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THE DEAN ACADEMY

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WEEK COMMENCING 30th NOVEMBER 2020

WEEK A

Monday 30 th November	Year 11 Mock Exam Window 1
Tuesday 1 st December	
Wednesday 2 nd December	
Thursday 3 rd December	
Friday 4 th December	

Ever so rarely I get some data which signals that something we're working on is having an impact. Last Thursday I read that attendance to school, across the nation, had fallen as low as 78% mainly due to COVID related reasons. In attendance terms every percent is hard to come by but on that same day attendance to school here at The Dean Academy reached 96% - a signal to me that our safety measures are working, and that students feel safe and happy. It's very much a team effort to achieve this, but by everyone sticking to the safety measures, even though its tiring, we are able to keep everyone learning! Thank you!

Next week Year 11 students begin their first mock exams. We wish them the best of luck and remind them to try their best and not to worry unnecessarily. They have prepared excellently, and this will pay off in the long run.

Mr Swain made me aware this week of a group of students who are representing the academy in a Coding Competition. Well done to our 4 Year 10 students Thomas D, Simeon E, Joshua J who are currently joint first in the National Cipher Challenge after 4 of 7 missions! The competition is sponsored by GCHQ, Trinity college Cambridge, The University of Southampton and IBM amongst others. With 3 missions to go we wish them the best of luck and hope they stay in pole position. If you are interested in trying out your code cracking skills you can see some on the link here....

<https://www.cipherchallenge.org/schedule/>

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 19th November 2020:-

KS3 – Lily S in 8PMC
KS4 – Kyle J in 10JB

Congratulations to 7AM for 100% attendance.

Performing Arts Starts for w/c 16th November:-

Music – Thomas B in Year 7 for excellent contributions in Music lessons and having his first jam at Year 8 Music Club.

Drama – Ella W, Ferne B, Lola M, Sophie G in Year 10 for working outside of their comfort zone to produce a great dramatic performance.

Dance – Year 8 Dance Club for excellent progress with their performance piece during their lunchtimes.

As you'll be aware, we've had some cold, wet days over the course of this week. One of the difficulties we, and many other schools, have found has been to keep students safe and dry on wet weather days. Finding indoor spaces whilst not mixing bubbles has been a challenge. But, from next week, on days when it rains, students will be able to make use of our seating under our new outdoor covered area – this said, we still recommend them to wear coats just in case!

