



## WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 19 – WEEK B

Week Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2.10 p.m. Army Engagement Team – Year 9 (60 students)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 8 HPV vaccination catch-ups
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Year 8 Progress Evening
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	

Dear TDA Families

Apologies for the slight delay in getting this bulletin to you. Last week was an incredibly busy week here at TDA. We of course welcomed Ofsted inspectors into the school as part of the inspection process under the new framework. Many thanks to those parents and carers who sent us well wishes and to those who took the time to complete surveys. We are unable to share any outcomes as yet but will of course let you know when the report card is released. A summary of the new framework for parents and carers, which is very different to the previous type of inspection, can be found here [New Ofsted report cards and grades: a guide for parents](#). We look forward to sharing with you the outcome of the inspection.

Last week was a very busy week for extra-curricular events. On Monday we welcomed students from local primary schools for our inaugural Primary Day of Dance which was a wonderful showcase for all involved. Our Year 10 dance students who supported on the day were exceptional. Also on Monday, a group of Year 11 students attended a collaborative Shakespeare experience at Malmesbury School – feedback is that the students participated excellently and really stood out. Well done to all involved. We also welcomed Young Minds Matter in on Wednesday for a lunch time “pop-up” session where they talked to our students about all things to do with maintaining mental health.

This week we have much to look forward to including the Army Engagement Team visit, the U12s Girls District Football game, the Year 8 Maths Challenge (which TDA is hosting) and the Mock Parliament Event. Thank you, as always, to our brilliant staff who give so much to provide our young people with these opportunities.

As you may have seen from our social media, in preparation for Random Acts of Kindness Day that takes place in half term, we have set our young people a challenge of completing as many random acts of kindness as they can between now and then. Please do get in touch with us if there is anything particularly noteworthy you wish to share about any of our students.



On Thursday we look forward to welcoming parents from Years 7 & 8 to our "School in Action" morning – if you wish to sign up but haven't done so yet please contact [info@thedeacademy.org](mailto:info@thedeacademy.org) at the earliest opportunity.

As always, please do reach out if you have any queries or recommendations so that we can continue working together to keep making TDA the very best it can be for all of our students.

Wishing everyone in our TDA community a wonderful week ahead.

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## LETTERS WHICH HAVE GONE HOME W/C 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

### Year 8 Mid Year Report 2026

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Year-8-Mid-Year-Report-2026-Letter.pdf>

### Year 11 Glos College Taster Day 2026

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Y11-Glos-College-Taster-Day-Feb-2026-Letter.pdf>

### Year 11 Spring Mocks

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Spring-Term-Mock-Examinations-2026-Letter.pdf>

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/One-Page-Timetable-February-2026-Mock-Exams.pdf>

### Letter to Parents (OFSTED)

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Letter-to-Parents-26th-Jan-2026.pdf>

## FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Progress Evening
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day (no students in school)



Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026:

KS3 – Lena T – Year 8  
KS4 – Fen WH – Year 11

## TDA3 SCHOOL BUS CHANGES

The following information has been passed to us by Transport Department at Gloucestershire County Council:

Please be aware that there are some upcoming works on B4234 Forest Road Lydney which will affect the TDA3 school bus. These works are scheduled from **9<sup>th</sup> Feb to the end of August**.

During this period the bus will need to divert through Bream and **all morning stop times will be 5 minutes earlier**. The afternoon drop-off times will also be 5 minutes later. Additionally, the **Whitecroft, Post Office stop will be moved to Pillowwell Road** - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mbNv74tmA9iMVYE96> / What3Words ///panning.digests.replaying.

This means that the timetable during this period will be the below

TDA3 Willetts	AM 9th Feb - 31st Aug	PM 9th Feb - 31st Aug
Parkend, Woodlands Road	08:05	15:50
Parkend, Garage	08:06	15:49
Pillowwell, Coach Garage	08:10	15:45
Pillowwell, Top of Swan	08:11	15:44
Whitecroft, Post Office (new location)	08:14	15:41
The Dean Academy	08:35	15:25



## YEAR 5 PRIMARY SCHOOL DANCE TOURNAMENT

This week, our fantastic Year 10 Performing Arts students hosted a special dance event for 135 Year 5 primary school pupils. They all learnt a dance routine and performed in a mini competition - in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Pillowell School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Aylburton School and the winners were from Parkend School. Well done to everyone who took part, we hope you enjoyed your day of dance with us!



