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Update from the Head of School



The start of this academic year has once again flown by, it's hard to believe we are over a third of the way through the school year.

It has yet again been a term full of student achievement and success – it has been lovely to see students excel in all parts of school life. Our bread and butter is of course the learning in the classroom, and we have had a renewed focus since September on ensuring

that students are challenged in every lesson they attend. I try to walk around the school and get into lessons every day, and it has been fantastic to see students pushing themselves in all subject areas. It has been great to see so many students voluntarily sign up to our Challenge Club, with events being held at regular intervals. It was such a shame that, due to the school closure following the snow, we had to postpone our Challenge Week; we are reorganising this for the new year. We will continue to welcome speakers and facilitators into the school to work with our students on a variety of topics to help inspire them to find a new interest, opportunity or potential career.

Students have been making the most of opportunities to get involved in all parts of school life. Our student leadership body and school council have been an active voice for the students, and our students have taken part in a number of community events. A special mention

must go to the new Sea Cadets Unit – a group of students have attended sessions weekly since September, and I look forward to a long partnership with the cadets.

On 22-23 November we were inspected by Ofsted – this was a key stepping stone for the school and the report will be published on 3rd January to all parents. I encourage all members of the school community to read the report.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you for the festive season. I sincerely hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. On behalf of all of us at The Dean Academy I would like to thank you for your continuing support. Tom Beveridge



Christmas Jumper Day



Children have raised money for Save the Children by coming to school dressed in their festive jumpers.

Shoe Box Appeal Helps Students to Spread Christmas Joy

Year 7 children are hoping to brighten someone's Christmas this year with festively wrapped shoe boxes that they have been busy filling with goodies to give to those in need as part of the Teams4u Christmas appeal.

The boxes are heading to Romania for disadvantaged children of all ages to enjoy. The parcels include sweets, teddies and toys as well as useful items such as gloves, hats, stationery and toiletries.

Mr Ben Grant, Head of Year 7 commented "Our students managed fill 30 shoe boxes with treats and essentials. It was an amazing effort and I feel really proud of our students and grateful to their families for the generosity which they have shown. Christmas always feels more joyful when we are able to share with others and on Christmas morning I think that many year 7's will pause for a moment to reflect on the happiness that their kindness has helped to create."



Changing Lives: Tutor Miss Hannah Deans and Head of School Mr Tom Beveridge with students Tristan Wilhelm, Poppy Truman, Isobelle Jones, Matthew Lade, Ella Williams, Libby Brooks, Ruby Truman, Ruby Watson and Libby Peacey



Christmas at The Dean Academy

Year 7 Christmas Card Competition



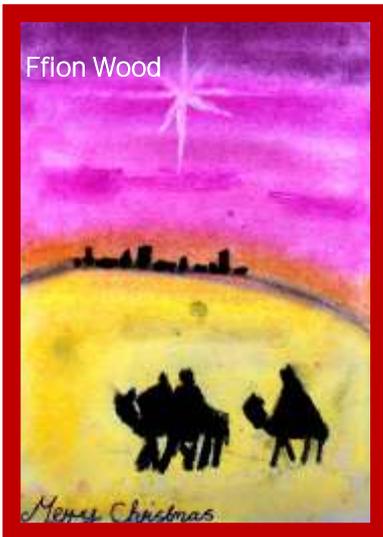
Year 7's got into the Christmas spirit by designing some amazing Christmas cards as part of a school competition.

The Head of School, Mr Tom Beveridge had the difficult task of judging the cards and the overall winners from across the year 7 tutor groups were: Emma Kear, Ffion Wood, Sophie Ball, Ryan Griffiths

The winners each received a specially printed pack that they could take home to send out to friends and family.



Ryan Griffiths



Ffion Wood



Sophie Ball



Lydney Food Bank

Students and staff have been busy raising money and donations for Lydney Food Bank in the run up to Christmas.

The School Council ran a tombola stall at the recent Christmas Fayre, raising almost £100 which will be used to buy food donations. This was added to the staff's Reverse Advent Calendar collection, which has been running throughout December and has seen a giant box of tinned and dried foods and toiletries amassing in the Staff Room!

Members of the Student Council will be adding a personalised touch as they create dozens of festive jam jars of sweets to add some Christmas cheer and all donations will be taken to the local food bank before the end of term.

Thanks to everyone for their support.
Mrs E Smith

Festive Fundraising

Staff and students brought the spirit of Christmas to the Christmas Markets at Hanley Farm shop in Tidenham last weekend as they gathered together with friends and family for some festive carol singing to raise money for the school prom and local charities.

