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WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 4

WEEK COMMENCING 30th SEPTEMBER 2019

WEEK A

Monday 30th September

Tuesday 1st October

Wednesday 2nd October

Thursday 3rd October

Period 5 – Year 9 - Music Production, Cyber Bullying and Online Safety Message by the 'Hara'

Friday 4th October

Year 7/11 School Photographs

Wordy Wednesdays in Key Stage Three

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are now three weeks into their Literacy focus called Wordy Wednesday. Challenging vocabulary is introduced in tutor time each week, giving students the opportunity to explore the origins of words and understand their underlying meaning. Please ask your son or daughter to talk to you about their growing vocabulary and try to use these words in your conversations at home. We're grateful for your support.

Parent Governor Elections

You should have today received a letter inviting you to put your name forward for the upcoming parent governor elections. If you have not received a letter, please find a copy on the school website.

We hugely value the role governors play in supporting and improving our school. We fully understand that it is a significant commitment but also hope that it is very rewarding and fulfilling. If you are at all interested or would just like to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Local Litter Pick

8 students from across the school supported

Enjoyment Achievement Community

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 20th September 2019:-

KS3 – Madison Wylie, 8LW

KS4 – Oliver Barnard, 10AH

Year 8/9 Netball Tournament

A year 8/9 Netball Tournament took place on Tuesday 24th September which was held at The Dean Academy. The girls involved were amazing – they represented the school exceptionally well and their effort and attitude in every game was brilliant.

The schools competing alongside us were:- Wyedean, Newent and two teams from Dene Magna.

Our year 8 girls came 4th and the year 9 girls came 3rd.

Players of the tournament were Isabelle Kiely (year 8) and Jess Geelhoed (year 9). Emma Baldwin gave up her time to help umpire the tournament and did a fantastic job umpiring the year 9 matches.

Well done girls!

a local Town Council environmentalism initiative on Friday 20th September, helping in a litter pick around Lydney Harbour. The students, who are all members of the school's Eco Club, volunteered two hours to work with councillors and local residents. Mrs Gillard, who accompanied the students, praised their commitment and hard work. The newly introduced Eco Club runs in E11 on Tuesday lunchtimes and is currently running a competition for Year 7 students to design a logo for the group – entries were due in on Monday 23rd September!

Talented Poets

On Monday evening I had the pleasure of attending the launch event of the Ways to Peace Anthology, a collection of poems written by a number of poets from Gloucestershire and further afield, raising money for Unicef, at Tintern Abbey. A number of our students have had their poems published in the anthology. Year 11 students Kieran Maass and Freya Symonds, 2 of our featured poets, attended the event and Kieran recited his poem at the launch. Congratulations to all students involved.

School Car Park

Just a reminder that the school car park operates a one-way system. Please also ensure you drop students off in a safe place especially on the dark mornings and when the weather is bad. Please do not just stop and drop off students in a line of traffic. Thank you for your support with this.

Paris Trip Information Meeting

There will be a Paris Trip Information Meeting at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd October in the Drama Hall.



Tom Beveridge - Headteacher

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK:-

Parent Governor Nomination letter – 27/09/19

CAREERS NEWS

- **National Apprenticeship Show 2019! – On Tuesday 1st October & Wednesday 2nd October 2019** Cheltenham Racecourse will host the National Apprenticeship Show,

with over 60 employers and providers showcasing opportunities to thousands of visitors in a lively, interactive, fun and informative setting. Members of the Lifelong Learning Team from Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be attending this event – come and see us! We will be happy to discuss the apprenticeships offered at our Trust and career pathways available. For further information and to book please visit <https://www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/west/>.

- **Bristol Old Vic Theatre Open Day – Saturday 19th October at Downside Road.** This is a great opportunity for students interested in creative and technical courses. Courses include: Production Arts and Costume for Theatre, Film and TV. To book your place visit: oldvic.ac.uk/open-day
- **The University of Gloucestershire (Oxstalls Campus) – Saturday 26th October.** This is a free family event which will have expert speakers, Careers Advisors, activities and support for Parents and Carers. If you would like to attend the event, please book a place at: <https://www.grows.ac.uk/activities-and-events/find-your-future-2019-1>
- **Pilot Careers Live – The first step towards a career in aviation – Friday 1st November and Saturday 2nd November 2019, 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. – Sofitel Hotel – Terminal 5. London Heathrow Airport.** An exciting careers event, Pilot Careers Live, is guaranteed to inform, inspire and advise anyone who is interested in a rewarding career as a pilot. The event will cover every aspect of what it takes to become a professional pilot, including air traffic control (ATC) and aerospace university degree courses. Pilot Careers Live will bring together leading pilot training companies, airlines, universities and career experts in a single venue, and will feature a series of informative career presentations across both days. Students can view a video about the event at <http://bit.ly/pilotcareerslive18>. For full event details and discounted student tickets, please visit www.pilotcareernews.com/live/london

Visitors will get the answers to such leading questions as:

- What do airlines look for when recruiting new pilots?
- Are you fit to fly? Pilot medical requirements explained
- What pilot apprenticeships are available?
- University degrees in aerospace: What are the options?
- Is now a good time to train as a pilot?
- What are the costs?

Dear Parents/Carers

The Accelerated Reader (AR) programme for Years 7, 8, and 9

We write to ask for your support with the Accelerated Reader (AR) programme which all students at The Dean Academy follow throughout Years 7, 8 and 9.

AR is a programme for encouraging and promoting reading for pleasure at home. The programme is followed in Primary and Secondary schools nationally, and it is as popular with Grammar schools as it is with Comprehensives and Academies. Key skills developed through the AR programme include retaining and recalling information, which are essential skills for exam success in Years 10 and 11.

In school this year, your child will enjoy fortnightly AR lessons in the library, where his or her teacher will help in choosing a suitable AR book which can be loaned out and taken home – but it is here that we need your support. **Success in the AR programme depends on students reading books that are on the AR programme for at least twenty minutes each day, and this needs to be done at home.**

To help you support your child's reading, he or she will bring home a blue Reading Record Card which we ask you to sign after each independent reading session. After each book is successfully read, your child can claim rewards by quizzing *regularly during AR lessons*. At the end of last term, some students received Celebration Certificates in the Whole School Assembly for earning an average of 100 Reading Points – one student's record topped 200 points in just one term!

Although we have a substantial school library, students can find AR books from other sources, including books at home, books from their local library, and books that can be found and read online. They can search the AR site by author or genre (including non-fiction) to check whether a given book is on the AR programme. This can be done in the school library or from home via Renaissance Home Connect. Information about this site is available on the school website.

The AR programme is a challenge: it takes determination and resilience. But it will reward your child with new experiences and academic success.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Many thanks for your support and happy reading! **Ms Paton, Lead Teacher**

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 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

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 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

Our uniform suppliers are:- Trutex Schoolwear, 99 Northgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2AA, Tel No: 0845 521 0645, 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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – 2019/2020

DAY	TIME	CLUB/ACTIVITY	VENUE	ADDITIONAL DETAILS	STAFF
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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	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/ Astro turf & Squash Courts	All years	Mr Glynn/Mrs Jones/Mr Stradling
Wednesday	1.30 – 2.10	Lunchtime Homework Club	C6	All years – bring your lunch along	Ms McCormick

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 (Starting in October)	Mr Webb
Wednesday	3.30 – 4.30	Physics Exam Booster Session	S1	Year 10 & 11	Mr Child
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
Thursday	3.30 – 4.30	Science Club	S6	Year 7 & 8 – will be an interactive project based club working on	Mr Webb

				solving problems using Science (Starting in November)	
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 (Starting in November)	Mr Webb
Friday	1.30 – 2.10	Table Tennis & Squash	Sports Hall & Squash Courts	All years	Mr Glynn/Mrs Jones/Mr Stradling