Jodie T, Ruby E, Daisy B, Ellie P, Bella S, Lexie G, Lily E, Kayla M, Chloe W, Zoe G

## NETBALL

Our KS4 students took part in a Netball game against Wyedean School last week. Both teams worked really hard and played in multiple positions. Great play as the games went on and as different students played together on court against the 2 different teams!



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## YEAR 11 SHAKESPEARE EXPERIENCE DAY

This week, Mr Osborne took a group of Year 11 students to Malmesbury School for a special collaborative Shakespeare experience. Throughout the day they took part in various activities including performing a scene from Macbeth!





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## YEAR 7 SHIELDS

Year 7s have made some fantastic shields in their D&T lessons with Mr Winstanley – well done!





## ENCOURAGING RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Following the school assembly last week announcing our Random Acts of Kindness Challenge and encouraging positivity through small, selfless gestures, we were pleased to learn that Alfie, Riley and Jayden in 9ER have really taken this on board. They are all members of a local boxing club and when some new members started who were shy and nervous all three boys stepped up and have been helping them to train and settle in. Alfie, Riley and Jayden joined the club initially as part of their DofE programme, they quickly picked up the skills and are really thriving. We are very proud of them for trying something new but more importantly putting others before themselves and helping out! Well done.

The challenge is a fantastic opportunity over the next few weeks for our students to think about how we treat others and celebrate kindness in all its forms!



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## WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

In tutor time on Wednesday, students took part in our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' and enjoyed a calming mindfulness session of colouring in with their tutors.



Penny & Evie



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Logan & Ted



Tyler M



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Harley, Kingsley & Sonny



Joe



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## YEAR 7 SOUP ASSESSMENT

Year 7s made some delicious soup in their Food Technology assessment this week with Miss Thayer. Well done!



Angus G



Diamond A



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Fred T



Harvey T



Molly W



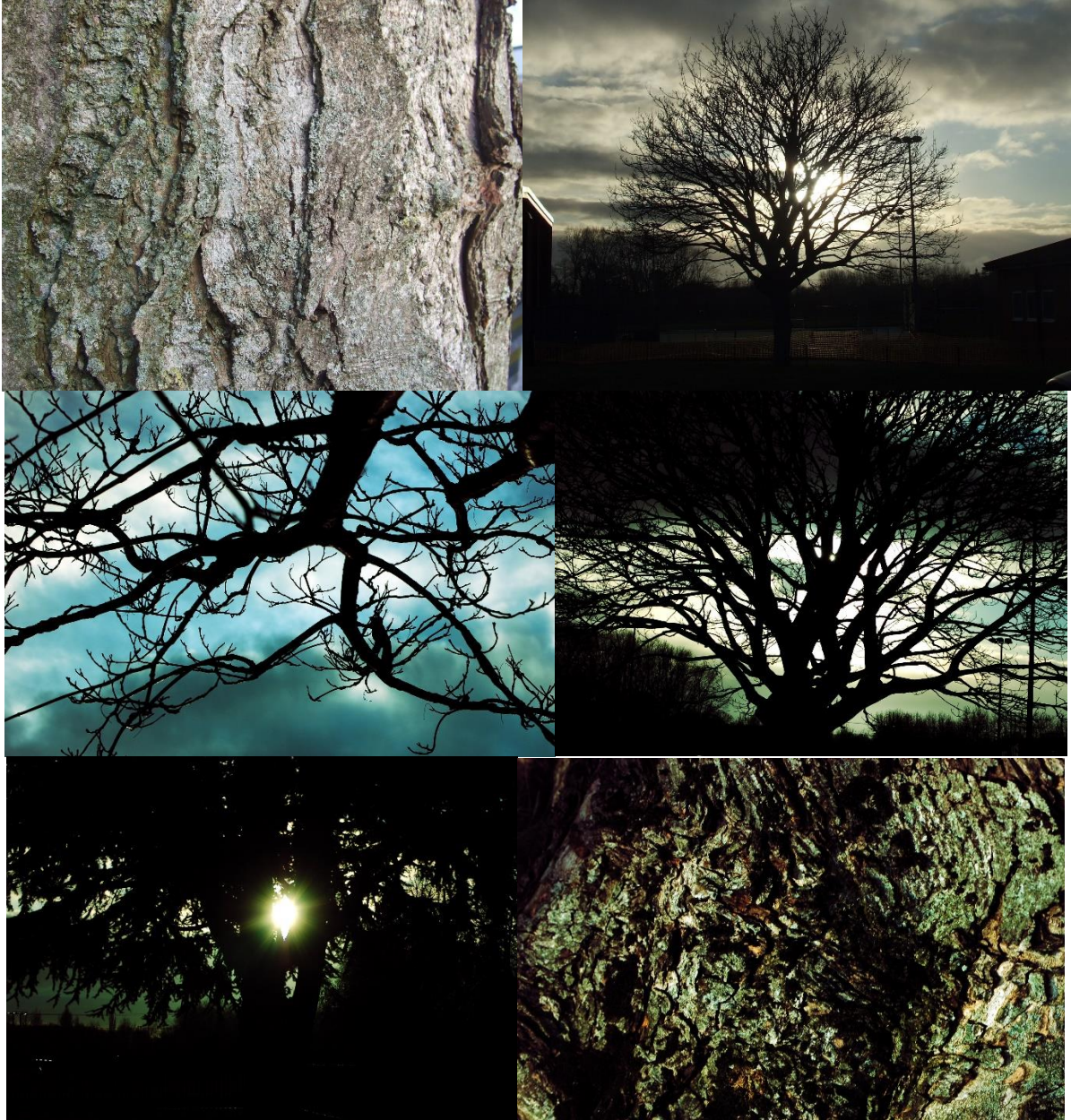
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## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Some great photos of trees were taken on site yesterday by our Photography Club members! Great work.





