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## THE DEAN ACADEMY

### WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 13

WEEK COMMENCING 7 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020	
<b>WEEK B</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Mock Exam Window (all week)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	

It's been a good week at The Academy with lots to report on.

Year 11 started their mock examinations this week. Many told us they were nervous before they started Maths Paper 1 on a very cold Monday morning, but as the week has gone on they've grown in confidence. Well done and keep going!

We also unveiled our outdoor seating area to give an extra space to keep people dry during wet weather. Students complained it was a little cold – but at least they were dry! One thing at a time!

We are starting to plan some of the events we would normally run towards the end of term for Christmas. We have invited all students to join us for a free Christmas dinner in the final week of term – so far 2/3 of the school have pre-ordered. If your child chooses not join us for Christmas dinner, a reduced normal menu will still run but this will need to be paid for. In addition to Christmas dinner we will hold our annual Christmas Jumper Day on the final day of term, alongside some fun activities in form, including a virtual Christmas concert!

I wrote to you separately today to keep you informed of some changes. Parents of Year 11 children, look out for my letter regarding changes to GCSEs in summer 2021. For parents of Year 7-10 students please see my letter regarding our reading programme, Beyond Words, which starts in January.

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020:-

KS3 – Katarina R in 9DC  
KS4 – Alfie B in 10PG

Finally, we have been informed that there will be a voucher scheme which runs over the Christmas holiday for students who are normally eligible for Free School Meals. The scheme will run slightly differently than before whereby we submit details to GCC and the vouchers will be sent out by them.

### **Important reminder regarding face coverings on transport to and from school**

The Dean Academy students have been required to wear face coverings on transport since September but with effect from **2<sup>nd</sup> December** face coverings **are now compulsory** on all school transport unless students are exempt for health, age or disability reasons. This is confirmed in the updated guidance information from the Department for Education. Students must put on their face covering before boarding the bus and keep them on for the entire journey until they get off. They also need to remain seated and not mix with other year group bubbles. If on the odd occasion a student forgets their face covering drivers will have an emergency supply.

### **Virtual Open Events for 26 - 28 January 2021 - Register your interest**

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible that we have altered our Virtual Open Event dates to encompass them all in one week. The dates are now **26 – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

We know that this year more than ever, it will be important to encourage students to sign up for these course specific sessions, so that they are informed about the courses they have chosen to pursue.

To support this please can I ask that they are encouraged to register their interest, click the link for more details [January open events](#)

Tracy Toyne | Schools Liaison, Gloucestershire College

### **CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION**

The winning Christmas Cards have been selected by local artist Tom Cousins. Here are the winning designs:-



**By Katelyn B in Year 7**



**By Maya M in Year 7**



By Lilly W in Year 7



By Jaimee L in Year 7 (this one was chosen by Mrs Charles.

### 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)

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

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

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