



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 15 – WEEK A

Week Commencing 18 th December 2023	
Monday 18 th December	MFL Mingalaba Football Day – Year 9
Tuesday 19 th December	9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Primary School PE Tournament (6 primaries) Period 4 & 5 ASK Apprentices CV/applications – 50 Year 11 students
Wednesday 20 th December	
Thursday 21 st December	
Friday 22 nd December	*** Christmas Jumper with uniform *** Period 3 – end of term Whole School Christmas Assembly Term 2 ends at 12.30 p.m.

We are getting ever closer to the end of term with one more week to go.

On Tuesday this week we had our annual Christmas Showcase and it was a fabulous evening with singers, dancers, musicians and even a Christmas Rap! I was hugely impressed with the talent and confidence of all our young people involved including the backstage crew and it was nice to see such a packed audience. Thank you to all of the staff involved in the build-up and for helping make sure it was such a success.

We also had our Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday evening. Students had received their mock exam results in the afternoon and it was a really purposeful evening with parents, students and teachers discussing how best to prepare for the next round of mocks coming up in February! Thank you for so many parents for coming along.

Well done to Sophie H who won the Christmas Card competition. Her design will now be used and put on the cards we send out to our colleagues across the Trust and in other schools! Well done!

Next week there are a few things to look forward to not least the Year 9 Languages Day on Monday and hosting 6 primaries for a PE tournament on Tuesday morning!

On the last day of term, we're inviting students and staff to wear their best Christmas jumper with their uniform to get us into the festive spirit before we break up.

Wishing you all a nice weekend

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8 th January 2024	Term 3 starts for all students
Thursday 25 th January 2024	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 26 th January 2024	Inset Day

CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for £1.00 each to enter the chocolate raffle in aid of the Year 11 Prom will be on sale during tutor time next week.

ENJOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 8th December 2023:

KS3 – Katrina H – Year 9

KS4 – Oliver D – Year 11

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

So proud of all our students who were involved in the Christmas Concert. Whether they were backstage, on stage or front of house they all worked tirelessly to provide an evening of festive entertainment. The packed audience enjoyed some beautiful piano solos, superb singing solos, a selection of music from our school band, a fun Christmas themed poetry reading, fabulous dance routines from Year 10s, Year 11s and Dance Club, there was even a cracking Christmas Mince Pie rap from the Tinsel Tims trio! What a night! Well done everyone.

"What a celebration of talent! It was a delight to see so many performers on our stage, representing Music, Drama and Dance, as well as an abundance of students so keen to participate in the technical element of a production, whether that was designing the lighting and operating it, or managing the backstage area and performance changeovers. With over 80 students involved in our show, this was a hugely successful community event and we can't wait to keep bringing these students together to perform." Mrs Rodway



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The Band



Dance Club



Olivia C

Oscar H



Sophie H

Willow NL



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Tilly P



The Tinsel Tims

Jarom E





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Under the Sea



Kara T – backstage



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We had some stunning entries in our Christmas card competition this year and are delighted to announce the overall winner was Sophie in Year 8 with her colourful picture of Father Christmas. Congratulations also to April and Lexie who were our runners up. They will each receive a printed pack of Christmas cards with their designs. Well done!



Winner – Sophie H



Runner Up 2nd April D

Runner Up 3rd Lexie L



Here are some of the other beautiful entries.



Angela A



Ava P



Elsie T



CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Year 10s enjoying their Christmas Lunch this week.



Holly T & Tristan H

Jack P, Leo W & Charlie R

Year 11s enjoyed their very last Christmas lunch at The Dean Academy this week.



Alex BH

Lars Z & Nicolas A



Josh R, Bailey P & Billy C

Mr Mooney



Megan M, Amber P, Chloe L
& Bluebell T

Seb LR, Reece B, Jarom E, Oscar H
& Archie T

MFL WEIHNACHTSMARKT (CHRISTMAS MARKET)

We are extremely excited to be welcoming students to our MFL Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas Market) next week that our wonderful MFL Ambassadors have been preparing. As part of this celebration, we have invited students to create a German Gingerbread House for a competition. Here is an amazing masterpiece by Finley L in Year 8! Wow! It looks incredible! Wunderbar!