Mrs Kathryn Rodway, Director of Performance commented "Some of the proceeds raised on the day will go to Lydney's Foodbank who are more in need than ever as we approach Christmas and the remainder will go towards the year 11 prom. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their weekend to come along and support the students."



'Tis the Season to Raise Money:
Fundraisers Grace George and Alice Cresswell



Art, Design and Production Faculty

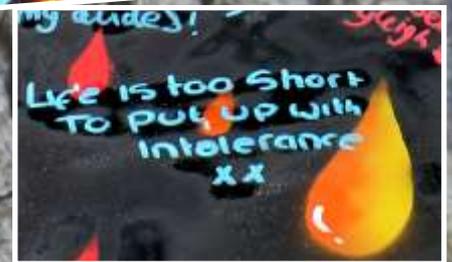
BARK Arts Exhibition at Beechenhurst



Seb Churcher with his Star Wars inspired artwork

Art work created by students in a special BARK Arts Summer workshop formed part of an open air exhibition at Beechenhurst last month.

The purpose of the exhibition was for young people across the Forest of Dean to join together to make a really big noise about things that matter most to them. Students used street style art to create their work. The project was funded by the Arts Council and Summerfield Trust.



Forest Pulse Fundraising

The Art, Design & Production Faculty was contacted by the local charity Forest Pulse with a request to help them raise funds.

Forest Pulse have many local shops in the area supporting them by keeping small charity donation boxes. The problem is, however, the boxes are like many others. The idea of making a novelty collection box that not only stands out but gives donators some involvement was born!

Our students developed a variety of design ideas. These ideas were then modelled in card, using coins to see how effective they were.

Five designs were selected as the most effective.

The selection process included:

- Entertainment and engagement value
- Novelty
- Ease of manufacture
- Durability
- Standing out

CAD (Computer Aided Design) was used to develop the novelty part of the design with testing in card, before MDF components were cut on our CNC laser machine.

Batch production then took place and paint brushes to the ready to paint up the novelty designs.

Forest Pulse were really excited to receive the donation of 20 collection boxes from our students. The novelty collection boxes have now been located around the Forest of Dean to raise funds for the charity.

Mr A Winstanley



“ Student comments

⇒ “Trying to work out how the coin would roll was tricky at first, and I had to do 3 card models before it was smooth.”

⇒ “It’s nice to design and make a product that is going to be used in our community to help others.”

⇒ “I can’t wait to see one of my boxes in a local shop being used.”

Art, Design and Production Faculty

The Bella Italia Challenge!



Ravioli?
Spaghetti?
Tagliatelle?

No problem for our year 9's.
Their dishes were individually created, prepared and presented to a very high standard.

We definitely have some very talented chefs!
Mrs S Gittins-Jones



Mini Pizza Challenge

A group of 30 pupils from Yorkley Primary School visited the Food department to take up a mini Pizza Challenge. The children worked hard. For some of them it was their first time making pizza. They all succeeded and enjoyed the whole experience. The only problem encountered was trying to reach the soap dispensers!!!! Mrs S Sayers

Challenge Week

We are very excited to be hosting our first Challenge Week here at The Dean Academy next term with over a hundred students making the decision to challenge and push themselves in various workshops and activities throughout the week.

We have a range of visitors coming in to challenge our students' thinking and encourage them to consider their future here at The Dean Academy and beyond.

Challenge Club

Earlier in the term students impressed us with their general knowledge during a series of quizzes which were held at lunchtime.

Thank you to the students and teachers for your support organising the challenge.

Miss E Knibbs-Rebane

Coming soon.....

RFDC Chef workshops, where will your future take you??



Performance

Musical Students Launch County Council Initiative



A group of talented students helped kick start the launch of a Gloucestershire County Council recruiting initiative called Proud to Care when they performed at a special event in Gloucester recently to raise awareness of the campaign.

The event, which was held at Blackfriars Priory in Gloucester, was aimed at promoting careers in the Health and Social Care sector. Over 90 providers attended along with Commissioners and Cllr Kathy Williams the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care. The day included key note speeches and presentations from national bodies such as CQC and Skills for Care.

Ms Rachael Hughes the Adult Social Care Recruitment and Retention Co-ordinator for Gloucestershire County Council commented "The theme for the launch was a vintage tea party and having students from The Dean

Academy performing really added to the atmosphere of the day. Many of the attendees were amazed at the calibre of the performances. We officially started the afternoon with the students performing their Proud to Care song, a truly remarkable performance which touched many and created a few watery eyes! I would like to thank the school for allowing the students to attend, all of whom represented the school fantastically and all of them should be very proud of their wonderful performances."

