



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 4 – WEEK B

Week Commencing 22nd September 2025

Monday 22 nd September	
Tuesday 23 rd September	
Wednesday 24 th September	
Thursday 25 th September	5.00 – 8.00 p.m. Open Evening European Day of Languages
Friday 26 th September	Inset Day – no students in school

Dear TDA Families,

It has been another incredibly busy week at TDA. On Monday we invited a representative from Gloucestershire Constabulary into school who held a workshop with parents and carers on the importance of online safety and supporting our young people to navigate the online world in a safe and respectful manner. The session included hints and tips on managing specific apps, things to look out for if you are worried about your child, the legality involved and the sharing of useful websites if you do have concerns (we have shared these – ironically – on our social media pages). If you have any questions or concerns about your child's use of social media and apps, please do not hesitate to contact us. Understanding the impact that this can have on the mental health and wellbeing of students is one of the driving forces behind why we implemented the changes to our mobile phone procedures this academic year.

Last week we also saw the last of our information evenings. Many thanks to those parents and carers of students in Years 8 and 10 that came along for these sessions – we very much appreciate you working alongside us to support the young people at TDA to be the very best version of themselves and achieve their potential, both in and out of the classroom.

This coming week we have our Open Evening on Thursday. This is always such a fabulous event where we get to showcase everything that our wonderful school has to offer. If your child is coming in to help on the evening, whether as a tour guide or in a specific faculty, many thanks for allowing them to do so; the students are always our greatest ambassadors. Following this, we have our INSET day on Friday where school will be closed to students.

We have unfortunately had to postpone the already rescheduled Walk in The Woods which we had planned for 3rd October. We appreciate this will be a disappointment for many, especially those in Year 11, but we will ensure that all Year 11 students are welcomed back for when we do reschedule it.

Many thanks for your understanding and support. We have, however, added two new items to the calendar. On Friday 10th October we invite all students and staff to wear yellow into school for the



“Hello Yellow” event. This year we have set up an online donation so if you are able to use this rather than bring money in on the day then please do so. If you would rather bring in £1 on the day then we will ensure that this is collected and added in to the online page. The donation page can be found here <https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/TDASchool/hello-yellow>.

And on Friday 17th October we will be asking all staff and students to wear 1 item of red – whether it be a red jumper, red shoes, a red hairband, red socks – alongside their normal uniform/workwear in support of Show Racism the Red Card Day. In the lead up to this we will be having a number of assemblies celebrating our diversity as a school and the importance of addressing racism in all its forms.

This week coming is European Day of Languages and we will be celebrating this with a number of different activities throughout the week to showcase the importance of languages and again, celebrate our diversity as a school.

Year 11 have been showing excellent dedication to their studies with many of the students participating fully in the additional out of class opportunities, whether it be revising in the library at lunch times or heading to specific subject lead sessions – this positive attitude towards their learning will stand them in good stead as we move towards the first round of mock exams that will be after half term. Mr Fessey will be sending out further information in the coming weeks so if your child is in Year 11, please do keep an eye out for this.

Finally, from me, as the autumnal weather starts to get into full force, please do remind your child to bring a coat to school – we have had a number of rather soggy looking students wearing wet blazers, so your support with this is much appreciated!

With warmest wishes for a successful week ahead.

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Headteacher

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FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

29 th September	Year 7 Amazing Madagascar Session – Bristol Zoo (40 students)
2 nd October	Year 7 Tutor Evening
9 th October	DofE Information/Awards Evening
10 th October	Hello Yellow Day
14 th October	Music & Mental Health Session – Year 7 & 9 Cyber Empower Trip
16 th October	Chelsea’s Choice – Year 9
17 th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day – Wear Red



21 st October	Academic Awards Evening
22 nd October	Term ends at 3.15 p.m.

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 19th September:

Ella C in Year 7
Archie F in Year 10

MUSIC AWARDS

Massive congratulations to April and Tallulah in Year 11 who have received their Grade 5 Singing for Musical Theatre Performance certificate. Well done!



April & Tallulah



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YEAR 10 HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Our Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students baked some lovely Swiss rolls in their lesson this morning with Mrs Gittins-Jones. Great work!



