

11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your children are coping as best as you can during this incredibly difficult time. It is a huge struggle trying to keep children occupied, happy and learning when we are all stuck at home, and we know what a massive challenge this is proving to be for families.

At The Dean Academy we are conscious that primary students may be worried that they are missing out on some of the usual transition activities that help them feel ready and excited about the big step up to secondary school. In order to help our local families, overcome this challenge, the team at The Dean Academy are delighted to announce, 'The Feb Fab Four Challenge'.

During the half term holiday, each day we will be launching a new activity, presented by one of our teaching staff. We hope that the activities will be as fun as they are educational; that they give your child the chance to "meet" some of our teachers and "look around" the school. We hope you enjoy having a go at these challenges and cannot wait to see photos of your trying them out!

To get involved, simply click <https://thedeanacademy.org/feb-fab-four/> or look for the 'Feb Fab Four' section of our website. The activities will be launched on Monday and Wednesday and remain available for the rest of the week.:

- From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00
  - Discover how to make your own pH indicator in the Science Lab with Mr Edy. Then test how acidic or alkaline the products in your house are.
  - Design, make and evaluate your own pop-up card with Mr Winstanley in the Technology Workshop
  
- From Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00
  - Get in shape with circuit training in the Fitness Room with Mr Glynn
  - Bake some tasty treats with Ms Gittins-Jones in the Food Technology Room

While all of the activities can be safely completed at home, please make sure that your child is supervised at all times. To take part in them all, please make sure you have:

Monday: a red cabbage, a large-ish piece of card (cereal box would be fine), plain paper

Wednesday: 300g self-raising flour, 150g sugar, jam, margarine, 1 egg





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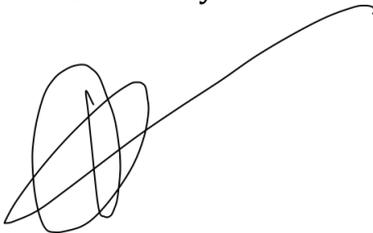
It would be great to see and hear how you have got on – please send pictures in to [feb-fab-four@thedeanacademy.org](mailto:feb-fab-four@thedeanacademy.org).

And to keep up to date with all of the exciting news from The Dean Academy on social media, please follow us at:

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We hope that ‘The Feb Fab Four Challenge’ helps to keep your child having fun and learning over half term and makes sure that they are excited about the wonderful experiences that lie ahead for them at The Dean Academy.

Yours sincerely



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