THE DEAN TRUST
Ashton on Mersey School

NEWSLETTER

16th October 2026

Headteacher Message

Mr McConaghie
Headteacher

With just a week to go of this half term, I would like to thank you for your support at multiple events this year which enable the school to be such a flourishing place for young people.

We have provided ' Welcome to' events for each year group, we have had Celebration Events and our Open Evening. After half term events such as our Sixth Form Open Evening, the annual Y11 Celebration and our ever popular Christmas Markets are clear highlights. Keep in touch with events on our Newsletter or on our Instagram page.

To celebrate positive attendance, we are re-launching 'The Drop' prize draw next week. Any pupil who achieves 100% attendance from Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October will automatically be entered into the live draw taking place on Friday. Thank you for your continued support.

Support required from parents and carers

Are you a parent or carer who could support our Careers Exhibition? We are looking for exhibitors from a wide range of industry sectors to inspire our pupils.

If you are able to get involved with our careers programme, please complete the form here.

CAREERS EVENTS

2026-2027

CAREERS FAIR

Thurs 28th January 2027

Opportunity for Years 9,11,12,13 to speak to a range of exhibitors

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Fri 5th March 2027

1:1 practice interviews for Year 10 pupils

KS3 CAREERS WEEK

12th - 16th July 2027

A range of career related opportunities in school for KS3 pupils

YEAR 10 & YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

External work experience for Year 10 and Year 12

CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

Careers advice from a Careers Advisor

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Preloved uniform sale and lost property event

Parents and carers are invited to drop in between 3.30pm-5.00pm next Thursday 22nd October.

If you have any second hand uniform items you would like to donate, please drop them at the main reception.

Charity Krispy Kreme Sale Thurs 22nd October
Raising funds for IDAS, Domestic Abuse Charity

Upcoming events

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Come and visit our Outstanding Sixth Form
A wide range of A levels and Vocational courses

THURS 12TH NOV
6.00pm–8.00pm

Cecil Avenue
Sale, M33 5BP
aomschool.co.uk

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Christmas Markets

Thursday 26th November 2026
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Mince pies and festive cheer!
Variety of stalls: Handmade gifts, tombola, cakes, jewellery and much more.

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Cross Country Club 5k run for Great Ormond Street Hospital

The school cross country team are taking part in a 5km run to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital on Wednesday 21st October. GOSH treats around 81,500 children and young people each year with rare or complex conditions.
Pupils will be running laps of the field and other pupils who wish to join them are very welcome. No need to sign up in advance, just turn up and enjoy the run or walk.

Please support this great cause if you can by scanning the QR code below or by using the following link:
https://race.gosh.org/fundraisers/jilllawson/race-for-the-kids-school-2026

Spanish

GCSE Spanish speaking exams have started extremely well, with pupils demonstrating excellent focus, determination and commitment to their preparation. The hard work and dedication shown by pupils has been impressive, and we wish them continued success in the coming weeks. To support pupils further, after-school revision sessions remain available every Wednesday with Mr Loynd and every Thursday with Mrs Esgaio.

Miss Molina is running a new Spanish Pen Pal Club. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to practise their Spanish while building friendships with young people from another country. The partner school for the project is I.E.S. Caminàs Secondary School in Valencia, Spain. All pupils interested in improving their Spanish and learning about Spanish culture are encouraged to speak to Miss Molina.

Webinar for parents/carers about T Levels – 20th October

National T Levels Week runs from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October 2026.

T Levels are two-year technical qualifications for 16–19-year-olds, designed with employers to prepare students for skilled employment, apprenticeships or further study.

Book a place on the webinar here

Congratulations

Congratulations to Elsa who has recently accepted a place on the Burnley FC Emerging Talent Centre programme. She is pictured her at the Welcome Evening at Turf Moor Stadium. We wish her all the best.

Year 7 Girls Football

Well done to the Year 7 girls football team who beat North Cestrian 5-3 in the Trafford League/

Year 7 Girls Netball

Some of our Year 7 Netball players attended Altrincham Grammar School for Girls to take part in the Mary Slade Netball Competition. The tournament was aimed at non club players and provided the pupils with an opportunity to play games against teams outside of their borough.

The girls played 2 hours of Netball, won 2 matches, drew 1 and took away some valuable experience. Well done to all involved and a special mention to Alice Moore who played outstandingly as GK.

Star of the week

Ambition

Elisha Jones 7SOT – Nominated by Miss Jackson. Elisha has shown ambition this week in ensuring she is completing work in lessons. She is hardworking and is lovely to work with.

Emily Musson 11JEM - Nominated by Mrs Bagley. Emily is working exceptionally hard in every lesson in English. She is consistently contributing insightful answers, deepening her subject understanding, and making outstanding overall progress. Well done Emily and keep it up.

Olivia Guan 10SAR – Nominated by Mrs Senior For her hard work on her Child Development OCR National RO58 coursework.

Ace Bell 11JED - Nominated by Mrs Foley and Miss Loyd. Ace is showing great determination and knowledge of Macbeth.

Lois Heale 10MEF - Nominated by Miss Fisher. Well done on achieving the top score in your first assessment. A great start!

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Chenai Samangaya 9SAH – Nominated by Mr Stead for being well organised & clearly presented classwork with carefully considered answers. Keep it up!

Freddie Elliott 7DAS – Nominated by Dr Stedman for brilliant understanding of appositives in English - some really creative ways of describing key characters from the Trojan War.

Ambition

Thomas Cheshire 9ROC – Nominated by Miss Pepper for always working hard in Computer Science. He has a wonderful attitude and always tries his hardest. Well done!

Resilience

Trent Cornwall 11SDM – Nominated by Mr Green. Trent constantly inputs into class discussion and tries hard. He produced a near perfect 6 marker in the last test.

Miley-Mae Preston 8DMG – Nominated by Mrs Senior for her consistent hard work in RE this term studying how places of worship benefit their community

Miley-Mae Preston 8DMG - Nominated by Ms Lockwood for working hard in English and producing an excellent piece of writing from Joe Gargery's perspective. I loved her use of 'Never Did...Than' sentences and imagery!

Darmice Candon 9PAC - Nominated by Mrs Mungovan and Mrs Higgins . Darcie has shown determination and resilience

Layan Ahmed 7CAR – Nominated by Mr Lawson for making an exceptional start to computer science, her presentation of work is always to an outstanding standard and is making herself a great role model to her peers.

Compassion

Lily Barker 8ASM - Nominated by Mrs McSweeney. Lily looked after her friend in Spanish when she was sick demonstrating kindness and compassion.

Equality

Leela Ramos 10JEF – Nominated by Miss Mercer for being incredibly helpful during a Biology practical, confidently guiding other groups through the method successfully.

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Integrity

Harry Dingwall 10SRS – Nominated by Mr Stead for always having high standards of work and a positive attitude to learning during lessons.