BRIGHT SPOTS

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Year 8 have created some fantastic Christmas Cakes. Special well done to Lily-Sienna, Emily J, Ruby-Jayne G and Lily-Mae J



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Year 9 have been busy this week baking some very delicious looking shortcrust pastry mince pies in Food Technology.



Jayden S



Toby G



Cooper R



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Abi T

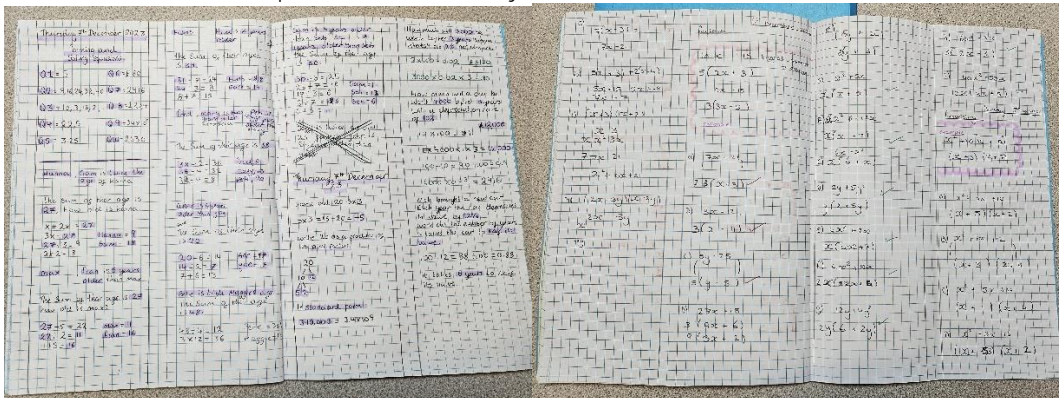


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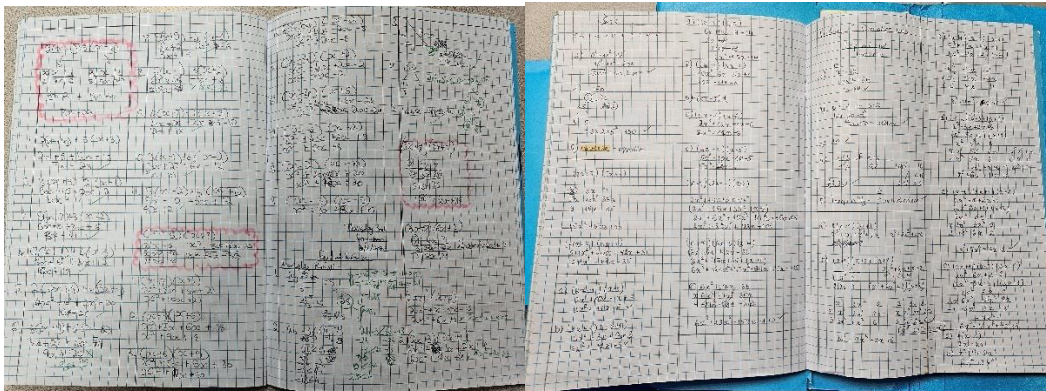
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Well-presented work by Year 10 and 11 students.



