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## THE DEAN ACADEMY

### WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 10

WEEK COMMENCING 16 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020	
<b>WEEK A</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Period 3 – 5 Dance Drop Down Day for Year 9

It has been an excellent week at The Dean Academy.

On Wednesday we held a socially distanced, outdoor 2-minute silence for Remembrance Day. Thank you to Oliver D in Year 8 and Ella L in Year 11 for playing the Last Post so brilliantly. Well done to all of our students whose conduct was as we would expect - impeccable.

We also held a non-school uniform day and some activities within year group bubbles to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you to our student leadership team for organising and driving these events – we have raised a lot of money but we will let you know via next week's bulletin how much we raised for the charity.

In addition, on Wednesday, we had a visit from our CEO, Tim Gilson. Mr Gilson visited a number of lessons across the academy and commented on how calm and purposeful the lessons he saw were, and commended our students for their determination and focus at such a disrupted time.

We also very much welcomed the opportunity to have detailed and focused conversations with our year 11 parents about their latest progress report.

Beginning on Monday next week all students in Year 7 to 10 will enter a three-week assessment window. In all subjects teachers will be looking to pull

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020:-

KS3 – Olivia P, 7AM  
KS4 – Cole P, 10FP

together information from classwork, homework, and unit assessments to assess progress. At the end of this window teachers will enter tracking data, and we will write to parents to share this information. These assessments have been written to assess the key skills and knowledge that students need to master to be successful within each unit. We wish all of our students the best of luck during this assessment window but remind them to try their best and to try not to worry too much!

As some of you may be aware, we are seeing an increasing number of cases of COVID-19 across the Forest. A number of our local schools have student groups working from home due to positive cases. Our safety measures have, so far, been effective in minimising contact between students and staff and we have minimised mixing between groups. But please may I remind all members of our community of the importance of being vigilant and if symptoms develop to get a test immediately. In addition, if a test comes back positive, we require you to let us know so that we can begin the process of tracing contacts and trying to contain the spread. In this instance it is vital that you communicate with us as soon as you are able, including over weekends or late at night – please email us at [info@thedeanaacademy.org](mailto:info@thedeanaacademy.org).

A date for your diary – please note that November 27<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day so students will not need to attend school.

**Richard Brand**

### **YEAR 11 MOCKS – W/B 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

Gentle reminder that Year 11 mocks are commencing the fortnight beginning 30<sup>th</sup> November. The students will be given personalised exam timetables next week, but the timetable has been shared with them and can also be found on the academy website on the Year 11 Curriculum and Progress page.

**Do you care for a child with additional needs, disabilities, medical conditions or SEN?**



Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum is an organisation of Parent Carers who volunteer their time to support each other and work together to improve local services for families.

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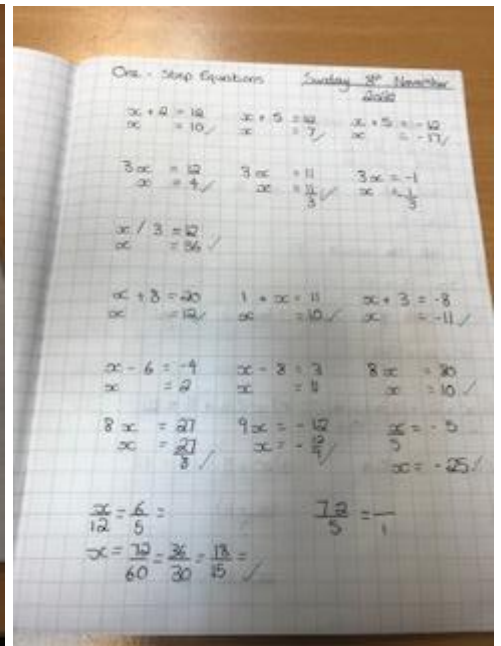
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## BRIGHT SPOTS



Excellent homework completed by Toby in Year 9. Well done! **Miss Lewis**

Aliyah B in Year 8 for producing an utterly brilliant homework, designing a costume for a magical character in *The Tempest* – showed her imagination and incredible talent for theatrical design

Niall J in Year 7 for completing a very impressive Inference and Analysis practice, using both PEE and PQFEC.

Well done to both – **Ms Paton.**

## 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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