

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher Message

Thank you to all parents who last night braved the torrential weather to attend Year 10 Parents Evening. It was wonderful that so many parents were able to hear some really positive feedback about their children. We have decided that going forward all Parents Evenings will be face to face rather than online. I appreciate that both methods have their advantages and disadvantages but also that nothing really beats a face to face conversation with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

A reminder to all parents of Year 11 pupils that next Thursday we have the Year 11 Parent Hub event - this is specifically to discuss your child's attainment and progress in the November mocks and how you can support them in the next mock exams taking place at the end of January.

LUNCH ACCOUNT TOP UP

Please ensure your lunch accounts are topped up using the MCAS app. Should you need help to access the app please contact school reception.

If you are unable to pay you maybe eligible for free school meals. Please ask for a eligibility form from reception.







COLLEAGUE OF THE WEEK

Mr Lancaster for teaching Maths and being amazing!

LITERACY CHALLENGE

- 1. These are found in the Harry Potter books and in Lord of The Rings too. They help make Christmas gifts that Santa brings to you. What are they?
- 2. Open me every day for something that can't be beat. Behind each of the doors, you will discover a tasty treat. What am I?
- 3. You might make me this Christmas so that you can stuff me in your face. A cake, icing, and candy make an edible dwelling place. What am I?

MATHS CHALLENGE

Last week's solution

14 horses and 8 men. 14x4 plus 8x2 = 72 feet

This week's problem

If eggs are £0.12 a dozen, how much would 100 eggs cost?

BOOK OF THE WEEK: My Sister's Keeper

The book this week is a real tear-jerker! It is '**My Sister's Keeper' by** Jodi Picoult.

Published in 2004, it tells the story of thirteen-year-old Anna Fitzgerald, who sues her parents for medical emancipation when she is told to donate a kidney to her elder sister Kate, who is suffering from acute leukemia.





Believe Achieve Succeed

BOOK OF THE WELL





MATHS

Yet again, we've had another busy and vibrant half term within the Performing Arts department. This term has seen lots of enrichment opportunities with extra curricular visits, workshops and event performances! We are so pleased with the progress all of our pupils are making in Performing Arts, watch this space for some exciting performances coming up!

Year 7 Music

Pupils are currently putting their knowledge of rhythm grids and notation from term one, into music software. Pupils are using BandLab education to create their own drum beats, rhythmic patterns and drum fills. These rhythms are going to be structured to create a full drum track for a song, using the drum fills to connect beats together.

Year 8 Music

Pupils are taking a step back into the late 1960's, when Reggae was thriving in the music industry. For this term, pupils are focusing on off beat rhythms, one of the main focuses of reggae music. For this, pupils are performing the song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley, playing between the beats of the pulse, using a three note chord progression.

Year 9 Music

Pupils are continuing their musical knowledge of film music and how to create an atmospheric and tension building horror theme. Pupils have analysed film music and are now using music software, bandlab, to create a suspenseful piece of music to fit over the trailer 'The Women in Black'.



It's never too late to be part of something amazing.







Year 7 have been learning key dramatic techniques in drama as a building block to devising successful performances. Pupils have explored Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes as a stimulus, creating some fabulous whole class performances!





Year 8 have been introduced to Melodrama this term, learning how to apply the skills and techniques needed to perform this style of theatre. We have been so impressed with pupil's progress this term with some excellent performances of pantomime stock characters.



In Year 9, students have been introduced to Mask work through an exploration of Commedia Dell'arte. They have pushed themselves to develop their physical skills using excellent characterisation with a great application of Mask techniques.

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Last week our Year 11 Music and Performing Arts pupils visited Wigan and Leigh College to complete their practical examinations. They applied themselves brilliantly and we were so proud of the work that they produced!













Speak Up Project

Our Year 9 pupils have been taking part in the Speak Up project which is run through the National Theatre. This term our pupils have worked with James, a fantastic beatbox and rap artist, to create their own music. Pupils have been writing thier own rap based on 'Wigan' and 'School' and this will be recorded professionally in the next few weeks! We are very excited to hear the final version!



Wigan and Leigh College

Our Year 8 pupils were given the opportunity to attend Wigan and Leigh college to take part in a performing arts workshop and then watch the Christmas pantomime, Aladdin. Our pupils really rose to the challenge in the workshop and loved the opportunity to watch live theatre with some of them even taking part in the show!











National Youth Theatre

This term we have had the National Youth Theatre in school to deliver a workshop to our Year 10 pupils. They all fully embraced the opportunity and worked really well to develop collaborative skills as an ensemble.