Mrs Ellie O'Regan, a Music teacher at the academy added "I am so proud of the hard work that the students put in to make the performance a success. They were wonderful ambassadors for the school and every performer showcased a high standard on the day. It was an honour to be asked

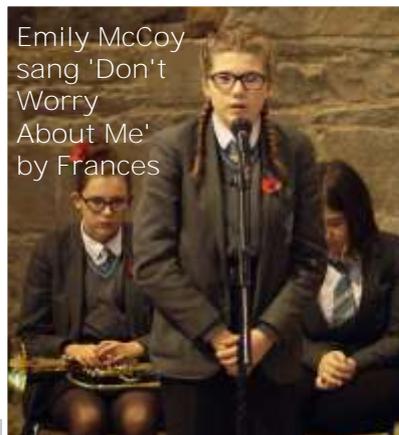
to support the Proud to Care initiative and produce an original song for the event. We would like to thank Gloucestershire County Council for the opportunity and their hospitality, and everyone who has taken the time to make contact since the event to praise the students for their performances."

The students who participated were:

- Megan Denby
- Jessica Everitt-Holford
- Skye Jordan
- Bianca Malasincu
- Ella Dennington
- Erin Hewitt
- Kai Powell
- Emily McCoy
- Ella Lewis
- Georgia Watson
- Aimee Harris



Georgia Watson sang 'Someone Like You' by Adele and 'Can't Help Falling in Love'



Emily McCoy sang 'Don't Worry About Me' by Frances



Skye Jordan sang 'It's Time' by Imagine Dragons

"Wonderful ambassadors for the school"



World Affairs Faculty

Join our online community!

This term in World Affairs we are developing our online learning environment through the use of Edmodo which is an education network that helps connect our learners with the people and resources needed to reach their full potential.

Our KS4 Class Pages allow us to share lesson content making it easier to catch up with any missed learning. We can also distribute quizzes, provide links to useful revision resources, add/check assignments, and manage communication with our students and you at home.

Edmodo is a growing online community of teachers and learners. The Platform is safe because:

- Students cannot create an account by themselves; they can only do so if they're invited by their teacher and given a unique Group Code.
- The only personally identifiable information that students need to provide to create an account is their first and last name.
- Edmodo doesn't collect geo-location tracking information.
- Edmodo doesn't rent or sell student information to third parties for marketing or advertising purposes.
- Parental involvement is built into the platform, and parents can create accounts to view their child's activity as well as important class announcements, events or reminders.

Students cannot privately communicate with each other. The teacher is always present and able to see everything that occurs on Edmodo.

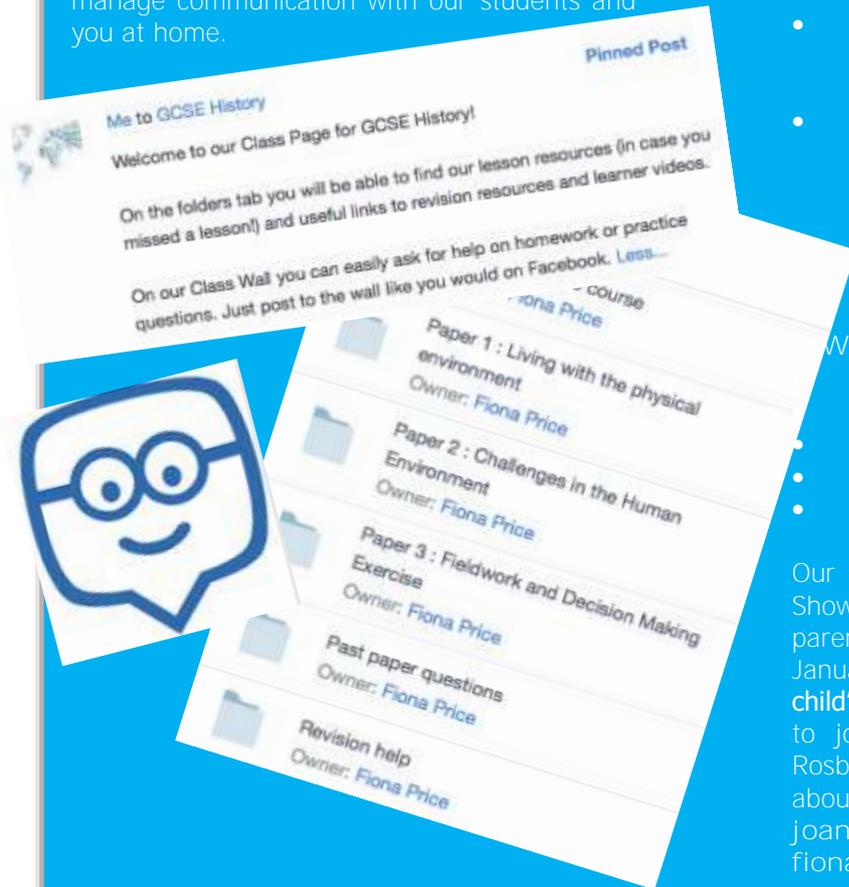
We currently have Class Pages for:

- GCSE Edexcel Business (Year 10)
- OCR National Business and Enterprise (Year 11)
- AQA Geography (Year 10 and Year 11)
- Edexcel History (Year 10 and 11)
- AQA Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (Year 10 and 11)

Our group codes are being shared with students via Show My Homework. Should you wish to sign up for a parent account, please email Miss Rosbrook by January 5th 2018. When emailing, please state your **child's name and subject** and we will invite you directly to join the Class Page. You can also email Miss Rosbrook or Mrs Price should you have any concerns about the use of the platform.

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Bringing History to Life



Students in year 9 have been learning about the First World War in their History lessons. Part of their homework was to research local or family involvement in WWI.

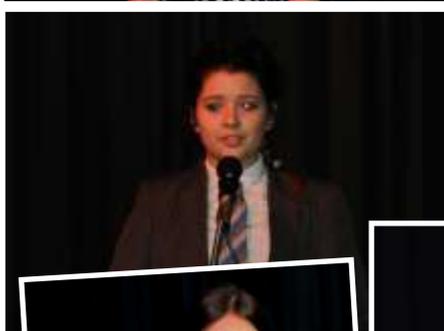
Freya Symonds brought in some amazing artefacts that belonged to her relatives who had fought in the Great War including an air raid whistle, a ribbon band from a victory medal, and a photo of her Great Grandfather Edward Mackie who joined the war in 1916 as part of the Highland Light Infantry. Edward became a clergyman after the war and he is pictured in the photograph **in his clerical robes**. **Freya's Great Great Grandfather Francis Hubert**



Treasured artefacts

Hall Mackie was part of the medical team in the First World War and was stationed in France. Francis joined at the start of the War in 1914 and fortunately survived. Freya brought in a badge that her Great Great Grandfather would have worn on his beret as part of his uniform.

Christmas Showcase & Craft Fayre



A festive evening of poetry, drama, song and dance was on offer at the academy as students hosted the annual Christmas Showcase. Children from all years took to the stage to display their talents to friends and family. Highlights of the evening included dance routines from Abbie Brown, Naomi Berry, Ellie Hancock and Chloe Watts. There were musical performances from Melody Beddis and Kai Powell on the keyboard and Skye Jordan with her ukulele. The audience were also treated by year 11 Drama students to a scene from the musical Grease and year 7 student Declan Tonks recited his own Christmas poem. The festive themed evening also gave visitors a chance to look around the school's craft fayre to purchase Christmas cards, decorations and gifts whilst enjoying a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. The Director of Performance, Mrs Kathryn Rodway commented "Staff and students at the school have been working really hard to put this event together. There was a great turnout on the night and I am really proud of everyone who participated in the evening. Thank you to all the local artisans for supporting our craft fayre."



Phoebe Huxstep danced to 'Purpose'



Naomi Berry danced to 'The Power of Love'



Alice Cresswell sang 'There are Worse Things I Could Do' from Grease

The evening was hosted by Patrick Cowell

Thursday 7th December 2017



A musical performance of Gypsy Fair by Kai Powell



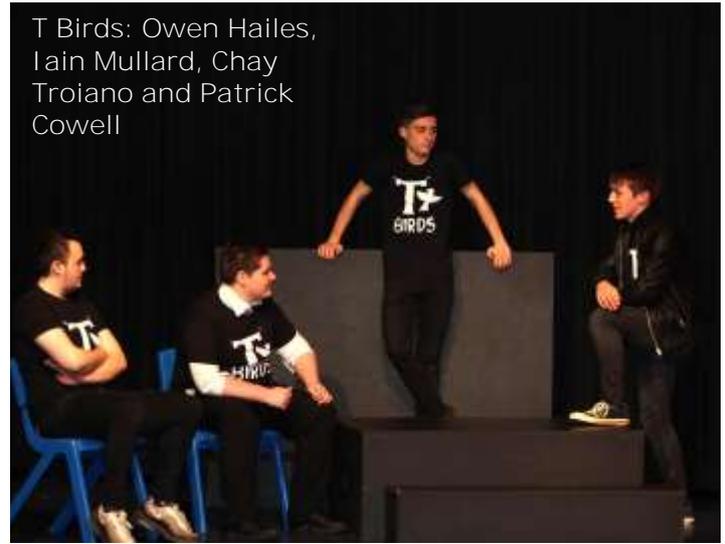
Declan Tonks recited a poem he had written about Christmas



