



WEEKLY PARENTS BULLETIN NO 11 – WEEK B

Week Commencing 6th December 2021

Monday 6 th December	Year 11 Mocks all week
Tuesday 7 th December	
Wednesday 8 th December	
Thursday 9 th December	
Friday 10 th December	

It has been a typically busy and eventful week at The Dean Academy. As we near the end of term there has been a festive feeling around school as our Christmas trees and decorations have sprung up. It's been good to hear that so many students have signed up for Christmas lunch in the final week of term which will be a lovely opportunity for our students to eat in our restaurant with their friends and our staff. Should any student want to take up the offer of Christmas lunch, free of charge, they just need to book by letting the restaurant staff know.

It has been hard to escape the news of the new Covid variant in the press this week. By contrast, the mood across school has been one of absolute business as normal. The news of mandatory masks in schools was a significant shift for many schools, but our staff and students have worn face coverings and taken LFD tests as standard since October. Our only message is to ask for parents to support us by remaining vigilant to the virus and ensuring your child tests twice a week (Tuesday and Friday) and books a PCR immediately if they develop one of the common symptoms. We are hopeful that we can keep cases low, across staff and students, allowing us to deliver a strong educational offer for as many as possible right up until the break.

Year 11 students have completed their first week of exams and have been superb. As a year group they have been focused in their preparation and have gone into this exam series full of confidence. Teachers are beginning to mark their papers now and will report on results at the end of the first week after the break.

Over the Christmas break families entitled to Free School Meals will still be able to claim vouchers.

Enjoyment Achievement Community

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 26th November 2021:-

KS3 – Alfie N, Year 8

KS4 – Holly-Mae B, Year 10



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These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. **Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register**, but new parents are being encouraged to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the December holiday period is open from **Friday 26 November until midday Monday 13 December**. Voucher emails will be sent out between **13 and 15 December**. For more information and to sign up if you haven't already, please visit our website: the [Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on our website](#).

Our last day of term will be Friday 17th November and school will finish at 1230.

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Forest of Dean - HAF & HAP Winter 2021

FREE Children's Activities

The HAF program is funded by the Department for Education and is open to children aged 5-16 years who are eligible for free school meals.

Using grant funding, this year we are extending our HAF programme to all children in Gloucestershire of any age, this makes sure all children can access holiday activities locally. This is called the HAP programme.

Both programmes will run from the **20th to the 23rd December 2021**.



Sign up to our **Children Activities Booking Site (CABS)** via the QR code in order to book places on either the HAF or HAP programmes.
Booking opens on 1st December 2021

PLEASE NOTE: Only children on the free school meals programme are eligible for the HAF project. All other children can only be booked onto activities with HAP in the title.



What's on offer

- Face-to-face sport, craft, art and leisure **activities** with local providers for children to socialise and play
- Exciting **activity packs** for all ages and access to an online video **activity library**
- **Free family tickets** to local attractions (some with a kids meal included, please contact providers directly for more information). *Tickets are limited and available on a first come first served basis.*
- HAF participants (eligible for free school meals) can also claim a **Winter Food Hamper** to enjoy over the holidays. *Hampers are limited and available on a first come first served basis.*



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Stay & Play sessions from Forest Youth Association:

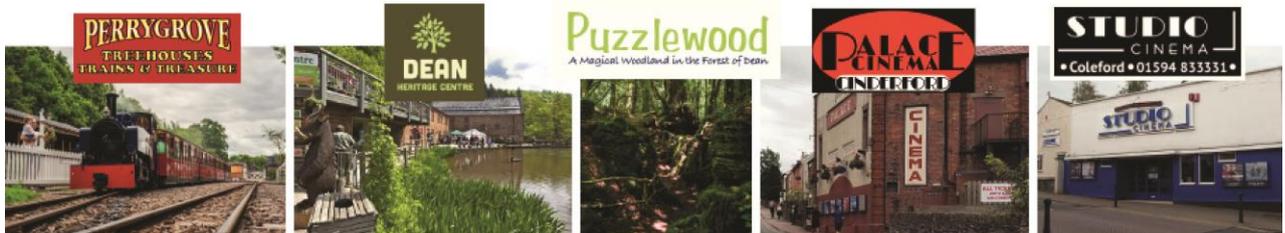


Monday 20th - Lydney
Tuesday 21st - Mitcheldean and Coleford
Wednesday 22nd - Cinderford and Huntley
Thursday 23rd - Ruardean and Newnham

A large variety of activity sessions provided by:



Free family tickets to local attractions:



Perrygrove Railway

Dean Heritage Centre

Puzzle Wood

Palace Cinema

Studio Cinema



Please remember you **MUST** be registered on the CABS booking system to book your child's places. Scan the QR code to register.
If you registered for the summer HAF you are on the system, please use the same login



Family Support from Barnardos

If you need any additional help and support with registration please contact Barnardos on 01594 806876

Follow us on social media @GlosCC or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

For further details please contact us:

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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

A massive thank you to our fantastic Year 7 students and their families for their generosity with our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for the charity Teams4u. The boxes will be going to the poorest children in Eastern Europe and will hopefully make this Christmas one to remember for them!



Miley T, Connor H and Cameron R





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THANK YOU!

DEAN ACADEMY

Thank you so much for the donation of your boxes, which will be going to the poorest children in Eastern Europe. You have made this Christmas one to remember!

Thank You!
Keith
&
Sandy
2021
WITH THANKS

Dave Cooke & Team

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Teams4U is a registered charity No. 1114131
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BRIGHT SPOTS

PERFORMANCE

Liam Tye for Drama – an outstanding homework from Liam, where he took all of the elements that we have learned in class this term, and he used them to expand his homework. He set the scene, used props, projected his voice, added emotion and body language and delivered an excellent performance of the poem that the class were asked to rehearse. Well done Liam! **(Mrs Rodway)**

ART

Here are some lovely drawings of a snickers bar by Year 8. They have been learning how to draw in 3D using colour and have been really successful with these drawings. **(Mrs Charles)**



Jaya W



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Leyland P



Skye-Tiana A



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Connie R



Sofia L



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Ellie C

ART CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

WINNER



Artwork by April, Year 7 2021



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RUNNERS UP



Artwork by Isy
Year 7 2021



Artwork by Izabelle
Year 7 2021



ENGLISH

Class 7x/3 worked really hard to create this fantastic poem inspired by Dean Atta's 'I Come From....' (Miss Clark)

I Come From...

(7X Class Poem – Inspired by Dean Atta)

I come from grime music and basketball

I come from important people in my life, my family and my best friends

I come from food

I come from Cornwall and rugby

I come from a rock in a dark cave and James Bond movies

I come from Papa Johns and Rugby

I come from family and Netflix

I come from going fishing with my dad and going to watch motorsport

I come from listening to mining on repeat and nandos

I come from constable country and chickpeas

I come from motorcross and steaks

I come from Abigail and Lexi

I come from Emily and friends

I come from walks by the sea and chocolate with orange and almond bits

I come from my two dogs and my loving family



SCIENCE



Year 9 students Rio and Rosie have been investigating the structure of DNA, making a model of the famous double helix in their Science lessons with Mr Child.



HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Christmas already?!



Amazing efforts from Y9. The Food rooms have never been so sticky!

Well Done all Mrs GJ



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CHRISTMAS CAKES



Jay S



Ben J



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Charlie B



Oliver B



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