



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 33 – WEEK A

Week Commencing 3rd June 2024

Monday 3 rd June	Start of Term 6 Year 11 GCSE exams all week (see schedule below)
Tuesday 4 th June	
Wednesday 5 th June	
Thursday 6 th June	
Friday 7 th June	

We [wrote to you earlier this week](#) with news that The Trustees of The Athelstan Trust and Governors of The Dean Academy have appointed **Mrs H Rowlands as the next Headteacher of The Dean Academy**. We are delighted that Mrs Rowlands was undeniably the most outstanding candidate after an intense two-day interview process. Mrs Rowlands is a fantastic school leader and will galvanise the students and staff and ensure the school continues to go from strength to strength! Mrs Rowlands officially takes post from September but you will hear more from Hannah in term 6 as we start to prepare for the new academic year.

Our Year 11 students have done a thoroughly brilliant job in getting to the half-way point of their exams. It's fair to say it has been an intense first fortnight and they absolutely have earned and deserve their break. We are however running **Year 11 half term revision sessions** every day Tuesday to Friday and [more information can be found here](#) and then when we return on Monday 3rd June the end is in sight with just a handful more exams to go.

It was lovely to end this term with our annual **House Tug of War competition**. It is in these moments that we see everything that is amazing about schools with students coming together to compete, support each other and fight for their house! What a lovely way to end the half term.





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A reminder **of resurfacing work** taking place over half term which GCC Highways have planned – the planned roadworks are due to take place between 28th May and 10th June. The Highways Agency wrote to us to explain that these, very necessary, resurfacing works on Church Road have been planned to be completed in two parts. Phase 1 ‘red phase’ will be undertaken in the half term. Phase 2 – ‘purple phase’ will be undertaken the following week when school re-opens after half term. The Phase 2 closure point is so that access to the car park will be maintained and remain open during Phase 2

Have a lovely half term,

Richard Brand
Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 th June	KS3 Exams all week
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YEAR 11 EXAM SCHEDULE

Date	Exam
Monday 3 rd June	9.15 a.m. Maths (Calculator) 1.00 p.m. PE
Tuesday 4 th June	9.15 a.m. Spanish Listening/Reading 1.00 p.m. History
Wednesday 5 th June	9.15 a.m. Geography 1.00 p.m. Business
Thursday 6 th June	9.15 a.m. English Language
Friday 7 th June	9.15 a.m. Hair & Beauty 1.00 p.m. Biology

ENJOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 17th
May 2024:

KS3 – Maisie B – Year 7
KS4 – Wesley M – Year 11



YEAR 10 REWARDS

Massive congratulations to our fabulous Year 10 students who have gone above and beyond during their recent mock exams! Their hard work has been recognised by teachers who nominated them for a reward. Mr Fessey presented them with the choice of a free lunch voucher or a skip the queue ticket. Some of the students, who were nominated more than once, received both. Well done everyone, fantastic work.



MFL

Wow und wunderbar! In April, we encouraged our students to take part in a highly competitive exchange programme called Exchange2Change which enables young people to spend five days in London and five days in Berlin to collaborate on a creative project. The project is fully funded and enables participants to further develop their language skills, cultural awareness and creative arts skills, as well as many others! We are absolutely delighted to have found out that Alfie in Year 9 has been awarded a place on this highly prestigious programme and will now be meeting lots of new people in London and Berlin in the autumn! This is an absolutely outstanding achievement and we are SO proud of you. Congratulations!



WRITER OF THE WEEK

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Love

A beautiful feeling that brightens even the darkest days,
Warms up even the coldest glaciers
Gives birth to wonderful life
An emotion which conquers all others
Anger, depression and anxiety are just some of its victims.
Once truly found, it gives way to true happiness
Its too valuable to be paid for using money and gold
Love does not take and take and take but also gives and sacrifices
Does not break down but instead builds
Whether you're Spanish, Caribbean, Chinese, Brazilian
or Congolese
Love is a universal language that
everyone understands.

By Wesley in Year 11





FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 9s demonstrated some great cooking skills creating some very tasty looking Lasagnes in their Food Technology lesson this week. Great work!



Katrina



Fynley B



Jayden T



Courtney W



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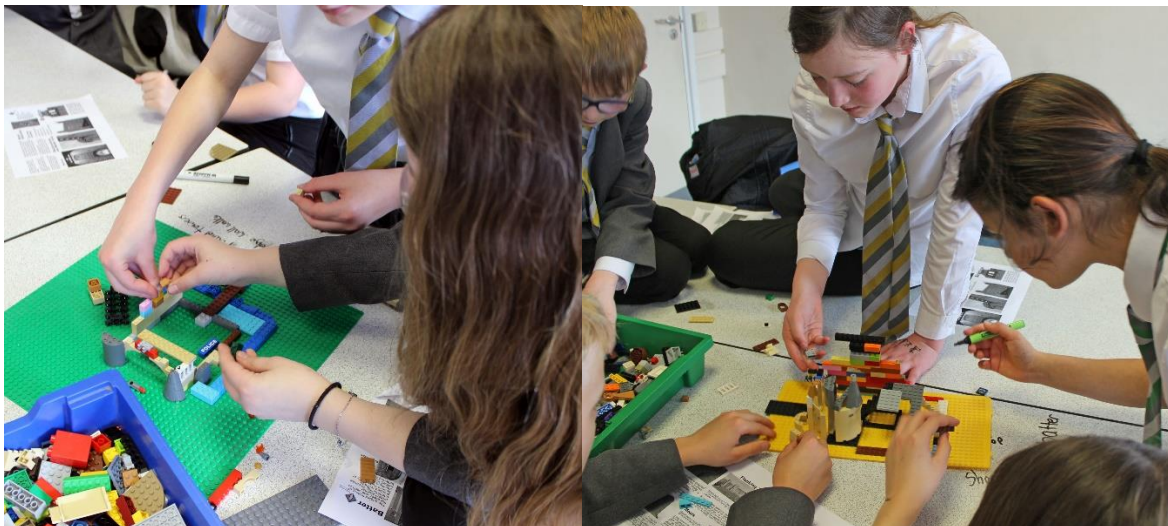
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HISTORY

In their History lesson with Mr Hughes this week Year 7 students worked in teams to create a castle from Lego with as many features of a castle as possible such as a moat, drawbridge, round towers, arrow loops, portcullis etc. They had great fun bringing history to life!





BEYOND WORDS READING PROGRAMME

9RT are reading the science-fiction novel 'The War of the Worlds' by HG Wells in tutor time with Mr Thomas. They are enjoying the thrilling tale of a Martian invasion of Earth and the character's attempt to survive and escape the ruthless alien attackers.

A quote from the book: "And before we judge of them too harshly we must remember what ruthless and utter destruction our own species has wrought"



Charlie G

Josh J & Charlie G



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Adele B & Amelia BC



Alfie B & Dylan A



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Congratulations to Rosa in Year 8. Rosa competed at the Welsh Taekwondo Open and won a silver medal! Well done.



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