DEAN TRUST Wigan

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th October 2026

Headteacher Message

Welcome to our DTW newsletter celebrating the end of the seventh week of the Autumn term!

Today we welcomed Lamberhead Green and Marsh Green Primary schools for your Year 6 Leadership event. Pupils from both primaries completed team building activities led by Dean Trust Wigan ambassadors and staff. All involved had a fantastic time and we look forward to welcoming many of the pupils in September! Huge thank you and well done to all of our pupils and staff who assisted in such a successful day.

Earlier this week our football teams were in action, with fixtures in Years 7, 9 and 11 - read on to find out how they got on!

Our work with the Manchester United Foundation continues with selected pupils attending the stadium today for a Black History Matters event, which we will share in next week's newsletter.

As we approach the week of term, please ensure that all pupils come to school on time, every day. There are 5 school days left until we break up and each one of them matters for your child, and is a full teaching day.

Thank you so much for your support.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Evans
Headteacher

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Pupils of the Week

KS3 Pupil of the Week: Tighe B

Tighe was nominated by Miss Croydon this week…

'Tighe has shown good collaboration skills in Drama, working effectively within different groups. He has also shown his hard work and determination to memorise his script for his assessment. Well done Tighe!'

Miss Croydon

KS4 Pupil of the Week: Maisie H

Maisie in Year 11 has been nominated by Mr Williams this week…

'Maisie is working incredibly hard during her Intervention sessions during form times on a Wednesday and Thursday.'

Mr Williams

Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Amy S

'Amy has received many Positive Points over the last couple of weeks and has been working hard in all her lessons.'

- Mr Yates, Head of Year 7

Year 8 – Chris B

"Chris is always working hard and being kind and supportive to his peers."

Mrs Hobson, Head of Year 8

Year 9 – Emmanuella O

'Emmanuella works consistently hard in every lesson, hands homework assignments in on time and currently has 100% attendance so far this year. She demonstrates an excellent attitude towards her learning and a strong commitment to her studies. Her dedication, reliability and consistent effort are commendable, and she should be proud of the positive example she sets!'

Mr Barrow, Head of Year 9

Year 10 – Daisy B

'Daisy is consistent with her approach to her studies which is enabling her to make good academic and personal progress.'

Mr Atherton, Head of Year 10

Year 11 – Gracie H

'For working really well in class and supporting her peers during Above and Beyond sessions, well done Gracie!'

Mr Eastwood, Head of Year 11

This Week in Year 8

Year 8 have had a fantastic half term, pupils have been incredibly hardworking and helpful this half term. Myself and Miss Keeley have been incredibly impressed with year 8's mature and dedicated attitude so far this year!

Ambassadors: This week a number of our Year 8 pupils were selected to be ambassadors a big shout out to Liam T, Casey D, Sanyiah R, Dorcas A, Wilsa V, Chris B, Jacob W, Jasmine C, Khloe O and Lexi G for being chosen as transition ambassadors. Fortune O for being selected as a reading, Keira K for anti-bullying, Myles W for belonging and Khloe O and Lexi G for sports. Well done to all pupils who successfully applied and achieved these ambassador roles!

Our fantastic transition ambassadors have been supporting with Year 6 events which has given Year 6 pupils an opportunity to trial lessons at Dean Trust Wigan and helped them develop leadership skills. A massive thank you to all of our transition ambassadors!

Science: Year 8 pupils are currently learning about food and nutrition and have had an opportunity this week to test different foods for starch, sugar, fats and proteins. We have also been discussing balanced diets and how our body digests food.

Rewards: Next week there will be rewards for year 8 pupils. Those pupils with outstanding attendance and lots of positive points will be invited to a film afternoon with popcorn and sweets to celebrate their achievements this half term. Well done to all pupils who have been invited!

PSHE

This week year 7 pupils have had an educational assembly presentation delivered by NESTAC. As a charity NESTAC have supported local communities since 2012. The charity has been supporting refugees and asylum seekers settling in North West England. They mainly work with African immigrant families to address key cultural health and wellbeing issues, with a major focus on protecting women and girls by combating FGM. Their vision is simple: to create a world where every individual is treated with dignity, valued, and truly heard.

