



NEWSLETTER

Head of School Message

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of a high performing school dedicated to serving young people and the local community.

This academic year, the school will continue to empower your child to find their purpose and thrive as a citizen of the world, so that they are provided with:

- Choices over their future.
- The opportunity to make a positive contribution to society.
- The character required to overcome the challenges they will face throughout life.



Mr S Worthington
Headteacher

At the start of this academic year, we have been reminding pupils that they do not decide their future, they decide their habits and their habits determine their future. This is why, on a day-to-day basis, the school will continue to teach your child the right and successful way to do things with the intent that they develop the habits for success.

Our staff will do everything within their powers to support your child to be the best version of themselves. However, pupils need to take responsibility for their own personal success by subscribing to, and habituating, 'the DTA way'. Please support your child to this by encouraging them to:

- Developing and maintaining a positive mindset.
- Be respectful, ready and responsible at all times.
- Be disciplined and doing the simple things right every day, every lesson.
- Commit to their learning and become as knowledgeable as possible so that they have a choice over their future.
- Recognise that the staff are the experts and they should follow what they say 'first time, every time'.
- Reflect upon where they are on their personal journey and are considering how their experiences in school shape their future.
- Contribute to Dean Trust Ardwick's culture of kindness.

We all deserve a really successful 2023-24. Let's make that happen together, as the brilliant school and team we know ourselves to be – thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,
Mr S Worthington
Head of School

Diary Dates

Post 16 Evening- Thursday 21st September
Open Evening- Thursday 28th September
Year 10 Parents Evening- Thursday 7th September
Half Term Break begins- Friday 20th October
Matilda Dress Rehearsals- Tuesday 12th December
Matilda Public Show- Thursday 14th December

Head of Year Messages

Year 7 – Miss Martin

Year 7 it has been an absolute pleasure to meet you all this week. You have begun your DTA journey and you are now ready and equipped to start your mountain climb and I can't wait to lead and guide you on the climb. This week year 7 have focused on learning the DTA way and routines – ready to learn, ready to listen, ready to work and ready to leave. They have worked tremendously hard at this and are now inducted into the DTA family. A few reminders for parents

1. Pupils should arrive to school in full school uniform even on the days that they are completing PE – PE kit should be brought separately in a bag
2. Pupils need to wear black smart school shoes.
3. Pupils need to bring passport and pencil case to school each day
4. If a pupil has lost their tie, they will need to purchase a new one at the pastoral hub – these are £6.50
5. Pupils should have hair tied back and no jewellery except a plain wrist watch
6. If any pupils wishes to wear a hijab, this is perfectly fine it just needs to be black

Year 7 have a brilliant weekend and see you on Monday for week 2

Year 8 – Mr Bridden

Welcome back Year 8. This year, I hope to see you starting to grow into young adults. It is during this time that we see our pupils developing resilience and independence towards their own learning. Year 8 is a pivotal year for all of you. Having had the opportunity to settle into secondary school last year, the focus now is to develop confidence, maturity and independence. It is crucial for you as Year 8 pupils to enhance your strengths, which will allow you to start working towards your final examinations in Year 11. Every pupil in Year 8 is capable of making the right decisions about their learning, as well as their behaviour. Your teachers, form tutors and support staff look forward to working with you, promoting our school values, and making Year 8 the best year yet!

Year 9 – Mrs Rashford

Hello and welcome back to our new Year 9 cohort. It was really lovely to see so many happy and eager faces. Year 9 is a significant year as pupils will be selecting their options. There will be more information to follow as we progress through this academic year. I really want to establish a positive mindset for all year 9. Having a positive mindset means that our pupils have a positive expectation that things will turn out well and that they will succeed. It gives them more courage to try and persist with significant lifestyle and positive attitude changes. I know that you as parents and carers that you will support the year 9 pastoral team and your child to ensure that they are the best that they can be

Year 10 – Mr Smith

Welcome back Year 10! It feels like it was only yesterday, I was greeting you on the school yard on your first day in Year 7 and now we've transitioned to Key Stage 4. You are the role models now for Key Stage 3 pupils, otherwise known as lower school (Years 7 to 9) and they will look up to you, to understand what is acceptable and what is not. I know you will make yourselves proud this year, getting to grips with your GCSE subjects and soon sitting your mock exams, to reach the summit of your mountain in Year 11. This year you will begin to also consider life after DTA, going into further education or employment. It is therefore incredibly important that you perform to the best of your ability to achieve well so you can benefit from an array of opportunities available to you and contribute to society as citizens of the world.

