



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

Chief Executive: Mr Tarun Kapur CBE

Head of School: Mr Steven Worthington BA (Hons) MSc NPQH

Monday 29th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience during this period. I acknowledge that the uncertainty surrounding the full reopening of the school has been a source of frustration for many, and I appreciate your understanding.

Following the announcement that we are progressing to Phase 2 of our gradual reopening week commencing January 29, 2024. I am pleased to confirm, we will be welcoming back a second year group on Wednesday 31st January 2024.

We are delighted to announce our intention to bring Year 9 back on site on Wednesday 7th February 2024. However, it's essential to be aware that these plans and timelines remain subject to change. Our commitment is to keep you well-informed and engaged throughout the phased reopening process. To ensure clarity, we will communicate with parents 48 hours in advance to confirm that Year 9 will be returning on this date.

- Pupils should arrive at school as normal - via the side gate- before 8.36am.
- On arrival, pupils should go to their normal Form Rooms for Form Time.
- We expect all pupils to arrive at school Ready to Learn: in full school uniform, wearing school shoes, not wearing make-up, lashes or false nails, and bringing their equipment.
- Pupils must continue to complete their remote learning each day until their return to school.

I want to reassure you that specialist cleaning has been completed, and that the school has obtained a certificate from trained professionals confirming that the school premises is safe for occupancy.

It is our core purpose as a school to ensure all pupils find their purpose and thrive as citizens of the world. The Year 9 options process is a crucial milestone on this journey as we support them, collaboratively with yourselves, to move into Key Stage 4 on an ambitious and appropriate pathway towards their futures. Despite the current circumstances, we want to support you and your child to be able to make the most informed choices.

Year 9 Options: Thursday 8th February

We will launch the information regarding how to choose options and what options there are will be available on the School website and Google Classroom from 8th February.

In preparation for this, your child should join the Year 9 Options specific Google Classroom to find information to help them begin the process.

Google Classroom code: vhuo2mi

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The deadline for Options choices is 1st March and pupils must complete the form on Google Classroom.

Year 9 Parents Evening: Thursday 15th February 3.45pm-6.45pm

This will be an opportunity to speak to your child's class teachers regarding their progress and to further help inform what they should pick for their Options.

Further information regarding the evening will be sent out soon.

We would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning with the Headteacher. The Coffee Morning will be held at 422 Community Hub on Stockport Road, with two sessions at 10:30 am and 4:30 pm. Please note that space is limited, and attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis. The second session (4:30pm) is to be confirmed, depending on interest.

If you wish to attend the Coffee Morning, please sign up using the link below ASAP. We kindly ask that you also use this form to submit any questions you have in advance.

- Thursday 1st February 2024 at 10:30am - <https://forms.gle/MTuAhsSzAMPPrpZ299>
- Thursday 1st February 2024 at 4:30pm - <https://forms.gle/PASkQycCeEBjM9fe6>

Kind Regards,

Mr S. Worthington
Head of School

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