Skye Jordan performed '27 Club'



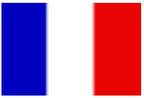
Year 11 students Owen Hailes, Iain Mullard, Patrick Cowell, Katie Webb, Chay Troiano and Alice Cresswell act a scene from Grease



T Birds: Owen Hailes, Iain Mullard, Chay Troiano and Patrick Cowell



Talented bunch: students from years 7 to 11 worked hard to create a memorable and festive evening



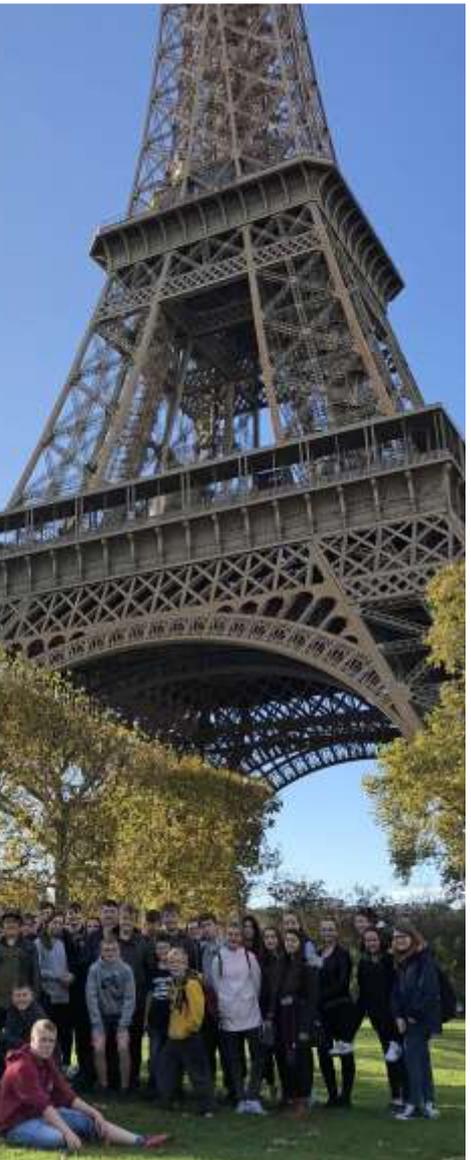
Paris Trip 2017: Fun in France

A group of students enjoyed a fun packed trip to Paris during the October half term break where they experienced the sights and culture of the capital city.

Some of the highlights of their four night visit included a guided tour of the Stade de France, a trip to the top of the Montparnasse Tower, a boat trip on the River Seine and a day in Disneyland and Parc Asterix.

Year 10 student Eleanor Cowell commented "I really enjoyed the trip to Paris and would definitely go again, it was amazing to see the Eiffel Tower lit up at night. The best part was roller skating on top of the Montparnasse Tower and shopping in Calais at the Cité Europe Shopping Mall."

Miss Jane Burns, Head of Languages at the academy said **"The trip gave our students a great opportunity to experience French culture, it was great to see them trying out their French. Roller skating on the roof of the tallest building in Paris was a once in a lifetime opportunity. For some students it was their first visit to France; they all had a lovely time and many have said that they would like to go back. I'm already looking forward to our next trip!"**



At the Eiffel Tower



Disneyland

A Labour of Love for Oliver

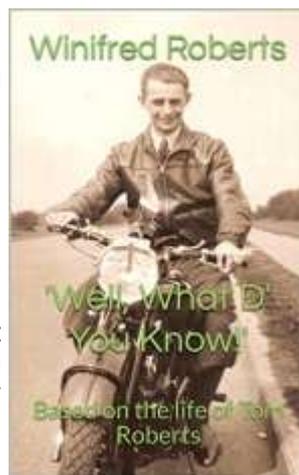


Oliver Shattock in year 10 has been busy helping his mum to publish a manuscript that belonged to his Great Nan, Winifred Roberts. Oliver has worked hard typing, editing and researching the book in order to get the book in print. **It was always the Roberts's wish that this account be published for others to read but sadly they both died within a year of each other and their wish was never realised until now, thanks to Oliver.**

The book is called 'Well, What D'You Know' which was a

favourite saying of Oliver's Great Grandad who was born in 1910 in Hove, Brighton, just before the start of the First World War. It is a true story highlighting the struggles that Tom and his family endured. Working in service after the War there are many resemblances to the popular television period dramas such as Downton Abbey.

