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THE DEAN ACADEMY

WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 11

WEEK COMMENCING 23 rd NOVEMBER 2020	
WEEK B	
Monday 23 rd November	
Tuesday 24 th November	
Wednesday 25 th November	
Thursday 26 th November	Virtual Careers Event live from 3.00 p.m.
Friday 27 th November	INSET DAY – NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL

I wanted to start this week's bulletin by saying a huge thank you to all staff, students and parents. As a school we are doing a phenomenal job of making sure that The Dean Academy remains a fun, happy and exciting place to work and learn despite huge challenges which are putting us under strain. Thank you to all of our staff who are pulling together to overcome unavoidable absence, and students for working with us to keep our site safe. Further, thank you to all of our parents for being understanding at this time and for the numerous messages of support we have received over the recent weeks. We appreciate them!

Staff at the academy are still working hard, despite constraints, to keep our values at the core of what we do. I was reminded of our commitment to "Enjoyment" this week when Mr Kelly talked me through his Year 10 student led lunch-time project where students are raising money by selling plants they have grown so they can add to the very successful frog terrarium (see photo). These are the memories that stay with students long after they leave school and will outlive any pandemic.

As you'll know, on Tuesday, we had our first positive case amongst a member of our community – but because this person had isolated after feeling unwell, before further symptoms developed, no other member of our school has needed to work/learn from home. It serves as a reminder of how important it is for everyone to remain vigilant – and to get a test if you develop symptoms and to let us know

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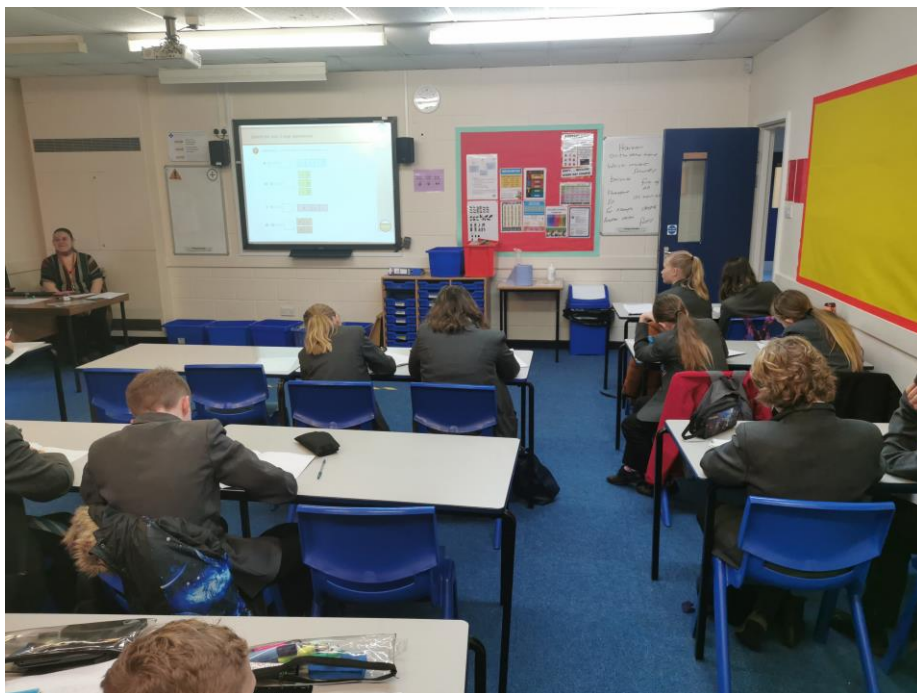
Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 12th November 2020:-

KS3 – Mia L in 8FE
KS4 – Phoebe S in 11MS

as soon as you can the result of the test. Please do this via info@thedeanacademy.org even if it is late or a weekend (the more time we have to prepare the better!)



