DEAN TRUST Wigan

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2026

Headteacher Message

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

This week I have had the pleasure of touring several Year 6 pupils and their families around the school during the day, showcasing our excellent teaching and our pupils fantastic attitude to learning. All visitors were very impressed with the purposeful learning environments in each classroom and the kindness of our pupils and staff.

Fourteen pupils attended the Trust Awards where they received recognition for their achievements across academic and personal development categories, and I was very proud to be able to nominate and award each pupil - a full list of pupils and their awards in this newsletter.

As we approach the final two weeks of term, please ensure that all pupils come to school on time, every day. There are 10 school days left until we break up and each one of them matters for your child.

Thank you so much for your support.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Evans
Headteacher

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THE RAINBOW FLAG AWARD
April 2025

2026 – 2029
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Pupils of the Week

KS3 Pupil of the Week: Frankie M

Frankie was nominated 5 times this week!

'Shows such enthusiasm in English. A pleasure to teach.'

'Frankie always lives up to our school motto, Be Kind Try Hard.'

'Always happy to give out answers, works very hard to get onto extensions!'

KS4 Pupil of the Week: Faith I

Faith has been nominated 2 times this week!

'Faith is a model pupil. She works so hard and is always striving to improve. She has also had flashcards on her desk every lesson to write down the most important facts to use for revision!'

'Faith has had an excellent start to the year in chemistry. She is working really hard and scored the highest grade on her most recent key piece. Keep it up Faith!'

Stars of the Week

Year 7 – Ben S

'Ben S working hard in all his lessons this week and showing a real positive attitude across school.'

- Mr Yates, Head of Year 7

Year 8 – Leo T

'Leo has had an excellent start to year 8 and is always very kind and helpful to his peers. Keep it up Leo!'

Mrs Hobson, Head of Year 8

Year 9 – Jasmine D

'Jasmine is a respectful individual who always makes the right choices, showing excellent behaviour and a positive attitude each day. She takes pride in her work, listens carefully and always strives to do her very best in every lesson. Her consistent effort and commitment make her a wonderful role model for others. Well done and keep it up Jasmine!'

Mr Barrow, Head of Year 9

Year 10 – Madison C

'Fantastic start to year 10 with consistently good attitude and application to her learning.'

Mr Atherton, Head of Year 10

Year 11 – Thomas F

'Tom has been working really hard in lessons this week and has produced some excellent pieces of work, particularly in Digital IT and Science. Keep up the great work Thomas.'

Mr Eastwood, Head of Year 11

This Week in Year 7

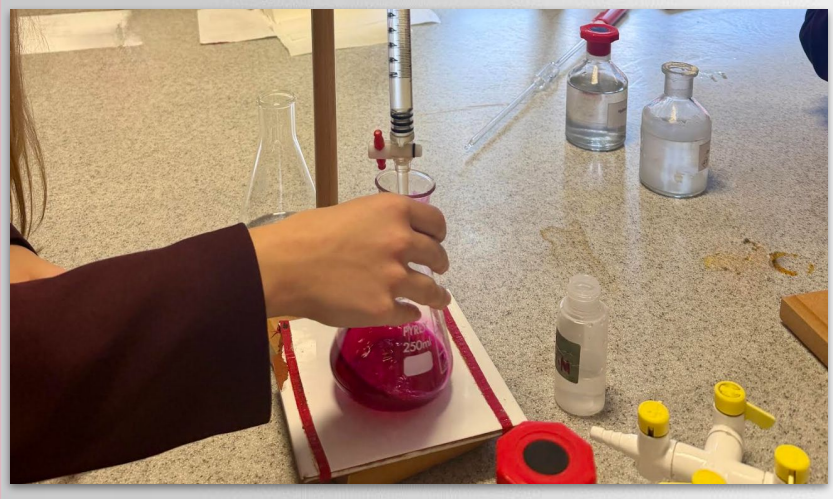
Our Year 7 girls and boys have been enjoying football every Tuesday after school. It has been fantastic to see the number of pupils taking part increase, with more students joining each week. The pupils have shown great enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment, and it has been wonderful to see such positive participation.

We were delighted to welcome **Channel 4** to speak to our pupils about careers in the television and media industry. The session gave pupils an exciting insight into the wide range of jobs available in television, including **presenters, journalists, producers, researchers, camera operators, editors, directors and sound technicians**. It was a valuable opportunity for pupils to learn more about different career pathways and the skills needed to work in the industry.

Our **7K pupils have been enjoying putting their class charters into practice**. They have worked together to establish positive expectations and values for their classroom, helping to create a respectful, supportive and enjoyable learning environment for everyone.

Science In Action

This week in Science, Year 11s have been conducting titrations in order to find the volume of acid needed to neutralise an alkali. They have been developing their practical skills by carefully adding acid drop by drop to observe the 'end point', therefore improving the accuracy of their measurements. By investigating different indicators, they decided which was the 'best' indicator to use. It's been great to see so many pupils engaging with practical work and enjoying themselves through enquiry-based learning.



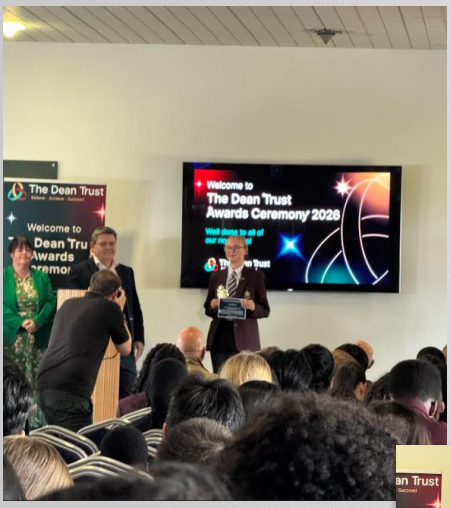
Art

Year 7 have done a fabulous job making animals from socks in their textile technology lessons. Well done!

The Dean Trust Awards

On Thursday 8th October the first Dean Trust Awards Ceremony took place at The Halliwell Jones Stadium in Warrington! The event recognised pupil's exceptional achievement and contribution from across the entire school community across the 7 High Schools in the Trust. See below the Dean Trust Wigan winners!

Millie V - Outstanding Achievement in English
Jasmine C - Outstanding Achievement in Maths
Isaac W - Outstanding Achievement in Science
Sadie H - Outstanding Achievement in Literacy
Gracie-Mai J - Outstanding Achievement in Drama
Jessica K - Outstanding Achievement in Music
Lucy A - Outstanding Achievement in MFL
Jessica M - Outstanding Achievement in Geography
Darcie W - Outstanding Achievement in History
Andrian R - Outstanding Achievement in Technology
Scarlett D - The Kapur Award
Harry K - Shiels Community Award
Binu B - Brian Rigby Award



DEAN TRUST Wigan
Headteacher Tours
SCAN HERE TO BOOK A TOUR

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

REGISTER TO ATTEND!

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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

BURSCOUGH FC ACADEMY

PLAY | LEARN | DEVELOP | BELONG

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