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THE DEAN ACADEMY

WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 7

WEEK COMMENCING 19 th OCTOBER 2020	
WEEK B	
Monday 19 th October	
Tuesday 20 th October	
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 11 Product Design preliminary but compulsory hand in deadline
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 11 Reports to Parents
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day – no students in school

As we look back on week 7 of this term, I want to congratulate all staff and students on the fantastic progress we have made since the end of August. Despite the ongoing circumstances, when I walked around the school this week I have been filled with pride – The Dean Academy remains a calm, happy, friendly school where students and teachers are achieving remarkable things.

It has been pleasing to see Year 6 applications for next September rolling in. Our virtual recruitment programme and small group tours have been really effective in generating interest, and alongside the series of exciting taster days we are now seeing more and more families choose The Dean Academy.

On Monday we heard that GCSE exams for Year 11s would go ahead in England, although three weeks later than planned. If you've not already seen it, please see below a link to a video message to parents/carers of Year 11 students which explains the key information and some sources of support. This video can be found here <https://thedeanaacademy.org/2020/10/13/year-11-gcse-exams-announcement-video/>

Next week parents of Year 11 students will also receive their first report. In a shift from previous years we will share with you, for each subject, a FGP (Fine Grade Prediction). We believe fully in being as transparent as possible with our use of data, and by

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 9th October 2020:-

KS3 – T Green, 8KC
KS4 – J Mason, 11SP

Performing Arts Stars

Music - E Evans, Year 7- for fantastic music skills in class and music club!

Drama - E Byrne, Year 10 - her DNA performance is showing some real character development!

Dance – E Oakley, Year 11 – for an excellent positive start to the year, and some great independent learning.

sharing FGPs – the grade teachers believe your child is on track to achieve if they continue to learn/work in the same way, alongside their target – we can narrow in on areas of success, and those which need improvement. For students in Year 7-10, rest assured, your time will come with an assessment window just before Christmas!

As we approach Term 2 I have also outlined below our infographics regarding what to do if someone in your household develops CV-19 symptoms. We need to learn to operate around the obvious challenges the virus presents, but our first priority must be to ensure the safety of all members of our community both in school and at home. Please re-familiarise yourself with the infographic which should help you understand the expectations if anyone in your household develops symptoms/tests positive. Equally, how to determine non-COVID symptoms is outlined too! Being familiar with these protocols will ensure we are prepared and safe regardless of what November/December brings our way.

Well done to all of our students for excellent attendance last week – our highest since term started!

Finally, by way as a reminder please note that Friday 23rd October is a staff INSET day. As such students will finish this term on Thursday 22nd at the normal time.

Start of Term 2 – Monday 2nd November 2020

Important Advice for schools
CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

A CHILD WHO DEVELOPS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A POTENTIAL CORONAVIRUS CASE.

- NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH**
This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- FEVER (TEMPERATURE OF 37.8°C OR HIGHER)**
The child will also feel hot to touch on their chest or back
- A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE**
this means the child has noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

MOST CHILDREN WITH CORONAVIRUS HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS.

 If a child is unwell with one or more of these specific symptoms they should be told not to come into school or sent home as soon as possible and advised to get a coronavirus test. **ONLY** those children with one or more of these symptoms or those advised by their clinician or Local Authority should get a test.

 Children reporting other symptoms such as a headache, sore throat, runny or sniffly nose, earache, itchy eyes, lethargy or tiredness **WITHOUT** a fever should **NOT** be treated as potential coronavirus cases or advised to take a test.

If the national guidance on symptoms of coronavirus in children changes, updated information will be provided at a local level as soon as possible. This information about coronavirus symptoms in children can be shared with all school teaching and administration staff as well as parents and carers where necessary.

For further guidance on coronavirus testing for schools, please read the letter from PHE and NHS Test and Trace to school and college leaders at: bit.ly/phe-schools



Let's do it for Doncaster.



Covid-19 Symptoms: What to do next



Your child has reported possible Covid-19 symptoms at school

- They have been isolated in school
- You have been contacted and have collected them



Siblings in school have been identified and sent home as a precaution

- If you have children in other schools you should inform them immediately



All members of the household should self isolate until they have had a Covid-19 test



Arrange for a test for your child and all members of the family

- Book a drive-in test online
- Ring 111
- Order a home test online (this is much slower than other options)



If the test returns a NEGATIVE result your child should return to school when they feel better

- Please inform the school as soon as you get a result, even if they require longer off school to feel better



