



NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th September 2021

Week 2

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends of Dean Trust Wigan.

We held our first open evening in 2 years last night (due to COVID-19 restrictions) and opened our doors to our community.

Over 400 people attended and we had a queue of people waiting to get into the building. Our school had an electric atmosphere last night and our pupils, led by Head Boy Billy Benson and Head Girl Sophia Dinallo, represented the school superbly.

Our popularity is increasing as the message about the significant improvements in our school begin to spread. Many families who had not previously considered our school have signed up for places already. Applications for places can be made via the [council website](#). Applications for school places close on 31st October.

In my [newsletter of July 9th](#) I wrote to inform you that we had a monitoring inspection by OFSTED and reported that I was pleased with the findings and looked forward to sharing the outcome formally with you. The report has now been published and can be read in full [here](#).

Key headlines from the report include:

- Leaders and managers are taking effective actions.
- Behaviour, both in and out of lessons, has improved considerably.
- Pupils receive appropriate advice and guidance for the next stages of their education or training.
- Pupils benefit from a range of extra curricular activities.
- Staff are proud to work at the school, there is a sense of camaraderie.

OFSTED did not add any further areas of improvement to our plan. We have received very useful feedback from OFSTED on where we are up to with the impact of our improvement plan. We still have much to work to do, but we are pleased with the progress made.

As ever, if any parent or carer wishes to come in to school to discuss the report, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me on 01942 511987 or via office@deantrustwigan.co.uk



James Haseldine
Executive Headteacher

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Headteacher Message Continued

We will be undertaking Cognitive Ability Screening Assessment tests in school with Year 7 pupils over the next week.

Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) are marked assessments used by schools to assess pupils' overall intelligence, developed abilities and likely academic potential. A large number of secondary schools use CATs to assess Year 7 pupils' potential within the first few weeks of their first term. These assessments cannot be prepared for, so we do not want or need pupils to do anything extra. They will help us to amend our planning to ensure we get the best possible teaching and learning experience for your child.

I led assemblies this week with each year group. Our focus for the assemblies was careers and we took time to look at the career journeys and job roles of people in our own families. We shared stories about how our pupils can go on to become responsible, respectful and active citizens who are able to play their part and become actively involved in public life as adults. We talked about the importance of how to get yourself ready for the next phase of education, training or employment so that pupils are equipped to make the transition successfully.



We also talked about the importance of experiencing different types of work and looked at the roles former Dean Trust pupils (pictured below) have gone on to play in society.

Aim High...



How good do you want to be?



Key Stage 4 Welcome Evening

Thursday 23rd September 2021 6pm – 7pm
Year 11 meeting for parents.

The meeting will give you an overview of the year ahead and how you can support your son / daughter in the lead up to their final GCSE exams.

Pupils will be bringing home a letter with more details and a return slip. Please could you complete the return slip and ask your son / daughter to hand back to their form tutor.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Star Pupils

Well done to class 7L who demonstrated some great learning habits to achieve their Science Licenses this week. Great work 7L.



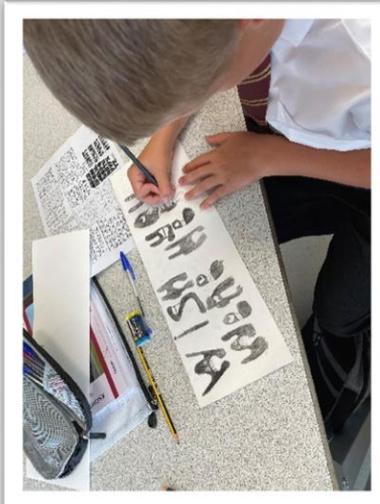
Music And Dance For Year 11

This week Year 11 have settled back into performing arts by devising exciting scenes based on the theatre practitioner Brecht. They have had fun dressing up and incorporating music and dance into their performances. Their attitude towards the subject is mature and admirable.

