

DEAN TRUST Ardwick

Part of a group of high performing schools



Prospectus

Believe Achieve Succeed

WELCOME

To Dean Trust Ardwick

We are a local school for local children and feel privileged to serve our diverse and vibrant community.

Dean Trust Ardwick is a fully inclusive school. We embrace a rich diversity of nationalities, faiths and languages which makes our school a wonderful place to learn. We hold firm to the Trust's motto of 'Believe, Achieve, Succeed' because we believe that with the right opportunities, support and challenge, that every child can develop their full potential regardless of background or circumstances.

In 2018 Dean Trust Ardwick was awarded a '**good**' Ofsted grading with '**outstanding**' for leadership and management and personal development, and most recently we celebrated the excellent GCSE results achieved by our first Year 11 cohort.

Since our opening in 2015, we have become the school of 'first choice' for many Year 7 pupils. We are confident that by choosing Dean Trust Ardwick, your child will have a fulfilling and rewarding journey throughout their secondary school years.

We would like to thank you for your interest in Dean Trust Ardwick and are delighted that you are entrusting your child to us.

*Suzanne Finlay
Headteacher*



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*Tarun Kapur CBE,
Chief Executive, The Dean Trust*



'The school is exceptionally well led by the headteacher and senior leadership team. They have high expectations and are relentless in their pursuit of excellence.'

(Ofsted 2018)

The Dean Trust

Believe Achieve Succeed

The Dean Trust is passionate about education and making a positive difference to the communities that it serves. We embrace traditional values and high aspirations with a 'no-nonsense' approach to behaviour. Underpinning our ambition for high standards is our commitment to creating inclusive and caring communities of which parents and carers can be proud. We aim to develop the self-esteem and character of each child and look to source the best possible staff to teach and support our pupils.

Dean Trust Ardwick is based in the exciting and innovative city of Manchester and is one of a family of nine primary and secondary schools which operate across four local authorities, providing a wealth of opportunity for sharing good practice and school improvement.



'I am proud to say that my son is at Dean Trust Ardwick.'

(Parent)

Core Purpose

Empowering all pupils to find their purpose and thrive as citizens of the world is at the heart of everything we do at Dean Trust Ardwick.

This is the reason we exist and it helps us to identify the most important areas of focus for our school. We want every one of our pupils not only to succeed, but to thrive and flourish as confident adults who lead fulfilling lives, in a demanding and ever-changing world. This is their right.

We help pupils to find their 'why' in life, so they can make wise choices regarding their goals and ambitions and work towards them with real focus and purpose. We teach pupils to be proud of themselves, their work and their school; it is this pride which helps them to become the best version of themselves. We develop their self-belief, an understanding of their strengths and passions and their own sense of purpose which enables them to thrive.



'The school's approach to personal development is exemplary. Strong emphasis is put on promoting British values and pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.'

(Ofsted 2018)



Dean Trust Ardwick: empowering all pupils to find their purpose and thrive as citizens of the world

by providing pupils with a curriculum which exposes them to powerful knowledge, places them on an ambitious pathway and develops the character traits needed to seize the opportunities that exist.

This is enabled and underpinned by our culture and climate.



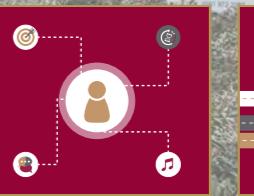
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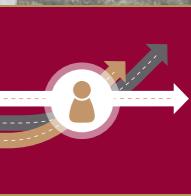
Climate



Curriculum



Character



Ambitious Pathways

Culture and Climate

The school's culture is our beating heart within. It is what defines us and gives us our personality. Like the lettering in a stick of rock, it permeates everything we do.

Developing the right culture and climate enables us to fulfil our core purpose.

At Dean Trust Ardwick we aspire to a culture of **belief, trust, growth** and **accomplishment** where we all:

- **Have belief** in oneself and others.
- **Trust** in each other.
- Are open to **growth** through challenge.
- Celebrate all types of **accomplishments** at every level.



'A fantastic school! Lovely staff team and great pupils.'

(Visitor)



'Respect is fostered by setting high expectations for pupils' manners, speech, uniform and attendance.' *(Ofsted 2018)*

Climate

Like all Dean Trust schools, we accept nothing less than the highest of standards in a well-disciplined environment.

This means that pupils can feel safe to learn and work hard, express themselves confidently and respectfully, develop their own opinions and build their character within a culture of mutual respect and the security of clear boundaries.

We expect everyone to fully embrace the high standards that we have for academic achievement, appearance, behaviour, attendance and punctuality.