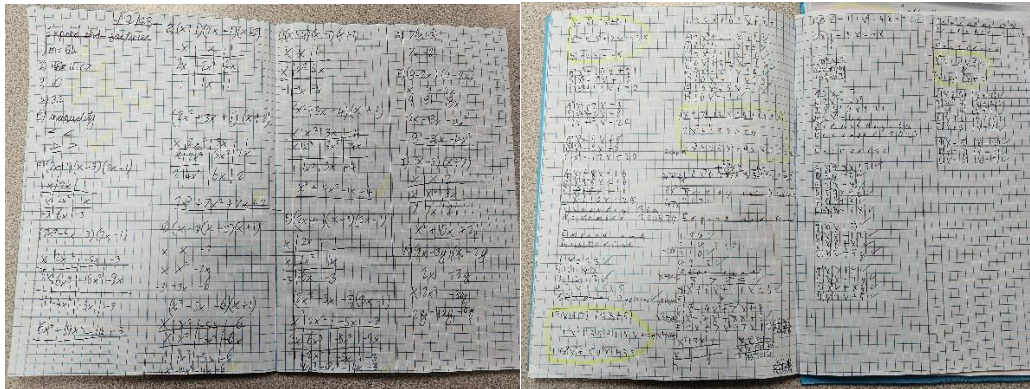
Kathryn W – Year 11

Lily – Year 10



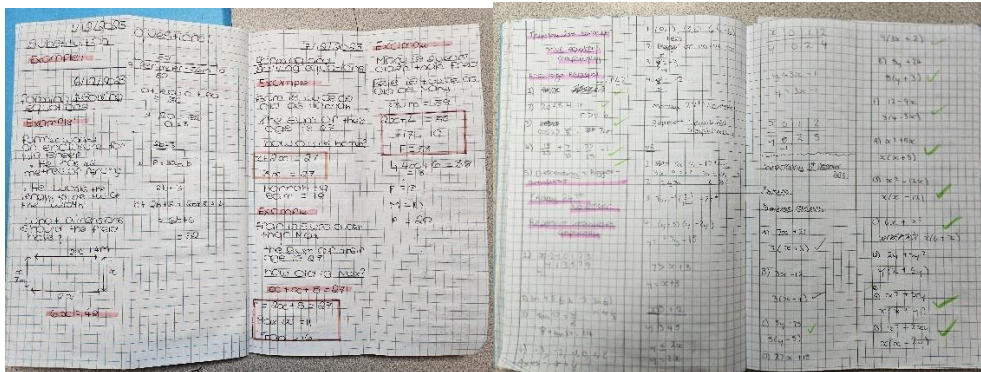
Jessica – Year 10

Elizabeth – Year 10



Oliver – Year 10

Cole – Year 10



Gracie R – Year 11

Willow – Year 10

NETBALL

This week we hosted a fantastic Year 7 & 8 Netball Festival for over 70 girls. There were 3 teams from The Dean Academy that were involved and the girls had a great time organising and managing their own teams and playing in the festival! All players demonstrated fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship – well done!

Emily H, Ivy E, Maisie B, Niamh W, Rosa FH, Ava W, Millie G, Darcy T, Violet Rose H, Mia S, Isla S, Lexi B, Daisy B, Isla Rae P, Bella S, Eva L, Lily Sienna LH, Jasmine K, Bella B, Ruby-Jayne G



MFL

We have been receiving additional brilliant applications from students to join our fantastic team of MFL Ambassadors. Here are Faridat and Jasmine- our latest wonderful MFL Ambassadors. Faridat, who is bilingual in English and Yoruba, is going to be sharing her knowledge of Yoruba with our students - a ni itara pupo! We are very excited! Jasmine is also currently honing her language skills outside school and has an incredible Duolingo streak! Wow!



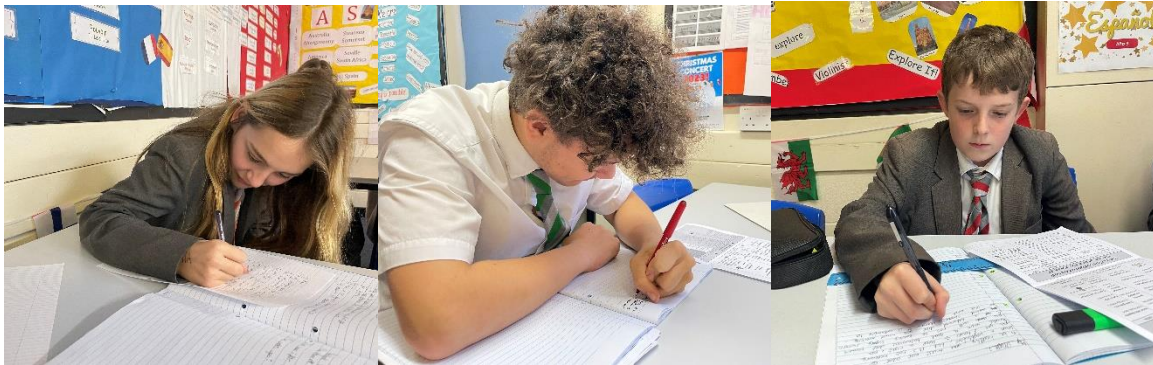
Jasmine

Faridat

Here are also Keeley and Faridat who, together, have been busy preparing jewellery and cupcakes for our MFL Weihnachtsmarkt! Wunderbar! We are very proud of all of our amazing MFL Ambassadors. Well done!