Oliver commented "Whilst typing up the story, me and my mum gained a big interest in who exactly my Great Grandad worked for as a Butler and where he was born and lived. So much so, that we visited his home town of Hove, and saw where he was born." Oliver hopes that people will read the book and gain a better understanding of what life was like for people during this era.



Harvest Festival Donations



Alex Head, Libby Peacey, Ella Williams, Erin Hewitt, Kacey Taylor and Isobelle Jones

Students collected food for the local community as part of **St Mary's Church Harvest Festival celebrations** in October.

The school ran a competition for year 7 students to see which tutor group could collect the most items of food. The donations went to the Lydney Foodbank to help support families who are struggling with poverty and to the Gateway Housing Association who support young adults in the local area.

Mr Ben Grant, Head of Year 7 commented "This year our students have rallied together and we have been overwhelmed by the number of donations that have been brought in over the last few weeks. Well done to the winning tutor group 7JB for collecting the most items for such worthwhile local charities."

The school was represented by staff and students at the special church service in Lydney. There was a reading from Emily McCoy and Erin Reeves and a performance from musicians Aimee Harris and Ella Lewis.

Dr Who Inspired Art

Year 11 student Charlotte Crote has combined her love of art with her love of Dr Who by painting a colourful picture of the TARDIS.

The creation took Charlotte two days to complete using acrylic paints. Charlotte used brushes and sponges to achieve the effect of the TARDIS spinning in space.

Charlotte commented "Dr Who is one of my favourite programmes and my favourite Doctor is David Tennant. I enjoyed painting the TARDIS and I am going to get it displayed in my room."



Charlotte with her artwork

Christmas Tree Festival

A group of students decorated The Dean Academy's Christmas tree at St. Mary's Church recently. They did a fantastic job. Ms K McCormick



Anti Bullying Week

Shining a Spotlight on Bullying (13th - 17th November 2017)

Students at The Dean Academy have been celebrating what makes them different as part of the national Anti-Bullying Week which encourages children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying.

'All Different, All Equal' is this year's theme and staff at the academy have been busy organising various events throughout the week to help students embrace their uniqueness.

Miss Eve Knibbs-Rebane, a teacher at the school who helped organise the week explained "Anti-Bullying Week is really important for us at The Dean Academy as we want to ensure all our students, staff and visitors feel safe and happy at our school. Senior students and the Student Council were incredibly committed to ensuring this message was delivered to our students through a range of activities including the delivery of a powerful assembly to our students, banter bottles, drop in sessions and themed tutor challenges. The week was well-received and encouraged positive discussion around this important issue."

The academy have also drawn up a special bullying charter in collaboration with the students. The charter is on display in the school's reception and has been signed by

At The Dean Academy we believe that everyone has the right to learn and work without victimisation, bullying or harassment. As a school we recognise that bullying harms people and can prevent them from flourishing and achieving their full potential. The Dean Academy is committed to creating a school community where bullying will not be tolerated. Together as a school community we will:

BE HONEST AND TELL THE TRUTH
NOT BULLY OR MAKE OTHERS FEEL BAD WITH WORDS OR ACTIONS
NOT JUDGE OTHERS FOR THE WAY THEY LOOK
TREAT OTHERS AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED
NOT BE A BYSTANDER TO BULLYING, WE WILL REPORT BULLYING TO AN ADULT WE TRUST
USE SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBLY AND APPROPRIATELY
TAKE PRIDE IN OURSELVES AND MAKE OUR SCHOOL PROUD
ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO MAKE GOOD CHOICES
EMBRACE AND CELEBRATE OTHER PEOPLE'S VIEWS, CULTURES AND DIFFERENCES
TREAT OTHERS WITH KINDNESS AND WITH RESPECT
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR ACTIONS

Mr. T Beveridge Head of School, Janine Fox Chair of Governors, Oliver Rothery-Jones Head Boy, Eva-Marie Kear Head Girl

excellence respect collaborative resilience

the Head of School, Chair of Governors and the Head Boy and Head Girl. It states that "everyone has the right to learn and work without victimisation, bullying or harassment. As a school we recognise that bullying harms people and can prevent them from flourishing and achieving their full potential. The Dean Academy is committed to creating a school community where bullying will not be tolerated."

