



DEAN TRUST Wigan

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21th March 2025

Headteacher Message



Jennifer Evans
Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

This week we kicked off our transition events with a wonderful Meet and Greet for families of children joining us in September. It was a pleasure to meet everyone and showcase our excellent school facilities, teaching environment, and the fantastic pastoral support and personal development opportunities we offer. We're excited to welcome our new Year 7 pupils again in July!

In addition, preparations are underway for our Year 10 pupils' upcoming trip to Malaga next week. Twenty-seven pupils will spend five days exploring the city and applying their GCSE Spanish skills in real-life situations. We're looking forward to hearing about their adventures!

Finally, to further safeguard our pupils, we are securing the perimeter of our site starting Monday April 21st, after the Easter holidays. This means access to the site and car park will be restricted to visitors of Dean Trust Wigan or the library. The gate to the lane leading to Lamberhead Primary will be closed at all times, except during pupil arrivals and departures. More details can be found in the flyer included in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe!

Mrs Evans



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Pupil of the week



This week, the winner of the Headteacher's Award for Pupil of the Week is year 10 pupil, Declan L who was nominated by Mr McNally, who said:

For always believing in himself and always striving to be the best he can be.
Legend!!

Congratulations Declan !

Other nominations for pupil of the week :

Kai C
Evie A
Jack M
Leon M
Sophia W
Darcie W
Lucas W-P
Lewis V
Jessica C
Summer W
Declan L
Honey C
Sebastian C
Brooklyn B



Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Jack M

Jack is eager in every lesson to demonstrate his knowledge and offer his opinions. Jack is also leading the year group when it comes to sports and gets involved in any activity offered to him!

- Mr Williams, Head of Year 7

Year 8 – Max P.M

Max has made a great start since joining DTW. His attendance is 100% and his class teachers have commented on his positive attitude to learning in many of his lessons. Well done Max.

- Miss West, Head of Year 8

Year 9 – Isla P-G

Isla has had a fantastic week this week; she has been working really hard to improve her learning. This week she was top of the year 9 positive points leaderboard, amassing a total of 17 positive points. This is a huge improvement, keep up the great work Isla

- Mr Eastwood, Head of Year 9

Year 10 – Liz K

Liz has started the school midway through the academic year. Within her first few weeks she has made great strides with friendship groups and settling into her new surroundings. Whilst working hard she has attained the highest number of positive points in the last week and attended school every day. A great start Liz, well done!

