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THE DEAN ACADEMY

WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 4

WEEK COMMENCING 28th SEPTEMBER 2020

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Monday 28 th September	Year 7 Testing online all week Year 11 Progress Tests all week
Tuesday 29 th September	
Wednesday 30 th September	
Thursday 1 st October	
Friday 2 nd October	

As we reach the half-way point of this first half term the "new normal" for students and staff on site is starting to become more familiar.

This week we held the last of our Year 6 Taster Days with Lydney, Aylburton, Bream and Yorkley all visiting for an exciting day with us. Huge thanks to Mr Edy and Mr Webb for working with these young people.

Due to popular demand we are running 2 more days of Year 6 tours next week (Monday and Tuesday) but please note – applications for places are coming in fast now so if you know anyone looking to come to The Dean Academy tell them to get in quickly!

Also, this week our teachers had their first afterschool CPD session. It was great to see all of our teaching staff getting to grips with online learning tools to make sure we are fully prepared for all scenarios. Thank you to Mr Wells and Mrs Smith for running these sessions!

Our Year 11s who are showing real grit and determination to ensure they are fully ready for this year's exams – despite huge disruption to Year 10. Next week, starting Monday, all students sit the first of their progress tests. If students are nervous about these please reassure them their only purpose is to help teachers identify gaps and plan the challenging and exciting lessons! We don't want

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 18th September 2020:-

KS3 – Bethan Coates, 9mW
KS4 – Mia Jenkins, 10PG

them nervously preparing through the night – just come and do your best!

As we now move into Autumn we are expecting (more) wet and windy weather. Please remind children to remember those coats to keep warm at break and lunch and when moving between lessons!

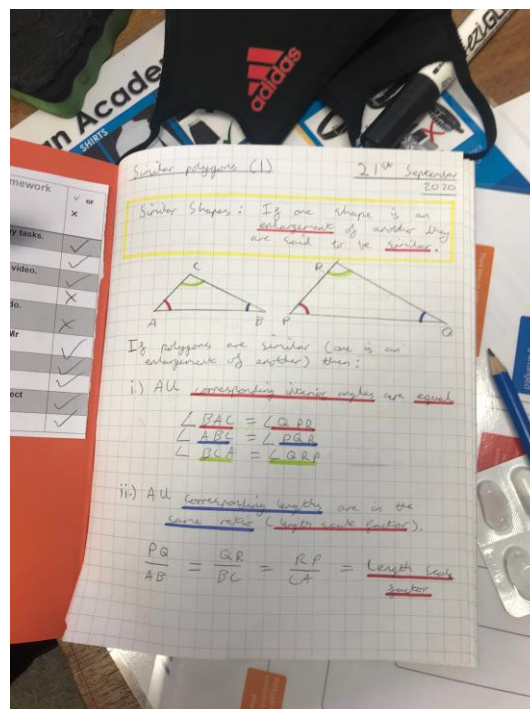
Finally, some of you may have spotted on our calendar the Year 10 Parent Information Evening which was due to be held next week. Please note we have decided to postpone this until later in the school year and will communicate the revised date with you in due course.

Richard Brand
Headteacher

BRIGHT SPOTS

Niall, Year 7 in a recent food practical was outstanding. . His prepping of a mango was like a master class!!! **Mrs Sayers**

Thomas, Year 10 completed the first homework of the year – excellent work. **Mr Swain**



Year 9 Africa Georocks



Year 7 What is Geography?



Year 8 Asia Georocks



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:- Monkhouse Schoolwear, 99 Northgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2AA, Tel No: 01452 413339, <http://www.monkhouse.com>

PE Kit is available from: Macron Store, Unit 9, Bamel Way, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4BH Tel No: 01452 386400, www.macronstoregloucester.com

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