Dean Trust Wigan

Part of a group of high performing schools

Prospectus

Believe Achieve Succeed

Welcome to Dean Trust Wigan

I am privileged to welcome you as the Headteacher of Dean Trust Wigan.

Dean Trust Wigan is part of the Multi-Academy Trust. All schools across The Dean Trust embrace the Trust motto: **Believe Achieve Succeed**. Pupils who attend a Dean Trust school experience a caring, learning environment and benefit from a 'firm but fair' approach to behaviour.

Our vision is for all our pupils to **believe** in themselves, **achieve** their potential, and **succeed** in their journey through life. Our staff are tireless in their commitment to achieving this vision. Our common purpose is dedicated to helping children develop into confident, successful and responsible adults who are able to play an active part in society, regardless of their background or prior achievement. To do this, we strive to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential and is empowered to be employable in the future through a variety of routes including university, training or apprenticeships.

We always place children at the heart of our planning and we pride ourselves on the relationships that our staff have with our pupils, caring for them throughout their education. All of our work is founded on simple principles and a 'no nonsense' approach towards education, with respect at the heart of our work. To achieve this we strive to employ, retain and develop the best possible staff who also believe that every pupil can do their best given a chance and encouragement. In addition, we also strive to deliver a first-class education based on high quality teaching, support and experiences outside of the classroom.

At The Dean Trust we believe that success should be measured by both academic progress and achievement and also by one's personal and social development, contribution to our community and to society. We also work closely with families to ensure that all our pupils are committed to learning and develop the character necessary to take advantage of all of the opportunities we provide. We very much welcome visitors and I strongly encourage you to arrange a visit so that you can experience a Dean Trust School first-hand.

I look forward to welcoming you to Dean Trust Wigan.

Mrs Jennifer Evans
Headteacher

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WELCOME
TO DEAN TRUST WIGAN

The DTW Curriculum

Powerful Knowledge

At Dean Trust Wigan, we believe that the acquisition of powerful knowledge and transferable skills, together with experiences that build social and cultural capital, is a fundamental right for all young people.

Our curriculum ambition is to provide all our pupils with carefully crafted and sequenced knowledge enhancement and social development experiences, so that they are academically, socially and altruistically equipped to contribute positively to a global community.

We have four core values, equally important and interconnected, that shape our curriculum:

- **Powerful Knowledge**
- **Global Citizenship**
- **Healthy in Mind, Body & Soul**
- **Ambition & Aspiration**

The Key Stage 3 Curriculum

Dean Trust Wigan's Key Stage 3 is a three year curriculum that is broad and balanced. It fully prepares our pupils for Key Stage 4 and beyond.

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 study a wide range of subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Spanish, History, Geography, Technology, Computing, Art, Music & Performing Arts, Religious Studies and PE.

In addition, pupil also learn about Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PHSE).

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

The Key Stage 4 curriculum offers a very traditional and well-balanced range of courses, with the essential subjects of English, mathematics and science remaining at the core of our provision. All pupils have access to a minimum of nine qualifications.

The majority of pupils follow the English Baccalaureate at Key Stage 4.

Subjects included are:

- English Literature
- English Language
- Mathematics
- Combined or Separate Sciences
- History
- Geography
- Spanish
- Computer Science

As well as studying these subjects, pupils have the opportunity to study a minimum of any three from the following:

- Child Development
- Hospitality and Catering
- Design Technology
- Health and Social Care
- Construction
- Music
- Art
- Sports Studies
- Business Studies
- Performing Arts – Dance or Drama
- Hair and Beauty
- Religious Studies

"New curriculum plans detail the important knowledge that pupils need to learn and when."

(Ofsted)

High Standards and support

An Inclusive and Caring School

At Dean Trust Wigan we seek to create a positive learning climate that enables excellence to be achieved by all. We aim to foster positive relationships between pupils and staff that are built on mutual respect.

We have a culture of high expectations for staff and pupils alike. Our Code of conduct: **Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Responsible**, are integral to our all aspects of school life and govern our appearance and our behaviours.

Pupils benefit and value the support from a large network of caring adults. In addition to their subject teachers, our pupils are supported by their Form Tutors, Heads of Year, Pupil Support Managers and wider support staff.

Pastoral Services is the focal point for many of our pupils (and parents). This is due in no small part to the highly trained and caring staff who will never accept that a pupil cannot be supported to overcome any challenge.

