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## THE DEAN ACADEMY

### WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 13

WEEK COMMENCING 16 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019	
<b>WEEK A</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	a.m. PC Greg Steer teaching Values & Society lessons across KS3
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	a.m. PC Greg Steer teaching Values & Society lessons across KS3 6.30 p.m. Christmas Showcase
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	a.m. PC Greg Steer teaching Values & Society lessons across KS3
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children/Year 11 Prom Term ends at 12.30 p.m.

#### Performing at Taurus Crafts

A group of musicians braved the cold weather to attend a lovely festive event hosted by Taurus Crafts last Saturday. The students were absolutely brilliant, performing a set list of music, including typical Christmas hits such as Santa Baby, traditional tunes such as Jingle Bells, and crowd pleasers including Can't Help Falling in Love. Students from Years 7 - 11 participated and performed wonderfully. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who brought students along to a weekend event, and also to staff that came along to make up the audience and see the students. Please see our twitter feed @TDAPerformance to catch up on video footage of the event.

#### Christmas Showcase

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Showcase on Tuesday evening. It all kicks off at 6.30 p.m.

#### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day. We will

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019:-

KS3 – Archie Thompson, 7MSP  
KS4 – Charlie Watson, 11FE

raise money for Save the Children and the School Prom. We ask that students bring £1 to wear their own clothes and, if possible, a festive jumper!

### **Prime Minister for a Day**

It's been a week full of democracy in action at the Dean Academy, with Year 10 students off timetable on Tuesday of election week discussing the question "what would you do if you were Prime Minister for a day?" Topics covered included homelessness, the prevalence of drugs in society, the financial costs of higher education and the place of misogyny in the twenty first century. Students spent an hour debating each of these topics and all staff involved commented on the high level of respect and reflection on show throughout. Well done to everyone involved; there will be small prizes for those who really shone throughout the day in the Celebration Assembly at the end of term.

Students also took part in a mock election, with the Green Party winning the vote by 44% - it was a great turnout and students were engaged in discussion about manifestos and the importance of using your right to vote all day.

### **End of Term 2/Start of Term 3**

Term 2 finishes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 p.m. The school buses will pick up students at this time. Students return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

I wish you all a lovely break and a very Merry Christmas.



**Tom Beveridge - Headteacher**

## **CAREERS NEWS**

### **Next Steps: Post 16 Open Evenings**

Students in Year 11 have been made aware of a series of Open Days and Evenings at local post-16 providers. It is important to start exploring options for your son or daughter next year as soon as possible, and we will do work with them in school to support this. Please be aware that some Open Evenings for Sixth Forms are soon, see below, or the school's website for information:

The High School, Gloucester (co-educational Sixth Form) – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (5.00 – 8.30 p.m.)

Sir Thomas Richs' School (co-educational Sixth Form) – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February (6.30 – 9.30 p.m.)

Hartpury College – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January (booking essential on their website)

### SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Students should carry their bus passes at all times and the passes are valid for the whole year. If a pass is lost or damaged a replacement pass will cost £5.00 obtainable from Shire Hall, Gloucester only.

If you need to obtain a replacement bus pass for your child please visit:

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/applyforabuspass](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/applyforabuspass) to pay for your pass online. Replacement passes can no longer be ordered and paid for by telephone.

If you need to enquire about the spare seat scheme please visit:

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/spareseat](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/spareseat)

If you are enquiring about your existing spare seat application and you have received an email receipt from Shire Hall, this means applications are currently being processed and you will be contacted by email in due course with the outcome.

Alternatively, you may be able to find the information you require by visiting the Gloucestershire County Council website: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education) where council information and services can be accessed 24 hours a day.

If a student misses a bus or is refused travel home because they do not have their bus pass, they should come back into the school so that parents can be contacted, or arrangements can be made to get them home.

If a student forgets their bus pass, they should see Theresa Whatley, Head's PA before 12.30 p.m. on the day who will contact Shire Hall to gain permission for the student to travel home that day otherwise, they may be refused travel home.

### UNIFORM

A reminder for parents that our school uniform and PE kit are compulsory for all students. Please see the school website for full details of the school uniform and PE kit.

[www.thedeanacademy.org](http://www.thedeanacademy.org)

**Our uniform suppliers are:-** Trutex Schoolwear, 99 Northgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2AA, Tel No: 0845 521 0645, [www.gloucester.trutex.com](http://www.gloucester.trutex.com)

**PE Kit is available from:** Macron Store, Unit 2.2, Barnwood Point, Corinium Avenue, Gloucester, GL4 3HX Tel No: 01452 386400, [www.macronstoregloucester.com](http://www.macronstoregloucester.com)

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Apply online for Free School Meals. Check to see if you are eligible.