As the weeks have gone on unavoidably some staff have needed to work from home. This week we have had 18 lessons taught across year groups where the teacher has taught online, from home, supported in class by a cover supervisor (see photo of a Year 7 Maths lesson taught by Mr Cornish, online from deep in Wales, ably supported by Mrs Gillard). The students in these lessons have been brilliant, and we are so happy that we have been able to maintain close to “normal” lessons for them. Huge thank you to the staff that have taken this on and given it a go!



A note on assessment –Year 11 students received their mock exam timetable this week, with their first exam on Monday 30th November. Parents, please note this timetable and associated revision resources can also be

found on our website here

<https://thedeanaacademy.org/year-11-curriculum-progress/>. In addition, students in Year 7-10 will enter the

second week of assessments in class. Teachers will be using information from these assessments to judge their progress and we will share this with you in their report by the end of term.

Please note that Friday 27th November is an INSET day, so no students are required at school!

Children in Need Day – we collected a grand total of £486.60 for Children in Need. This was collected through a non-uniform day, charity football match and a cake sale. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Virtual Careers Event – this will be live on our website from 3.00 p.m. on Thursday 26th November and will remain there for the foreseeable future. This will be updated regularly with any virtual events by our providers.

BRIGHT SPOTS

Josh C, Year 10 Engineering – Excellent homework sketching 'Machining Features' and completion of a practical skills assessment work piece, both were highly accurate.

Mr Winstanley

Thomas B and Leon W for having their first jam at lunch time in Year 8 music club!

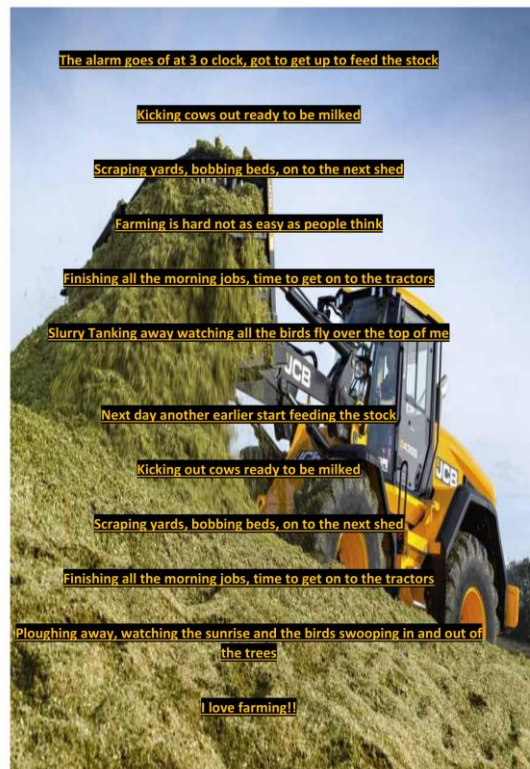
All students that came to Year 7 Music Club! Well done all – **Mr Peacock**



Easter Eggcellent by Alfie A in Year 10



Pastry Talk by Maddox T in Year 10.



Farming poem by Kieran L in Year 10.



Lets celebrate and say hooray Pudsey bear is 40 today!
 Pudsey bear is always there showing you his love and care
Lets celebrate and say hooray Pudsey bear is 40 today!
 Raising money and all the rest, for Children in Need he's the best
Lets celebrate and say hooray Pudsey bear is 40 today !
 "Stop crying your heart out" we all play, cuz Pudsey Bear is here to stay!
Lets celebrate and say hooray Pudsey bear is 40 today !
 Dress up or dress down the teachers say and buy a cake we made...
 ok
Lets celebrate and say hooray Pudsey bear is 40 today !
 We've chosen our duck to race away, don't forget to donate your way...
Lets celebrate and say hooray Pudsey bear is 40 today !
 He's changing lives across the UK, raising more money day by day
Lets celebrate and say hooray Pudsey bear is 40 today !

By Aliyah Burcher



Pudsey Poem by Aliyah in Year 8

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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