Anti-Bullying Alliance

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Head of School Tom Beveridge with Head Girl Eva-Marie Kear, Head Boy Oliver Rothery-Jones and Senior Pastoral Lead Craig Palmer in front of the Charter

Visit by CPO Tom Oliver

We had a visit in EPIC from Community Police Officer Tom Oliver on Friday 17th November. The students were very excited and keen to hear all about his job and his role in the community.

He came with lots of equipment, including Kevlar jackets which the students were able to try on. They were very heavy and the students nearly fell over wearing them.

Tom showed us how he can breathalyse people if he feels they may be drinking and driving. Mrs Hankinson was given the breathalyser, which everyone found really funny and luckily her blood alcohol level was zero.

Tom also brought his police truck with him and we were allowed to get inside and even put on the siren. It was fantastic! But really loud and we had to cover our ears. We all really enjoyed ourselves!

Mrs S Hankinson



PCSO Tom Oliver with Joe in year 8

Improving Aspirations

A group of year 11 students have benefited from a motivational workshop delivered by the Gloucestershire Aspiration Programme (GAP) which is designed to improve student aspirations. GAP is part of the GROWS network, a government funded initiative by the Higher Education Funding Council for England. They aim to raise aspiration to study at university level amongst students from targeted areas in Gloucestershire.

The project involves a range of activities for young people, both in and out of school. They took part in a goal setting exercise helping them to set achievable goals, identify obstacles and how to overcome them and where support can be accessed to make those goals a reality.

The students worked brilliantly; they found it both useful and inspiring. More information on the project can be found at www.grows.ac.uk **Mrs E O'Regan**



Setting goals to raise aspirations



Post 16 Options Evening

The Post-16 Advice Evening is directly aimed at supporting our Year 11 students in making decisions about their next educational step after their time at The Dean Academy. It was an opportunity for students, parents and carers to speak directly with a range of local providers who gave information about course choices, apprenticeships, applications and much more. We received representatives from providers such as; GlosCol, Wyedean and Chepstow Sixth Forms, Hartpury College, Forest Sports Education and The British Army. We also had talks from GROWS about choosing pathways and the GlosCol Apprenticeship Team. With application deadlines on the horizon, and Open Days passing, we hope that this event provided a useful opportunity for students to get their questions answered in a more intimate setting than an Open Event might provide. This event is run annually and is exclusively for students, parents



and carers from The Dean Academy.

This year, the event was shortly followed by a seminar from Mr Paul Rebane, an ex-Head of Sixth form, who kindly spoke to students in school about Post-16 applications and offered support and guidance on how to complete applications. I would like to extend my thanks to all of the individuals, providers and organisations who have taken the time to support our students at such a crucial time. **Mrs E O'Regan**

School Community

Rock Band Deliver Important Musical Message

Students really engaged with the band



Bristol based alternative rock band, Beyond Recall, spent a musical afternoon with year 8 in a bid to educate them about keeping safe online and the dangers of cyberbullying.

Students learnt about what you should and shouldn't do online, covering topics such as sexting and trolling. Their message was both simple and empowering "The moment you are unsure about something online is the moment that you look for help. Tell a responsible adult, do not keep it to yourself." The lead vocalist, Zaid Elgahmi, recounted how one young girl had taken her own life, "she didn't tell anyone what was happening and was unable to cope with the persistent bullying. Her parents, unfortunately, were unaware of what she was going through at the time and they now want to share her story so that others don't suffer in silence."



Questions and Answers



Between songs the band talked with students about discrimination including racism, homophobia and sexism and highlighting their own personal experiences.

Mrs Linda Bellingham, the Deputy Safeguarding Lead at the academy praised the event "The band were amazing and really engaged with the children. They were superb at getting

them to interact and talk about various online dangers. The kids loved their music and have already sent lots of positive feedback to the band via their website."



Sweet Success for Macmillan Fundraisers

Cakes, muffins and tray bakes were just some of the delicious treats cooked up by members of staff the academy as they raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support's nationwide coffee morning.

Members of the student council had the enjoyable task of judging the entries and were extremely impressed with the standard of baking. The winner, by a unanimous vote, was Pastoral Assistant Darianne Barnett who baked some delicious Nutella brownies.

Mrs Anna McCoy, the Assistant Director of Learning Support who organised the Bake Off commented "We have had another successful year holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning. The Bake Off entries were amazing and our students had a very difficult task of judging the tasty bakes. I cannot thank staff at The Dean Academy enough for their support, contributions of cake and donations."

The academy raised over £85 for the charity.