- Mr Nolan, Head of Year 10

Year 11 – Jack P

Working hard in class and attending every Above and Beyond

- Mr Yates, Head of Year 11



Year 9 this week at DTW

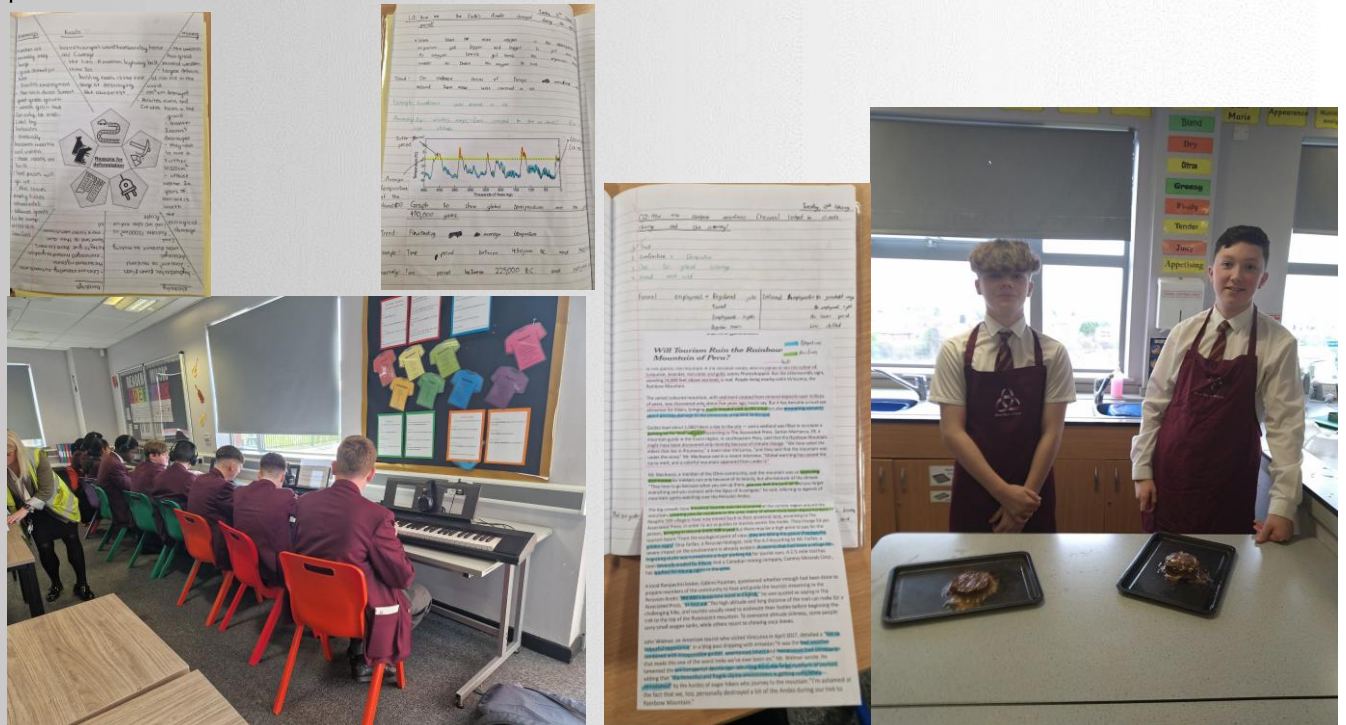
This week focuses on Year 9 for our highlight of the week. Following on from their recent options selection, Year 9 have been working hard across the school to further improve their learning. In many subjects pupils are transitioning onto new topics where they have adapted and committed their attention to the new areas of focus.

The Spring term in Mathematics covers angles within shapes followed by angles on parallel lines. Following this, the pupils will move on to study and recap percentages. Mrs Ward (Head of Mathematics) has been really impressed with the pupils resilience whilst studying these challenging units and looks forward to seeing the pupils continue to make progress in preparation for starting the GCSE curriculum in September.

In Food Technology pupils have been analysing different cooking methods and establishing why it is more suitable to use certain cooking methods for particular foods, and more importantly the science behind this. Practically they have been making their annual pancakes and have since moved on to flavoured burgers. Connor P was eager to show off his masterpiece below, keep up the great work Connor

In Geography, Year 9 have just finished studying ecosystems vs resources. Within this topic they analysed the Amazon rainforest and how it can be exploited for its natural resource as well as how tourism to the forest has impacted its many ecosystems. Over the coming weeks Year 9 will be looking at the consequences of climate change, which links to their study of the Amazon rainforest and melting of the glaciers in Iceland. The whole Geography department are really excited to start this topic with Year 9, particularly as many of them will be participating in the overseas trip to Iceland over the Easter holidays. We can't wait to relate their learning in the classroom to the many experiences and activities included within the trip.

In recent weeks Year 9 have also been granted the opportunity to visit London for the day in the summer term. Details of the trip have been sent out in the post with a first come, first served basis. If you would like your son/daughter to attend, please return the necessary paperwork as soon as possible. Confirmation of places will be finalised next week.





Year 6 Meet & Greet



On Wednesday evening, we were delighted to welcome so many families to our Year 6 Meet & Greet event.

It was fantastic to meet both the children and their families who will be joining us at Dean Trust Wigan in the coming months. Your support made the evening a great success.

This event provided a valuable opportunity to share important information and start building lasting relationships as we prepare for a smooth and positive transition into high school. We are excited to begin this new chapter and are committed to providing a supportive, enriching experience for all of our pupils.

Thank you again for your continued support. We look forward to working together to ensure a bright and successful future for your children!



