



Enjoyment

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WEEKLY PARENTS' BULLETIN NO 34 – WEEK A

WEEK COMMENCING 28th JUNE 2021

Monday 28 th June	Year 10 Performing Arts Drama & Dance Component 2 Assessment Workshops all day Year 4/5 Tours all week (pre-booked appointments only) Sports Day Period 3 – 5 GROWS in with Year 9 & 10
Tuesday 29 th June	Sports Day Period 3 - 5
Wednesday 30 th June	Sports Day Period 3 - 5
Thursday 1 st July	
Friday 2 nd July	

I want to start by saying how tremendously proud I am of every one of our students for the focused and determined way they have approached their end of year exams. Year 10 had the last of their exams today, and they ended with a hard one – Physics! It was excellent to see all 117 Year 10 students working hard right up to the end of the exam which serves to highlight how seriously they have taken them. As we've shared with the students over recent weeks, performing well in exams is a skill that needs to be practiced.

Over the coming days teachers will be busily marking the scripts and students will start to receive them back in lessons. We have made clear with the young people that our objective is to use these exams to inform future teaching and to help us fill any gaps and at this stage we are very much less interested in percentages or scores.

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle for week ending 11th June 2021:-

KS3 – Alyssa M in 8KLC

KS4 – Jess G in 10PG

We will however share with students and parents an end of term report, and we will use these exams, alongside classwork and homework, to give you an idea of the overall progress your child has made this year.

Next week will be a very busy one at the Academy. We are looking forward to year group sports days spread out across the week. Please note that students are able to come to school in PE kit on their year group sports day. In addition, Monday marks the first day of two weeks of Year 4&5 parent tours. We are really excited to be welcoming the next cohort of Dean Academy parents and students to look around.

Finally, a note on all things CV-19. We have been monitoring the local picture very closely over recent days and we are seeing a sharp rise in cases. We are aware of positive cases at nearby schools which have led to staff/students isolating. We are determined to do all we can to minimise the risk of disruption as we near the end of the year. You can help by ensuring your child takes Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly and by reporting the result to us [here](#). At school we are moving staff meetings online and postponing trips/events which are not allowed under the current guidance.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Richard Brand



JOIN US 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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STAY CONNECTED

FIND YOUR FUTURE



www.findyourfuture.grows.ac.uk

An interactive subject taster website for Years 9, 10 and 11. The site will help fill the gaps created by missing out of school activity, interaction with colleges, universities and employers.

FIND YOUR FUTURE
would make
a great PHSE or
careers session,
linking to Gatsby
benchmarks 4 & 7

Pupils are invited to our online virtual festival of futures event where they can:

- Hear from motivational speaker Kamal Hyman
- Find out about post 16 and post 18 pathways
- Try out a range of subject activities from colleges and universities
- Access a range of workbooks and planning resources
- Get tips from a careers advisor including what to expect in Years 9, 10 & 11

The site is open to schools from Monday 12 July (schools can access the website at any time that suits timetables).
Pupils will need to register to join the site (on arrival).

Pupils collect points on the site per activity / video watched.

Points mean prizes, these will be sent home via GROWS when the evaluation form at the end is completed and the pupil has checked out.

Grab a computer suite and let your pupils have some fun planning their futures.

For more information or to talk to a member of the GROWS Team
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Former student Molly returned to The Dean Academy for the day on Wednesday to visit her old tutor – and she brought her own class of students from The Hearts of the Forest School with her. The students spent the morning studying the Water Cycle and making their own water filters. It was lovely to see them learning and having fun – **Mr Child.**





BRIGHT SPOTS

This represents the volunteering work done by just 5 of our students during Lockdown. Well done – **Ms Paton.**



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

Thank you

to the
Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

The Dean Academy

who spent

130 hours

**volunteering between
1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.**

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of our participants.

The social value of these hours is

£591.50

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Marvel'.

RUTH MARVEL CEO

May 2021

TEXTILES

Year 8 have been demonstrating CAD CAM in Textiles Technology. They have produced logo templates using the laser cutter. The prints will be applied to a hat.

Great work from Tyler B, Holly R and Bailey P – **Mrs Giffins-Jones**



ENGLISH

English Paper 1, Section B practice by Libby B in Year 10 – Ms Wilkes

Standing with my feet in the water looking down on the land I used play on when I was girl. The vivid memories were coming back to me as if they were waves like the ocean. The sand inbetween ~~my~~ my toes was like little bugs scratching my feet. The crashing of the waves made me feel young again. I have been waiting for this day forever I couldn't wait till I could bring my own ~~to~~ grandchildren down to the beach just like my nan

A lovely descriptive piece by Taylor T in Year 10 – Ms Wilkes

2021

Building sand castles whilst everyone else is splashing around in the sea. My feet burning as I walk on the sand. The scorching hot sun shining down onto the water. Seagulls flying around hunting for everyone's ice-cream. The smell of salt and vinegar chips touched me. Other adults sunbathing trying to get a nice tan. Kids running into the sea with their inflatable. The waves crashing together. The sea waving at everyone at the shore.

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

A large number of our Year 10 students have benefitted from being able to play football during their lunch times over the recent weeks. Having been restricted to their area of the hardstanding for the whole year, being able to use the astro pitch during the better weather has been really appreciated by them. For us, it has been a lovely reminder of the simple things in life that our students cherish, and to see them having fun and doing something 'normal' has been brilliant. Their behaviour has been impeccable, and we couldn't be prouder. **Mrs Turley and Mrs Lavender**





CONSTRUCTION

Year 10 Construction students have now completed their first practical assignment, to construct a frame. Students had to accurately mark out a length of redwood and cut 4 lap joints to produce a strong frame. The sides were glued up using sash cramps, after being planed down to fit the aperture within a tolerance of 0.5mm – 2.0mm on both horizontal and vertical openings and finally sanded smooth all over and with an even 1mm chamfer.

The quality of the work is brilliant with students working independently with enthusiasm and focus – well done Oliver B Alfie N and Jake N – **Mr Winstanley.**





YEAR 10

It was wonderful to see the caring nature of some of our Year 10s (Kieran L and Ryan B) during lunchtime today when they rescued a bird that had been trapped in the netting on the astro turf. Luckily it was unhurt, and they were able to release it and we watched it fly away - **Mrs Turley and Mrs Lavender.**