Wow, Wow, Wow! Our Year 9 Spanish students have been wowing us with their dedication this week as they prepare their Spanish writing assessments. We are so impressed with their phenomenal work! Keep it up! Increíble y excelente!



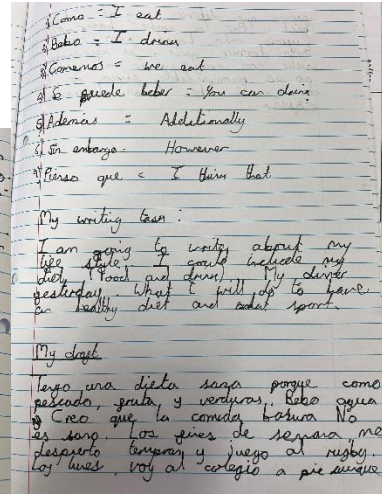
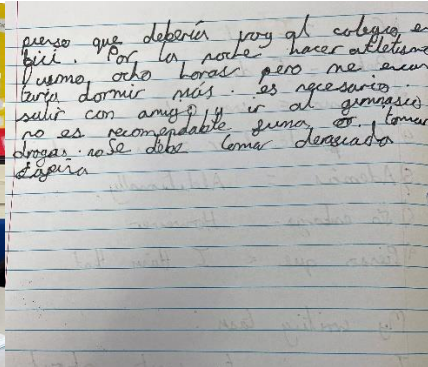
Erin W

Jake G

Kieran M



Lexi May H



HAIR & BEAUTY

The Hair & Beauty students were modelling the layers of the skin today for their "Science of Skin" module. We are experimenting with new ways of committing knowledge into our long term memory by making a rich multisensory experience.





ART COMPETITION

We have had some fantastic entries in our Art Folklore competition which was run by Miss Hinchey. Students were asked to create a piece of art linking to folklore, fairytales and imagination in response to the following words: lost, ink, sea, sleep, underground, illusion, found. Congratulations to Mariia in Year 7 who was the overall winner and to Tayla and Ava who were the runners up.



Mariia K – Winner



Tayla G – Runner-up



Ava L



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Brooke H



Cerafin A



Caroline D



Erin W



Keeley F

Keira B



Ivy E



Sophie H

CLAY CLUB

A very productive day in Clay Club last week glazing the snowmen and cups made the week before. They will now be fired and students will be able to collect them this week.



Alfie W

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Ava L

Ava L



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Joseph C

Joseph C



Carolina D-S
Isa S
Casey M

Carolina D-S, Isa S, Casey M



All glazed!



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LEGO & GAMES CLUB

Another great turnout for Lego and Games Club today!

Here are just a handful of our regular attending year 9 students - Jake G, Toby G, Toby F, Harry W and Casey W, playing their first ever game of Dobble!



Cameron L with another finished Lego creation - well done Cameron!



We would just like to say how lovely it has been to have so many students in EPIC this term enjoying this club. They have all been wonderful and shown the best manners and respect at all times.



ART PRIMARY TRANSITION SESSIONS

Pupils from Severnbanks Primary School in Lydney demonstrated some excellent colour blending skills in their drawings of bugs when they visited The Dean Academy this week for a Primary Transition session in the Art Department.





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Carols at the Bandstand

Bathurst Park, Lydney

Thursday 21st December 2023

Free mince pies & mulled wine

Lydney Town Band

Local Musicians

Free Children's Activities

4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you also will be." - Isaiah

CTL in Lydney
Churches Together in Lydney

A Churches Together in Lydney Event