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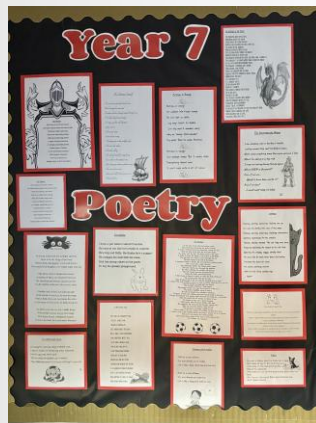
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Mini Monsters Project

Year 8 pupils have explored design ideas for their 'Mini Monsters' textiles project. They will select their best ideas to create a mini monster toy out of felt.



For homework, Mrs McCarten's Year 7 English class have been writing poetry. They have been composing a poem, on a topic of their choice, which needed to use some of the poetic devices that they have been introduced to in their recent studies of The Odyssey and Beowulf. These devices were: a kenning, a caesura, and alliteration. The work they have created is outstanding and is now rightfully on display in class. Well done 7y3!



The Warrior
Steel sang as war-horns echoed.
The blade-bearers strode into storm-winds.
Wolf-heart ablaze, split skies.
Red rivers under dusty shields,
while the swords-song soared.
A hymn of honour and doom.
At twilight, mead halls glowed.
Golden beams of respite,
yet the raven-feast beckoned.
Silent legends whispered.
The warrior pressed on,
forging legacy in steel and shadow.

In food technology this week Year 10 Hospitality and Catering pupils have made some delicious Calzone which is a filled folded pizza. Adding some tasty fillings and practising their kneading skills to make a dough base. Year 8 pupils have been working on school lunches by making chicken curry this week. Pupils were practising both their knife skills and learning to use the hob to cook safely. Year 7 have been making flapjacks. Pupils brought in their own inclusions to include banana chips, sultanas and cherries which make delicious toppings.



This week in cookery club our budding Chefs made puff pastry pizza twists with a spicy tomato dipping sauce. This was a tasty treat for a Wednesday night tea! Pupils used mozzarella cheese, tomato passata and ham to fill their pizza twists. The pastry was given a generous coating of egg wash before being seasoned with garlic powder, parmesan cheese and oregano. The dipping sauce was made by blending a tin of tomatoes and fresh garlic.



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Book Review

Name of book: _____

Reviewed by: _____



Plot:

How does the story start? What happens in the middle? How does it end?

Characters:

Who is in the story? Describe what they are like (personality and appearance).

Settings:

Where is the story set? What words or phrases tell you about the location?

Your opinions:

What was your favourite part and why? Did the story have a message that you think would be helpful to others? Would you recommend this book to others?

Give the story a rating out of 5:



Reminder for year 8!

All year 8 who are writing a book reviews which was handed out on year 8 parents evening please hand these back to Miss Tinsley to be entered in to a prize draw for a tablet.

PE Extra-Curricular Activities

January - April 2025



Morning Club	KS3 Football every morning on the MUGA 8am – 8.30am (Monday-Thursday)				
Lunchtime	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Hall	All years Basketball/ Badminton	All years Basketball/ Badminton	All years Basketball/ Badminton	All years Basketball/ Badminton	All years Basketball/ Badminton
AFTER SCHOOL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Staff Meetings	All years Girls Rugby (SBN, SAW – MUGA)	All years Netball (KAA – Sportshall)	All years Volleyball (GAM – Sportshall)	All years Darts (LED – Small gym)
		All years Boys Football (GAM/LED – MUGA)	All years Fitness suite (Various)	All years Girls Football (LED – MUGA)	All years Basketball (TIH – Sportshall)
		All years Badminton (TIH – Sportshall)	Rugby Tournaments (Various)	All years Fitness suite (SAW)	HOD Detentions PE1
				Child development/ Sports Studies support sessions PE1 (SOB)	



ECA - ECA clubs are back up and running with a wide range of opportunities on offer for our pupils including a new club, Volleyball! Next week in lessons we will hand out ECA timetables. Why don't you set yourself some 2025 goals and come and join a new club?



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With effect 22nd April 2025

Important changes to DTW site

To keep our pupils and staff safe, after consultation with WMBC to ensure that there is no right of way through the school grounds, we have taken the decision to secure our school site.