Year 11- Mr Diaz

Welcome back Year 11! What a journey we have been on, we have embarked on our last academic year at DTA and soon entering exam season with Year 11. This year holds many challenges for our pupils, which they will undoubtedly overcome with grit, determination and perseverance. This week, all pupils have been revisiting school routines, standards and expectations. Year 11 will begin to look into college applications, generating their personal statements and attending career appointments to support their journey post-DTA. We are keeping a close eye on uniform standards, I appreciate your support in ensuring your child is prepared for school with the correct uniform and equipment to assure they are ready to learn in each and every lesson.



GCSE Results Day- Thursday 24th August

We are extremely proud of our 2023 leavers who achieved amazing results in this years GCSE examinations. We are really pleased that the results reflect a solid collective effort from the whole school community. A special shout out to our Head Boy Abdi, who was the highest achieving pupil in the year group achieving six grade 9s, two grade 8s and a grade 5.

It was nice to have some media presence on results day and for Dean Trust Ardwick to be featured in the Manchester Evening News's coverage of GCSE results across Manchester. Please see some photos below.

We would like to wish you all the very best of luck with your post-16 opportunities and please make sure to come back and visit us!



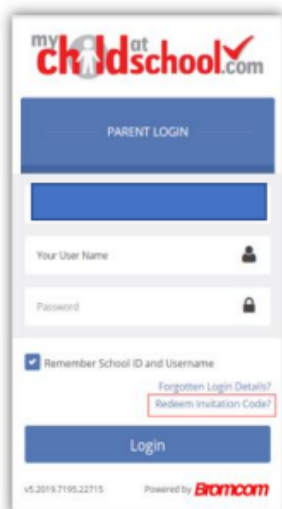
My Child At School App (MCAS)

Bromcom's MyChildAtSchool Parent/Carers App is designed to increase the parental/ carer engagement between Parents/Carers and Schools by sharing key information about their children's day to day school information.

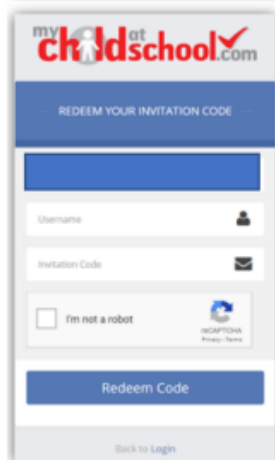
How to Access MCAS

To login to the MCAS parent portal you will need to have a valid email address registered with the school and an invitation code which the school would have sent you via email. The email will come from **SCHOOL** and the subject will be **MCAS-Redeem Invitation Code**, if you follow the link in the email, it will take you to step 4. If you do not have an invitation code, please contact the school reception for one, as you will not be able to access the Parent Portal without one.

1. From within your web browser type www.mychildatschool.com this will open the log in page which looks this this:

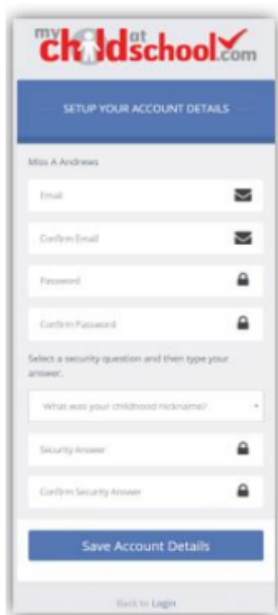


2. Click on redeem invitation code. This will take you to a new screen.



3. Type in:
 - Username (you will find this on your invitation email):
 - Invitation Code (you will find this on your invitation email, this is a 10-digit code)
4. Click on *I am not a robot* and *redeem code*

My Child At School App:



5. Enter the required information to setup the login details then click on save account details. A message will be displayed that the new log in setup has been successful.

