 9 Parents and Options Evening and we believe we have a record Trust attendance of a whopping 93% turnout. A massive thank you to all parents who came to the event- it was great to hear so many positive and constructive conversations going on about option choices for Year 10. We have limitations on spaces for a number of courses and expect some vocational subjects to be heavily oversubscribed. Please encourage your child to hand their form in as soon as possible so we can try and fit as many pupils as possible to their first choices.



Lucy Cropper
Headteacher

Top Point Scorers 26/01/2026- 30/01/2026

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
1st	Layla B	39	Summer M	39	Destiny H	28	Nina S	56	Logan H	15
2nd	Ruqayah K	36	George D	36	Isaac B	22	Ruo Jun C	54	Mia B	13



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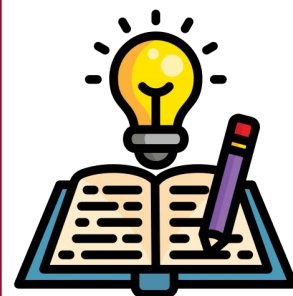
COLLEAGUE OF THE WEEK

Miss McCulloch - Recognised for her outstanding dedication and the tremendous effort she put into ensuring the Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening ran smoothly and successfully. Her hard work made a real difference and is truly appreciated.

LITERACY CHALLENGE

Book Drive: To celebrate World Book Day, we're running a **book drive** and inviting pupils and families to take part. Have a great book at home that's ready for a new reader? Pass it on and help refresh our shared book collections.

A small donation can help keep stories circulating and reading exciting for everyone. Please send any 'nearly new' books to Ms Worrall in the school library. Thanks for getting involved!



Book of the Week : Stranger Things

This week's recommendations are new to the library in our Graphic Novel section, and there was a lot of interest in them even before they reached the shelves! We have recently acquired, not one book, but three in the **Stranger Things** series, by **Danny Lore et al.**

In **Zombie Boys**: It's spring in the normally quiet town of Hawkins, Indiana. Mike, Lucas, Dustin, and Will grapple with the traumatic encounters they had with the Demogorgon - the stress building tension in their crew. Just in time to distract them, Spielberg-wannabe, Joey Kim, joins their AV club with a Betamax Camcorder and a vision.

In **The Bully**: Troy has been having nightmares about El ever since she embarrassed him in front of the school and broke his arm with telekinesis.

In **Erica The Great**: With the Starcourt Mall's recent destruction, Erica has lost her favorite hangout spot and her 'free Ice cream for life' deal at Scoops-Ahoy. To make matters worse, her brother is too busy for her and her mom won't let her play Dungeons and Dragons anymore.



HEAD OF YEAR AWARDS



YEAR 7 - Skyla H

It has been a pleasure to see your resilience develop this week Skyla. You have been positively beaming around school and have had a positive impact on those around you. Just what we love to see! Keep up the good work.

Mr Barber, Head of Year 7

YEAR 8 - Michael I

For achieving 100% attendance this academic year and collecting 256 positive points. In addition, Michael delivered a presentation to his class on Nigeria during Mr Woltman's lesson who said it was an amazing experience. A special thank you also goes to Michael's Mum who provided traditional Nigerian food to enhance the presentation which was a great experience for 8 y 1 in their geography class.

YEAR 9 - Shaun W

You have worked hard to develop a positive attitude for learning. Well done and keep it up.

Mr Shepherd, Head of Year 9

YEAR 10 - Lila H

For continuing improvement in her attendance and positivity around school. Lila works hard and is showing great progress in her knowledge and understanding within her lesson. I am very proud of you Lila. Keep up the hard work.

Miss Green, Head of Year 10

YEAR 11 - Holly B

So proud of your resilience this past two weeks. Such a lovely well mannered student and always puts 100% into all her lessons. Proud of you Holly

Miss Lane, Head of Year 11

WEEKLY REWARDS

At the end of every week we have a live prize draw to celebrate the achievements of our pupils that week.

Pupils are rewarded for their achievements in the following two areas:

- 100% attendance that week
- Receiving the most reward points that week for excellent attitude to learning

Please ensure your child is eligible for the weekly prize draw by encouraging 100% attendance to school and a positive attitude to learning.



This Week's Winners! 🏆



DISCIPLINE in Maths

In Maths we encourage students to be disciplined by showing self-control, perseverance, and consistency. Teachers have been rewarding students with Discipline points for setting themselves the goal of achieving 100% on their homework and being responsible for completing their tasks on time. They are encouraged to come to maths homework club every Friday if they need support or a positive space to complete this work each week.

SPARX Homework

SPARX maths homework is an online platform that encourages students to improve and grow in their maths knowledge. Students are rewarded with XP points for completing homework tasks, watching the learning videos and choosing to do extra games and tasks that will help them to progress.



Yearly Leaderboard

This Academic Year



Rank	Name	Title	XP
1	Denise	The Peacemaker	22.566
2	Gaveshani	The Scholar	15.814
3	Ayomikun	The Justice	14.943
4	Thomas	The One and Only	13.062
5	Elle	The Leader	12.225
6	Hadiyya	The Ace	11.781
7	Emma	The VIP	11.742
9	Paniz	The Horizon	11.227
10	Kai	The Legend	11.173

Maths club of the week - Numeracy Council



BRIDGER'S BRAIN BUSTERS
addition 13

Name: _____ Form: _____

MONEY MATTERS

In the January sales, a coat that was originally £160, has a 20% discount. How much is the coat worth now after the sale?

CAREERS CORNER

A builder needs maths to make sure that all of the bricks are evenly distributed and are all the same size so that the building looks good. They also need to make sure that the bricks are flat and not on any angles.

SPOTLIGHT - GEOGRAPHY

A map uses a scale of 1cm = 1000m
The distance between two cities on the map is 3.5cm
How far apart are the cities in real life? (in km)

CODE CRACKER

16,25,20,8,1,7,15,18,1,9
19,20,21,4,9,5,4
20,18,9,1,14,7,12,5,19

MATHS MIX UP! Unscramble the anagram below to spell a Maths word

S A I D U R

Complete the quiz sheet and post it into the maths box by MA1

Students have been responsible for designing and marking the weekly Brain Buster challenge which has been very popular with our year 7, 8 and 9 students.

They are also organising the termly Maths challenge days where students will be encouraged to partake in Maths competitions to win prizes!



We have lots of exciting clubs during lunch time and after school for pupils to get involved with in the maths department.

Please ask a member of the maths team if you'd like to try one out!

Maths Event Day December 2025

Each term the Maths faculty hold a whole school event to encourage as many pupils as possible to get involved in fun Maths activities. Last term we ran a whole school Maths Murder Mystery and Maths Christmas quiz!



Who murdered
Mr Jones?



It was
me!

We had 21 winning entries for the murder mystery but these 5 sleuths were the quickest to solve the mystery! Well done to everyone who took part.



Here is the winning trio of the Maths Christmas quiz!

Faculty of the week: Maths

Our Year 10 pupils have completed the UKMT Intermediate challenge in lessons this week, a really tough examination looking at some interesting maths problems, why not try and see how you would fare?



If each letter represents a different non-zero value, what is x ?

$$\begin{array}{r} S E E \\ + S E E \\ \hline A X E S \end{array}$$



Last half term some of our Year 10 pupils had a visit to Breakout Manchester and also had some time to enjoy in the Christmas markets, well done to those who managed to escape!



Year 7 and 8 pupils have completed their first blocks of the year in our Axiom sessions, they have done so well and are already becoming adventurous, articulate and accepting in their maths problems!



Amazon Donation Boosts Music

We were delighted to receive a generous donation from Amazon, which included 5 electric guitars, 5 electric drum kits and 4 electric pianos, along with a range of accessories such as leads, plectrums, amps, whammy bars and more.

This fantastic contribution will make a real difference to our music provision and will support our students' practical performance work in countless ways.



Attendance

	YTD 25/26
Whole School	91.6%
7	93.1%
8	92.8%
9	91.1%
10	90.9%
11	90.3%

Friday rewards:

All pupils with a 100% attendance and top positive points will be entered into the weekly prize draw.



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Attendance matters

Please can we remind all parents that reply slips giving consent for children to attend the trips should be brought into school as soon as possible and final payments made.

Please can parents be aware that medical appointments should, wherever physically possible, not take place during school hours. They should be arranged for before or after school. The attendance office should be notified via phone when this is not possible.

It is also essential that parents of absent pupils should call school to notify us of reasons **before 9am**. After this time, communications regarding absence will primarily go home **via email**. Parents who have downloaded the MCAS app, will also get a notification there. If you think you need to update your details to accommodate this, please get in touch.

As always, excellent attendance at school is the only sure-fire way to guarantee excellent success for our pupils.

A huge thank you and well done to all students with 100% attendance this week.

Top Attending forms this week



What's on the menu next week?

STREATERIES LUNCH MENU: TRADITIONAL					ASPENS
WEEK 2 Autumn Winter 2025/26 10/11/25, 01/12/25, 22/12/25, 12/01/26, 02/02/26, 23/02/26, 16/03/26	Sabor de Portugal MON Peri Chicken & Macho Pea Pasta Bake Chilli Lime Aioli Peri Crispy Chickpea & Butterbean Pasta Bake Zesty Dressed Roast Broccoli Thai Green Vegetable Noodles BBQ & Crispy Onion Wings Spicy Peri Chicken & Cheese Zesty Kale & Tandoori Chickpea Cinnamon Raisin Oat Cookie	Home STYLE TUE Honey Mustard Glazed British Bangers with Roasted Red Onion Honey Mustard Glazed Veggie Bangers with Roasted Red Onion Leek Mashed Potatoes, Mushy Peas & Gravy Best Ever Bolognese Crispy Chicken Burger Bolognese Indian Chickpea Greens & Mint Yoghurt Banana Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Home STYLE WED Slow Roast Garlic & Rosemary Pork with Apple Stuffing Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheesy Bake Roasties, Savoy Cabbage & Cauliflower Classic Meatball Pasta Thai Curry Pizza Slice Meatball Marinara American Style Cobb Salad Custard Tart	INCREDIBLE INDIA THU Chicken Tikka Balti Curry Butternut Tomato Chilli Masala Garlic Rice, Roasted Cauliflower & Green Beans Classic Veggie Chow Mein Curried Chicken & Spinach Wrap Chicken Tikka Balti Honey Mustard Chicken Cobb Salad Coconut & Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Chips & More FRI Choose from: Battered Fish Sausage or Veg Sausage Pizza Slice Chicken Nuggets Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans Irish Curry Sauce Chip Shop Gravy Super Green Lentil Pesto Cheesy Chips All The Classics Special Salad Cheesecake Cookie Slice
- CHEESE, BEANS & TUNA DAILY - LOADED SPUDS - CHEESE, BEANS & TUNA DAILY -					
BIG BOWL SALAD					
DESSERTS					
Daily Meal Deals Regular Chef's Specials					
Freshly Made from Scratch DAILY!		Fresh Cut Fruit & Yogurt Pots Available Daily		HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE!	
DELI KITCHEN HOT GRAB & GO					

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Helping Families Communicate and Connect

Support for our families:

The Family Hub is running a *Say It Better* course starting on Saturday 7 February, from 10:00–12:00, at Clifton Street Family Hub.

This is a three-week course for couples, designed to support parents to communicate more positively, strengthen their relationship, and create a calmer home environment. It is particularly helpful for parents who are experiencing everyday stress or who are simply looking to reconnect. The course offers practical tools and supportive guidance to help reduce the negative impact of parental conflict on families.

For further information about the support the Family Hub can provide, please contact the team directly through the Wigan Council website or by calling 01942 488000.



**Wigan
Council**

Say It Better

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Join our three-week course for couples designed to help you communicate better, strengthen your relationship, and build a more peaceful home environment.

Whether you're dealing with daily stress or hoping to reconnect, this course provides practical tools and friendly support in a relaxed setting.

Register your interest today by contacting:

Earlyhelpdevelopmentteam@wigan.gov.uk



@DT_RoseBridge

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Attendance & Behaviour Rewards

Every Friday we host a school wide 'Spin the Wheel' draw for all students that have 100% attendance for that week.

With special thanks to our close partnership with Amazon, our school shop is packed more than ever with goodies, and we have the thrilling opportunity to offer some amazing prizes to our students.

In addition to this students are also able to spend their positive behaviour points on these products at the end of every term.

Here are just a few examples of the stock we currently have in our school shop:



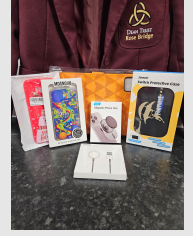
We have fantastic self care products from Olaplex to Nivea



Haircare and beauty products from Lynx to Loreal, beauty accessories such as make up, hair accessories/products



Stationary including notepads and sketching tools, plus a selection of craft items such as diamond art and bead work



Mobile phone and iPad cases, plus electrical accessories such as speakers and headphones



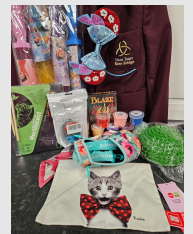
An array of sporting equipment including brand name football shoes and accessories



Family fun games and versatile toys such as Lego & Laser pegs and a wide range of books from varying genres



Everyday items such as water bottles and insulated tumblers



Plus many more silly and sensory items such as slime, bubble blowers and crazy headwear

In addition to our weekly draw, at the end of every term we host a two week attendance drive to offer additional, extra special prizes to all students that are in the last two weeks and the full term.

For our Christmas attendance challenge this year, there is another bicycle up for grabs, as well as lots of amazing hampers such as:

Netflix hamper with Netflix Voucher, popcorn and cozy blanket. Artistry hamper with sketch pads, pens & pencils. Mobile phone hamper with accessories including USB wires and charger. Camping hamper including sleeping bag and accessories, Football Hamper including shin pads and other accessories, plus many more amazing prizes!

Homework and Planners

Following on from the letter that has been sent home this week, all homework will be set in class and pupils will record this in their planner.

Homework could consist of:

- Online quizzes
- Retrieval questions
- Worksheets
- Online worksheets
- Careers research activities

Any paper based homework will be on yellow paper to stand out.

Homework is an essential part of your child's learning journey as this allows them to consolidate the learning they undertake in school and it has been proven that pupils who engage in regular homework make a further 5 months' worth of academic progress compared to those who don't.

As a school we ask as parents and carers you check and sign your child's planner weekly to support their homework completion. Form tutors will also check planners on a weekly basis as part of our form time programme.

SUBJECT	Day set	HOMEWORK DETAILS	Due	✓ or x
English				
Maths				
Science				
Spanish				
Geography				
History				
RE				
Art				
Drama				
Computing				
Music				
PE				
Design & Technology				
Food Technology				

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Some subjects set homework using Google Classroom, teachers also use Google Classroom to upload their lesson resources. . To log into Google Classroom.

Go to www.google.com

Press the "sign in" button in the top right hand corner.
Enter in your school email address

Year 7 and 8 - schoolusername@TDT.school

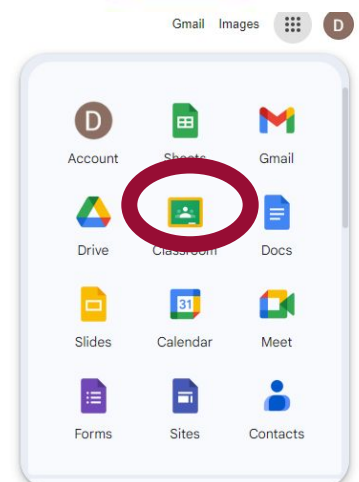
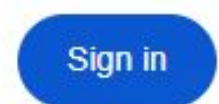
Years 9,10 and 11 - schoolusername@thedeantrustmoodle.org

You will need to enter your password you have set in school.

You can then press the 9 little dots once you have signed in and press Google Classroom.

Once logged in you will be able to see all your classes and then access any classwork and homework.

For any questions regarding homework please contact Mr Burrows (Assistant Headteacher)



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All pupils should strive to achieve 100% attendance every year but we understand that on occasions a child can become ill. Nationally if a child is ill it typically equates to a few days off school during the academic year. If your child takes more time off than the norm it will affect their progress academically and they will miss out on key opportunities to develop them pastorally. Pupils that achieve well and succeed in school have good attendance. There is a direct correlation. If your child's attendance is above 95% it is good, anything below that is a concern. The table below will help you to understand attendance percentages and how that correlates to the number of days off in a school year. Please make sure your child attends school regularly to reap the benefits. There is more information in this newsletter on how to access support should you need it.

**OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE
= OUTSTANDING PROGRESS**

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUIVALENT DAYS MISSED	EQUIVALENT WEEKS MISSED	EQUIVALENT LESSONS MISSED
100%	Excellent commitment to your education!		
95%	9.5 days	2 weeks	60 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	114 lessons
85%	28.5 days	6 weeks	174 lessons
80%	38 days	7.5 weeks	228 lessons
75%	47.5 days	9.5 weeks	288 lessons



The Dean Trust Way - Standards and Expecta-

Key Equipment that must be brought to school

All pupils must come to school with a suitable school bag that can hold A4 folders and PE kit.

School will provide ALL pupils with a calculator (if lost it must be replaced, these can be purchased from the school shop. The model is: CASIO FX83GT-CW.

There will be a daily equipment and standards check.



Pencil case



Green pen



Red pen



100% Folder



Year 7-10 Reading book
Year 11 Revision materials



Pencil



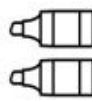
Ruler



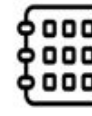
Rubber



Calculator



Highlighters



Planner with Timetable

Attendance & Punctuality

Pupils should have 100% attendance.

Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and may incur a Fixed Penalty Fine.

Pupils absent from school for 10% of the time are defined as Persistent absentees.

Good attendance = good progress.

Pupils need to be in school before **8.40am** ready for Form Time. Pupils must be on time for all lessons.

Travel

Pupils should travel to and from school in full school uniform. When representing the school, pupils should behave in respectful and courteous way.

Healthy schools

Only water can be consumed in school or in the classroom (750ml or less). All pupils need a refillable water bottle.

Keep our school tidy, do not drop litter or chew gum.

Banned items

Banned items are any items which may cause damage to other pupils and or the school environment e.g. aerosols, cigarettes, marker pens, chewing gum, E-Cigs lighters, weapons etc.

Mobile phones and smart watches are banned item on the school site — these must be handed in on arrival.

School reserve the right to ban any item during the school year.

Accessories and Haircuts

All hairstyles should be smart in appearance. Bobbles should be small in size and in the school colours. Hair bows are not allowed.

No extreme haircuts (full head/bare blade shaves, tram lines etc). Skin fades are acceptable if there is a minimum of a number 2 on top.

Only natural colours/tones of hair are acceptable and if longer than shoulder length, must be kept tied up at all times.

Hijabs must be either black, white or burgundy. Pupils must wear an under cap as there should be no hair visible. Hijabs must be tightly secured with no loose material. No adornment on the hijab ie jewels

Hair braids must be of a natural colour.

Uniform Expectations

Black knee socks (no bows) or tights.

No outdoor coats inside. Blazers and school ties are to be worn at all times.

Only badges awarded by the school may be worn upon the lapel of the blazer. Shirts must be tucked in.

Tailored Black Trousers (no jeans, skinny leg, leggings or chinos etc). Pinafores & skirts with the school logo, must be knee length and not rolled up.

Jewellery and make up including eyelashes, nail varnish, false nails and fake tan are not allowed.

Plain black polishable shoes, business style with leather upper, no boots or large logos or bows. (See website for more details). Trainers must not be worn.

Acceptable Shoes include:

