



WEEKLY PARENTS BULLETIN NO 31 – WEEK A

Week Commencing 22 nd May 2023	
Monday 22 nd May	9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Year 9 Insight to University Day, Glos Park Campus 9.15 a.m. Year 11 Science (Chemistry 1) exam 1.00 p.m. Year 11 Business exam 1.00 p.m. Year 11 Geography exam
Tuesday 23 rd May	9.15 a.m. Year 11 French Listening/Reading exam 1.00 p.m. Year 11 RPE exam 1.30 p.m. – 3.10 p.m. Hospitality & Catering Trip to Speech House – 10 students
Wednesday 24 th May	9.15 a.m. Year 11 English Literature exam 1.00 p.m. Year 11 Media Studies exam
Thursday 25 th May	Paris Trip (25 th – 29 th May) 9.15 a.m. Year 11 Science (Physics 1) exam 1.00 p.m. Year 11 Engineering exam
Friday 26 th May	3.15 p.m. Term 5 ends

It's hard to believe that we are already one week into GCSE exams and close to half term.

We have been hugely impressed with our Year 11 students and the no-nonsense way they have made sure to be in school early, engaged with booster sessions, sat and absorbed key info in expert briefings before going in and putting pen to paper. They have been truly excellent! Early feedback from our students has been really encouraging with students telling us they've felt prepared and have been pleasantly surprised with the papers they have sat so far! Let's hope for more of the same.

We had a great trip this week to Wildplace in Bristol, and it was great to see some lovely photos of students thinking like scientists and using things they have been taught to understand real-life challenges such as preserving biodiversity and habitats in Madagascar, (see the photos below).

Last week we wrote to you sharing a consultation around the length of the school day. This is open until Thursday 25th May. If you still want to share your views around this a link to the form can be found in this letter [Length of the School Day – The Dean Academy](#).

In this bulletin there are some lovely photos of students producing some excellent work and thriving through our varied and wide-ranging curriculum! Well done to all of those students whose work has been included from both in and outside the classroom.

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ENJOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 12th
May 2023:

KS3 – Rebekah E – Year 7

KS4 – Jayden T – Year 10



BRIGHT SPOTS

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Y10 Hospitality and Catering

Pastry challenge

Now that we have mastered lots of skill along the way, Y10 were given the challenge of planning and preparing their own choice of pastry product. Fabulous products from you all Y10, Well done! Mrs GJ





FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 7s have been busy making some fabulous pizza wheels in Food Technology with Mrs Gittins-Jones! Great work, they look delicious!



Ellie D & Eva L



Summer J



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Ollee H



Jodie T



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ART

These colourful boomerang designs from 7x3 really impressed their Art teacher Mrs Charles! Fantastic work, well done.



Ethan, Arwen H, Marlow T



Lily E, Lexie G, Henry B



Phoebe, Mikail



Tillie May N, Rachel P, Alex P



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Willow CA, Ruben D, Rhys A

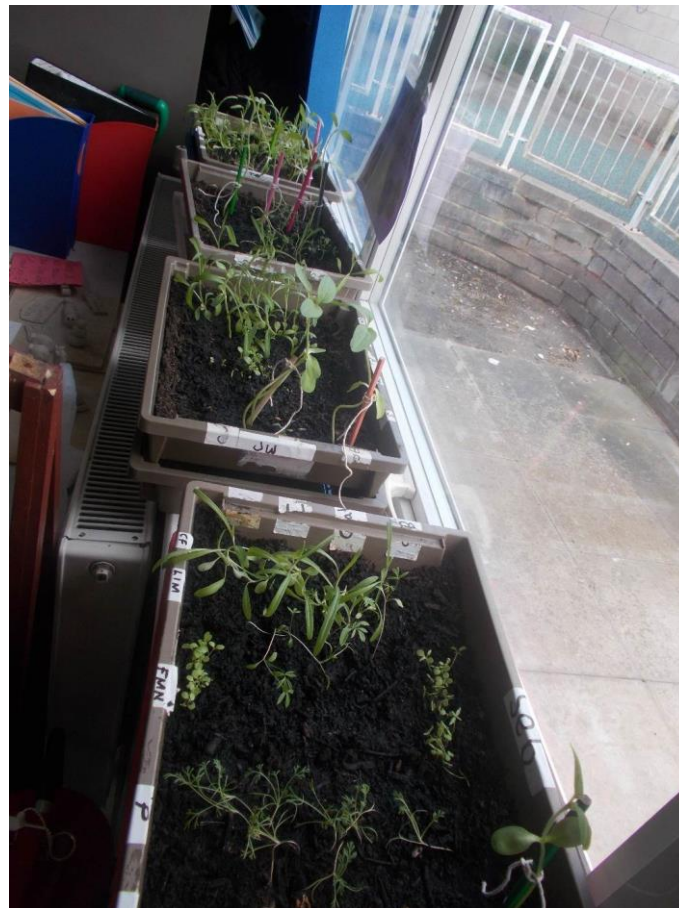


ASDAN

The current Year 10 Asdan students, Tyler B., Seb-L., Archie T, and Josh W., have completed a challenge that requires them to grow seeds to produce flowers for the Sensory Garden at school.