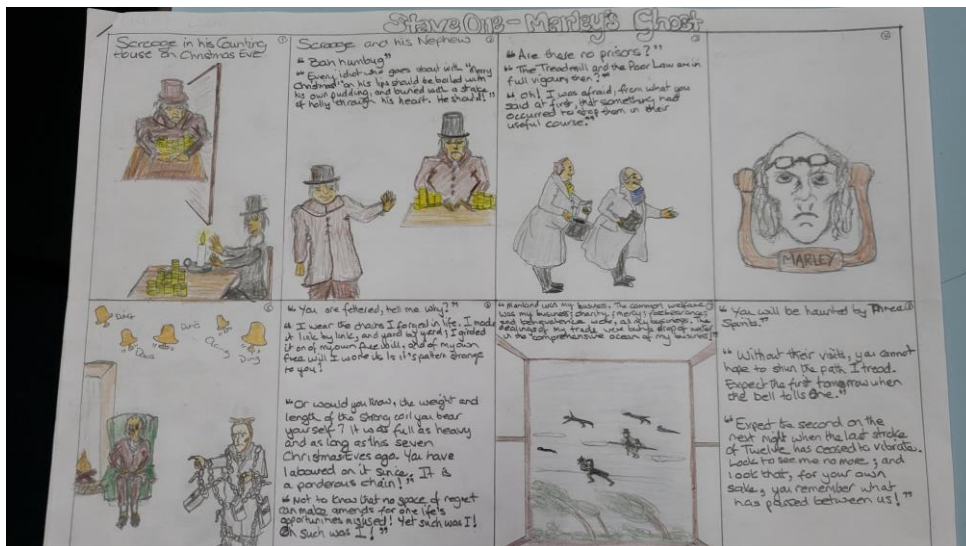
Inform the school immediately in the result of a positive test



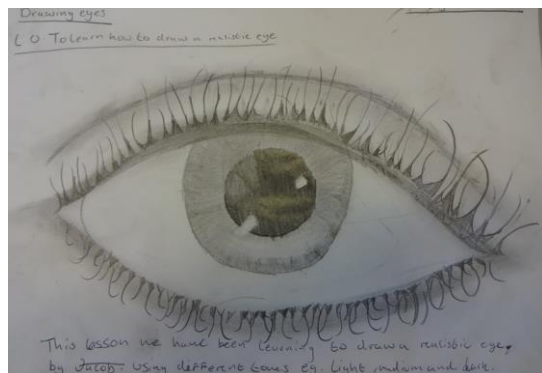
BRIGHT SPOTS

O Varley, K Toogood, E Evans, J Haygarth, D Danter, L Mason – Year 7 – fantastic work in music club after school on Monday – great keyboard skills!

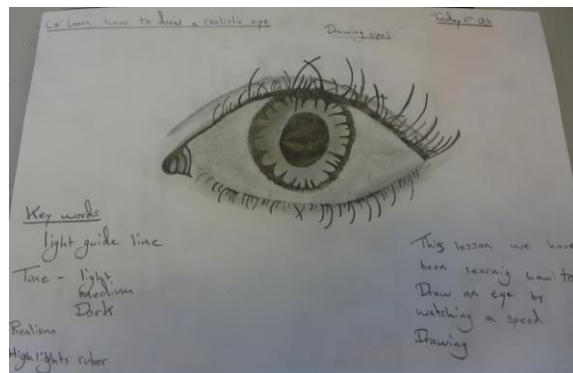
B Malasincu, H Maass, L Brown, J Tremain, R Vaughan – Year 11 – great playing in Year 11 band during Monday lunchtime.



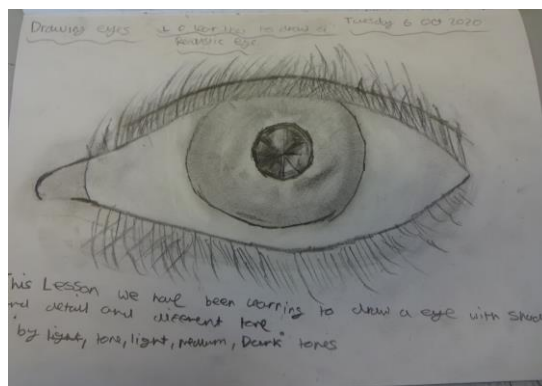
C Allen in Year 11 produced the most amazing piece of homework. The task was to complete a storyboard for A Christmas Carol and she created a masterpiece. **Ms Wilkes**



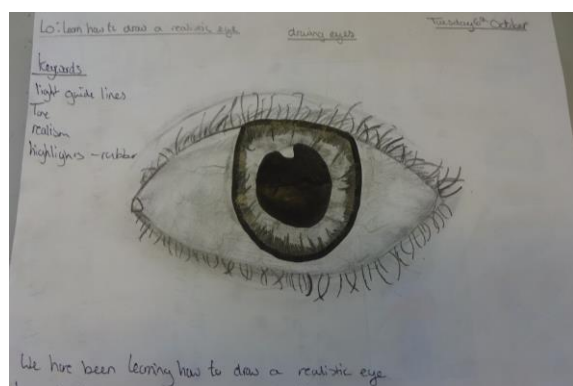
J Ballard, Year 9



W Butcher, Year 9



M Findlay-Huxstep, Year 9



B Ballard-Morgan, Year 9

Fantastic drawings by some Year 9 students. **Mrs Charles**

PE CLUBS IN THE SPORTS HALL

Week A		Week B
Year 11 1:30pm - 2:10pm	Monday	Year 11 1:30pm - 2:10pm
Year 7 12:25pm - 1:05pm	Tuesday	Year 8 1:30pm - 2:10pm
Year 8 1:30pm - 2:10pm	Wednesday	Year 8 1:30pm - 2:10pm
Year 8 1:30pm - 2:10pm	Thursday	Year 9 1:00pm - 1:40pm
Year 10 12:25pm - 1:05pm	Friday	Year 11 1:30pm - 2:10pm

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.thedeacademy.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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals