



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher Message

Dear parents and carers. I hope you are all safe and well.

Our teams of staff have been in school this week working hard to prepare our schools for the safe return of pupils and each other. Teachers and associate staff have undertaken health and safety training to ensure our buildings and the way we run the schools are as safe as possible.



James Haseldine
Executive Headteacher

Letters to parents and carers of year 10 pupils have been posted and outline the provision until the end of the summer term. There will also be updated resources for pupils in Years 7/8/9 provided in the week beginning 22nd^h June. We have also produced an introduction to our school video for Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in Year 7 September. As ever if any parent/carer or child wishes to talk during this time do not hesitate to contact us.

The focus of this weeks Newsletter is to provide more information for our prospective Year 7 cohort. The transition of pupils from Primary School to Secondary School is a momentous occasion for families as a whole. We also recognise that for some, it's a change that brings about its own anxieties and worries. Given the current global situation that we find ourselves in, we're unable to host our usual transition events but the staff here at Dean Trust Rose Bridge have been working hard to ensure that we're doing everything we possibly can to support your transition to our school.

If you have any concerns, queries or questions about the transition of your child to Dean Trust Rose Bridge, please contact the school via email at DTRBTransition@deantrustrosebridge.co.uk

With Best wishes.
J Haseldine.

Transition Update and Support

We have been busy preparing resources that are designed to frequent parents and pupils with our processes, school and staff so as to minimise any worries that some of our new parents and students may have during this uncertain time. So far, we've contacted primary schools to start the process of understanding the unique qualities that all of our future pupils will bring to our community; we've started to arrange virtual meetings to allow us to meet our future pupils in a safe environment; we've been emailing out to our new families each week with an update of our processes; we've produced a 'Bridging the Gap' booklet, designed to answer those frequently asked questions that many families have; we've produced two videos to support a visual understanding of our school; and we've made arrangements for our uniform supplier to operate a socially distanced ordering service.



Mr S Walsh, Assistant Head for Pupil and Parental Engagement

If you would like to see the videos or Bridging the Gap Booklet that we have produced, please follow the links below:

- Virtual Tour Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11_G0w2rUbU
- Learn More About our School Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hB63QfpOQA>
- 'Bridging the Gap' Booklet: <https://www.deantrustrosebridge.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2020/06/2020-Version.pdf>

What can parents be doing to support their child's transition to Dean Trust Rose Bridge?

1. Talking with your child about secondary school is the best way to start to get pupils prepared for secondary school as this change can cause anxiety for all pupils. Speaking with older family members and friends will also help to prepare them for secondary school and the changes that will come.
2. Make sure they've watched and read the videos above.
3. Complete your enrolment booklet – this way we can ensure your child is on our system and you will also be able to collect your free uniform following the completion of this.
4. Consider your child's travel arrangements to secondary school. If you need a Local Authority bus pass, you can apply via the following link:
<https://apps.wigan.gov.uk/HomeToSchoolTransport>
5. Apply for free school meals. If you believe your child should be in receipt of free school meals, you can apply for those following this link:
[https://finforms.wigan.gov.uk/ViewerVicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Wigan%20Education%20and%20Childcare%20Benefits%20Application%20\(1.0\).wdf](https://finforms.wigan.gov.uk/ViewerVicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Wigan%20Education%20and%20Childcare%20Benefits%20Application%20(1.0).wdf)

Transition Update and Support

SEND Support: Greetings to our soon to be year 7 pupils! Usually in the summer term you would spend at least one day here at Dean Trust Rose Bridge. This year, transition is very different and we realise that this can be disconcerting for all pupils, particularly our pupils with SEND. At Dean Trust Rose Bridge, our SEND team is called iClass and we are working hard to ensure that everything is prepared for when you arrive. We understand that you have been away from school for such a long time and we know that you may be worried about joining a new school. Rest assured that the iClass team are ready and waiting to support you and your family.



