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THE DEAN ACADEMY

WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 8

WEEK COMMENCING 11 th November 2019	
WEEK B	
Monday 11 th November	2.10 p.m. Chelsea's Choice Production (Year 9), Drama Hall
Tuesday 12 th November	3.30 – 5.00 p.m. Parents' Consultation Evening (by appointment only)
Wednesday 13 th November	
Thursday 14 th November	Year 8 Interim Reports to Parents 4.30 – 7.30 p.m. Year 11 Parents'/Information Evening
Friday 15 th November	

Remembrance

On Sunday some of our senior students will take part in the Remembrance Parade through Lydney. On Monday we will hold a whole-school assembly during which we will observe a silence at 11.00 a.m.

Year 11

This week Year 11 have been taking English and Maths mock exams – these are an important measure of progress.

On Thursday there is a Parents' Evening for all Year 11. It is very important that you attend this evening if you possibly can. Please attend even if you don't have appointments, we will ensure you have the opportunity to speak to all teachers. There is also 2 talks during the evening, 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.. These will be to give you a brief overview of the year ahead, with key dates and information – it will last for 15 minutes.

Year 9: Chelsea's Choice production on Monday 11th November 2019

This is a very powerful and hard-hitting production about Child Sexual Exploitation. Each Year 9 student will be bringing home a letter explaining what this production is about.

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 18th October 2019:-

KS3 – Mya Findlay-Huxstep, 8DC
KS4 – Connor Toogood, 10SP

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 24th October 2019:-

KS3 – Katie Screen, 8MW
KS4 – Jadon Robins, 11AW

An Inspector Calls

On Wednesday a group of Year 10 and 11 students travelled to Malvern to watch a production of An Inspector Calls. This is a key text for GCSE English Literature and a valuable experience for students.

Children in Need

Next Friday we will be raising money for Children in Need – this will be a non-school uniform day, we will ask all students to donate.



Tom Beveridge - Headteacher

English Homework

From Monday 4th November, the Communications Faculty will be setting weekly English homework for every student in the school. This is in addition to any English homework a class teacher may set in order to support/enrich learning in lessons.

For Years 7 - 9, a writing homework will be set every Week A and a reading homework will be set every Week B. Students will have two weeks to complete each of these homework tasks.

For Years 10 and 11, a revision homework will be set every week, including school holidays, for both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature. Students will have one week to complete each of these homework tasks.

Full details of all homework will be published on Class Charts on a weekly basis. In the event that a student fails to submit homework without reasonable excuse, a Conduct Point will be issued as a sanction.

We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Year 10 Practice Tests: GCSE English Language and Literature

This year we are introducing practice tests every half-term for Year 10 students in order to better prepare them for their final GCSE English Language and Literature exams in Year 11.

Most practice tests will be one hour in duration and will be marked by English teachers, with GCSE grades and appropriate feedback given to students at the earliest opportunity.

The dates of the practice tests are provisionally booked as follows:

Thursday 21st November -- An Inspector Calls (one hour)

Thursday 13th February -- English Language Paper 1, Section A (one hour)

Thursday 2nd April -- Macbeth (one hour)

Thursday 30th April -- English Language Paper 1, Section B (one hour)

Students will then sit longer mock exams in both English Language and Literature at the end of Year 10, alongside other subjects.

Please contact your son/daughter's English teacher if you would like guidance on how best to support your son/daughter with revision in the run up to these practice tests.

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:

Wyedean Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 12th December (6.00 – 8.00 p.m.)

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

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

Hartpury College – Saturday 7th December or Saturday 11th January (booking essential on their website)

GlosCol – Cinderford Campus: Wednesday 13th November (5.00 – 8.00 p.m.)

GlosCol – Gloucester Campus: Saturday 16th November (9.30 – 12.30 p.m.)

We will continue to update the list as more information becomes available.

The Dean Academy

CAREERS FAIR

THURSDAY
21st November 2019
3.30pm - 6.30pm
SPORTS HALL



GET ADVICE ON:

- Careers
- Training
- Apprenticeships
- Further Education

An interactive and informative evening to inspire and guide students in making choices about their future career pathway

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
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 –	Trebuchet Club	P5	Year 9	Miss Lewis

	4.30				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 – 2.10	Lunchtime Homework Club	C6	All years – bring your lunch along	Ms McCormick
Wednesday	3.15 – 4.30	After School Homework Club	Y1	All years	Ms McCormick
		Free Late Bus – please book in Resources at break or lunchtime. Bus will leave school at approximately 4.40 p.m.			
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	Y1	All years	Ms McCormick
		Free Late Bus – please book in Resources at break or lunchtime. Bus will leave school at approximately 4.40 p.m.			
Thursday	3.20 –	Additional Maths	P1	Year 11	Ms Meredith

	4.00	Lessons			
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 solving problems using Science (Starting in November)	Mr Webb
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