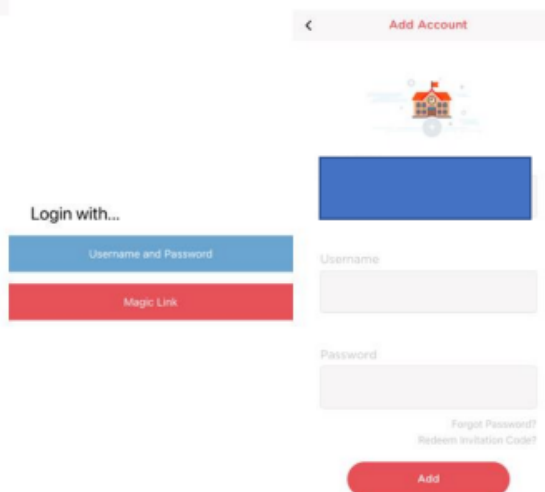
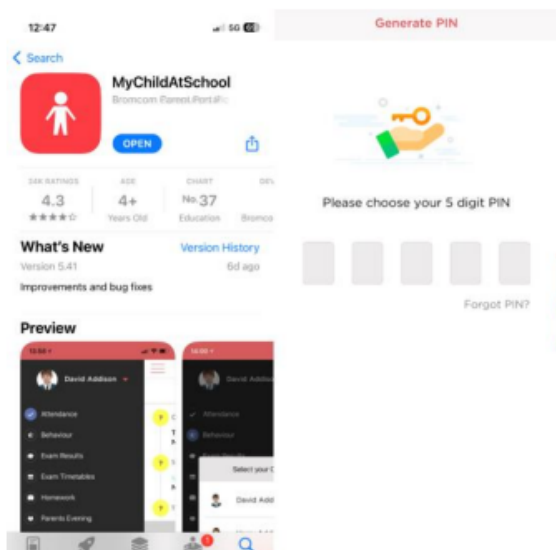
6. An email will be sent to the registered email address asking you to verify your log in information. If this is not done you will not be able to recover your account details or reset your password in the future.

7. You will now be able to log in using your new log in details

8. Download the MCAS App

9. Choose and enter a 5 digit PIN

10. Log in with username and password



At DTA we believe in a Culture of Kindness.
What does this actually mean?

- 1** Right to an education – Which allows you to develop your abilities.
- 2** Promotes equalities – all the protected characteristics are deserving of our protection – 'it's not a pick n mix' and...Discriminatory banter is never ok.
- 3** We work together – As a school, year group, form or a class...No matter the group, we do better when we work together.



'Pupils should climb their own mountain but cheer for others at the same time.'



Personal Appearance

Sanctions may be applied for failure to meet school standard

Item	School standard	Not allowed
Hairstyles	Neat and tidy Shoulder-length or longer hair should be tied at the back of the head with plain black hair elastic band.	Extreme styles Shaved eyebrows
Makeup	Completely free of make-up	Any type of make-up, fake tan, **make-up bag/items, **lip balm or vaseline (unless with medical note) **false eyelashes
Nails	Natural, plain, acceptable length	Nail varnish, false nails
Jewellery	Wristwatch only (at own risk)	**Earrings, studs, facial piercings, rings, bracelets, necklaces, rubber bands
*Mobile phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, smart watches, headphones/earphones		**Mobile devices will be confiscated if seen or heard anywhere on the school site (including head/earphones). If earphones are seen, the mobile device will also be confiscated

Please note: The Headteacher reserves the right to decide what is and what is not acceptable.

**All mobile devices will be confiscated and held in the school safe if seen or heard anywhere on the school site. Pupils should ensure mobile devices are kept away in their school bag.

**These items will be confiscated.

Parents/carers may collect any confiscated items on Fridays only between 3.00pm and 4.30pm.

Please note that we do not accept written or telephone requests from parents/carers regarding collection of confiscated items. Otherwise pupils may collect the items themselves at the end of each school half term.

*Mobile phones: in an emergency parents/carers can contact the school. If a pupil needs to contact home, they should see the Pupil Support Manager who will facilitate this. During the school day pupils may hand phones in for safekeeping in the school safe.

