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THE DEAN ACADEMY

WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 14

| WEEK COMMENCING 14 th DECEMBER 2020 | |
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| WEEK A | |
| Monday 14 th December | |
| Tuesday 15 th December | Christmas Lunches |
| Wednesday 16 th December | Christmas Lunches 1.00 – 3.15 p.m. A Christmas Carol Performance for Year 11 |
| Thursday 17 th December | Christmas Lunches Year 7 Vaccinations Year 7 – 10 Interim Reports to Parents |
| Friday 18 th December | Christmas Jumper Day Term ends at 12.30 p.m. |

With the end of term in sight it has been another busy week at The Dean Academy.

As I write this, end of term reports are being printed for students in Year 7 to 10. KS3 students will receive their first report – within it you will find a letter which explains our KS3 assessment model which is around mastery. You will also find a comment on their progress and effort. Similarly, for students in Year 10 you will find a projected end of course grade. Next term we will begin to hold parents' evenings for each year group and the comments within the report will form the basis of those conversations. Our first parents evening will be for Year 11 which will be held virtually on Thursday 7th January and we have written to you separately with details of how you can access "School Cloud" – the package we will be using.

I wanted to say a huge well done to our Year 10 Cypher Challenge Team who are currently still joint first place with one task to go in the National Competition run by IBM. We wish them the best of luck and hope they can hold off stiff competition to emerge victorious!

Also, this week a group of Year 8 students went to visit Jamie's farm in Monmouth. Eight of our Year 8

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 4th December 2020:-

KS3 – Isobel E in 8RWi
KS4 – Mac D in 11SP

students went from Monday to Friday this week and took part in activities like splitting logs, mucking out, catching chickens, and feeding pigs! See the photo of a naughty goose that needed to have a time-out.



Krystal in Year 8 said the best bit was feeding the pigs when she, “dropped the food on the ground and they gobbled it up!” We think they might need a rest after a hard week of work! A second group of Year 10s will visit in January to learn skills to support learning at school.

Finally, a reminder – I wrote to you earlier this week to explain that we will still end term on Friday 18th December at 12.30. Students who have opted in will have a Christmas lunch next week and can wear a Christmas jumper (with normal shoes, trousers, tie, and shirt etc) on Friday too.

Cooking Lessons

Whilst your child is doing Cooking at school please check Class Charts each week. Everything you need to know will be on there including what they are cooking.

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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