They have each set up their own seed trays with different types of flowers, including Poppies, Sunflowers, Love in a Mist, Cornflowers and Forget-Me-Nots.

After a difficult start, nearly all the plants are doing well, and they are enjoying the challenge. (Ms McCormick)





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TRIP TO THE WILDPLACE

A group of KS3 students enjoyed a visit to the Wild Place in Bristol this week where they had an amazing opportunity to learn about the biodiversity of Madagascar and why it's so important to conserve habitats in Madagascar and at home. It was a great way for our students to explore future careers within Science and understand how Science can be used in a real life context. Highlights of the day were observing the animals including lemurs, giraffes, wolves and bears!





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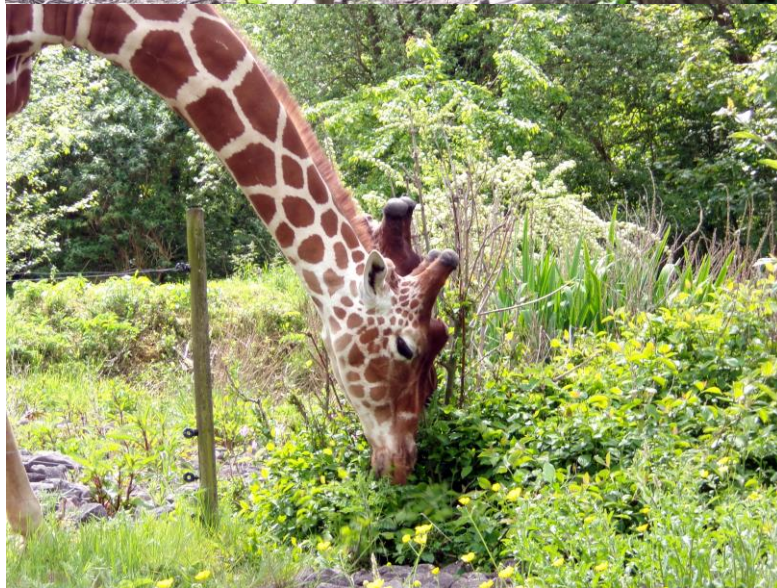




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BAILEY LANE END MUSIC FESTIVAL COMPETITION

On the weekend Sadie took part in the Bailey Lane End Music Festival competition. Sadie came 1st in her solo category (11 – 12 years) and 1st in the duet category. Well done, Sadie!

(Mr Peacock)





YEAR 11 GCSE EXAMS

Good luck to our Year 11s who started their GCSE exams this week. We are so proud of the hard work that all our students have put in. Attendance at the breakfast boosters has been incredible and they are fully focussed in their pre-exam briefings. What a great start, keep it up . . .





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GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHEERLEADING ACADEMY

Kayla in Year 7 competed with Gloucestershire Cheerleading Academy (GCA) in Coventry at the weekend in three different competitions. Kayla did really well:

1st in Cobalt - Level 4
1st in Teal - Level 3
2nd in Rubies - Level 2

It's a busy month for Kayla as she will also be competing with her brother in the Welsh Tae Kwon Do Championships in Cardiff this weekend – we wish them both lots of luck!





YORKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 3 & 4 pupils at Yorkley Primary school did a fantastic job dissecting a flower to learn all about its structure and function when Mr Edy visited them recently for a special Science transition session. Well done!



LYDNEY SKATEPARK REVAMP PROJECT

Lydney Town Council, along with Lydney Recreation Trust have been working hard towards updating the existing Lydney Skatepark.

Excitingly they have reached the point where a contractor has been selected, and with whom they are now working closely to bring an exciting new skatepark to Lydney, however in order to move this project forward they require the public's help, specifically to help our young people who would be the skateparks primary user group.

Maverick, the contractors working with Lydney Town Council to update the skatepark, have created this online survey. The information generated through this survey firstly will help create a design that is suited to the wants and desires of the users but will then further be essential in both acquiring planning permission and funding, as it will demonstrate demand and support. The survey can be completed using the following link, or by scanning the QR code on the poster.





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WE ARE
DESIGNING A
SKATEPARK FOR
LYDNEY
RECREATION GROUND

**& WE'D LIKE
YOUR INPUT**



WHERE ONLINE

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WHEN FROM NOW UNTIL 15TH JUNE



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1st June at 1930

22nd June at 1900

20th July at 1830

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