THE DEAN TRUST
Ashton on Mersey School

NEWSLETTER

22nd May 2026

Headteacher Message

Mr McConaghie
Headteacher

Half term has arrived and it would appear that we have a sun filled week of rest and recuperation ahead. Years 11 and 13 will, of course, still be preparing for key examinations which continue after the break. Half term school is provided for Year 11 next Tuesday and Wednesday but I am minded of the fact that it is also important that every young person has some time to relax.

You will have received this year's community voice survey this week. Your voice is important as we strongly believe that only through collaboration can we 'be the best we can be'.
The link is below once more. Deadline for responses is 5th June.

Link to survey

I look forward to reading your thoughts which will ultimately support us in our journey to continually move the school forward.

Enjoy the sunny bank holiday weekend.

A fond farewell to Mrs Hunter

Mrs Hunter

Mrs Hunter retires today after 27 years of dedicated service to our school.

Throughout her time in the SEND department, she has supported and inspired countless pupils with her care, compassion and commitment to helping improve young people's lives.

We thank Mrs Hunter for everything she has contributed to our school community and wish her a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

Goodbye and Good luck Year 13

A lovely farewell event for our Year 13 students today as they go on to complete the remainder of their exams after the half term break. Keep up the hard work, we are very proud of you.

Maths Challenge

This year, we had 50 pupils taking part in the UK Mathematics Trust Junior Maths Challenge, a demanding competition sat by pupils across the country. Our fantastic Year 8 mathematicians achieved an impressive 20 Bronze, 7 Silver, and 5 Gold certificates.

Congratulations to our Gold certificate achievers — Mohammad, Jack, Doruk, Rosalind, and Imaan — who have been invited to take part in the follow-on challenge in June.

Well done also to our three Year 7 pupils, Zoha, Henry, and Kayden, who took part and achieved Silver and Bronze certificates, what a fantastic achievement at such an early stage!

We are incredibly proud of all our participants and the excellent mathematical skills, determination, and enthusiasm they have demonstrated.

Keep up the excellent work in Maths!

Mrs Buckley

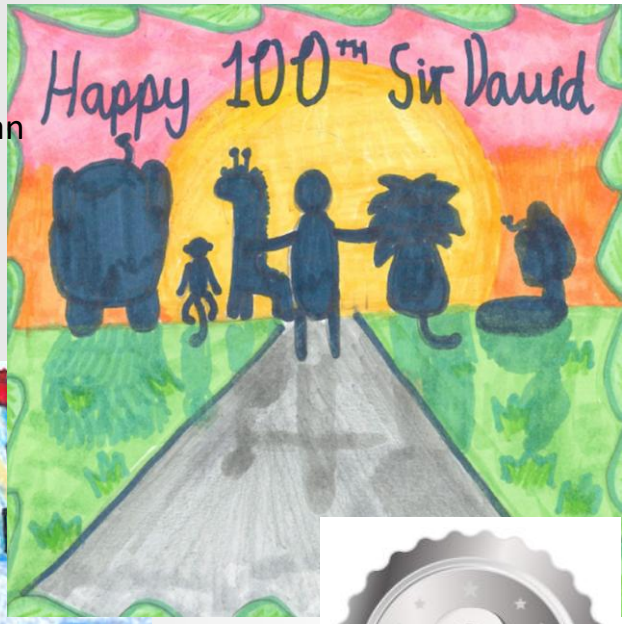
Key dates for your diary

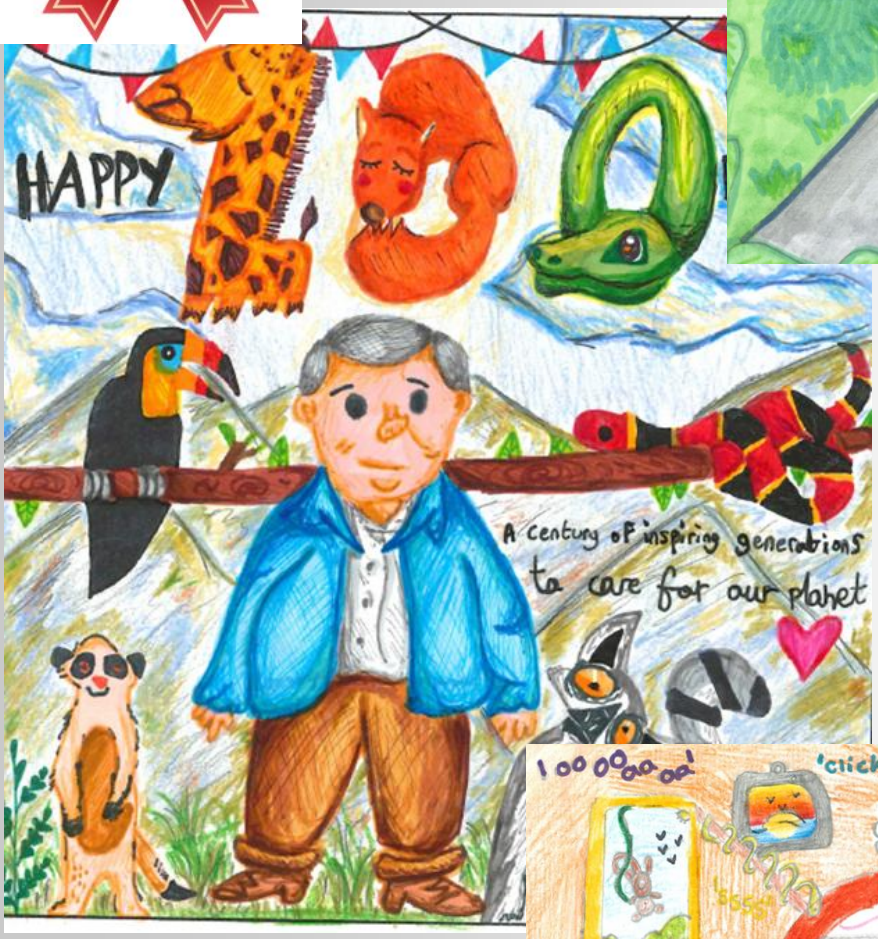
- Monday 1st June – School Opens
- Wednesday 3rd June – Trafford Girls Athletics
- Monday 15th – Thursday 25th June – Year 7-10 & 12 End of Year Exams
- Wednesday 17th June – Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
- Monday 22nd June – Year 13 Prom
- Tuesday 23rd June – Dean Trust Active Challenge
- Thursday 25th June – Year 11 Prom
- Friday 26th June – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- W/C 29th June – Y10 & Y12 Work Experience week
- Tuesday 30th June – Music Showcase / Sports Day
- Thursday 2nd July – Art Exhibition opens / new Y7 parents' evening
- Wed 1st July – Fri 3rd July – Year 7 residential trip

David Attenborough birthday card competition

There were some fabulous entries in the David Attenborough design a 100th birthday card competition. Thank you to everyone who took part. The winning entries are below and prizes will be given out after half term.

1st prize: Danis Fleming
2nd prize: Megan Steedman
3rd prize: Lily Barker





No Pens Day – Wednesday 20th May 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported No Pens Day on Wednesday.

Some great discussion based activities took place in KS3 lessons to help raise the awareness of speech and language communication.

If you would like to donate to Speech and Language UK, please scan the QR code below.

Rewilding Zone Plaque Art Competition

Can you design a plaque for our Rewilding Zone?

The plaque should reflect the aims of the RWZ – to support wildlife and biodiversity and allow pupils to access nature and green spaces in school.

Collect a template from Room 34 and drop back by Monday 15th June

National Education Nature Park

Uniform donations would be greatly appreciated

The Giving Pod – The Dean Trust Ashton on Mersey School – Fundraising - Community Hub

This term the Giving Pod have been working hard to organise and collect stock for Summer and Autumn events.

