

## The top 10 things you might not know about The Dean Academy

1. The Dean Academy is home to many different types of animals. We have an Axolotl, a Scorpion, Giant Millipedes, Hamsters, Giant African Snails, Mice, Fish, a Leopard gecko, and Tree Frogs. This year we're potentially adding a Corn Snake, Praying Mantis, and Fancy Crabs. Students can care, feed, and clean these animals as part of our weekly Zoology Club.
2. The Dean Academy look to run 2 trips abroad each academic year to expand our students' horizons. In 2022-2023 we went to Paris and Milan. On the former students got to have an open top tour of the city and visit Disneyland Paris. Meanwhile, the latter was a football tour where students got to enjoy a match at the famous San Siro stadium and play against Inter Milan youth teams!
3. Aswell as our trips abroad, The Dean Academy run lots of local trips aimed to expand student academic and social perspectives. In the past we have watched the theatre productions of Lion King and Frozen. We've also had visits from Rolls Royce, the Army, and the High Sherriff from Gloucestershire!
4. The Dean Academy runs a programme called the Brilliant Club where students work with a PhD tutor to develop their academic skills aimed to match university standard. This includes a trip to Oxford University, one of the best universities in the world! On top of this, we have had trips to Cardiff, Bristol, and Bath University in the past. All free of charge!
5. At the end of each academic year all students and staff from The Dean Academy take part in a 12 mile walk for charity. We call it our 'Walk in the Woods'. This is a wholesome event which brings the school and community together.
6. The Dean Academy runs a programme twice a week called Elite Performance Pathway. It is designed to support the development and progression of the most gifted and talented athletes to achieve sporting excellence. The aim is for these students to progress into high level of sport beyond school.
7. At The Dean Academy we have 4 houses: Cadora, Cannop, Severn and Wye. Throughout the academic year the houses compete against each other in various subject competitions. Our personal favourite is the Tug of War. This is where all staff and students come together on the field and compete to lift the House Cup.
8. As part of our house system, all students have the chance to go on end of year reward trips. Over the past couple of years, we've been lucky enough to offer trips such as visiting Drayton Manor theme park, AquaVenture water park and AirHop trampoline park. Other trips include paintballing, watching the women's' Ashes at the Ageas Bowl Arena, or practising Banksy graffiti.
9. The Dean Academy have a huge number of clubs' students can join. Whatever student interests, we guarantee we have a club for it! If we don't then students can petition to set one up. Our sports clubs include football, rugby, tennis, cricket, golf, basketball, dance, and netball. Meanwhile, in music we have karaoke, singing, keyboard and band clubs. On top of having the chance to learn to play the guitar, piano, drums and ukelele. Other clubs include chess, woodwork, zoology, photography, clay, Lego, Yu Gi Oh, and debate. We also have our UniQ club which celebrates all sexualities within our community.
10. Students at The Dean Academy have a chance to be part of our drama and music productions performing in front of sold-out crowds! In 2022-2023 we staged Grease where our very own Danny Zuko and Sandy Olsen stole the show! We've also hosted our Christmas Concert and Big Gigs where musicians have been able to showcase their musical talent.

