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Monday 12th October Ada Lovelace Day - Science

Tuesday 13th October

Wednesday 14th October Year 7 & 11 Photographs

Thursday 15th October

Friday 16th October

This week we saw much discussion in the news about how GCSE grades will be assigned for the class of 2020. Alongside this we heard that GCSE equivalents in Scotland will be cancelled. At this time, I wanted to acknowledge that this uncertainty must be causing anxiety for our Year 11s who are working resolutely to prepare for their exams. I want to commend them on the determination and resilience they have shown and reiterate that even though we don't yet know the model of assessment, the only helpful approach is for us all to keep working. As soon as there is a clear announcement of how grades will be awarded in England we will communicate with students and parents and we will state clearly the actions we'll take to ensure we are best prepared.

Next week Period 6 and Victory hour returns for Year 11, now that they have completed their progress tests.

Also, this week, we have continued to work to ensure that in the event of any group of students needing to isolate they have immediate access to high quality remote education. To this end, staff have been practicing "live" teaching, and the IT team have set up x16 online teaching stations across the school (thank you Mr Baker-

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 2nd October 2020:-

KS3 – Will Butcher, 9RL

KS4 –Alfie Hancock, 10JB

Performing Arts Stars

Drama – J Everitt-Halford – for a great comedy performance, using asides and split staging for maximum effect.

Dance Star – D Birt-Phelps – for developing her solo after feedback and creating an excellent performance piece as a result.

Music Star – trying extra hard in Music lessons and learning her first chords on the Ukulele at music club.

Churher – see photo!). By the end of next week each child in the school will also have completed a homework – they will have been asked to log on to a live lesson, to check for logon issues/connection!

As the weather deteriorates and we move closer to Winter we have tweaked our risk assessment to ensure students and staff are kept safe, but also warm!

As such, starting next week you'll see us start to re-open spaces for COVID-safe lunchtime clubs in PE and Performance (the schedule will be shared with tutors on Monday). In addition, by way of explanation, this week we have needed to turn on the heating, but there is still an expectation that classroom windows and doors are opened at points throughout the day to aid ventilation. We will review this weekly as temperatures drop.

Finally, this week attendance has been excellent. We have had our highest attendance since term has started, across all year groups! Same again next week please!

Advance Notice – Friday 23rd October – Inset Day

**Richard Brand
Headteacher**



BRIGHT SPOTS



Vegetable Stir Fry



Chickpea Curry and Handmade Naan Bread

I would like to commend Libby and Alfie in Year 11 on their excellent efforts in preparing and presenting delicious vegetarian dishes. **Mrs Gittins-Jones**

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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