Mrs Kelly, Assistant Head, SENCO

The iClass and pastoral teams have completed a course on preparing SEND pupils for returning to school and I think that parents will find the course useful. It is free and the link is below...

<https://www.schudio.tv/courses/preparing-autistic-send-children-for-going-back-to-school>

Pastoral support: All pupils are assigned a form group upon entering DTRB in Year 7. Each morning pupils will register and be taught PDC by their Form Tutor. Form Tutor's are the first port of call for help and support if and when pupils need it from a teacher. Form tutors will quickly get to know each and every pupil in their form group really well!

Each year group also has a Head of Year that is responsible for all of their year group needs and support. Each Hear of Year and will organise; assemblies, rewards, trips, support and sanctions, if needed. On site we also have a Well-Being Centre which will support any pupils who may be struggling, emotionally.



Mrs Vallender Assistant Head, Behaviour

Our Year 7 Form Tutors



I'm Mrs Ashton, I teach Performing Arts and English and I have worked at Rose Bridge for 13 years now. I am really looking forward to meeting you all in September, enjoy your summer holidays and stay safe!

"I'm looking forward to welcoming you all through our doors in September. Year 7 is an exciting year where you will be challenged in lots of different ways, and as a Year 7 form tutor I will be there with you every step of the way. I will be there to support you with anything you need, in or out of school, and celebrate your successes however big or small! See you soon. Miss Sudall"



'Hi, I'm Mrs Gibbs and I have two roles here at Dean Trust Rose Bridge first is being a form tutor. I'm here to welcome you to DTRB, provide a welcoming face and support on a daily basis. You'll find me based up in Science as I am also a science teacher. I'm looking forward to meeting you all in September!'

Hello, my name is Miss Waring and I am a History teacher here at Dean Trust Rose Bridge. I have worked at the school for 6 years now. I set high expectations for my form group, but I also enjoy getting to know each and every member of the form. My classroom door is always open should you need to talk or just fancy a chat! I am so happy you have chosen this school and I cannot wait to meet and welcome you all to Dean Trust Rose Bridge. In my spare time I enjoy watching my beloved Blackburn Rovers, travelling to new countries and cooking delicious food for my family and friends. I understand that moving from primary school to high school is a big change, but do not worry, myself and all the wonderful staff and pupils at Rose Bridge will help you settle quickly and make you feel happy in your new school. See you all in September.



My name is Mr Baron and just like you I will be a new starter at school in September. My subject specialism is Design and Technology, a subject that I find very exciting and enjoyable to teach, in September I have a new electronics project for Year 7 students which will involve developing new skills using specialist tools and equipment. I am also to be a new Year 7 Form Tutor and I am looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you all. I am sure that you will enjoy your time at DTRB, just make sure that you work hard in all your subjects, make the most of the opportunities that are offered to you and most of all make your time in school enjoyable. Have fun.

Our Curriculum Areas

Maths: Our maths curriculum aims to develop powerful knowledge by promoting a love of learning maths and providing opportunities to develop problem solving skills. We will help them become global citizens by developing their understanding of how maths is used in the real world and in maths lessons they will develop confidence and resilience through collaborative and independent work. We will help nurture and support their ambitions by giving them challenging tasks that encourage them to be curious and creative in the classroom. Finally we will promote the continuation of learning outside of the classroom; students will be set weekly homework and will all be encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities to be involved in maths clubs.



Mrs Lane, Head of Maths

Science: Science in secondary is awesome, you will love it! At first you will be introduced to all the new equipment in a science laboratory and how to use it safely, then you will learn how to devise investigations and how to think and speak like scientists. Our first topic aims to get you familiar with all the new apparatus that you will need to become great scientists over your 5 years at Dean Trust Rose Bridge, then you will study topics which will open your minds to the universe, explosions and what our own bodies are made of. So be prepared to get stuck in and learn about a whole range of amazing concepts in science from Blood & Bones to Ecosystems, from objects millions of light years away to those closer to home in our own cells. We cannot wait to meet you and get stuck in with the experiments.



