



## WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 37 – WEEK A

Week Commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	DofE Bronze Expedition – Forest of Dean
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 5 Taster Day (Coalway)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Week 7.30 a.m. – 7.30 p.m. Oakwood Theme Park Trip (EPIC)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	p.m. Year 9 Post 16 – 18 Pathways Performance by GROWS
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Period 1 – Year 7 Dragon's Den Final Year 11 Prom
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Trust Inset Day – no students in school

It has been a great week here at The Dean Academy.

It has been really nice having Year 5 students from our closest primary schools visiting us across the week for Taster Days. It is always nice to be reminded, and to see the school through the eyes of those visiting for the first time, of how exciting and varied the opportunities are here and how broad the wider school experiences really are. Thank you to all of our wonderful staff who have run a Year 5 taster session this week.

It was great to see the photos from the Silver Duke of Edinburgh group who did brilliantly last weekend and completed a 3 day trek in the Brecon Beacons. Next is the turn of our Bronze group who are hiking here in the Forest this weekend! We hope the lovely weather continues for you over the weekend too.

Next week we have "Sports Week" with Year 7-10 students competing on the track and field. We are looking forward to seeing some records smashed and personal bests being set.

We're also looking forward to Thursday evening when we will have our Year 11 Prom to finally say farewell to the class of 2024.

Please note that next Friday is an INSET day and students will not be on site.

Have a nice weekend.

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Headteacher

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Stepping Up Days
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Walk in the Woods
15 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Ypres Trip (40 students)
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Chepstow Castle Trip
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 6 ends at 12.30 p.m.

### ENJOYMENT

### ACHIEVEMENT

### COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024:

KS3 – Holly S – Year 8  
KS4 – Aidyn W – Year 10

## SPORTS WEEK AND WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTS RELAY

Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July we are holding our annual sports week. Each year group will have allocated Sports Day:

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	(Lesson 1-3)	Year 7
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	(Lesson 3-5)	Year 10
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	(Lesson 1-3)	Year 9
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	(Lesson 1-3)	Year 8

All students will come into school in their PE kit on their allocated Sports Day. Students will be outside taking part in a variety of Athletics events to earn points for their houses.

Students will need to ensure that they are prepared for the weather, so will need to bring a Dean Academy hoodie or quarter zip and also suncream, water bottle and hat for potentially hot weather.

When students are not taking part in Sports Day, they will have their normal timetabled lessons and therefore will still need their classroom equipment.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July Period 5, the whole school will be out on the field for our first Relay competition. If your child has been selected to represent their house for this event, they will need to bring their PE kit to change into at lunchtime ready for the event.



## PRIMARY TRANSITION: YEAR 5 TASTER DAYS 24/06/24 – LYDNEY C OF E & SEVERN BANKS

It was lovely to welcome Year 5 pupils from Lydney C of E and Severnbanks Primary School to The Dean Academy on Monday. Whether they were learning about explosions in Science, Japanese numbers in MFL or baking blueberry muffins in the Food Technology rooms (to name just a few of the activities) we really hope that they enjoyed their Taster Day with us!





## 25/06/24 – YORKLEY, AYLBURTON & BLAKENEY

It was great to have Year 5 pupils from Yorkley, Aylburton and Blakeney Primary School with us at The Dean Academy today.

Some of the sessions that they took part in today included:

- Exploring the explosive properties of custard powder in Science!
- Learning about castles and creating a battle plan to capture St Briavels castle in a History session with Mr Hughes!
- Blending colours in Art to create some beautiful bug images with Mrs Charles!
- Learning chords on the ukulele and playing along with Dr Matthews in Music to 'Stay With Me' by Sam Smith.

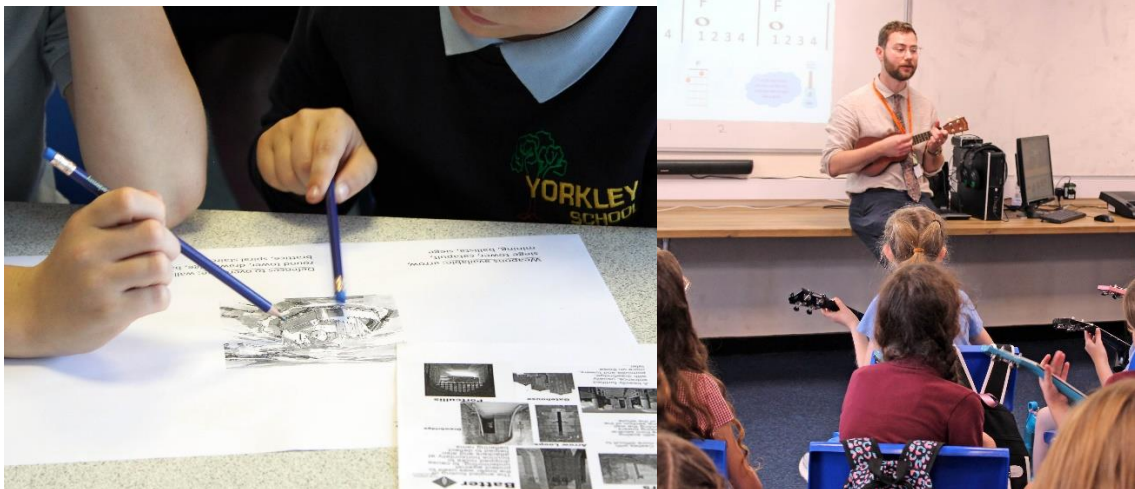
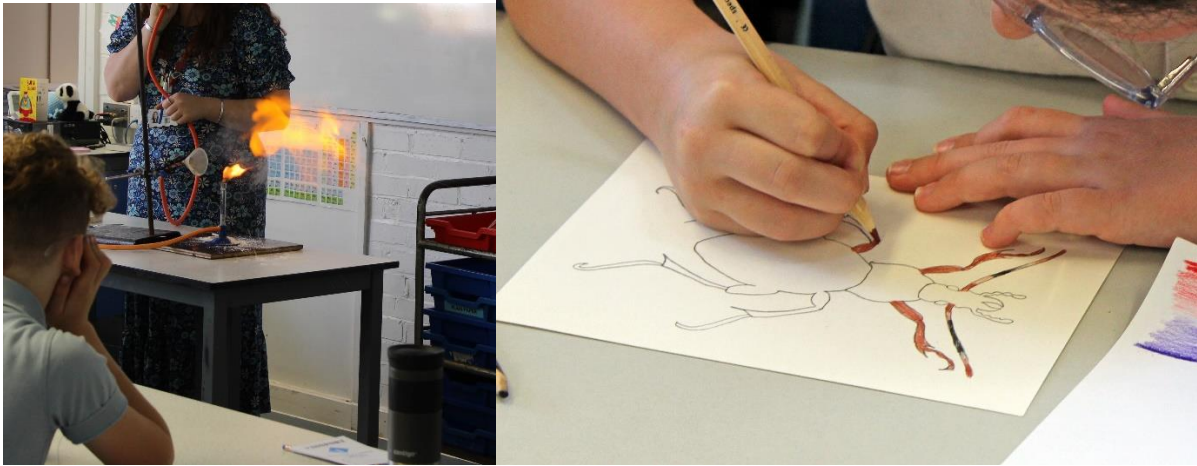
Once again, our fabulous student helpers ensured that the day ran smoothly, well done!



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## 26/06/24 – ELLWOOD, PARKEND & NEWNHAM

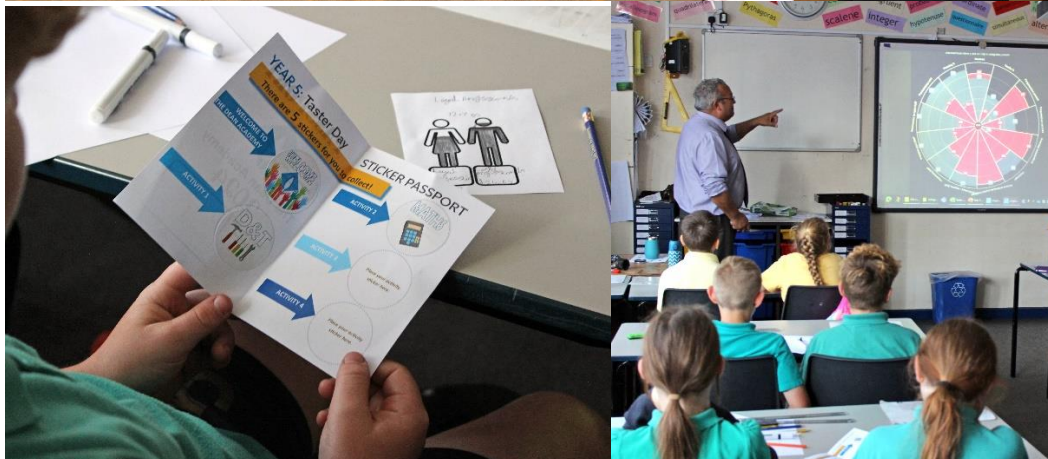
Today we had pupils from Ellwood, Parkend and Newnham Primary School in for their Year 5 Taster Day. Throughout the day pupils collect a sticker from each activity to complete their Passport to The Dean Academy! Today they took part in lots of fun activities, such as making key tags in D&T, learning about infographics in Maths with Mr Swain, exploding rockets in Science with Mr Webb, 'hacking' websites in computing with Mrs Mehrotra-Hughes and acting out action words in Drama with Mr McNeill!



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## 27/06/24 – PRIMROSE HILL, BREAM & CLEARWELL

Another busy day full of fun sessions for the Year 5s on their Taster Day with us. They had a chance to meet with Mrs Rowlands, the new Headteacher in September, and they asked her lots of questions to find out all about the school. There were loud bangs and explosions in Science, in English they looked at descriptive words in a fun team activity. In D&T they got to grips with using some of the tools including a drill, engraver and hammer to make a key tag. We hope they all had a lovely time with us today!

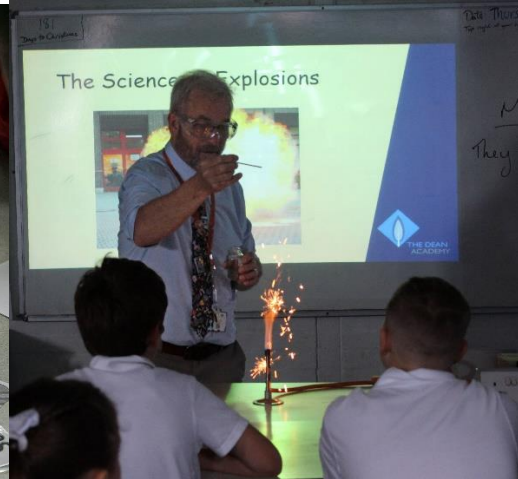




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## KEEPING COOL

To keep our students nice and cool in the warm weather staff handed out bottles of water and ice lollies to students at lunchtime on Wednesday.



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Abi R & Emily S



Aidan P & Max H



Angela A & Jasmine K



Archie ON & Joe LM



Elsie T, Harley HJ, Lucas B & Sofia B



Mr Grant handing out lollies



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## SILVER DofE PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Our fantastic DofE students have just completed a gruelling silver practice expedition in the Brecon Beacons where they planned and completed a self-supporting three day trek carrying everything they need in their backpack. We were incredibly proud of their physical effort, cooking skills and map reading. Well done!

### Students are:

Ollie T, Cooper W, Ellie C, Ines L, Jake R, Charlie R, Bailey M, Cameron M





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## FOOD

### Y9's Last Food Assessment!

With a total of **38** Indian themed dishes being produced in Food this week, the building has had an AMAZING aroma.

This kind of food presentation inspires the lower school to achieve greatness too. Well done Y9!



Jake



Miles



Kieran



Erin



Harry



Lexi-May



Ava



Carl



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## CREATIVE WRITING

We are extremely proud of April and Sofia who both entered 'Mission Catastrophe' a Young Writers competition and their creative writing entries have both been selected for publication in a Young Writers' anthology! Fantastic, well done!





## WRITER OF THE WEEK

THE DEAN ACADEMY WRITER OF THE WEEK IS . . .

**Alex P (Year 8)**

Gripping onto my life as it decays into pieces. I feel my life before my eyes; I see the light drawing closer. I thought about how the world fell into shambles. I thought life was fine until the third strike on Japan by China and the causing of a Nuclear World War making earth unsafe with the last strike. In Luxembourg where I am, China is finished, I thought as all I see is the fire vortex inferno and all I know or care about is my daughter Tali. Knowing that she is killed.



**HARTPURY**



The **Agriculture Subject Experience Day** is for year 9 and 10 students interested in learning more about studying agriculture at university and interested in the agriculture industry.

There is an application process and students from a range of WP criteria will be given priority. The day will include two agriculture workshops, a tour of our facilities, and an introduction to our college and university agriculture courses. The event is taking place at the start of the summer holiday on **Monday 29 July**.

Students can self-book for this event using this form -  
<https://app.geckiform.com/public/#/modern/21FO00ues1a79t00bskpxtz3qs>

QR code that links to the application form:





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## FORMER STUDENTS ARE AN INSPIRATION

We are so proud of our former students Rachel and Jess who left The Dean Academy a couple of years ago. When they sadly lost a very close friend, they set to work raising a phenomenal amount of money for charity. The pair decided to channel their grief for their friend into something positive by raising money for the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity who helped their friend when she became poorly. So far, they've raised over £13k by organising a special 18 mile walk in memory of their friend who would have turned 18 this year. This is incredible, you are both such an inspiration.

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