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## THE DEAN ACADEMY

### WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 5

WEEK COMMENCING 5 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020	
<b>WEEK B</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 11 Progress Tests all week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	

As we move into October, we have seen the first wave of some wet and windy weather. We have spent time rehearsing and practising wet weather protocols to ensure that we make sure we keep everyone dry, but also critically, to ensure that we keep everyone safe throughout, and that we do not mix bubbles. Please can we ask you to remind our young people to wear a coat to keep dry and warm as sometimes it is unavoidable for students to be outside!

Next week we will see the end of the first round of Year 11 progress tests. Our students have been fantastic in the way they have approached these – despite disruption to Year 10, they have been mature, positive and driven. Next week our teachers will start marking these and begin to plan exciting lessons which bridge the gap to ensure our students are fully prepared for exam season.

I am sure you will have been unable to ignore the media coverage of the increasing number of CV-19 cases around the country. Thankfully, we have had no positive cases amongst our school community, but we are aware that it is beginning to happen in more and more schools. Whilst departments across our school are considering how best to teach their subjects remotely, should we need to, some staff have been proactive and taught a remote lesson to students on site – thank you to Martin Warren and Hannah Rowlands!! Initial feedback has been excellent. In addition, next week each child in the school will be set some homework – to join a

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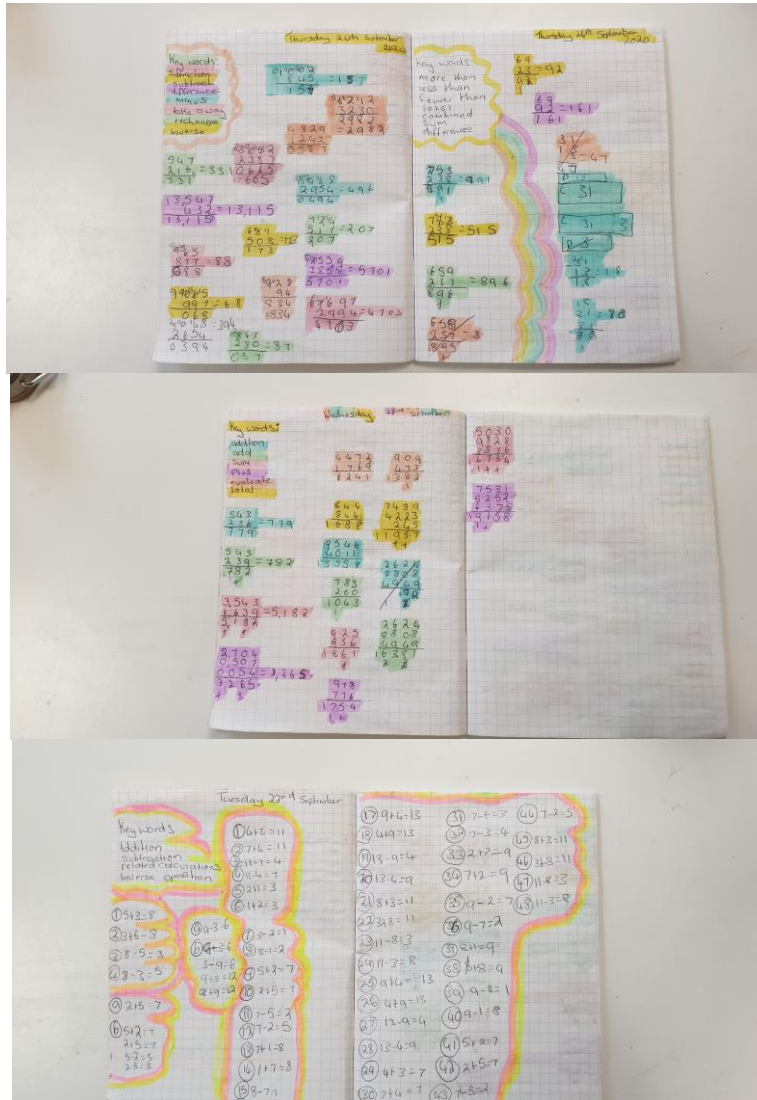
Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020:-

KS3 – Jessica Price, 7KBW  
KS4 – Toby Vaughan, 11KW

Microsoft Teams online lesson at a pre-arranged time. This will allow them to share with us any teething problems, deal with any connectivity issues and help to make sure staff are confident using the platform.

**Richard Brand**  
**Headteacher**

**BRIGHT SPOTS**



Excellent Maths homework from Aliyah B in Year 8. This is her homework book which is the best I have seen and shows how hard she is trying at the moment. **Mr Cornish**



Examples of the amazing homework I took in this week from my Year 11 students, their task was to do a drawing in pencil of a baby or child - it had to be either themselves as a child or someone they knew. These are by Ben T and Elspeth P. **Mrs Charles**

## **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:-** 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](http://www.macronstoregloucester.com)

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