Finley



Holly



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Abi



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PRIMARY TRANSITION ART SESSIONS

We hope that the Year 5 pupils from Clearwell Primary School enjoyed their Art session this week with Mrs Barnes. They were creating some wonderful portraits using pictures of fruit and vegetables collaged together!

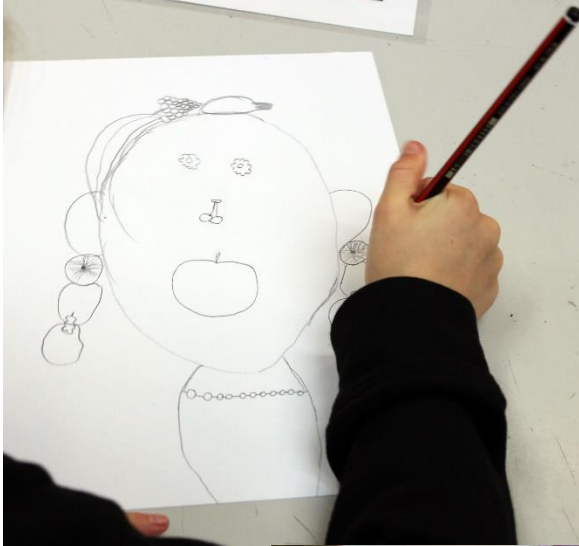




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YEAR 7 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

For their first ever practical Food Technology session at The Dean Academy, Year 7 students in Miss Thayer's class did a fantastic job making some delicious fruit crumbles. Well done.



Ethan E



Gryffin A



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Wade H

SCIENCE ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

Members of the Science Arts and Crafts club had great fun this week making colourful sugar density towers! The club runs afterschool every Wednesday with Miss Wheatstone.

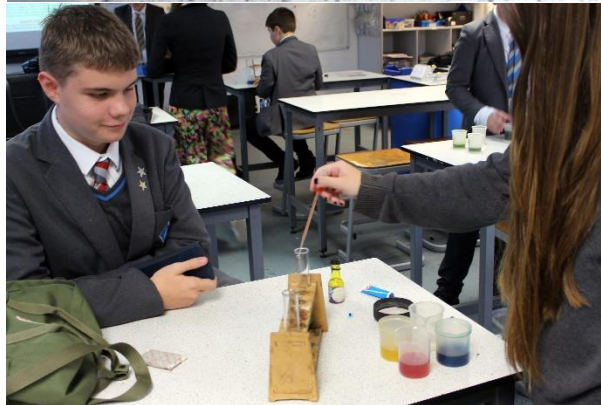
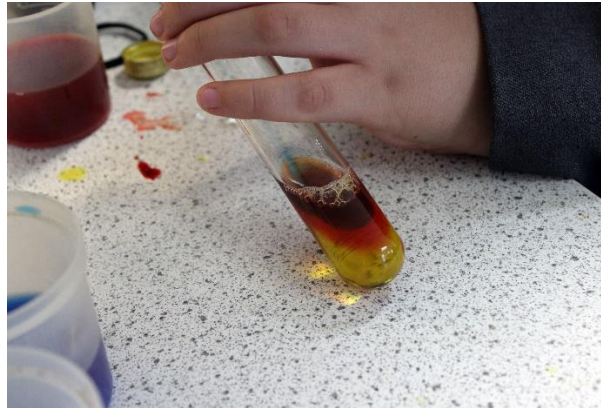




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YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY & CATERING

This week our Year 11 Hospitality & Catering students made some hidden veg meatballs.
They look delicious!





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MINECRAFT CLUB

In their lunch break this week, Year 7 students made the most of Minecraft Club in the Computing rooms with Miss Joubert. In the club they play Minecraft Education, which allows them all to join the same world and play together in groups.





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GLOUCESTERSHIRE BEYOND 16

Saturday October 25th
SGS Stroud Campus
Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AH
10am to 1pm

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An opportunity for families of young people with SEND in Year 7 and above to meet with the county's providers and support services to start planning for next steps after Year 11

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Free parking on site and refreshments available



HARTPURY



Register your interest now:





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WEEK 3: LOST PROPERTY ITEMS



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