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## YEAR 11 YEARBOOKS

The Year 11 Yearbooks are now available to order online at <https://allyearbooks.co.uk/buy/24694> They will be ready to collect from school on the exams results day in August.

# YEAR 11 YEARBOOKS

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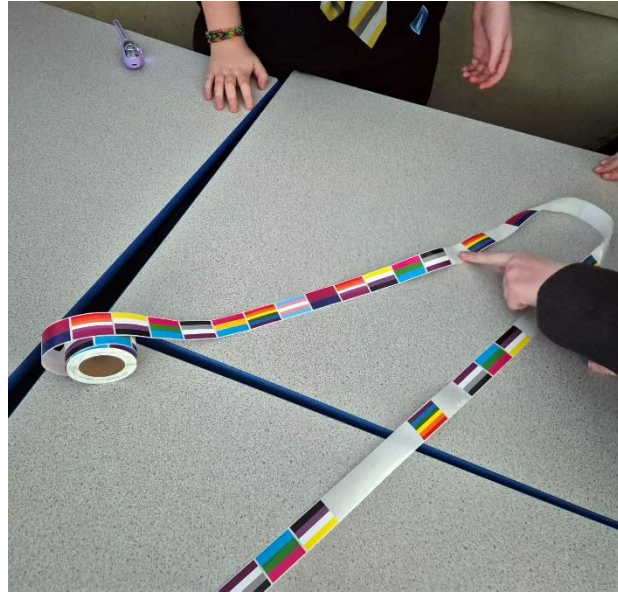


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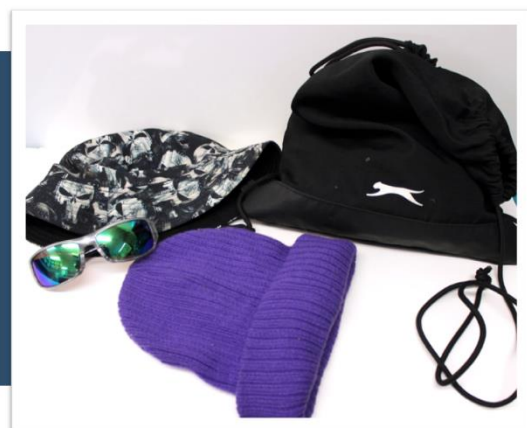


## UniQ CLUB

Lots of students came along to UniQ this week and shared stickers and books. UniQ is in Mrs Berry's classroom, G7, on Thursday lunchtimes.



## LOST PROPERTY ITEMS



**These items were handed into lost property –  
please collect from Resources at break or  
lunchtime**





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## Sport University Experience Day

Hartpury are running a **Sport University Experience Day** which includes **sport specific workshops** and an opportunity to learn about **Hartpury University sport courses**.

**Years 9 and 10** – February half-term

**Date:** Wednesday 18 February 2026

**Event times:** 9.30am – 2.30pm

**Students can apply here:** [hartpury.ac.uk/experience-days](https://hartpury.ac.uk/experience-days)

This event will be **subject to an application process** and those **students who meet Hartpury's WP criteria** will get priority places.

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