The Woman in Black

Y10 Drama and English PP cross-curricular trip to watch the Woman in Black. Pupils were impeccably behaved and suitably scared. They thoroughly enjoyed the enrichment opportunity.







Congratulations to Isabelle Douglas who has been chosen as a National Theatre 'Speak Up' Council representative for Greater Manchester and was given the opportunity to take part in a three day residential to London last week. Isabelle was up against hundreds of other applicants from across Greater Manchester and was chosen by the team over at the National Theatre as a worthy candidate to take on this prestigious role.

She visited the National Theatre in London taking part in workshops and activities over the three days alongside other council representatives from across the country. She presented in front of hundreds of teachers, artists and theatre makers from across the country on Friday on the topics that she feels we need to 'Speak Up' about. This role is an amazing opportunity and we are all extremely proud of her and excited for what is to come!

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Hair and Beauty

This term year 10 pupils have been learning about the benefits of entrepreneurs in the hair and beauty industry and how they benefit society and the economy. Pupils have been learning practical skills including manicures, shampooing, skincare and hair styling.

Year 11 pupils are busy with revision sessions to help them with the exams. They are also looking forward to starting their final exam project later this month.



Finalists Revealed for the Highly Anticipated English Beauty Industry Awards 2023 – North West Edition



The English Beauty Industry Awards 2023-North West Edition is set to honour the finest professionals and businesses that have showcased exceptional talent, dedication, and innovation in the beauty sector across the Lancashire Pure Therapy (Preston) Split N' Polish (Blackburn) Lavender Cove Beauty Salon (Burst Charisma Salon (Preston) Gossip Beauty Salon (Blackburn) Karma Beauty (Preston) Natures Way Health & Beauty Cent Le Beautique Beauty & Skin Salon i Skin Deep (Leyland)

Expressions Of Beauty (Wigan)





Our Hair and Beauty teacher, Mrs Joy was privileged to attend the awards ceremony for the English Beauty Industry Awards 2023. Mrs Joy's salon Pure Therapy was one of 10 salons nominated for the 5 star beauty salon award.

Mrs Joy said it was a fantastic experience and although we didn't win it was great to be part of celebrating this amazing industry.



Construction

This term our construction pupils in Year 10 and 11 have explored a number of trades ranging from plumbing to electricals, showing great application of skills. Our Year 11 pupils are working hard to build their portfolio and the Year 10 pupils have shown great promise with an excellent start to the course.











CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 25-26



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Admission arrangements include the admission number and oversubscription criteria which are used to decide on the allocation of school places.

The admission authorities for the following Wigan primary and secondary schools are consulting on their admission arrangements for admission in September 2025 -

 Beech Hill Community Primary School
 Dean Trust Rose Bridge

 Hindley All Saints' Church of England Nursery and Primary School
 Parklee Primary School

 Marsh Geen Primary School
 Parklee Primary School

 Platt Bridge Community Primary School
 St John's Church of England School Wigan

 St Mary's CE Primary School, Platt Bridge
 Standish Community High School

 Standish Lower Ground St Anne's CofE Primary School
 The Deanery Church of England High School and Sixth Form College

Changes to the admission arrangements for these schools may affect parents and carers applying for places from 2025 onwards. This is your opportunity to comment on proposals before admission arrangements for 2025 – 26 are determined (by 28 February 2024).

Details are available by accessing the school admissions consultations page at www.wlgan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations

Responses are invited from:

- parents with a child aged between 2 and 18 years old
- local community groups
- other interested persons

The consultation lasts for six weeks. Responses must be submitted to Wigan Council no later than 15 January 2024.

Responses will be considered by the admission authority for each school before the admission arrangements are determined for 2025 – 26.

You can respond using the web form on the consultation webpage or by email to consultation@wigan.gov.uk Or, by writing to: Consultation, School Organisation Team, People Directorate, Wigan Council, PO Box 100, WN1 3DS.

*If you are unable to view the consultation online you can request a paper version or other format by contacting the School Organisation Team on 01942 489013.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING IN THE CANTEEN

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Y8 YOUNG WRITERS CLUB



Pupils are developing their writing skills with stories, plays & podcast.



JANUARY FOOTBALL CAMPS





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Year 7 Tournament

Great day out today at the year 7 tournament, drawing 3 games and only losing 1! A fantastic experience and the students represented the school impeccably.