Whilst every effort is made to safeguard property, the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Equipment for School

All pupils must bring the following items to school

Item	School standard	Not allowed
Bag	Sturdy and large enough to carry all belongings	Handbag styles Carrying belongings in blazer pockets
School pencil case	Basics: Two BLACK ink pens One GREEN ink pen Two pencils Eraser Rigid ruler Coloured pencils	Blue pen for written work Correction fluid Felt tip pens
Other equipment	Scientific calculator Pair of compasses Protractor Dictionary (to be provided)	Bendy rulers Own pencil case

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Under no circumstances must the following be brought into school:

- Weapons and knives
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Drug-related paraphernalia
- Stolen goods
- Tobacco, cigarette papers and e-cigarettes
- Fire lighting equipment
- Fireworks or explosives of any kind
- Pornographic images
- Any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property
- Any item listed under 'banned items' in the school rules which specifies they may be searched for

OTHER BANNED ITEMS

- Any form of liquid based correction fluid.
- Note: pupils may use correction tape and correction tape devices.
- Laser pens or LED torches
- Chewing gum
- Cans, energy drinks or fizzy drinks
- Confectionery (crisps and chocolate bar only as part of lunch pack)
- Any aerosol (other than essential medication) Note: pupils should use non-aerosol deodorants
- Cameras and mobile or other electronic devices: the school reserves the right to confiscate cameras or mobile phones and to delete any unauthorised pictures or video recordings of pupils or staff or any malicious communications
- Motorised vehicles of any kind

Reminder of uniform / personal appearance expectations:

We hope that parents will understand the reasons which underlie school clothing regulations and we welcome their co-operation in seeing that they are observed. It is important that children should accustom themselves to being tidy, well- groomed and suitably dressed for different kinds of activity.

The compulsory school uniform consists of:

BOYS		GIRLS	
Blazer	Burgundy with the Dean Trust Ardwick badge	Blazer	Burgundy with the Dean Trust Ardwick badge
Trousers	Tailored plain black trouser	Skirt / trousers	Plain grey box pleated knee length / Tailored plain black trousers full length
Shirt	White button collar	Shirt	White button collar
Tie	School colours (clip on)	Tie	School colours (clip on)
Socks	Plain black or grey (no sports or trainer socks)	Socks	Plain grey knee length or black tights (ankle length socks under trousers)
Shoes	Plain black, polished and black soles	Shoes	Plain black, polished and black soles

OPTIONAL JUMPER

Grey with the Dean Trust badge.

Pupils may wear a school jumper but ONLY underneath not as a replacement for the school blazer.

They MUST be purchased through school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION KIT (BOYS AND GIRLS) COMPULSORY:

Please make sure your name is on all items of your kit.

- Training top
- Shorts and/or training pants
- ¾ zip training jumper and/or rain jacket
- Socks

OPTIONAL TO PURCHASE:

- Base layer top (to be worn underneath training top)

Uniform Regulations

School regulations apply for the following items

Sanctions may be applied for failure to meet school standard

Item	School standard	Not allowed
Blazer	Worn at all times to and from school and around school	Taking it off without permission in the classroom
Tie	Worn at all times	Taking it off at any time other than for PE
Shirt	Plain white Button collar Pointed collar	Patterned/ logo shirt Revere or any other collar
Skirt	Regulation skirt length on knee	Above knee Any alternative skirt
Trousers	Plain black tailored (ready-made crease)	Any fashion trousers e.g fitted or skinny fit Cropped Trailing on the floor (health & safety) Jeans or canvas style
Shoes	Plain black only Polishable Flat Black sole	Shoes with sports logo Looking like trainer or trainer-shoe Patterned shoes Boots (ankle or higher) Trainers / pumps / canvas shoes Heels
Sock / tights	Girls: plain grey knee length or plain black tights Boys: plain grey or black	Ankle socks Trainer socks 'Over the knee' socks Patterned socks or tights Leggings
Belt	Plain black	**Fashion or patterned belts
Coat / Jacket	Dark plain Hoods should only be used in wet weather	**Sports jackets or jackets with sports logos **Hoodies or hoodie-style jackets **Sweatshirts
Headwear	School hijab Black simple small hair slide or hair band	**Fashionable or coloured hair adornments, items with glitter, flowers, slogans etc **Caps or any other unspecified head wear unless for religious reasons

DIARY FOR THE YEAR

Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Half-Term
School closes: Friday 20 October 2023

Half-Term
School opens: Monday 30 October 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas holiday
School closes: Wednesday 20 December 2023

Christmas holiday
School opens: Thursday 4 January 2024

Spring Term

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 16th February 2024

Half-Term
School closes: Friday 16 February 2024

Half-Term
School opens: Monday 26 February 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Easter holiday
School closes: Wednesday 27th March 2024

Easter holiday
School opens: Monday 15 April 2024