This topic is delivered at Dean Trust Wigan as part of our statutory PSHE curriculum. All pupils listened to the presentation attentively and asked many relevant questions.

We thank Mrs Malik who conducted the presentation for giving up her time to visit our school.

News From Year 7

Lilly-Mae F from year 7 competed in the Morris dancing end of year championships last weekend. Her team came “troupe of the year” and we are so proud of her and all of the girls from Pemberton Morris dancing.

A message from Mrs Ferguson…

‘She has represented not only her troupe but you as a school as well. Her trainer mentioned multiple times over the weekend how much Lilly has come out of her shell and I firmly believe it’s because of your school. She is absolutely thriving and the confidence radiating out of her since starting high school has been beautiful to witness!’

Cookery Club

Our Cooking Club members put their culinary skills to the test this week, taking on the challenge of creating delicious homemade cheesecakes.

All pupils worked exceptionally hard to master their technique—from building the perfect biscuit base to creating smooth, rich fillings.

The end results looked and tasted absolutely fantastic! Well done to all our talented young chefs for their focus and hard work.

Sports At Dean Trust Wigan

Our Year 9s encountered their hardest match of the season last night.
Playing against a Hawkley side that had made both previous finals we knew it would be a tough challenge, and it proved to be.
Full credit to the lads they never gave up and got rewarded by scoring two good goals from Cody P and Mason S, sadly we gave away too many avoidable goals eventually going down to a 7-2 defeat.
The real positive was the encouragement the lads gave each other especially in the hard moments of the game.
Not the result we wanted but certainly moments in the game that we can build on.

Invites & Upcoming Events

Book of the Month

A girl who believes in UFOs; a boy who might have finally found his Prince Charming; a hopeful performer who dreams of being cast in her school's production of *The Sound of Music*; a misunderstood magician of sorts with a power she doesn't quite understand.

These plotlines and many more compose the eclectic stories found within the pages of this dynamic, exciting, and expansive collection featuring exclusively Black characters. From contemporary to historical, fantasy to sci-fi, magical to realistic, and with contributions from a powerhouse list of self-proclaimed geeks and bestselling, award-winning authors, this life-affirming anthology celebrates and redefines the many facets of Blackness and geekiness—both in the real world and those imagined.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY
LUNCH 12.50PM - 1.30PM

Monday

Basketball - Mr McIntyre - Sports hall
Netball - Mrs Worley - Sports hall
Football - Mr Heron/Mr Floweth - Muga
Craft club (Yr11 girls) - Mrs Hardy - S2
Reading club - Ms McKenna/Ms White - LRC
Americal Football - Mr Williams - M10
Drama club - Miss Croydon - Drama room
Ukulele club - Mrs Hannaford - Music room
Gym club - Miss White - Fitness suite
Darts club - Mr Atherton - Sports hall

Tuesday

Basketball - Mr McIntyre - Sports hall
Netball - Mrs Worley - Sports hall
Football - Mr Heron/Mr Floweth - Muga
Craft club (Yr11 girls) - Mrs Hardy - S2
Reading Club - Ms McKenna/Ms White - LRC
Film club - Mrs Mather - SS2
Creative writing club - Mrs Mccarten

Wednesday

Basketball - Mr McIntyre - Sports hall
Netball - Mrs Worley - Sports hall
Football - Mr Heron/Mr Floweth - Muga
Craft club (Yr11 girls) - Mrs Hardy - S2
Reading Club - Ms McKenna/Ms White - LRC
LGBTQ+ club - Mr Horton - A1
Aviation club - Mr Fairhurst - M10
Percission club - Mrs Hannaford - Music room
Dance club - Ms Bailey - Drama room
Gym club - Miss White - Fitness suite

Thursday

Basketball - Mr McIntyre - Sports hall
Netball - Mrs Worley - Sports hall
Football - Mr Heron/Mr Floweth - Muga
Craft club (Yr11 girls) - Mrs Hardy - S2
Reading Club - Ms McKenna/Ms White - LRC
Chess club - Mr Marsh - H1
KS4 Art Intervention - Mr Horton - A1
Keyboard club - Mrs Hannaford - Music room

