



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 33 – WEEK A

Week Commencing 2nd June 2025

Monday 2 nd June	Term 6 starts
Tuesday 3 rd June	
Wednesday 4 th June	
Thursday 5 th June	
Friday 6 th June	ASK Apprenticeship Virtual Assembly – year 8/9

Dear TDA Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of Term 5 is now upon us, and what a week we have had here at TDA to end it on, with SO much to celebrate.

Our Year 11 students are continuing to work incredibly hard and show the best of themselves in their GCSE exams and it is so nice to see them entering their exams feeling confident and prepared, albeit still with the inevitable nerves that these important exams bring. We hope that they continue to work hard over the half term break, both at home and in the boosters at school, whilst also making sure they find that important time to rest and look after their well-being in preparation for the second “half” of the exam series at the beginning of Term 6. Class of 2025...you have got this!

As you will see from the photos in the bulletin, we are celebrating some significant extra-curricular successes of our TDA students this week. Firstly, Amber and Ava in Year 9, have been recognised in the Global Child Prodigy Awards due to their exceptional achievements in Archery; Amber and Ava are among only 100 children worldwide who have been invited to a celebration event in the House of Commons next month – we hope that they have a fabulous time. Well done both! Also, this week we recognise some of our Air Cadet students including Ellie in Year 9, who took part in a RAF flying experience day. What a wonderful opportunity that was. And finally, I am VERY excited to say that our TDA Year 8 boys football team brought home the County Championship. Not only is the sporting achievement itself exceptional, but the way in which the boys conducted themselves and supported each other throughout is something to be incredibly proud of - they are such a great team and embody our core values of respect, responsibility and readiness.

This week we also held a number of group activities. Mr Grant ran a Year 9 assembly looking at The Holocaust. An incredibly difficult and challenging topic to discuss, but one that it is so important to do so. We also welcomed Severn Trent in to do an assembly with Year 8 looking at water pollution, the importance of looking after our water systems and what we can do as individuals to do so.



As we look forward to Term 6 there will be lots of communication coming out regarding the many events that we have taking place, so please do keep an eye out for this important information.

May I take this opportunity to also remind parents and carers that whilst we have entered the summer uniform phase of the year so students are not required to wear their blazers, students should not be coming in to school with hooded jumpers or trainers. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that our students wear their TDA uniform with pride.

I wish all of our TDA families a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2nd June,

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ENJOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 16th May 2025:

KS3 – Brooke H – Year 8

KS4 – Koby P – Year 11

TERM 6 DATES FOR THE DIARY

w/c 9 th June	Sports Week
w/c 16 th June – 26 th June	Year 7/8 Exams start/end
19 th June	Speech & Debate Festival
20 th June	Year 11 Exams end
23 rd & 24 th June	Geography Fieldwork trip
26 th June	Year 11 Prom
27 th June	Trust Inset Day
w/c 30 th June	Year 5 Taster Week
7 th & 8 th July	Year 6 Stepping Up Days
8 th July	10.00 a.m. – 7.00 p.m. Pop Up Uniform Shop 2.20 p.m. Year 6 Parent Information Meeting
w/c 14 th July	Rewards Trips all week
15 th July	KS3 Reports to Parents
18 th July	Term 6 ends at 12.30 p.m.



YEAR 11 GCSE TIMETABLE

<u>MORNING EXAM</u>	<u>AFTERNOON EXAM</u>
8.20 am – Booster	P2 & ½ P3 booster
8.55 am – Pre-exam briefing	12.40 pm – pre-exam briefing
9.15 am – Exam start	1.00 pm – Exam start

DATE	SUBJECT
Monday 2 nd June, 9.15 a.m.	Classical Civilisation
Tuesday 3 rd June, 9.15 a.m.	Russian Listening & Reading
Tuesday 3 rd June, 9.15 a.m.	Polish Listening & Reading
Wednesday 4 th June, 9.15 a.m.	Maths Paper 2
Thursday 5 th June, 9.15 a.m.	History Paper 2
Thursday 5 th June, 1.00 p.m.	French Writing
Friday 6 th June, 9.15 a.m.	English Language Paper 2
Friday 6 th June, 1.00 p.m.	Geography Paper 2
Monday 9 th June, 9.15 a.m.	Biology
Monday 9 th June, 1.00 p.m.	Physical Education & Construction
Tuesday 10 th June, 9.15 a.m.	Spanish Listening & Reading
Tuesday 10 th June, 1.00 p.m.	History
Wednesday 11 th June, 9.15 a.m.	Maths Paper 3
Thursday 12 th June, 9.15 a.m.	Geography Paper 3
Thursday 12 th June, 1.00 p.m.	Hospitality & Catering & Russian Writing
Friday 13 th June, 9.15 a.m.	Chemistry Paper 2
Friday 13 th June, 1.00 p.m.	Polish Writing
Monday 16 th June, 9.15 a.m.	Physics Paper 2
Tuesday 17 th June, 9.15 a.m.	Spanish Writing
Wednesday 18 th June, 9.15 a.m.	Product Design

YEAR 8 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Here are our fantastic Year 8 Football County Champions! We are so proud of them all, they worked brilliantly together as a team at the finals yesterday at Hartpury, beating Abbeywood School 7 - 4 with goals from Harry, Jack, Harley and George. An outstanding performance, from an outstanding and talented group of individuals.

This morning, they enjoyed the breakfast of champions with Mr Stradling, the Headteacher and their Head of Year in the school restaurant. Well done!



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The Team:

Ollie M, George C, Oliver T, Noah M, Harry H, Parker R, Charlie V, Harley HJ, Oscar M, Jack K, Jack G, Alfie M, Corey H, Noah B, Jayden HB





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RAF FLYING EXPERIENCE

Flying Experience Day at RAF St Athan on Wednesday 7 May 2025.

Ellie had the wonderful opportunity to experience flying in a light aircraft. Ellie was taught how to use the controls and parachute drill. It also gave her first-hand experience in the meteorological syllabus she has been studying at the Squadron. She has also completed her ground school training, and this will then award her the first **step** towards the opportunity at the age of 16 to apply for a flying scholarship with the RAF Air Cadets.



SPORTS THERAPY & AGRICULTURE WORKSHOP AT HARTPURY COLLEGE

Thank you and a big well done to all the Year 10s who attended the Sports Therapy and Agriculture workshops at Hartpury College last week.

Miss Ryan and Miss Wheatstone were really impressed with their engagement in the workshop tasks, which included looking at the anatomy and diagnosis of sports injuries within the human body during the Sports Therapy workshop, to then observing the cudding



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habits and determining the composition of matter within cow feed on the farm, during the Agriculture workshop.

The Year 10s then finished up their visit with a quick campus tour with our Hartpury student ambassador Alex, during which they were displaying The Dean Academy's Value of Respect.





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YEAR 10 FINE ART

This term, our wonderful Year 10 Fine Art students have been working hard on their final piece for their Life Aquatic GCSE Art project. They have produced some stunning pieces, well done!





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YEAR 9 HISTORY

As part of their current topic in their History lessons, Mr Grant led a special Holocaust assembly today for the whole year group.



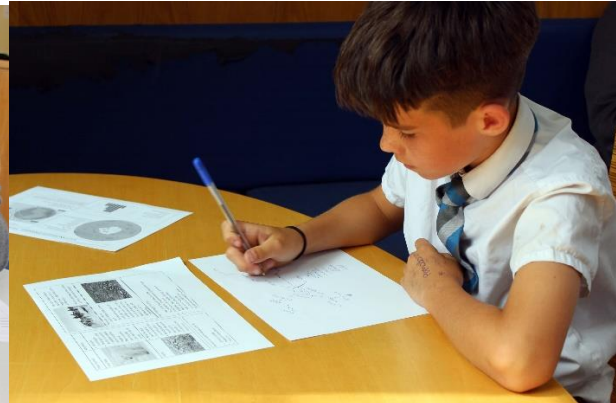


REVISION SKILLS WORKSHOP

Year 7 and 8 students made the most of a special revision skills workshop, which was organised by Mr Fessey after school today, in preparation for their end of year exams next term. Great work and good luck for your exams!



Bella N & Lola M



Jack H



Layla-May N & Daisy O



Libby M



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Sameer M



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YEAR 8 SCIENCE ASSEMBLY

Thank you so much to Rob from Severn Trent Water who delivered a fascinating assembly to our Year 8 students, all about 'The Wonderful World of Water'.





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GLOBAL CHILD PRODIGY AWARDS 2025

Congratulations to Amber and Ava, in Year 9, who have been invited to attend the Global Child Prodigy Awards 2025. The event is dedicated to identifying and honouring exceptional children under the age of 15 across the arts, sports and academics. Archery champions Ava and Amber were selected for their talent, achievements and inspiring journey and are among just 100 children from across the globe who have been invited to attend the event which will take place next month in the Member's Dining Room at the House of Commons. We wish them both all the very best!





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SEND Community Café

Do you want to find advice,
support, guidance and
information on offer to you
in the Forest of Dean?



→ River Children and Family Centre, Naas Lane,
Lydney GL15 5AU

→ Tuesday, 24 June 2025. 10am-12 pm



Join us to meet others
and chat to services who
can offer you and your
family support over a
cuppa and cake.