We are aware that parents of pupils at Lamberhead Primary School access their school through the Dean Trust Wigan site. With this in mind the pedestrian gates at either access point of the site will be opened during the times below:

7.45am – 9.15am
3.10pm – 3.45pm

These access times should enable parents to drop and collect their children at Lamberhead Primary School using the Dean Trust Wigan site if they wish to.

There will be NO pedestrian access outside of these times

We hope you appreciate that this decision has been taken with the wellbeing of our pupils and staff in mind.

There will be NO ACCESS to any non Dean Trust Wigan vehicles from Tuesday 22nd April at any time

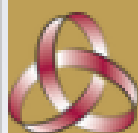
**These changes will
be implemented
from Tuesday 22nd
April 2025**



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Important Information

Important changes to Bee Network child tickets

From 23 March, tap and go contactless payments are being introduced across Bee Network buses and trams for full fare paying adults only.

Child tickets are not available using tap and go. Children can continue to use their current method of payment for travelling to school or leisure (e.g. cash, contactless).

At the same time, we're making it even easier to pay for child tickets on the Bee Network app.

Single child hopper tickets will be available on the app, alongside a range of other child tickets. It's the safe, cash-free way to pay for travel.

Here's our top tips for paying for child fares from 23 March:

- Download the Bee Network app to pay for a range of child tickets.
- When paying with contactless always ask the bus driver for a child ticket before tapping your card (to avoid getting charged adult fare).
- Keep your TfGM travel pass (igo card, Our Pass) separate from bank cards when you tap the card reader, to avoid your bank card being charged an adult fare.

As always, your one-stop-shop for travelling to school information is available at www.beenetwork.com/schools

If you have any further questions or want to speak to someone, please get in touch with the Bee Network Contact Centre online or call: 0161 244 1000.

Single hopper child tickets

Arriving soon on the Bee Network app.



Say yellow to single hopper child tickets.

Now available on the app.



What's on the menu next week?

STREATERIES LUNCH MENU						
WEEK 1 2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 6/1, 27/1						
MAINS	 AUTHENTIC Italian	 AMERICAN Diner	 Home STYLE	 INCREDIBLE INDIA	 Chips & More	
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
	MEATBALL MARINARA PASTA BAKE topped with Cheesy Garlic Crumbs ASPENS LOADED MAC & CHEESE  with Spring Onion, Pepper & Garlic	BBQ PULLED PORK IN A BUN with Ranch Slaw CAJUN SPICED BAKED VEGGIE BURGER  with Ranch Slaw	ROAST PORK, STUFFING & APPLE SAUCE with Gravy Either as a classic roast dinner or loaded into a 1/2 baguette CHEESE & ONION PASTRY SLICE 	GARLIC CHILLI CHICKEN CURRY SWEET & SOUR CHICKPEA VEGETABLE PATHIA CURRY 	Choose from: BATTERED FISH SAUSAGE or VEG SAUSAGE (battered or plain)  Margherita Pizza  Chicken Nuggets Chips 	
SIDES	CRUNCHY RAINBOW SALAD 	CRISPY BAKED HOME FRIES 	SKIN ON ROASTIES CARROTS & BROCCOLI 	CARDAMOM RICE & GREEN BEANS 	MINTY PEAS, BAKED BEANS, GRAVY OR CURRY SAUCE 	
- PASTA & NOODLE POTS -						
CARBONARA PASTA		VEGGIE THAI STYLE NOODLE POT 	BOLOGNESE PASTA	CHINESE CHICKEN CHOW MEIN NOODLES	CARBONARA PASTA	
ITALIAN TOMATO PASTA - DAILY 						
BEANS - CHEESE - JACKET POTATOES - TUNA MAYO - SIMPLY PLAIN						
BIG BOWL SALAD	Salad Box of the Day	Salad Box of the Day	Salad Box of the Day	Salad Box of the Day	Salad Box of the Day	
	SELECTION OF HOMEBAKES	BLACK & WHITE SHORTBREAD COOKIE	STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING with Toffee Sauce	FLAPJACK	STRAWBERRY TRIFLE POT	
DESSERTS	Freshly Made from Scratch DAILY!		Fresh Cut Fruit & Yogurt Pots Available Daily	HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE!	DELIKITCHEN HOT GRAB & GO	
Daily Meal Deals Regular Chef's Specials						



Samaritans

Do you feel confident supporting someone who may be using the internet in relation to their self-harm or suicidal feelings?