"Behaviour, both in and out of lessons, has improved considerably."
Ofsted

Structure of the day

School opens from 8.00am for breakfast club and pupils can receive a free breakfast from 8.00am to 8.20am. Pupils should aim to be at school for 8.25am each morning to ensure they are not late for registration.

Pupils should be in their form room for 8:35am

Form Time	**8:40-9:10**
Lesson 1	**9:10-10:00**
Lesson 2	**10:00-10:50**
Break	**10:50-11:10**
Lesson 3	**11:10-12:00**
Lesson 4	**12:00-12:50**
Lunch	**12:50-13:30**
Lesson 5	**13:30-14:20**
Lesson 6	**14:20-15:10**

"Pupils appreciate the rewards that they receive for working hard and behaving well ." *Ofsted*

Enrichment

“Pupils benefit from a variety of extra curricular activities.” *Ofsted*

The school has an excellent reputation in Sports and the Arts.

Pupils engage with a range of local partners including Manchester United Foundation, and Wigan Athletic. Our Girls and Boys Football teams compete within the region at each age group.

Music, dance and art are offered during the school day but also include regular trips to the theatre and other cultural events. The school production takes pride of place and involves many pupils and staff working together on and off stage.

Aspiration

Our aim is always to raise aspiration amongst our whole school community. Indeed, our aspirational ethos has played a key role in our improvement to date and it will always be at the core of our practice as we continue to strive forward.

All pupils benefit from a well-balanced and differentiated curriculum. In addition, higher achievers engage in a bespoke educational strategy, with opportunities to extend their capabilities beyond the classroom.

To further embed a culture of high aspiration, we work alongside a number of universities to encourage higher achievers to aspire to attend university. Pupils can take part in a plurality of academically enhancing experiences: university style tutorials, visits to prestigious universities and a menu of 'in house' offers.

Careers

One of our key priorities is to ensure that all pupils leave Dean Trust Wigan fully prepared for the next stage of their education or training. To achieve this, there is an excellent careers strategy in place to fully embed the Gatsby Benchmarks.

A tailored programme led by a skilled and experienced leader in school, in addition to co-ordinated external support, ensures that all pupils and parents are able to engage in career-related opportunities throughout school life.

"Pupils receive appropriate advice and guidance for the next stages of their education or training."
Ofsted

The Dean Trust

Tarun Kapur CBE,
Chief Executive

The Dean Trust's vision is for all our pupils to **believe** *in themselves,* **achieve** *their academic and social potential, and* **succeed** *in their journey through life.*

In carrying out our mission we will…

- put pupils first
- invest in the most talented and dedicated workforce
- have an inclusive environment that values diversity
- provide our pupils with experiences to acquire powerful knowledge, transferable skills, social and cultural capital
- work collaboratively with our partners to nurture global citizens.

"We believe that our schools should always be at the heart of the communities that we serve developing strong and lasting relationships within our schools and beyond.

We always place children at the heart of our planning and have developed a culture of excellence across the Trust, providing fantastic opportunities to develop pupils of all ages."

Tarun Kapur CBE, Chief Executive Officer

Our Values

We will ensure that our school communities are:

- **Diverse and inclusive**
- **Compassionate**
- **Ambitious**
- **Aspirational**

To achieve this we expect our people and pupils to display:

- **Honesty**
- **Respect**
- **Tenacity**
- **Commitment**
- **Discipline**
- **Courage**
- **Resilience**

Hope to see you soon

Thank you for reading Dean Trust Wigan's prospectus. I hope after reading about us, you have an idea of who we are as a school and a Trust, and what we want to achieve for the pupils who are part of our school community.

We understand how hard it is to choose the right secondary school for your child and are here to help in any way that we can.

I wish you all the very best in your choice of school. Please visit Wigan Local Authority schools admissions page and ensure you meet the deadline for applications.

Jennifer Evans
Headteacher

Admissions

The Dean Trust is committed to providing local schools for local children. Although part of a Multi Academy Trust, parents apply to Dean Trust Wigan through Wigan Local Authority as the co-ordination of admissions arrangements into Year 7 is undertaken by Wigan Local Authority.

The Admissions Policy is available on our website. If you have any questions please contact us.

Why choose Dean Trust Wigan?

We provide:

- **A local school for local children, in the heart of the community.**
- **Traditional values and high expectations.**
- **Passionate and dedicated teachers and support staff.**
- **Relevant and dynamic curriculum and enrichment.**
- **Excellent academic progress and outcomes.**
- **Outstanding pastoral care and personal development.**
- **Ambitious pathways and aspirations for all our pupils.**
- **Trusted and effective relationships with our parents.**

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