We are collecting blazers, jumpers, PE Kits (not embroidered) and speciality uniform (e.g. AOM construction fleeces/ trousers), so any donations of these items would be greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to transition evening on Thursday 2nd July where our pre-loved uniform will be available for parents of new Year 7 pupils.

Thank you to all pupils, parents, staff and community partners that have volunteered their time, donated items of clothing, attended meetings and helped support the Giving Pod this year.

Miss Parker

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tia and Penny in Year 8 who play netball for Trafford Juniors and played in a weekend long netball tournament.

They finished top of their play off group and came home with a medal and a team trophy.

Well done girls!

Congratulations

We are incredibly proud of Will who came runner up in the England School Golf National Final this week in Lincolnshire. He competed against the best in his age group across 27 different counties.

Well done Will!

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SIXTH FORM TRANSITION DAY

THURSDAY 2ND JULY

COME AND EXPERIENCE ASHTON ON MERSEY SIXTH FORM

- Meet current and prospective students
- Chat to sixth form teachers
- Attend taster lessons
- Q&A sessions with the Head of Year

Art Exhibition

Showcasing Pieces By
Ashton on Mersey's 2026 GCSE Art Students

Opening Night
Thursday 2nd July
6:00PM-8:00PM

Open To The Public
Until 18th July 2026

A4 Studios
Studio 10
30 Grosvenor Rd
Altrincham
WA14 1LE

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Star of the week

Well done to all pupils who received star of the week this week, each nomination has been linked to one of our school values.

Equality

Mason Murphy 10SDM - Nominated by Dr Stedman for giving an amazing speech promoting gender equality and access to free period products. He was passionate and impressive. Well done.

Leela Ramos 9JEF - Nominated by Miss Forber for being a dedicated member of the form and showing equality by creating a PowerPoint to share about the cultural calendar.

Compassion

Amelia Gallimore - Nominated by Miss Roberts for supporting a friend to catch up on work in class. Her hep made a huge difference, thank you

Christiana Poku-Agyemang - Nominated by Miss Roberts for being such a supportive friend and showing kindness.

Star of the week

Ambition

Evie Aspen 7ELW – Nominated by Miss Foster for continuing to work above and beyond in English this half term. Your newspaper report homework was amazing! Keep up the hard work!

Naomi Bousson 7ASM – Nominated by Mrs Esgaio for an outstanding performance in her Spanish speaking exam.

Joseph Goodyer 9JEF- Nominated by Mr Hall for consistent excellence across performing arts lessons and extra-curricular work.

Amy Featherstone 10MET – Nominated by Mrs Buckley Amy has worked incredibly hard this term, approaching the higher-grade topics with confidence and enthusiasm. Keep up the hard work, Amy!

Zoha Nauman 7ELW – Nominated by Ms Buckley for consistently working hard every lesson. She is an excellent mathematician and a model pupil. Keep up the hard work Zoha!

Edward Ardern 12DVH- Nominated by Mr Flatman Edward has put a lot of effort into Physics this year and it has really paid off. He has shown a positive attitude towards his learning and has worked hard to improve his understanding. As a result, he has made excellent progress and his outcomes have continued to improve throughout the year. Keep it up, Edward**!**

SALE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

SUMMER CONCERT

Conductor: **Richard Howarth**

Saturday 11th July 2026
7.30pm
Avenue Methodist Church
Sale, M33 4PL

Tickets: £12 and £10 Concessions
Available online via our website (card) or on-the-door (cash only) Children under 16 FREE with a paying adult

Humperdinck	**Hansel & Gretel Overture**
Haydn	**Trumpet Concerto in Eb**
	Soloist: Tom Leighton-Jones
Grieg	**Peer Gynt Suite No. 1**
Brahms	**Symphony No. 2**

Tom Leighton-Jones

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