Join Samaritans to understand how people use the internet in relation to self-harm and suicide and more.

Book [here](#).

Anna Freud 5 Steps to Mental Health and Wellbeing

Develop a holistic approach to mental health across your school or college. Our free, evidence-based 5 Steps framework is designed for easy implementation.

The framework aligns with the eight principles outlined in the Department for Education's whole-school approach guidance.

The 5 Steps will help you to take a practical, inclusive approach to the mental health needs of your community: promoting a culture of belonging and wellbeing, supporting students and staff, working in partnership with parents and carers, and recognising the importance of leadership. Click [here](#), for more information

Crossing the Line, by Breaking Barriers

Breaking Barriers have won awards for their successful track record of delivering challenging societal issues such as Domestic Abuse, Hate Crime, Knife Crime, Child Criminal Exploitation, VAWG, Consent, Parental Imprisonment and Youth Violence, using powerful creative interventions that allow a safe space for young people to ask difficult questions, be informed and learn new strategies to lead healthier lives.

Recently recommissioned is **Crossing the Line** which is a package that includes a film, a live monologue, a facilitated discussion and a resource pack.

It aims to help young people to:

- Develop an understanding of what a healthy relationship with a friend is
- Develop an understanding of what an unhealthy relationship with a friend is
- Develop an understanding of what grooming is and the signs to look out for
- Develop an understanding of support available and who young people can talk to should they feel lonely or pressured
- Develop an understanding of what peer pressure is

This promo film will give you some more info: [Crossing The Line Autumn Tour 2023 - YouTube](#)

This is ideal for Year 5's & Year 6's and is a first come, first served basis.

For more information, please contact:
jodieratcliffe22@gmail.com or jamie.fallon@greatermanches-ter-ca.gov.uk

March 2025 For Schools

KootKlass



Live stream webinars straight to your classroom

Exam stress for year 11+

Tips for managing exam stress and how Kooth can support you. [Book now](#)

Support for school or college leavers

Keeping mentally fit as you experience change. [Book now](#)

Supporting students with low mood and anxiety

Free webinar to help you provide early support to secondary school and college students aged 11-25 with anxiety and low mood. The webinar will explore:

- how to embed a culture of wellbeing across your whole community
- the importance of early intervention
- the risk factors, signs and symptoms of emerging mental health issues
- how to support students experiencing common mental health difficulties + more

Book your place





Boxing for Better



Using the power of boxing to transform lives and empower individuals. With our programs, we have impacted countless individuals, helping them gain confidence, strength, and resilience.

Corner Men - is a programme designed just for men, to find a safe place where they can blow off some steam, learn new skills, connect with others and enjoy a positive physical activity session. More info [here](#).

The Community Boxing Sessions - targeted at children aged 9 to 16. We welcome both boys and girls of all abilities and backgrounds

Higher Folds, Mondays 5 – 6pm

Platt Bridge, Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30pm

Norley Hall, Thursdays 4 – 5pm

Hag Fold, Fridays 5 – 6pm

More info [here](#).

WorkWell

Helping you Be Well at work

Struggling with your health and worried about work?

If your health is affecting your job, the WorkWell Programme can help you stay in work, return after sickness, or find the right job when challenges make it difficult.

WorkWell provides one-to-one support for those facing:

- Mental health challenges
- Musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions
- Neurodiverse conditions or other health-related barriers

Through Work & Health Coaches, WorkWell offers workplace advice, return-to-work support, career guidance, and connections to local services—helping you move forward with confidence.

You can refer yourself or be referred by a professional (with permission).

Find out more or make a referral, [here](#).

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For parents & Carers

This Van Can ovarian cancer awareness

Find out about the key symptoms of ovarian cancer, learn about your ovaries, pick up some information or chat to our friendly staff.

Wigan, Robin Retail Park, 1 Loire Dr, Wigan WN5 0UL – Friday 28th March

Leigh Tesco Extra, The Loom, Derby St, Leigh WN7 4BA – Saturday 30th March

(Usually be open from approximately 10am until 6pm) More information and dates [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunity Canals and River Trust



Our Explorers Water Safety Education Volunteers in Wigan see thousands of school children each year - helping them to stay safe around open water. This takes a lot of hard work to co-ordinate, so we're looking for volunteers to help us administer this essential work. More info [here](#).

Healthy Schools Newsletter



SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

ROBIN PARK LEISURE CENTRE

12 PM - 2:30 PM



REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND THE EVENT AND CLAIM FREE TICKETS FOR LATICS V BARNLEY



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FREE FAMILY FUN DAY!

- MEET LATICS MASCOT CRUSTY THE PIE!
- FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES
- INFLATABLE GAMES
- PRIZES TO BE WON
- CLAIM YOUR TICKETS TO LATICS V BARNLEY BY 5PM ON FRIDAY THE 21ST OF MARCH

TO FIND OUT MORE:
EMAIL COMMUNITY@WIGANATHLETIC.COM



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Recycled Uniform Uniformity Project

What does The Uniformity Project do?

- Provides Good Quality recycled Logo and Non-Logo School Uniform Free of Charge.
- Provides Low cost NEW Non logo uniform items £1 - £2
- Provides free access to sanitary Products and personal hygiene products for adults and children
- Supporting Families to maximise their income
- Provides an inclusive, space for creativity free of charge.

For more information, click [here](#).

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DTW Extracurricular Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning – 8am	KS3 Football – MUGA	KS3 Football – MUGA	KS3 Football – MUGA	KS3 Football – MUGA	
Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
12.55 – 1.25pm	SPARX Maths Club – M1		LGBTQ+ Club A1	SPARX Maths Club – M1	
12.55 – 1.25pm	MFL Film Club MFL 1	Eco Club – Geography	Art And Craft Club A1	Dance Club – (Led by Olivia Bromley)	Karaoke Club – Performing Arts Studio
12.55 – 1.25pm	Basketball/Badminton – All Year groups Sports hall	Basketball/Badminton – All Year groups Sports hall	Basketball/Badminton – All Year groups Sports hall	Basketball/Badminton – All Year groups Sports hall	Basketball/Badminton – All Year groups Sports hall
12.55 – 1.25pm	SEND Club M8	SEND Club M8	SEND Club M8	SEND Club M8	SEND Club M8
12.55 – 1.25pm		Science Club S4	Science Homework Club S4		Chess Club H1
12.50 – 1.25pm	LRC	LRC	LRC	LRC	LRC
After school	After school	After school	After school	After school	After school
	LRC	LRC	LRC	LRC	LRC
3.20 – 4pm		Dance Club – Performing Arts Studio	Drama Club – Performing Arts Studio	Choir – Performing Arts Studio	Band (Rock School) – Performing Arts Studio
3.20 – 4pm		Film Club – RS SS2		Eco-Systems – Geography (Pond Area)	
3.20 – 4pm		Boys Football – All Year Groups MUGA	Netball – All Year Groups Sports hall	Trampolining- All years Small Gym	Basketball- All years Sports Hall
3.20 – 4pm		Girls Rugby – All Year Groups MUGA	Fitness Suite - All Year Groups	Girls Football - All Year Groups MUGA	
3:20-4pm			Boys Rugby- All years	KS4 Course work catch up evening	
3.20 – 4pm		Badminton – All Year Groups Sports hall	Cookery Club T6	Fitness Suite - All Year Groups	

Calling all Year 11 parents!

To help you support your children we have created a 'one stop shop' of all the information pupils need to be successful this year and added them to our website! Please visit <https://deantrustwigan.co.uk/key-information/year-11-information-support/> to access revision strategies, key dates, and an update on what pupils should be learning at home to maximise their success this year!



Year 11 Information & Support



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LIMITED Free PLACES!

new FOR 2025

SEN FUN SWIMS EVERY MONTH!