'Pupils arrive to lessons well-equipped and are keen and enthusiastic learners.'

(Local Authority)

Code of Conduct

Our *Code of Conduct* is the main reference for behaviour and attitudes and provides us with a common language for staff and pupils.

Our *Form Time Programme* and daily interactions with pupils regularly focus around our key character traits, aiming to increase every pupil's self-awareness and ability to overcome personal challenges.

Pupils discover in themselves a sense of personal, moral, ethical, social and civic duty enabling them not only to be successful at Dean Trust Ardwick but also contribute positively to their local community and beyond.

Leadership

Pupil leadership opportunities are very important at Dean Trust Ardwick and responsibilities are taken seriously.

Pupils are encouraged to begin by leading themselves before taking advantage of the many opportunities to assume a range of responsibilities whether in the role of sports leader, subject leader, member of the school council, peer mentor, member of the eco-committee or school prefect.



Curriculum

All pupils follow a traditional curriculum that will provide a foundation for success at GCSE. We embrace the rich and diverse cultural opportunities within Manchester to develop pride in our city as well as promoting British Values.

Our curriculum is designed to:

- Provide pupils with access to powerful knowledge.
- Develop their ability to clarify and communicate their knowledge and understanding.
- Foster a love of learning.

We ensure that pupils gain the literacy skills needed to be able to enjoy reading and to communicate effectively. We employ teachers who are passionate about their subject and who can influence our pupils to develop a lifelong love of learning.



Subjects studied at Key Stage 3 are:

English, Maths, Science, Computer Science, French, Spanish, PE, Geography, History, RSE, RE, Performing Arts, Technology and Art.

Extra-curricular Programme

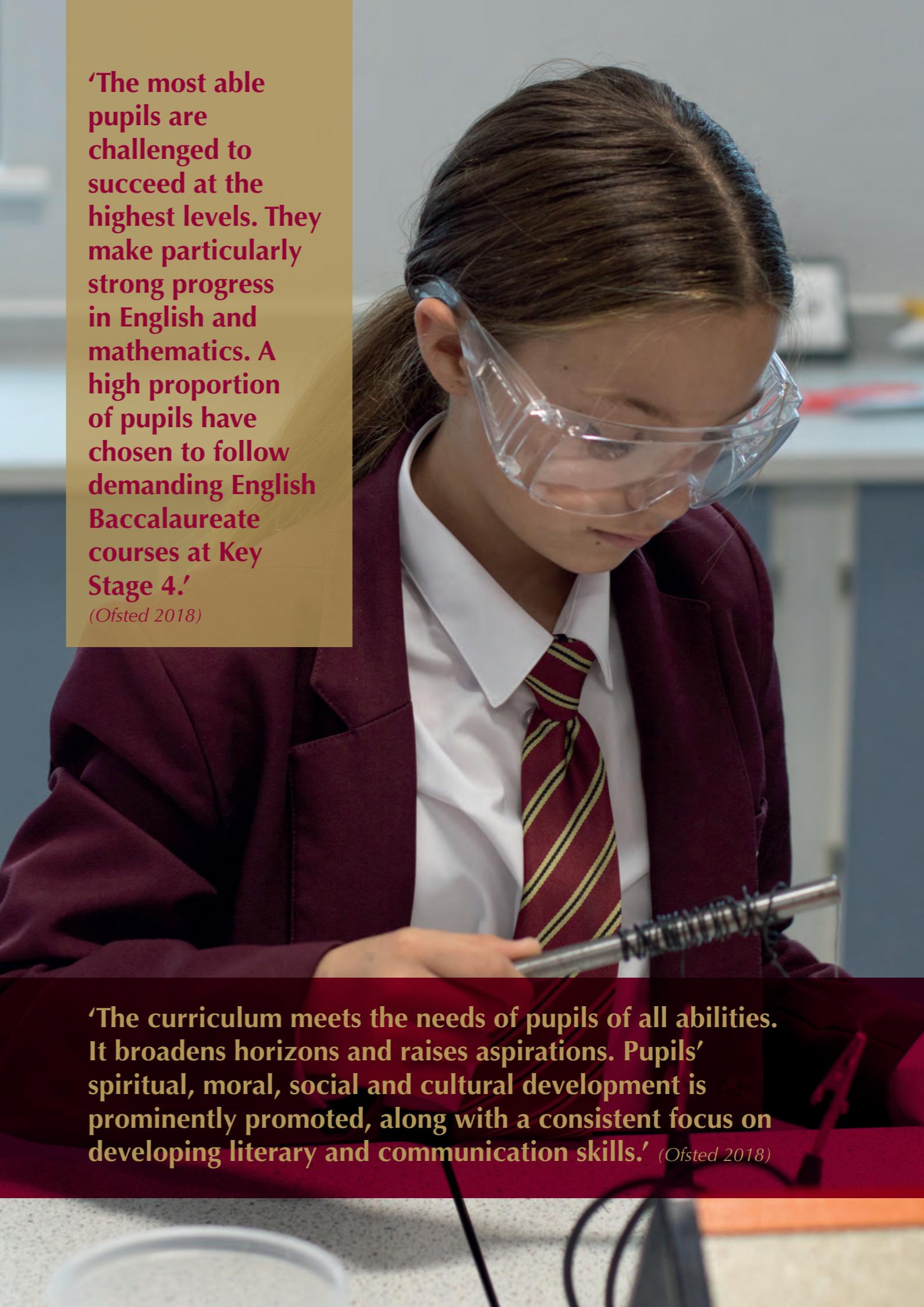
We encourage all of our pupils to take part in our extra-curricular programme for their personal development and to develop interests outside of the classroom.

