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WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 30 – WEEK A

WEEK COMMENCING 24th May 2021

Monday 24 th May	
Tuesday 25 th May	
Wednesday 26 th May	
Thursday 27 th May	Year 11 last day
Friday 28 th May	Trust Inset Day – no students in school

I want to start by sharing how tremendous our young people have been this week. Across the country teachers have been working all hours to mark internal exam scripts to ensure that Year 11 students get fair and reasonable grades. With some very tired teachers and rapidly changeable weather we've all needed a little extra motivation and that has come from the positivity and determination showed by our students. Well done to every one of them.

Year 11 particularly have been amazing. They have remained focused and continue to work hard, even though their last day is just around the corner. Next Thursday we say goodbye to Year 11 who will have a leavers assembly on Thursday afternoon.

We sent home with students earlier this week their personalised end of year exam timetable. If you've not seen this yet, please ask your child to check their bag and/or pockets!! In lessons students are being given a revision list and some materials so they can prepare. In Year 10 particularly it has been so encouraging to see so many students staying afterschool for "Victory Hour" to revise in small groups (the promise of pizza probably helped too!).

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 14th May 2021:-

KS3 – Glyn H in 9DC

KS4 – Bianca M in 11KW

At this time every year we begin to welcome parents from our local primaries to see the school in action. As restrictions ease, we will be running a series of open morning tours, in small groups, for parents of local Year 4 or 5 students. Please see below a flyer with information about those tours, and details of how you book on to a tour. Please do send this information on to anyone you know who this may apply to.

A note on attendance – whilst our attendance remains above the National Average, we wanted to highlight the importance of maintaining strong attendance, and ask for your continued support, as we know too well that achievement and attendance are inextricably linked. We are noticing an increased number of medical appointments. We would ask you to ideally book these outside of school time. However, if it is unavoidable that students should be in school either before or after as appropriate. Please be reminded we need to see medical appointment letters/cards/texts so we can authorise the absence.

A few reminders of key dates:

- Friday 28th May will be an INSET day. Staff from The Dean Academy will be working with other schools from across The Athelstan Trust to moderate GCSE work. This will replace the INSET day on our calendar planned for 2nd July.
- Thursday 10th June, Year 9 Parents Evening which will be held remotely over a programme called School Cloud. Please watch out for a letter with booking details.

Please see some examples of excellent student work from this week as part of our “Bright Spots”.



Richard Brand



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FOR A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL

Come and see The Dean Academy in action at one of our Open Mornings. Tours available on the weeks commencing **28th June 2021** and **5th July 2021**. To book on to one of our open morning tours visit thedeanacademy.org

Please note we have limited spaces.

We are a highly ambitious and dedicated community and look forward to welcoming you when you join us in Year 7. You will study a wide range of subjects, access outstanding extra curricular opportunities and grow as successful and happy individuals. Together we will unlock your potential and support your next steps, whatever excitement your future may hold.

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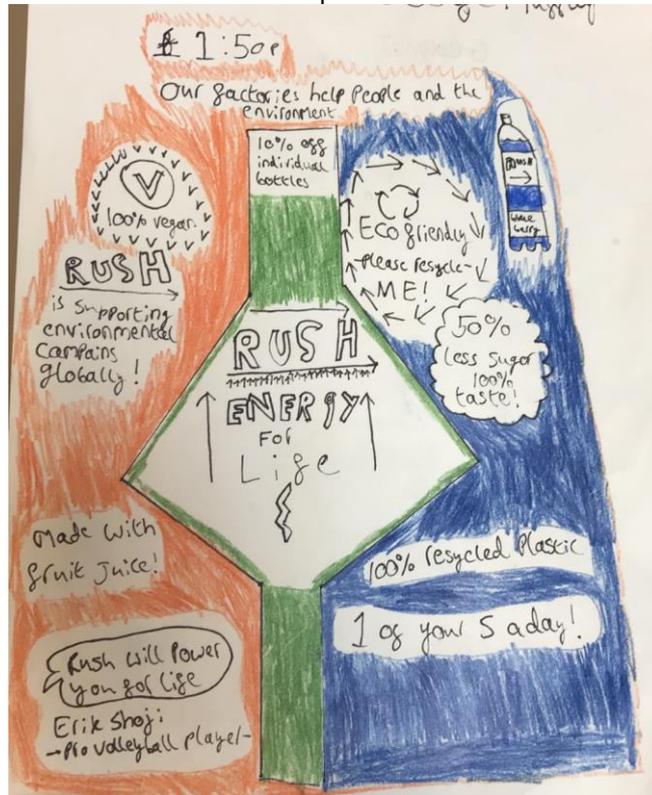
DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Our first Duke of Edinburgh Expedition since Summer 2019 went ahead last weekend. A group of Year 10 Bronze Participants navigated through a very wet and muddy Forest of Dean. Day One finished with a camp cook on the school site. Day two offered a little more sunshine, although a torrential downpour towards the end of their trek ensured the participants finished rather soggy but very satisfied with themselves!