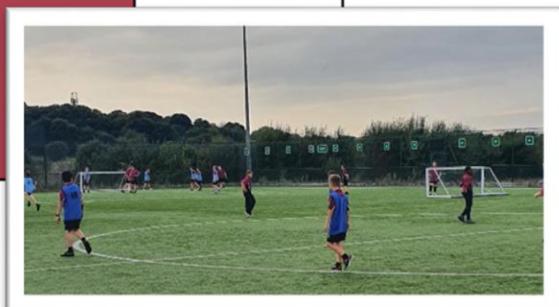


Year 7 Pupils Get To Grips With Technology

Our new Year 7 pupils have settled into school brilliantly and have got to grips with design and technology, cooking class and graphics. Amazing work.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch	<p>All year groups Apple Mac Club Music - Miss Backhouse</p> <p>All year groups Henna Club E6 - Miss Yousaf</p>	<p>All year groups Your Futures Club T2 – Social Sciences</p> <p>Year 10/11 Singing Group Music – Miss Backhouse</p>	<p>All year groups Harry Potter Club E3 Mrs Fox</p> <p>All year groups Newspaper Club E4 Miss DawberTaylor</p> <p>Years 7-9 Drama Club Studio Miss Werrett</p>	<p>Year 7 Spanish Games Club MFL2 Miss Stevenson</p>	<p>All year groups Puzzle Club M5 Miss Hymers</p> <p>Year 7-9 Dance Club Studio Mrs Taylor</p>
After School 2:45- 3:45	<p>All year groups Origami M2 - Miss Hogg</p> <p>All year groups Badminton - Sports Hall Mrs Robinson</p>	<p>All Year groups Maths Homework Club M1 – Maths Staff</p> <p>All year groups Backstage Club – Lighting, Sound and Backstage Per Arts – Miss Werrett</p> <p>All year groups School Production Alice@Wonderland Per Arts – Miss Backhouse/ Mrs Taylor</p> <p>All year groups Football Boys and Girls MUGA/ Field PE Staff</p> <p>All year groups Crochet Club E2 Miss Mather</p> <p>Years 7-9 Design Technology T1 Mr Jimminson</p>	<p>All year groups Further Maths M4 Mr Williams</p> <p>All year groups Cookery Club T6 Mrs Phillips</p> <p>All year groups Chess Club S3 Mr Nolan</p> <p>All year groups Knitting Club S5 Ms Eastwood</p> <p>All year groups School Production Alice@Wonderland Per Arts – Miss Backhouse/ Mrs Taylor</p> <p>All year groups Rugby League -Boys and Girls MUGA/ Field - PE Staff</p> <p>All year groups Italian beginners club MFL2 Miss Stevenson</p> <p>Years 7-9 Computing – iDEA Awards ICT2 Mr Henry</p> <p>Year 7-9 Fashion and Textiles A1 Mrs Jennings/ Miss Soens</p>	<p>All year groups STEM club S3 Mr Yates</p> <p>All year groups Theatre Club E5 Mrs Oakes</p> <p>All year groups Cake and Classics Club LRC Mrs Wilkes</p> <p>All year groups Eco Club S3 Mr Southern/ Mr Atherton</p> <p>All year groups Netball Courts - PE Staff</p> <p>All year groups Guitar Ensemble Music Room Mr Foster</p> <p>All year groups Strength and Conditioning Per Arts Miss Werrett</p> <p>Years 7-9 Singing for Fun Studio Miss Backhouse</p> <p>Years 7-9 Science Club S4 Mrs Rubbani</p> <p>Years 9/10 Fitness Suite Mr Porteous</p>	<p>All year groups Wellbeing Club SS1 Mrs Lenahan</p> <p>All year groups Basketball -Sports Hall Mr Herron/ Mr Porteous</p> <p>All year groups Girls - Fitness Suite Miss Lewis</p>



Welcome To PC Gerrard

This week PC Gerrard began his new role as School Engagement Officer at Dean Trust Wigan.

PC Gerrard has been a serving officer for 13 years and brings a wealth of experience and local knowledge that will be invaluable as we look to constantly look to provide the latest safety and safeguarding education for our pupils.

PC Gerrard will be on site for a full day each week to provide education to our pupils through our PDC programmes as well as work closely with the entire pastoral team on ensuring we provide the safest environment possible for all of our pupils both in and out of the classroom.

This is an extremely positive and exciting development that is being rolled out across a number of Wigan schools as part of a wider programme of Police involvement in education and the community.



Free School Meals – Are You Eligible?

If you are on eligible benefits or your household income is below the government's threshold, you could be eligible for free school meals. In addition, the school can also get up to £1300 to support your child's education (this is called the Pupil Premium), but you must [complete an application form](#).

The Pupil Premium provides funding to support your child's education including help with the cost of school trips, music fees and teaching assistants.

The application is made via [Wigan Council's website](#) and takes less than 5 minutes to complete depending on how many children you are claiming for. The decision will be made immediately unless further evidence is required.

A screenshot of the Wigan Council website. The header shows 'Wigan Council' with navigation links for 'Resident', 'Business', 'Council', and 'MyAccount'. Below the header is a row of buttons: 'Next', 'Select Page', 'Show Errors', 'Help', 'PDF', 'Print', 'Load', 'Save', and 'Submit' (with a green checkmark). The main content area is titled 'Page 1 | Education and Childcare Benefits Application'. It includes a section 'How to use this online form' with a list of instructions: 'Next and Back - to move through the form', 'Select Page - to go directly to a specific page', 'Help - if you need further information about the form', 'Show Errors - Clicking this button will show you any questions that still need answering', 'Submit - when you have filled in the form and checked it is free from errors', and 'Save - to complete the form at a later'. Below this is a note: 'To view these options using a mobile device please click on menu. If you tell us your email address we will send you a receipt for you claim.' There is also an 'About this Form' section with the text 'Please complete this form if you wish to claim for'.

Are Your Contact Details Correct?

It is very important, especially in the current situation, that the school has your correct details such as phone numbers, email addresses and postal address.

Please contact school with any updates. 01942 511987

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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Useful SEND resources to support with literacy and numeracy:

www.2simple.com/purple-mash/

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

[Ruth Miskin Training](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Reading Wise](#)

www.whiterosemaths.com/

[Bedrock Learning](#)

www.mathswithparents.com

To support cognition and learning:

[The Send Cast](#)

www.spaghettibrain.co.uk

Wellbeing:

[Mind](#)

www.healios.org.uk/services/thinkninja1

www.youngminds.org.uk

SEND: apps and games (Apps must be downloaded onto a compatible device)

Brain Parade:

www.brainparade.com/products/see-touch-learn-free

HelpKidzLearn:

www.helpkidzlearn.com

Visuals2Go:

www.visuals2go.com

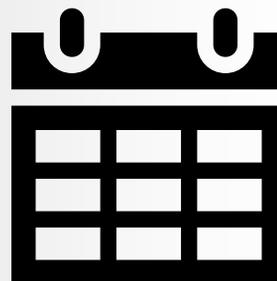
Term Dates 2021 / 22

Autumn Term

Monday 6th September 2021
to Friday 22nd October 2021
Monday 1st November 2021
to Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term

Wednesday 5th January 2022
to Friday 18th February 2022
Monday 28th February 2022
to Friday 1st April 2022



STAY ALERT **CONTROL THE VIRUS** **SAVE LIVES**

Keep up to date with all guidance relating to coronavirus on the HM Government website and NHS website.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

INCLUSION AT WYZ

SUPER'S CRICKET

A disability cricket session where young people can participate and feel part of a team.

THURSDAY
5:30pm - 6:30pm

COMIC BOOK CLUB

Create your own comic and use your own experiences to help others understand your condition.

TUESDAY
Juniors
4:00pm - 5:00pm

FRIDAY
Seniors
6:00pm

BSL SUNDAYS

All day Sunday, basic British Sign Language will be encouraged with various activities ran surrounding BSL.

ALL DAY
SUNDAY

CONFIDENCE KARAOKE

A safe space for young people to sing their heart out, build their confidence and have fun.

THURSDAY
Seniors
5:30pm - 7:30pm

HANNAH JENKINS

Health and Wellbeing Coordinator



EBONY GREGG

Inclusion Coordinator



REBECCA BISSELL

Inclusion Youth Worker



SING-ALONG SESSION

A friendly, calming session where we sing along to people's favourite songs.

MONDAY
Seniors
10:00am - 11:00am

COOKING SKILLS

For those in assisted living / or living independently to develop their key skills in the kitchen.

MONDAY
Seniors
10:00am - 11:00am

DISCUSSION SESSIONS

A place for young people to chat and express themselves on subjects related to inclusion.

MONTHLY
Dates to be confirmed

BELIEVE ABILITY

A fun and inclusive dance class where young people can enjoy the music and have a dance.

SATURDAY
Seniors
4:00pm - 5:00pm

*all times and dates are subject to change



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Believe Achieve Succeed

Useful helplines and websites

every mind
matters

Mental Health

Wigan NHS mental health crisis line – 01942 636395

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

Mind Ed - <https://www.minded.org.uk/>

NHS Every Mind Matters - <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Recommended apps to support mental health and physical well-being

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/apps/>

MENCAP Helpful advice and information for people with a learning disability and families

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/coronavirus-covid-19>



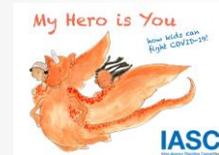
Rise Above - <https://riseabove.org.uk/>

Government advice - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Information for children about Covid-19

Children's guide to coronavirus – Children's commissioner

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/childrens-guide-to-coronavirus/>



'My hero is you' a story book which can be downloaded free of charge.

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-reference-group-mental-health-and-psycho-social-support-emergency-settings/my-hero-you>

Internet safety

NSPCC

Internet Matters - <https://www.internetmatters.org>

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Think U Know - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

If children need to speak to someone



Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/> 08001111 (9am – midnight)

Shout - <https://www.giveusashout.org> Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 to be put in touch with a trained crisis volunteer

The Mix – <https://www.themix.org.uk/> 0808 808 4994 Free information and support for Under 25s

Physical well – being

Change 4 Life - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life> NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/>