Our superb facilities enable us to offer a wide range of activities ranging from academic clubs including *Mathletics* and *Debate Club*, to creative clubs in performing arts, music and art to a number of sports clubs that promote a physically active and healthy lifestyle and others that are team based and more competitive!



'The most able pupils are challenged to succeed at the highest levels. They make particularly strong progress in English and mathematics. A high proportion of pupils have chosen to follow demanding English Baccalaureate courses at Key Stage 4.'

(Ofsted 2018)



'The curriculum meets the needs of pupils of all abilities. It broadens horizons and raises aspirations. Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is prominently promoted, along with a consistent focus on developing literary and communication skills.' *(Ofsted 2018)*

Ambitious Pathways

We want all pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick to have high aspirations and find their purpose.

We aim to widen their experiences beyond what they already know and present them with a broad range of opportunities so they can transition into purposeful and ambitious pathways beyond Dean Trust Ardwick.

We not only teach pupils examination content, but the knowledge and skills they require to make sense of the world and understand how they might contribute positively to society.

Through our bespoke careers programme and dedicated careers advisor, pupils develop the character traits, employability and citizenship skills needed to move forward. We introduce our pupils to a diverse range of external speakers, performers, artists and business partners to inspire them and to enrich our curriculum offer.



'A key aim is to broaden horizons and raise aspirations. Visits, such as those to the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Whitworth gallery, have become a regular part of the school calendar.'
(Ofsted 2018)



Transition

Starting secondary school can be daunting for any pupil, however confident, and we pride ourselves in making the transition to secondary school as smooth and enjoyable as possible for both pupils and parents.

This includes:

- Transition visits to all partner primary schools for outstanding continuity of pastoral care.
- A full induction programme for all Year 6 pupils in the summer term at Dean Trust Ardwick.
- A welcome evening for all parents to share key information about Dean Trust Ardwick.
- A summer school providing an extra boost in literacy and numeracy to ensure pupils are ready for secondary education.
- A dedicated and specialist Year 7 team of Form Tutors, Pupil Support Manager and Head of Year who work incredibly hard to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils.
- Exciting transition programme delivered by our Manchester United Hub Officer who provides activities based in our partner primary schools and at Dean Trust Ardwick throughout the year and during the summer holidays.

Admissions

The Dean Trust is committed to providing local schools for local children. Although part of a Multi Academy Trust, parents apply to Dean Trust Ardwick through Manchester Admissions.

The Admissions Policy is available on the Dean Trust Website. If you have any questions please contact us on admissions@deantrustardwick.co.uk

Hope to see you soon

Thank you for reading Dean Trust Ardwick's prospectus. I hope after reading about us, you have an idea of who we are as a school and a Trust, and what we want to achieve for the pupils who are part of our school community.

We understand how hard it is to choose the right secondary school for your child and are here to help in any way that we can.

I wish you all the very best in your choice of school. Please visit Manchester City Council's schools admissions page and ensure you meet the deadline for applications.

*Suzanne Finlay
Headteacher*



'Lovely, calm atmosphere within school'
(Visitor)

Why choose Dean Trust Ardwick?

We provide:

- A local school for local children, in the heart of the community.
- Traditional values and high expectations.
- Passionate and dedicated teachers and support staff.
- Relevant and dynamic curriculum and enrichment.
- Excellent academic progress and outcomes.
- Outstanding pastoral care and personal development.
- Ambitious pathways and aspirations for all our pupils.
- Trusted and effective relationships with our parents.



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