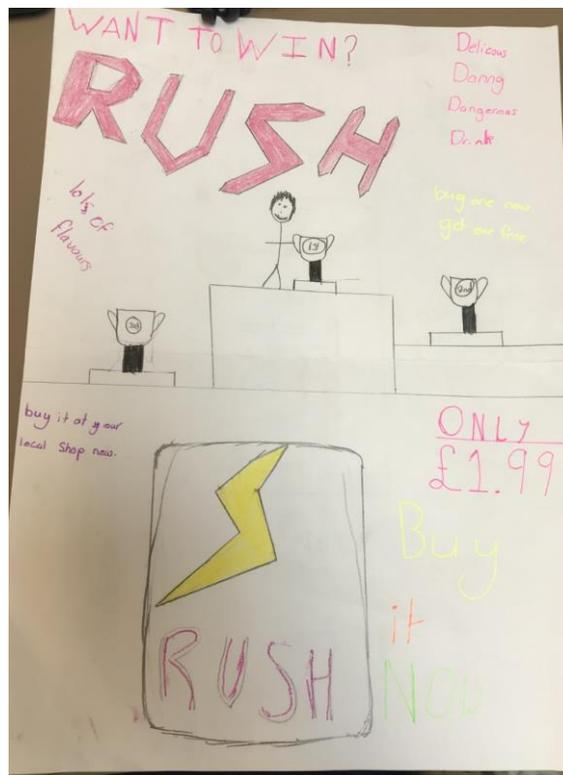
Well done, Year 10
Ms Paton and M. Kelley

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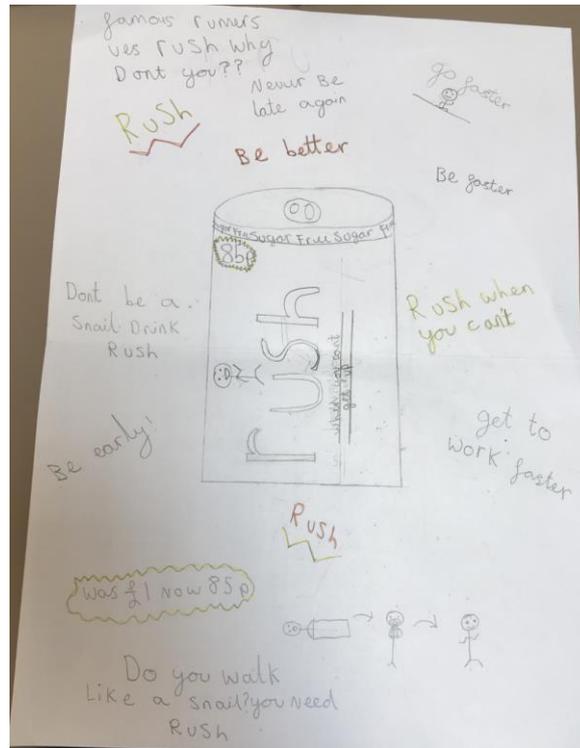
Lovely work by Year 7 - they have effectively used a range of persuasive writing techniques to create adverts for the sports drink 'Rush.' **Miss Clark**



George T in Year 7



Connie R in Year 7



Quila O in Year 7

PERFORMANCE

Excellent commitment from Ella W, Sophie G, Ruby W, Ferne B, Rachel J and Lola M in Year 10. All requesting to stay for additional rehearsals after school to perfect their exam performance for Performing Arts. Well done girls, you really are going the extra mile to success! **Mrs Rodway**



MUSIC

Year 8 band playing an amazing cover of "The Foundations" "Build me up Buttercup"!

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Build-Me-Up-Buttercup-Year-8-Band.m4a>

ASDAN

Excellent work in Asdan Jack, well done!



PE

All Year 10 playing mass cricket game due to torrential rain outside!



SCIENCE

Year 11 Triple Biology students doing an eye dissection
Ella L, Sydney J, Declan R and Brandon M – **Mrs Rowlands**



Year 11 class doing a heart dissection – catching up on practical opportunities that they missed due to lockdown – **Mrs Rowlands**



VICTORY HOUR

We have been thrilled to see so many of our hardworking Year 10 students taking real ownership over their learning and making the most of Victory Hour as they start preparing for their end of year assessments. Victory Hour runs every Tuesday and Wednesday in the library from 3.15 p.m. -4.30 p.m. and provides an opportunity for the students to work either independently or in small groups as they revise. Refreshments (regularly in the form of pizza!) are also provided. We are so incredibly proud of this excellent work ethic that our students are displaying and look forward to seeing the numbers of students attending Victory Hour increase even more after half term.



JAMIE'S FARM

Trip to Jamie's Farm – by Kieran L in Year 10

I went to this farm on the 20th of April. It was called Jamie's farm. This farm was in Redbook which is close to Monmouthshire. There were 8 year 10s that went. We went on the school minibus with Miss Pitt and Ms McCormick driving.

We met the farm staff, they were very nice. They introduced us to everything on the farm. They made us some toast in the morning so we would get to the farm and take our bags off and go into the barn and eat our toast.

Whilst there they were talking to us about the day and how we felt about the day before and what we thought whilst being in an environment that we would be in every day. Every day in the morning when we got there, after our toast we had to get out and muck out all the animals on the farm and feed them and milk one dairy cow. The animals that they had were pigs, sheep, cows, chickens and horses.

The clothes we wore were wellies overalls and steel toe capped boots/wellies. On one of the days, we walked up a mountain and you could see Sugar Loaf and Penny Van. The view was amazing and you could see all of Monmouthshire and Abergavenny. When we got to the top, we had hot chocolate and cookies.

There was not a worst part of the trip, it was all amazing, but there is one thing I would have liked to drive the loader. But I recommend anyone going for an amazing experience.



Congratulations to Julia Pitt and her daughter Emma for walking the loop three times at Cannop last weekend, dressed as aliens and mostly in the rain, helping to raise money for Cancer Research. Well done!

