



Who is Dean's Character Lead?

Hello, I'm Miss Cope, a proud Erdington Academy alumna and now a PE teacher here. I'm incredibly proud of the amazing developments the school has made since I was a student — and I'm especially thrilled to welcome you to **Dean House!**

Dean House takes its name from the **Forest of Dean**, an ancient woodland known for its natural beauty, resilience, and rich history. The forest represents strength, unity, and growth — values that inspire all members of Dean House to persevere, support one another, and strive for excellence in everything we do.

As a former Dean House member myself, it's an honour to now lead and guide our students as part of the same proud tradition. At Erdington Academy, we offer a wide range of opportunities for every student to succeed, all rooted in our school values of **dedication, integrity, ambition, tradition, and excellence.**

The **House system** gives us a shared identity and a strong sense of belonging; it allows every student to be part of something greater than themselves. Through House Points and competitions, students can earn points for their House by demonstrating positive behaviour, achievement, and teamwork. This builds pride, unity, and a spirit of friendly competition across the school — all while celebrating what makes Dean House so special.

Why Dean House?

In Dean House, we are committed to nurturing responsible, respectful young people who are proud of their achievements and confident in who they are. Our pupils benefit from equal opportunities to participate, contribute, and succeed, ensuring that everyone feels valued as part of our thriving community. Over the past three years, we have proudly secured the House Cup, a reflection of our determination, teamwork, and culture of excellence.

This year has also seen exceptional growth, with 27 OOHLE offers compared to 14 last year, meaning our students have even more opportunities to demonstrate their ambition and commitment to make the most of every opportunity.

We place great emphasis on developing pupils' character and supporting them to flourish both within school and beyond. Through competitions, leadership roles, and wider enrichment opportunities, our pupils build resilience, confidence, and a sense of responsibility that prepares them for adult life. Our inclusive ethos promotes belonging for every individual. We celebrate success, encourage participation, and foster collaboration across year groups, creating a strong house identity where pupils feel connected and supported. By linking our activities with the wider curriculum, we ensure that learning is not confined to the classroom. Pupils experience a balance of academic challenge, cultural enrichment, and personal growth, allowing them to develop as well-rounded individuals who are ready to make a positive contribution to society.

In Dean House, we are more than just a house—we are a family united by pride, ambition, and a shared commitment to being the very best.