Above: Year 9 students Emily McCoy and David Hale present winner Darianne Barnett with her prize and certificate



Judges: School Council members Erin Reeves, Emily McCoy, Bradley Hodgson, Chloe Watts and David Hale

Open Evening



Gruesome Science: Emma Baldwin demonstrates the function of lungs

In the Science Labs with microscopes and maggots



Sampling the menu



Getting Active in the Sports Hall with the Performance Faculty



Staff and students brought their subjects to life with lots of fun and interactive activities for prospective students and their parents at the Open Evening. Slime making, maggot racing, inflating lungs and inspecting other organs from a dissection were some of the activities on offer in the Science labs whilst in World Affairs, history was brought to life by a gruesome and realistic display of medieval

cures for the plague. There was also model making in the Maths Faculty, cooking demonstrations in Food Technology, energetic activities in the Sports Hall and an opportunity to sample food from the school menu in the restaurant. Year 7 students Isobelle Jones and Ayden Le Roux bravely addressed the hundreds of parents and pupils who attended the event, recounting their

experiences over the last few weeks at the academy. **Ayden said "I have made lots of new friends and I am really happy here at the academy. I find the lessons challenging and the teachers are very helpful. I have already joined the Sea Cadets and am really excited about what lies ahead."** In the Head of School's presentation, Mr Tom

Beveridge commented **"This is an important time for parents who have a really crucial decision to make regarding their child's secondary education. The Dean Academy is a true community comprehensive and we are relentlessly striving towards becoming a school of choice for everyone in Lydney and the surrounding area."**



Horrible History: History Teacher Mr Hole demonstrates the horrors of the plague including some of the unusual cures and remedies with the help of Maisie James, Carrie Horrocks-Waskett and Micah Evans



Your Community Alerts is Gloucestershire Constabulary's new, free messaging system that enables residents, businesses and community groups to participate in a two-way exchange of information about what is happening throughout the county. Whether you live in Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Stroud, the Forest of Dean or the Cotswolds you can receive up-to-date messaging about incidents that may affect you.

Don't worry, we won't bombard you with every incident. You can choose exactly the type of alert you wish to receive. For example, you can help tackle crime by registering for witness appeals or keep ahead of those traffic jams by registering for road closure alerts. The aim is to send relevant information which is chosen by you and together we can make a greater impact on the prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities.

The service is entirely free and you can receive the messages in a way that suits you. You may subscribe to alerts via text, an alert through the mobile app, a text or a voicemail. The choice is in your hands.

To download the app visit the Apple store or Google Play store and search 'Neighbourhood Alerts'

For more information, please visit the web address below and register your interest.

Tom Oliver 249206
Police Community Support Officer
Forest Local Policing Area
Gloucestershire Constabulary

Children in Need Non-Uniform

Students at The Dean Academy in Lydney have gone dotty for Children in Need by dressing up in spotty clothes and Pudsey ears to raise money as part of their non-uniform day.

There were lots of fun events, including a cake sale and a special Children In Need quiz where students had to identify teachers from their childhood photos. Mrs Fiona Price, a Geography teacher at the academy commented "Our students have had a lot of fun dressing up and raising money for Children in Need and in doing so they have raised over £540 for a really important charity."



Inspirational

Year 9 student Ella Knight completed a 5k Park Run in Lydney and was thrilled to get her photo taken with Paralympic champion and local hero Andy Lewis.

Ella is pictured holding one of Andy's medals.

Mrs E O'Regan



Singing Talent

Congratulations to Lola Morse in year 7. Lola recently passed her Grade 4 singing exam with the Rock School board. Well done!

Mrs E O'Regan



School Terms and Holidays 2018

TERM 3	INSET DAY BEGINS	Tuesday 2 nd January (staff only)
	ENDS	Wednesday 3 rd January (students return)
	HOLIDAY	Friday 9 th February (3.15 p.m.)
TERM 4	INSET DAY BEGINS	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February
	ENDS	Monday 19 th February (staff only)
	HOLIDAY	Tuesday 20 th February (students return)
TERM 5	INSET DAY BEGINS	Thursday 29 th March (3.15 p.m.)
	ENDS	Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April
	HOLIDAY	Monday 16 th April (students return)
TERM 6	INSET DAY BEGINS	Monday 7 th May
	ENDS	Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June
	HOLIDAY	Monday 4 th June
	INSET DAY BEGINS	Friday 29 th June (staff only)
	ENDS	Wednesday 25 th July (3.15 p.m.)
	HOLIDAY	Thursday 26 th July – Friday 31 st August

Changes to the School Calendar

Please note that FRIDAY 25TH MAY is no longer an Inset day and students will be expected to attend school as normal.

FRIDAY 29TH JUNE
IS NOW AN INSET DAY