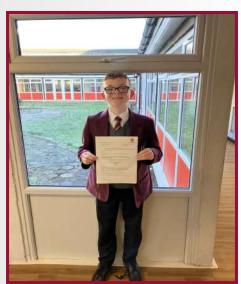


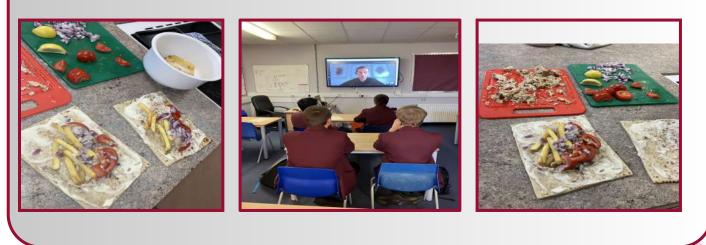
Chelsea Tickets

Josh Metcalfe has won two tickets to Manchester United V Chelsea this wednesday evening, josh was awarded these tickets for being a model student going above and beyond in his lessons and displaying dean trust values. Well done to you josh, keep up the good work!

Turnaround

This week we made greek gyros, we have made some great food this term. Cuisine from all over the world.







Achieve and Succeed Awards





Year 9 - Miss Walsh - Art Dom and Ingrid - detailed and accurate observational drawings of real life objects.

DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge



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Year 9 - Mrs Hyde - History Detailed work and a high level of understanding of The Battle of Stalingrad.

Top Attending forms wb 4/12/23



Enrichment



REWARDS

Dean Trust Rose Bridge Attendance Challenge

Half Term 2

Competition runs from Monday 30 October - Friday 22 December There will be a prize draw on the last day of term for the KS3 and KS4 winner! The winning pupils will receive a voucher of their choice* for the sum of £100!!!

*chosen voucher must be age appropriate

How to win:

All pupils on their return after half term break will be entered.

To be eligible for the £100 prize, the pupil must have **100% attendance** between the dates on the previous slide. Good luck!

End of Term Rewards 2023-24

These will run throughout the year for pupils who achieve 92.4% attendance and above with 0 behaviour points in that half term.

End of Term rewards are separate to the attendance challenge.

Every half term we 'reset' so all pupils have a chance to improve and be rewarded!!

HEAD OF YEAR AWARDS

YEAR 7

Logan E

Logan has been amazing this week and has completed his work to a really great standard.

YEAR 8

. Faith B is doing fantastic in lessons and her subject teachers are telling me about it. She is showing real determination about her attitude to learning and try so hard to ignore distractions. Well done Faith, keep it up.

YEAR 9

Lewis R Model student all of the time! Well done Lewis keep it up

YEAR 10

Neha Suju

For making a fantastic start to life at Dean Trust Rose Bridge.

YEAR 11

Chloe S

Is doing fantastic in all her lessons, has great relationships with her teachers and looks after our younger year groups.







Please can we remind all parents that reply slips giving consent for children to attend the trip were due by 10th November, so these 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.

	WC 4/12/2023	Source	DfE
Whole School	89.9%		2023/24 live autumn/ spring
7	93.6%		
8	92%	NA	90.7
9	88.3%		
10	87.8%	NW	90.8
11	87.6%	Wigan	90.5



STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS



DEAN TRUST ROSE Bridge Be Ready		Standards and Expectations		Be Safe	
Key Items To Bring To School Each Day School Bag 100% Folder	Attendance & Punctuality • Pupils should have 100% attendance . • Holidays taken during	Uniform Pupils must be smart at all times. Footwear should be plain black shoes, business style with leather upper, no boots or large loops	Travel Pupils should travel to and from school in full school uniform, adhering to school standards and expectations. When representing the	Jewellery & Makeup • For health & safety reasons, pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery other than a wrist watch.	Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices No mobile phones or electronic devices are allowed in school (Please note: this includes Smart Watches).
 Water Bottle Reading Book (Years 7-10) Revision materials (Year 11) Pencil case, including the following: 	term time will not be authorised and may incur a Fixed Penalty Notice/ Fine. Pupils absent from school for 10% of the time are defined as	 logos. Black knee-high socks (no bows) or black tights. Hoodies are not permitted. Outdoor coats should be removed inside the building. Blazers and school ties are to be worn at all times. 	 Accessories & Haircuts All hairstyles should be smart in appearance. Accessories should be small in size and in 	 No earrings or piercings are allowed. Makeup, fake-tan, semi- permanent makeup, nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes are not allowed. 	 Pupils who need a mobile phone for their journey to and from school should hand it in before entry to the school and collect it at the designated phone point when leaving. <u>Banned items</u>
2 Black Pens Pencil Ruler Rubber Green Pen Red Pen Scientific Calculator Highlighter	 'Persistent absentees' and arc less likely to make expected progress. Pupils need to be in school before 8.40am ready for Form Time. Pupils must be on time for all lessons. 	 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 ett). Pinafores & skirts must be knee length and not be rolled. School PE kit must be worn to every PE lesson. PE kit consists of: Black non-branded shorts/ leggings/tracksuits and school 	 the school colours. 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 tied up at all times. 	 Healthy schools Only water can be consumed in school or in the classroom. Water bottles can be filled up at break and lunch time. No family size/sharing bags or sweets, chocolates or crisp etc are allowed. Keep our school tidy, do not drop litter, do not chew gum. 	 Banned items are any items which may cause damage to other pupils and or the school environment e.g. aerosols, rigarettes, marker pens, chewing gum, E-cigarettes, lighters, weapons etc. DTRB has the right to ban any items during the aca- demic year that breaches health and safety.

