



## WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 36 – WEEK B

Week Commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Geography Fieldwork Trip
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Fieldwork Trip Lockdown Drill
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Taster Day – Coalway Primary Visit from Matthew Evans, future CEO of The Athelstan Trust 5.00 – 5.30 p.m. Normandy Trip Meeting for Parents/Carers
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 7/8 Exams end Year 5 Taster Day – Tutshill Primary Year 11 Prom
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Trust Inset Day

Dear TDA Families,

What a scorcher of a week that was! I hope that everyone enjoyed the sunny weather over the weekend. As the temperature is looking set to be much cooler this coming week, we are returning to our summer uniform of tailored trousers/tailored shorts/school skirt (no leggings without previous agreement with the school), white shirt (long or short sleeved) and ties. Blazers and school jumpers are optional for the remainder of this term. Please no hoodies or non-school uniform jumpers.

Last week we bid farewell to the Class of 2025 as our Year 11s sat their final GCSE exams and celebrated their leavers day on Wednesday. A day filled with shirt signing, bouncy castle jumping and reminiscing on the journey that these students have been on during their time at TDA. It is always such a bittersweet day; a combination of joy and happiness, celebrating everything that the students have achieved whilst simultaneously sad to see them go! We wish all of our Year 11s all the very best as they take their next steps on their own individual pathways and we look forward to the final farewell at their prom this coming Thursday.

On Monday our Year 7s participated in their first TDA sports day. Our Sport's Faculty were so impressed with the determination and resilience that our students displayed and specifically commented on how well the students supported each other and cheered each other on, embodying our TDA community character – well done Year 7!

On Thursday Miss Bater and Miss Radcliffe took a bus full of excited students to Bradon Forest School to participate in the cross-trust Festival of Speech & Debate. All students who participated were exceptional, both in their conduct and their performance. A special shout out to Sofia who won the poetry recital and Ellie and Lydia who each got a bronze. Yet again, the encouragement and support that students showed for each other was the highlight of the day – well done to all! And thank you to



Miss Radcliffe who helped organise the day for the Trust and Miss Bater who worked with our TDA students in preparation.

Also last week our Year 10 students who had applied for the senior student leadership team underwent their hustings presentations and formal interviews and their peers and staff voted on Friday. All students were so incredibly impressive in all aspects of the recruitment process, demonstrating exceptional confidence and passion. Mr Stradling was busy counting the votes on Friday and the announcements will be made during tutor time on Monday morning. Well done to all involved and I look forward to working with all of you to continue to make this wonderful school of ours even better.

At this mid-point in term 6, the full calendar remains! On Monday we have our Year 10 Geography students on their field trips. Our Year 5 taster days begin this week and we welcome Year 5 students and their parents/carers from Coalway School and Tutshill School this week. On Wednesday we are looking forward to welcoming Matthew Evans to the school who will be the new CEO of The Athelstan Trust from September. Matthew will be walking around the school, saying hello to staff and students and getting to know what makes TDA so very special.

On Tuesday afternoon we will be practising a lockdown drill – further communication about this will be coming out following this bulletin.

On Friday, school will be closed to students as all staff are participating in The Athelstan Trust Inset Day where all schools in the Trust will be meeting and collaborating in staff training.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead.

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Headteacher

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ENJOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 13<sup>th</sup> June:

KS3 – Seth – Year 8

KS4 – Tayla – Year 10

TERM 6 DATES FOR THE DIARY

w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Taster Week Royal Institution Science in School from 11.30 a.m.
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1 <sup>st</sup> July	SEN Transition Day 8.45 – 3.15 Yer 9 Insight into University – Glos Campus
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	SEN Transition Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	SEN Transition Day 9.00 – 3.00 Year 10 Insight into University – Glos Campus
4 <sup>th</sup> July	SEN Transition Day
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Stepping Up Days
8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Rewards Trips all week
15 <sup>th</sup> July	KS3 Reports to Parents
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 6 ends at 12.30 p.m.

## FUNDRAISING

A massive well done to Jack in Year 8 who walked up Pen y Fan ten times over the weekend between the hours of 8.00 a.m. – 2.00 a.m. Jack raised over £1,500 for the Cancer Unit in Cheltenham.





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## SPORTS DAY – YEAR 7



Elliott S, OscarHC, Jake W, Luca P



Harley W, Oscar HC, Ronnie H



Lily R, Esme S, Chloe S



Rienna B



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Lena T, Poppy B, Rienna B



Oliver H, Luca F, Harry F



Vinnie W, Oscar HC, Tommy H



Cisero N, Esme S, Izobella W



Alfie B



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Pippa H



Rienna B



Daisy B



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Jake W & Alby A

Luca P



Luca F



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Oliver H





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## SPORTS DAY – YEAR 8



Jack G, Kealan OH, Jack K

Jayden P, Charlie V, Harry V



Lexi B, Molly H, Ivy E

Lexi B, Molly H, Mobo O



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Molly H, Sofia B, Angela A, Maisie B



Todd G, Oscar M, Jack K



Relay



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Sadie W



Ivy E, Isla S



Layla N



Max H



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Zeke R, Travis H, Noah Y

## YEAR 11 LEAVERS DAY

An emotional day for our Year 11 students as they returned to school for their Leavers Assembly and shirt signing. They enjoyed the bouncy castle and ice cream out on the school field and the whole school came out at the end of the day for a special Guard of Honour!. Goodbye and good luck to all our wonderful Year 11s, we wish you all the very best for the future.





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## A DAY OF WELCOME

Last Friday, we celebrated 'A Day of Welcome' at The Dean Academy, which is an annual event that recognises and values the importance of diversity for making our world a better place. As part of our celebrations, we hosted TDA's International MasterChef to celebrate foods and cultures from across the world. We were blown away by the incredible delicacies made by our wonderful students and would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who got involved. There were so many incredible entries from South American banana bread to Iranian cookies to Singapore noodles to Greek gyros to Spanish cake and so much more! You were all amazing! We are excited for the other upcoming fundraising events to celebrate A Day of Welcome and Refugee Week 2025!





Sofia B, Ivy E, Maisie B, Lydia JB

## MERLIN FIELD ARCHERS

Congratulations to Amber and Ava in Year 9 who recently competed in their first ever field archery competition which was run by Merlin Field Archers. They came away with the gold and silver medal and with Amber setting a new national record! Fantastic!





## SCIENCE ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

We've had a brilliant time in Science Club so far this term, with recent sessions making the most of the glorious weather. This has included building sturdy bug hotels to act as habitats for The Dean Academy insect populations, as well as utilising heat transfer to make vanilla ice cream in a bag! A big thank you from Miss Wheatstone for all the Science stars who attend - you are fantastic!





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## FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHER SCHEME

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the summer holidays 2025 will be open from midday on 24 June until midday on 8 July. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 14 July.



Please ensure you check junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 21 July, please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This summer holiday, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding they have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to Year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to Year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child per week for two weeks.**

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

**Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the summer holiday vouchers** - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact GCC with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure this reaches all those who are eligible, GCC are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Please note GCC check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals](#) page.

**Using vouchers** – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please submit an update existing details request via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) so GCC can update their account, as details are not automatically updated.



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## Year 11 Yearbook

The Dean Academy Yearbook for our Year 11 students is available to order online at <https://allyearbooks.co.uk/buy/23211> - please place your order before the **deadline on Friday 11th July 2025**. The books will be available to collect on the exam results day in August.

**YEAR 11 YEARBOOKS**  
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