Friday

Basketball - Mr McIntyre - Sports hall
Netball - Mrs Worley - Sports hall
Football - Mr Heron/Mr Floweth - Muga
Craft club (Yr11 girls) - Mrs Hardy - S2
Reading Club - Ms McKenna/Ms White - LRC
Art club - Mr Horton - A1
Gym club - Miss White - Fitness suite
Eco club - Mrs Barnes - H6

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY AFTER SCHOOL

Monday

Homework Club - Mrs Hardy - LRC
Y11 Workshop, Mrs Hardy - LRC
Tennis - Miss Wildgoose - Sports Hall

Tuesday

Homework Club - Mrs Hardy - LRC
Performing arts club - Miss Croydon - Drama room
Netball - Miss White - Sports Hall
Badminton - Mr Heron - Sports Hall
Football (boys & girls) - Mr McIntyre, Mr Yates & Mrs Worley

Wednesday

Homework Club - Mrs Hardy - LRC
Choir - Mrs Hannaford - Music room
Fitness club - Mr Farrimond - Fitness suite
Basketball - Mr McIntyre - Sports hall
Fishing club - Mr Jones - PE1 to meet

Thursday

Homework Club - Mrs Hardy - LRC
Rock school - Mrs Hannaford - Music room
Rugby - Mrs Worley & Mr McIntyre

Friday

Homework Club - Mrs Hardy - LRC
Cooking club - Mrs Douglas - T4
Vollyball - PE staff - Sports hall
Yr11 Coursework club (Sports studies, Hospitality & catering, Child development) - PE staff - PE1

Updates

This week, we have welcomed our local Community Police Officer into school to offer support and guidance to our pupils. These visits provide a valuable opportunity for children to ask questions, learn about staying safe and develop a positive understanding of the role the police play within our community. We are grateful for the time taken to support our pupils and help build positive relationships between the police, our school and the wider community.

Winstanley College

EXCELLENCE SUPPORT INSPIRATION

OPEN EVENTS

- Saturday 03 October 2026 (9:30am - 12:30pm)
- Wednesday 21 October 2026 (5:00pm – 8:00pm)
- Thursday 12 November 2026 (5:00pm – 8:00pm)
- Wednesday 13 January 2027 (5:00pm – 8:00pm)

Booking link:

See our website for more details - www.winstanley.ac.uk

Any queries please email admissions@winstanley.ac.uk or call 01695 628610

St John Rigby College

OPEN EVENTS

★★★★★

"It's FUN! I think it's the best! It's easy to make friends here."

Abbie - Y12 Student

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"The teachers are all very lovely!"

Caitlin - Y12 Student

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"I'm feeling more confident and it feels like a really caring environment."

Max - Y12 Student

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West Lancashire College

OPEN EVENT

Monday 12 OCT 26

4.30pm-7pm

WIGAN WARRIORS COLLEGE

OPEN EVENTS 2026

2026 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26 6PM

2026 MONDAY OCTOBER 19 6PM

2026 MONDAY DECEMBER 14 6PM

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OPEN
EVENINGS
4.30PM - 7.00PM
PARSONS WALK CAMPUS, WIGAN
MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2026
LEIGH CAMPUS
MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2026

OPEN
EVENINGS
4.30PM - 7.00PM
LEIGH CAMPUS
MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2026
PARSONS WALK CAMPUS, WIGAN
MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2026

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OPEN EVENING
& TRIALS

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

FULL-TIME FOOTBALL & EDUCATION PROGRAMME

TRIAL INFORMATION

6:00 pm – Start / Welcome
6:15 pm – Presentation
7:00 pm – Trials Start
8:00pm – Finish

EFT Group Community Ground
Bobby Langton Way
Burscough
L40 0SD

access sport

ACADEMY PATHWAY

- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching & DevelopmentUEFA Qualified Coaching
- Train and play matches on our FIFA Certified 4G Pitch
- Compete in the college league weekly
- Full Gym Membership
- Strength, Conditioning & Recovery Sessions
- VEO Match Analysis
- PlayerData Performance Analysis
- Monthly Guest Speakers
- European Tournaments & Camps Abroad
- International Scholarship Opportunities with our partner Esselle Sports
- Pathway to Semi-Professional Football
- Direct Pathway to Burscough FC First Team
- Training, Match & Travel Kit