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – 2019/2020

DAY	TIME	CLUB/ACTIVITY	VENUE	ADDITIONAL DETAILS	STAFF
Monday Week B)	1.30 – 2.10	Book Club	G6	All years	Miss Edwards
Monday	1.30 – 2.10	Basketball & Squash	Sports Hall & Squash Courts	All years	Mr Glynn/Mrs Jones/Mr

					Stradling
Monday	1.30 – 2.10	Lunchtime Homework Club	C6	All years – bring your lunch along	Ms McCormick
Monday	3.15 – 4.30	Duke of Edinburgh		Boys & girls in year 9 - 11	Ms Paton
Monday	3.15 – 4.30	After School Homework Club  Free Late Bus – please book in Resources at break or lunchtime. Bus will leave school at approximately 4.40 p.m.	Y1	All years	Ms McCormick
Tuesday	1.30 – 2.00	Biology Boosters & Cake!	S8	Year 10 & 11 Exam practice with a sweet treat to get the brain cells going!	Mrs Rowlands
Tuesday	1.30 – 2.00	Ecoclub	E11	All years	Mrs Price
Tuesday	1.30 - 2.10	Badminton & Squash	Sports Hall & Squash Courts	All years	Mr Glynn/Mrs Jones/Mr Stradling
Tuesday	1.30 – 2.10	Lunchtime Homework Club	C6	All years – bring your lunch along	Ms McCormick
Tuesday	3.15 – 4.30	After School Homework Club  Free Late Bus – please book in Resources at break or lunchtime. Bus will leave school at approximately 4.40 p.m.	Y1	All years	Ms McCormick
Tuesday	3.30 – 4.30	Trebuchet Club	P5	Year 9	Miss Lewis Mrs Creed Mr Webb Mr Swain
Tuesday	3.30 – 4.30	Creative Writing Club	G5	All welcome	Mr McNeill
Tuesday	3.30 – 4.30	Year 11 Geography Revision	E11	Year 11	Mrs Price
Wednesday	1.30 – 2.10	Clay Club	A1	Year 7, 8 & 9 (Week B only)	Mrs Charles
Wednesday	1.30 – 2.10	Code Club	Y block	All years	Mr Warren
Wednesday	1.30 - 2.10	Football & Squash	Sports Hall/ Astroturf & Squash Courts	All years	Mr Glynn/Mrs Jones/Mr Stradling
Wednesday	1.30 –	Lunchtime	C6	All years – bring	Ms McCormick

	2.10	Homework Club		your lunch along	
Wednesday	3.15 – 4.30	After School Homework Club  Free Late Bus – please book in Resources at break or lunchtime. Bus will leave school at approximately 4.40 p.m.	Y1	All years	Ms McCormick
Wednesday	3.30 – 4.30	KS3 Booster Sessions	S6	Open to Year 7 & 8 who need a bit more guidance or would like some extra support	Mr Webb
Wednesday	3.30 – 4.30	Physics Exam Booster Session	S1	Year 10 & 11	Mr Child
Thursday (Week B)	1.30 – 2.10	Debate Club	G6	All years	Miss Edwards
Thursday	1.30 – 2.10	Nurture Club	Nurture Room, inside the Library	Year 7 Nurture Group Students	Miss Buckley
Thursday	1.30 – 2.10	Clay Club	A1	Year 7, 8 & 9 (Week A only)	Mrs Charles
Thursday	1.30 – 2.10	Girls Who Code Club	Y block	All years (girls only)	Mr Warren
Thursday	1.30 – 2.10	Netball, Table Tennis & Squash	Sports Hall, Studio & Squash Courts	All years	Mr Glynn/Mrs Jones/Mr Stradling
Thursday	1.30 – 2.10	Lunchtime Homework Club	C6	All years – bring your lunch along	Ms McCormick
Thursday	3.15 – 4.30	After School Homework Club  Free Late Bus – please book in Resources at break or lunchtime. Bus will leave school at approximately 4.40 p.m.	Y1	All years	Ms McCormick
Thursday	3.20 – 4.00	Additional Maths Lessons	P1	Year 11	Ms Meredith
Thursday	3.30 – 4.30	Year 11 History Revision	E14	Year 11	Mr Hole & Mr Grant
Thursday	3.30 – 4.30	A Level Science Practical Sessions	S8	Year 9, 10 & 11 Term 1 & 2 will be A Level Biology practicals – get a taste of some of the types of practicals you will be doing if you were to pursue Science at A Level	Mrs Rowlands

Friday	1.30 – 2.10	Lunchtime Homework Club	C6	All years – bring your lunch along	Ms McCormick
Friday	1.30 – 2.00	Go for it!	S6	Year 9 – aimed at students who want to stretch themselves in Science and push past their targets	Mr Webb
Friday	1.30 – 2.10	Table Tennis & Squash	Sports Hall & Squash Courts	All years	Mr Glynn/Mrs Jones/Mr Stradling