



## WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 22 – WEEK A

Week Commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	National Careers Week Week 2 of Year 11 Mock Exams
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day 4.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Year 10 Progress Evening
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week (6 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> ) Tutor Time Year 11 Mocks end

Dear TDA Families

It has certainly felt more like Spring has arrived this last week. It certainly has been an incredibly busy start to Term 4 with lots taking place around the school, in and out of lessons.

This last week Year 11s have embarked on their second round of mock examinations, with these being the last set of internally set assessments until they take their “real” exams in approximately 7 school weeks. The students should be SO proud of the way in which they have conducted themselves during this first week, with many staff commenting on their focus in the pre-exam briefings and the exemplary manner in which the students have behaved in the examination hall. Well done Year 11 and all the best for week 2!

This week we welcomed visitors from other Forest of Dean schools, alongside Matt Bishop, MP, for the second round of the Mock Parliament sessions. Our students, once again, were exceptional in the way in which they spoke with confidence – we hope that they are learning a lot about the political system.

This coming week sees a busy week with World Book Day, National Careers Week and the start of British Science Week!

[A message from Miss Radcliffe regarding World Book Day:](#)

On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, we are holding our World Book Day activities. At break time and lunch times, students will have the opportunity to take part in a number of activities - all promoting World Book Day and of course The National Year of Reading! Staff will also be reading to students in each lesson extracts from their favourite stories and there will be a Tutor Quiz! In addition to these activities, we will also be running again our very successful book exchange. This allows students to bring in books they no longer read or want and exchange them for new ones! Should you have any books you would like to donate, please do ask your child to bring them to Miss Radcliffe in G3. Any donations you can make, we would be extremely grateful.



We would also like to invite you to come to the Library between 15:30 and 16:00 on Thursday so you can also browse these books we have in the Exchange and talk to available staff about Book Recommendations. Please complete the form here from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March till Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March if you would like to attend. [Book Exchange Parent Sign Up - Fill in form](#)

Outside of school hours, there are also a number of activities being run externally. This includes online virtual events such as the exclusive to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child! [Behind the magic: Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. An exclusive World Book Day digital event.](#)

Happy Reading!

[A message from Miss Musto regarding National Careers Week:](#)

There will be lots of activities taking place during National Careers week; each day we are focusing upon a different career theme:

Matchday Monday : Sport and Football

Technology Tuesday : Engineering and Technology

Worldwide Wednesday : Journalism and Media

Theatrical Thursday : Music and the Arts

Pharmaceutical Friday : Medicine and Healthcare

There are a couple of links that may help you at home to have some discussions with your child centred around careers [PG-NCW-2026.pdf](#) and [National Careers Week 2026 | What's on offer on Bitesize Careers? - BBC Bitesize](#). We hope that you find them useful!

With regards to careers, we are also reaching out to see if there are any parents/carers who have availability on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March to support with our Year 10 Mock Interview process. An email has been sent out regarding this so if you are able to help out, please do get in touch using the link in the email.

We also look forward to welcoming Year 10 parents/carers to our Progress Evening on Thursday. These important conversations at the mid-way point of the Key Stage 4 journey for the students are crucial, so we look forward to discussing with you your child's progress thus far and how we can all work together to support them to achieve their potential.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions on how we can further improve the TDA experience for our young people, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing everyone a lovely week ahead.

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## LETTERS WHICH HAVE GONE HOME W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026:

### Year 11 Progress Evening 2026

Letter = <https://thedeanacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Y11-Second-Progress-Evening-2026-Letter.pdf>

Guide = <https://thedeanacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Parent-Guide-SchoolCloud.pdf>

### Year 9 End of Year Formal Assessments

<https://thedeanacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Y9-End-of-Year-Exams-2026-Letter.pdf>

### Leavers Hoodie 2026

<https://thedeanacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Leavers-Hoodie-2026-Letter.pdf>

## FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day (no students in school)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Mid-Year Exams
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Motivational Speaker

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026:

KS3 – Harry O – Year 8  
KS4 – Lily-Sienna L – Year 10



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## THEATRE TRIP

Our students had a fantastic time watching Disney's 'Hercules' at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane in London at the end of last term! They really enjoyed the musical adaptation of the 1997 animated film.





## YEAR 11 MOCKS

Good luck to our Year 11s who started their Mock exams this week!



## YEAR 11 PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to our Year 11 £100 prize winners, Ruby and Charlie. These hard-working students were entered into a special raffle where they received one ticket for every 50 house points earned. Points were awarded to our Year 11s for attending Period 6, Victory Hour and working hard on their revision for their mock exams. Well done and good luck in your mocks!





## CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

Congratulations to our hardworking Year 10 students who achieved the most points in their year group for effort. They enjoyed a pastry and hot chocolate in the canteen with the Headteacher.



## MOCK PARLIAMENT

This week, a group of our Year 9 students, along with students from other local secondary schools, took part in their second preparation session as part of The Forest of Dean Schools Youth Parliament with local MP Matt Bishop. The session, which was hosted at The Dean Academy, focused on the debating procedure used in the House of Commons, so there was lots of waving paper, banging on tables and shouting!

This was the second of five sessions, all leading to a final debate later in the year at the District Council Chamber.



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## LOST PROPERTY ITEMS



## 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.

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