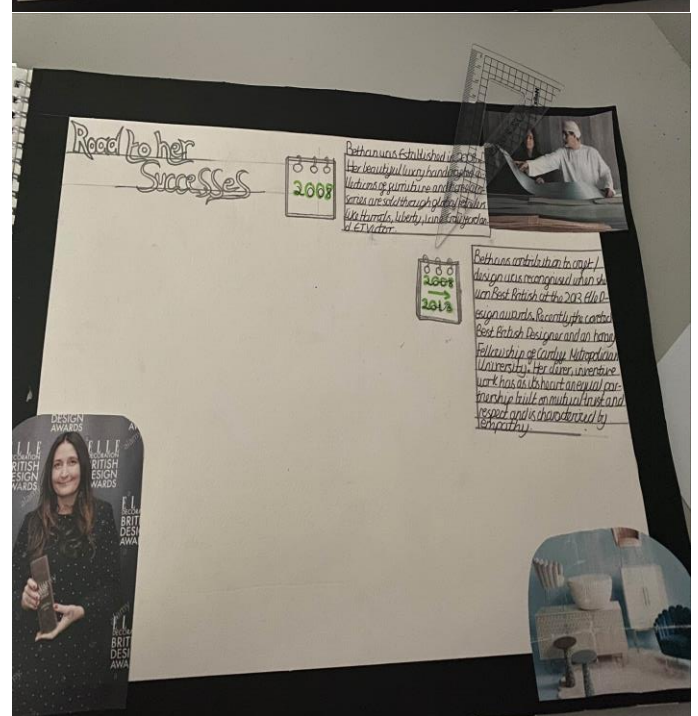
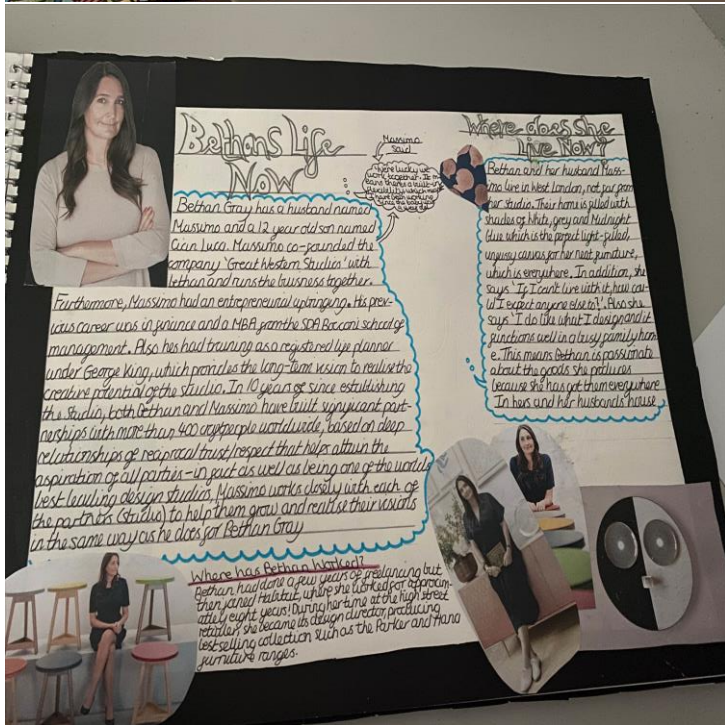
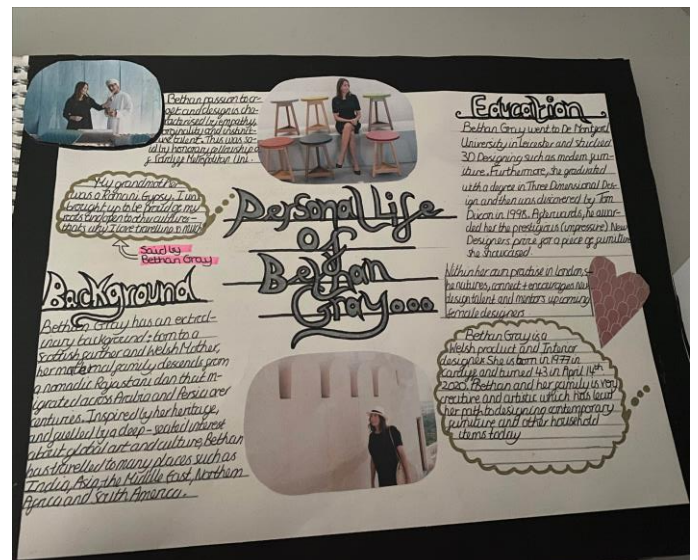
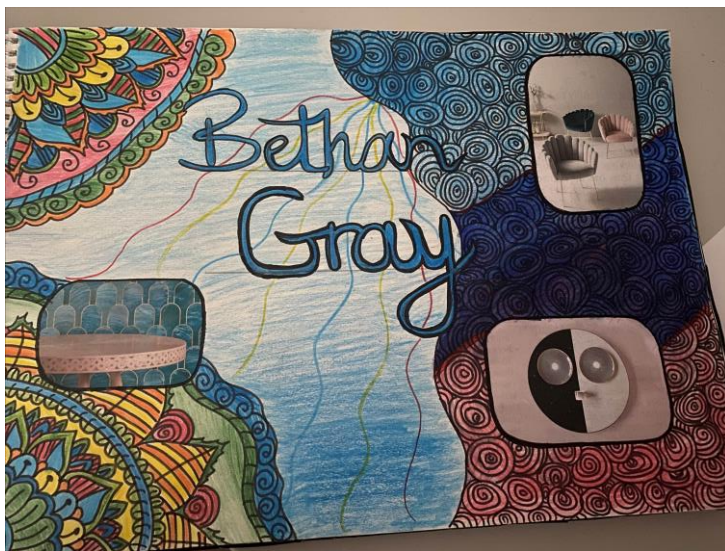
A final reminder that tomorrow, Friday 27th November, is an INSET day and students are not required to attend school.

Performing Arts Stars w/c 23rd November:-

Music – Amy B in Year 8 for her solo in preparation for Christmas.

Dance – Ashleigh I, Molly G, Alice H, Bethany J, Phoebe S, Emily O and Daisy BP in Year 11 for their excellent performance of Richard Alston's Overdrive.

Drama – Micah E, Jess EH, Eve J, Chloe C, Hannah F and Ellie P in Year 11 for their version of The Nativity – that goes wrong!



Case Study on Bethan Gray by Sophie B in Year 10. Amazing work. Well done – Ms Westgate.

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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