Miss Miller, Head of Science

English: Hello Year 6! We in English are excited to meet you all. The first thing we look at is where our language came from and how it's grown and developed over time. From The Vikings to The Normans, the very words we speak are steeped in history! We then move on to looking at some Shakespeare, some Gothic novels, some poems and using really interesting and exciting stories like Private Peaceful to engage and challenge you to enhance your vocabulary, comprehension, retrieval skills and understanding the effect of the words writers use. Think you've got a knack for creative writing? There'll be loads of opportunities for you to develop that too!



Miss McQueen, Head of English

Our Curriculum Areas

Geography: Welcome to Geography! In your lessons you will have the opportunity to learn about the wonderful world around you. It is now more important than ever to understand world issues and gain knowledge on how we are linked to other countries on a global scale. Building on what you have already learnt at your primary school we will explore both human and physical geography. You will discuss how people impact our world today in positive and negative ways. We will learn the importance of becoming a sustainable citizen and protecting our world's most precious resources on both land and water. We will explore diverse continents such as Asia and develop our understanding of the way people live in India within its breath-taking natural surroundings. We will also undertake a local geography topic titled 'My Wigan' where we will utilise our newly established geographical skills (mapping, data collection, grid references) to complete an out of classroom investigation. Miss Williams and Mrs Brady look forward to welcoming you to our geography department September.



Miss Williams, Head of Geography

History: There are three history teachers at Dean Trust Rose Bridge, Miss Hyde, Miss Waring and Mrs Gibbard. We love history and our lessons are very lively and fun. The first half term is an exciting one in the history department meeting lots of new pupils and listening to interesting stories about historical topics you have studied at junior school. Historical skills, as you know are very important and as historians, you and I use them all of the time, for example, a skill that we use is Chronology – putting things in the correct order. You will apply and practice these different skills in the first few weeks investigating murders, discoveries of artefacts from over 1000 years ago, changes that have occurred in Wigan and how the Anglo Saxons lived, worked and survived in England before the arrival of the Normans. We ask lots of questions in history and so each lesson begins with a question. To help you to answer each one, you will watch film clips, use different types of handouts/worksheets, pictures, artefacts/sources to work collaboratively and independently. Sometimes you will be asked to answer the question in your exercise book or by delivering a speech or sometimes by performing a play to your peers. We love everything about history and we want you to love it too. At the beginning of each half term you will be given a new 100% book. This includes information from each department, including history and can be used to help you to complete your history homework that you will receive weekly. Your history teachers love giving rewards and we give lots of these including class charts points, sending congratulation postcards home to your family and for those pupils who show outstanding work and commitment in our subject you will receive a badge for you to wear with pride on your blazer. I hope this has given you a small flavour of what you can expect when you join us in September. We are looking forward to meeting you and being part of your new journey.



Miss Hyde, Head of Humanities

Our Curriculum Areas

Physical Education: Physical Education is jam packed with a wide range of sports and activities which cater for all pupils' talents and interests. During Y7 you will study different sports across the year, that fit into the following topics:

- Invasion Games (rugby, football, netball, hockey, basketball, handball)
- Net/Target (badminton, volleyball, table tennis)
- Accurate Replication (trampolining and/or gymnastics)
- Striking and Fielding (rounders/cricket/softball)
- Maximum Capacity (athletics and fitness)

In addition to all of these activities, we offer extra-curricular clubs and teams that complement all of these sports. Clubs and fixtures run every day of the week and are completely free to join. We are also very lucky to have a brand new fitness suite in school, which pupils can use before school and after school every day of the week too.

Spanish: Year 7 may be your first experience of learning a new language, and one you will not forget. At Dean Trust Rose Bridge we value languages highly and aim to create respectful, confident and resilient linguists. Year 7 is the start of this journey and we begin with the basics, by learning the Spanish alphabet and phonics. Through the year you will build your conversational Spanish so that you can ask and answer questions about your family, friends, pets and hobbies. Finally, you will also have ample opportunities to learn about life in Spanish speaking countries and all about their traditions and cultures. We look forward to seeing you, ¡Hasta pronto!

Music and PA: The Performing Arts Department at Dean Trust Rose Bridge includes weekly KS3 lessons of Music and Drama with some opportunity to improve your Dance. Our aim is to give you different experiences that will not only help to improve your performing arts skills but help to develop your confidence, resilience, team work skills, organisation and communication skills. In your weekly KS3 lessons you will explore all the skills needed to challenge you to make progress as an actor or musician which will set you up for the performing arts pathway at KS4. There are also many other opportunities you can improve your skills outside of the classroom too, we have many extra-curricular activities like drama club, dance group, singing group and different bands for different year groups. We host many concerts throughout the year showcasing the amazing talent we have at DTRB and we have a long history of fabulous musical theatre shows. The last one we performed was 'Matilda' which was a huge success, we are really looking forward to start our new one when you start at DTRB so keep your eyes and ears open! If you play an instrument and would like to continue with these lessons at Rose Bridge, please get in touch with Mr Walsh/Mrs Blundell who will get these set up for you. Music and drama will look very different to the experiences you have had at primary school but you will really enjoy the exciting opportunities that are available to you. We cant wait to meet you all.



**Miss Reilly,
Head of PE**



**Mr Cunningham,
Head of MFL**



**Mrs Blundell,
Head of
Performing Arts**

Art: Our upcoming Year 7s have a very exciting year ahead of them. Here at Dean Trust Rose Bridge we like to ensure that our students get to experience a range of different skills and techniques when studying Art and Design. Over the next year students will gain knowledge and skills in colour theory and the formal elements; working with a variety of different materials including paint, colour pencil, collage and 3D design. Researching artists and cultures will be a big part of students' learning, they will be looking at multiple different artist from Mette Lindberg to Michael Craig Martin in order to gain inspiration and produce creative outcomes. This should be a fun and inventive year for our new year 7s and we look forward to welcoming you to the Art Department here at Rose Bridge.



Miss Suddall, Head of Art, Technology and Computing

Computing: The new year 7s have a lot to look forward to in Computer Science from September. They will complete two projects during the year. First of all they will learn how to be stay safe online, gain a better understand about their digital footprint, learn about the benefits and risks of sharing information online and what information they should avoid sharing. For the second project they will research and design their own games using the software, Scratch. They will be taught how to use the software and then have the opportunity to make their own exciting and creative game. Other pupils will be able to trial their games with each other and make their games even better. We really can't wait to meet the new year 7s.

Design Technology: Year 7 Design Technology pupils will be undertaking a new electronics project. They will be designing and making a steady hand game. During this project they will learn about electrical current and how it works in a circuit. They will learn about different electronic components which they will then use to make their circuit. They will cover Health and Safety in the workshop, then use soldering irons to assemble their circuits. Pupils will also look at some industrial processes then use a piece of equipment called the Vacuum Former to make the housing for their game. Once complete, pupils will assemble and test their product for any faults and repairing if necessary.

Food Technology

In Year 7 pupils will have the experience to develop their cooking skills. By taking part in a variety of practical lessons they will make different kinds of sweet and savoury dishes. Pupils will learn about how to stay safe in the kitchen and develop their knife skills. They will also investigate where our food comes from, and the importance of using local produce to reduce the impact on the environment. Pupils will be encouraged to try new food and develop their creativity when it comes to cooking dishes.

We hope that you are finding your Home Learning Packs useful. Remember Pack 4 is now available outside school to collect. The next pack will be available on 22nd June and will take a new format. There will be a **100% Book** available for each year group that will contain a knowledge organiser and a series of tasks.

Remember your teachers also set you weekly work on ClassCharts. There is also a lot of useful information on our website as well as direct links to GCSE Pod. Please visit the Home Learning Section under the Parent/Pupil tab of the website for further information.

How to support your child if they are feeling anxious about coronavirus



It's understandable for children and adults to feel concerned or anxious about this virus and it is natural for parents to want to support and protect their children. You might do this in many different ways – giving them a hug, playing a game or having a chat. The most important thing is for your child to know that you are there for them, ready to help them if things get hard. We hope these tips help you support your child at this time.

- 1. Talk** to your child about what is going on. You could start by asking them what they have heard about coronavirus.
- 2. Try** to answer their questions and reassure them in an age appropriate manner. Remember, you do not need to know all the answers, but talking can help them feel calm.
- 3. Explain** to your child that it is natural to worry sometimes and everyone does it. This feeling, like all feelings, will come and go.
- 4. Don't** try to shield your child from the news, as it's likely they will find out somehow from school, being online or from friends.
- 5. Be aware** that your child will often copy your behaviour, so if you are feeling anxious or overwhelmed, you may need to limit how much you express this in front of them.



LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

The Dean Trust FAMILY QUIZ

THURSDAY 7.30PM - 8.00PM

Dean Trust Family Quiz

All of the Dean Trust secondary schools are now participating in our family quiz.

Why not join us every Thursday and flex those brain muscles. We share the link to join and all the details on our twitter page. May the best team win!

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Useful SEND resources to support with literacy and numeracy:

www.2simple.com/purple-mash/

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

[Ruth Miskin Training YouTube](#)

[Reading Wise](#)

www.whiterosemaths.com/

[Bedrock Learning](#)

www.mathswithparents.com

To support cognition and learning:

[The Send Cast](#)

www.spaghettibrain.co.uk

Wellbeing:

[Mind](#)

www.healios.org.uk/services/thinkninja1

www.youngminds.org.uk

SEND: apps and games (Apps must be downloaded onto a compatible device)

Brain Parade:

[www.brainparade.com/products/see-](http://www.brainparade.com/products/see-touch-learn-free)

[touch-learn-free](#)

HelpKidzLearn: www.helpkidzlearn.com

Visuals2Go: www.visuals2go.com

[Click here to view The Government's published list of online resources](#)

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



STAY
ALERT

CONTROL
THE VIRUS

SAVE
LIVES

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing

CONNECT

TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED

BE
ACTIVE

DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR HOOD

TAKE
NOTICE

REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY

KEEP
LEARNING

EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF

Give

Your time,
your words,
your presence

Contact Details

Do we have your correct details? It is very important, especially in the current situation that the school has your correct details such as phone numbers, email addresses and postal address.

Please contact school with any updates. 01942 510712

office@deantrustrosebridge.co.uk

Useful helplines and websites



Mental Health

Wigan NHS mental health crisis line – 01942 636395

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

Mind Ed - <https://www.minded.org.uk/>

NHS Every Mind Matters - <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Recommended apps to support mental health and physical well-being <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/apps/>

MENCAP Helpful advice and information for people with a learning disability and families

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/coronavirus-covid-19>



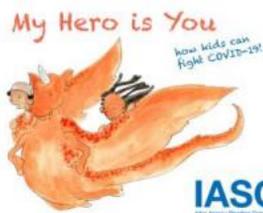
Rise Above - <https://riseabove.org.uk/>

Government advice - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Information for children about Covid-19

Children's guide to coronavirus – Children's commissioner

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/childrens-guide-to-coronavirus/>



'My hero is you' a story book which can be downloaded free of charge.

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-reference-group-mental-health-and-psychosocial-support-emergency-settings/my-hero-you>

Internet safety

Internet Matters - <https://www.internetmatters.org>

NSPCC

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Think U Know - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



If children need to speak to someone

Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/> 08001111 (9.00am – midnight)

Shout - <https://www.giveusashout.org> Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 to be put in touch with a trained crisis volunteer

The Mix – <https://www.themix.org.uk/> 0808 808 4994 Free information and support for Under 25s

Physical well – being

Change 4 Life - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/>