At Dean Trust Rose Bridge, we believe that the standards of personal appearance are reflected in the attitudes of our pupils. By dressing to a high standard, it has been shown that our standards of work, and subsequent outcomes, improve over time. Please support the school by ensuring that your child adheres to the school's high standards of uniform and appearance. Each day staff will check that pupils are dressed in accordance with the above expectations.

Banned items should not be brought into school. Banned items will be confiscated by staff. Please refer to our Standards and Expectations poster for clarity on banned items.

Mobile phones: Any pupil found with their mobile phone during the school day will have this item confiscated. Confiscated phones will not be returned to a pupil under any circumstances. It is the parent/carers responsibility to collect the device from school at a mutually agreed time.

If pupils need to bring a mobile phone to school to ensure their safety when travelling, they must be handed in at the start of the day, before entering the building.

Sanctions will be applied to any pupil who fails to meet the school's standards and expectations.

With your support, we will continue to improve the standards at Dean Trust Rose Bridge School. Together, we will continue to make progress, giving all our pupils the best life opportunities by developing hard-working and dedicated young adults with high standards and aspirations.



Standards & Expectations

Lines of Communication

Just a reminder to all parents, that your <u>child's Form Tutor</u> should always be the first port of call if there are any questions or concerns. Furthermore, due to staff absence, if you have contacted a member of staff and have not heard back, please contact

office@deantrustrosebridge.co.uk

and we can ensure any messages are directed to the right person.

Up to date contact details

Please can we ask that you ensure we have your most recent contact details on file so that if I have to communicate any changes to the normal operation of the school you receive the relevant messages.

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Working together

Our strength develops when we work together as a community, ensuring that the children and young people who attend Dean Trust Rose Bridge receive the best possible experience even during these uncertain times. We feel blessed that we have such a supportive parents, wonderful pupils, and an incredible staff who always go above and beyond for your children.



Safer Internet Tips...

Top Tips for Parents and Carers

Have a look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get you started and help you to stay safe and positive online. You and your family can #PlayYourPart in creating a better internet by...

Having conversations without judgement.

Whether by playing games, watching videos, or doing things your child enjoys, spending time together online is a great way to start conversations about the online world and how they're finding being a part of it.

It is important to ask questions and take an interest in what your child enjoys online. An essential part of having this open dialogue is to not judge, even if their behaviour or life online isn't what you wanted or expected. This ensures that your child feels they can come to you if ever they make a mistake or experience a problem online.

Knowing where you can learn more about their favourite apps and games.

Websites like Common Sense Media or The Family Gaming Database can be invaluable sources of information. When your child starts talking about a new game or app, why not do some research into the reporting and blocking options available? Then you can help your child if they come to you with an issue.

Getting support if things go wrong.

There are lots of organisations who are there to support you and your family if something has gone wrong. The Report Harmful Content website can help you with issues such as cyberbullying, impersonation and threats. You can report worrying behaviour towards children to CEOP. Find out more on Children's Get Help page.

Reassuring your child that whatever happens online, you are there to support them.

Let your child know that the best way to address any problem they have online, is to tell a trusted adult immediately. For example, this might include someone sending them a friend request; an online message; telling them to visit a specific website, or app; or asking them for their personal information. Reassure them that if anything happens online that they are unsure about, or makes them feel worried or upset, they can come to you for help.

More advice and guidance

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media /