Bookable online 6 days before the session or anytime over the phone on 01942 882722

MYSENSABILITY HAVE SECURED FUNDING FROM BRIGHTER BOROUGH TO RUN THE SEN FUN SWIMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PELICAN CENTRE TYLDESLEY FOR 12 MONTHS THROUGHOUT 2025

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19TH JANUARY
16TH FEBRUARY
16TH MARCH
27TH APRIL
18TH MAY
15TH JUNE

20TH JULY
17TH AUGUST
21ST SEPTEMBER
19TH OCTOBER
16TH NOVEMBER
14TH DECEMBER

1.30-2.30 pm

I support my daughter with her mental health and help her out wherever I can.

I am an unpaid carer. Are you?

Wigan Council

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I help my brother with his medication and make sure he's eating well.

I am an unpaid carer. Are you?

Wigan Council

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Unpaid carers

Many people don't see themselves as carers and may not be getting the support they need. If you're looking after someone who would otherwise be unable to cope, you are likely to be an unpaid carer.

Registering as an unpaid carer can help you find the right support and help you understand your rights.

Contact Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre to learn more about the benefits available to you, such as:

Access to carers assessments / Group activities / Reduced gym memberships / And much more

We want you and the person you care for to live the best life possible by getting the right support at the right time.

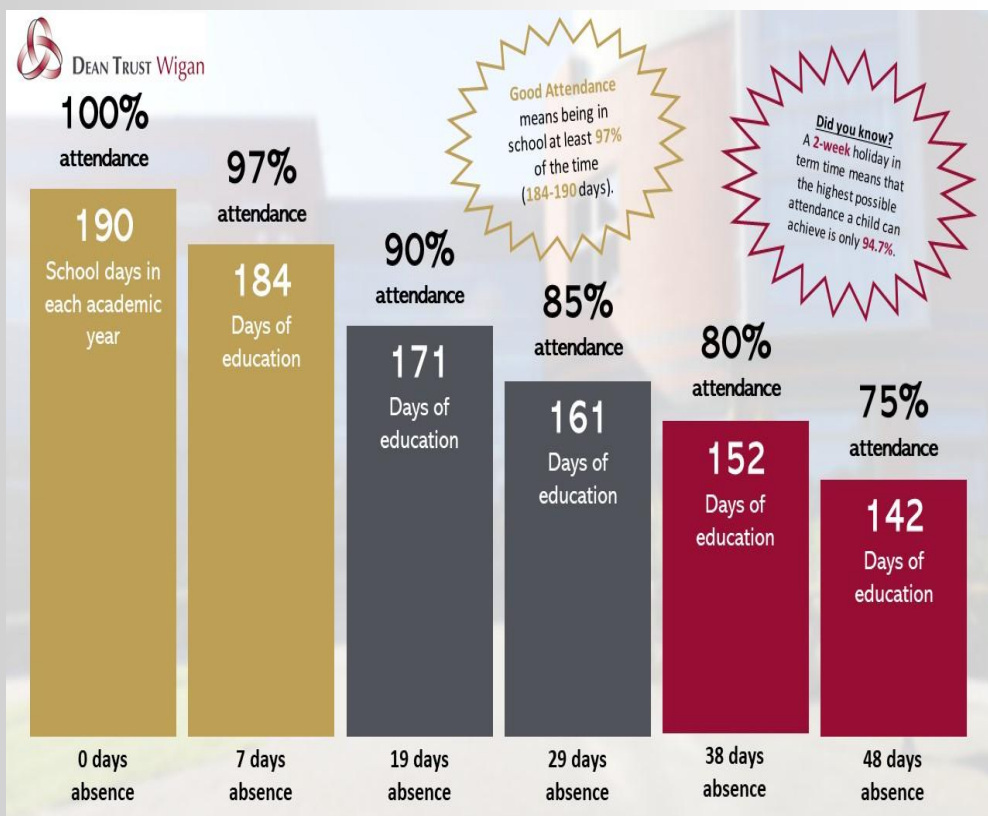
Register today: <https://bit.ly/3D5Jfjk>

You can also find out more about the support that is available to you at www.wigan.gov.uk/SupportForCarers

Attendance Matters

Attendance at school has a direct and positive impact on your child's resilience and their ability to use healthy coping strategies when faced with stressful triggers in a range of environments.

From pastoral care to onward referrals, if you would like help with supporting your child to improve their attendance and punctuality, please speak to your child's Head of Year or our Attendance team for advice.



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