



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 25 – WEEK B

Week Commencing 23 rd March 2026	
Monday 23 rd March	a.m. Youth Parliament Session DofE Year 9 Bronze Practice Year 10 Mock Interviews
Tuesday 24 th March	DofE Year 9 Bronze Practice Year 10 Mock Interviews Y11 Mock Results assembly – period 5 Year 11 Reports to Parents
Wednesday 25 th March	
Thursday 26 th March	Assembly – Gloucester Rugby 4.30 – 6.30 p.m. Year 11 Progress Evening
Friday 27 th March	Non-Uniform Day – sportswear and to include items in your house colour 3.15 p.m. Term 4 ends

Dear TDA Families,

As we lead up to the Easter break it has certainly been an incredibly busy week with lots to celebrate, and next week looks set to be no different.

On Tuesday evening we hosted our annual Music Awards and what a fabulous, celebratory event it was. I was absolutely in awe of the talent, dedication and bravery displayed by all of our young people as they took to the stage and performed in front of an audience of approximately 200. This was a rather special awards evening as it was the last one for Mr Peacock who is leaving TDA next week after working here for 5 and half years. I would like to thank Mr Peacock for all of his hard work and commitment to TDA – the music faculty has thrived under his leadership and we wish him well in his relocation and new job.

On Thursday evening we welcomed over 170 families for our Year 9 Options Evening. This marks the start of this important process for our Year 9 students as they make those all-important decisions before embarking on their key stage 4 courses. This will be followed up by options assemblies all of next week during tutor time and then our Year 9 reports and progress evening shortly after the Easter break; the information about booking appointments for progress evening will be coming out shortly. If you have any questions at all during the options process, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's tutor or Mr Fessey. For those students participating in the DofE bronze award expeditions, the assemblies will be recorded and shared.



This week has also been busy in terms of sporting events. Some of our football teams visited Wyedean school to participate in fixtures there. We have also hosted a primary cluster netball event, with some of our Year 10 GCSE students supporting the organisation of this. And today a group of students have travelled to London to participate in a Day of Dance. Thank you to Miss Wilton and the PE team for organising these events and giving our young people such fantastic opportunities.

A group of Year 10 students this week also attended an event at The University of Gloucestershire this week where they were given the opportunity to experience what life is like in Higher Education. Year 10 students have their mock interviews taking place next week – we wish all students the very best in these.

In the lead up to the GCSE exams starting next term, we have our Year 11 mock results assembly taking place on Tuesday afternoon. This is a sign-up event for parents – thank you to those who have already registered their attendance. If you would like to come along, please sign up via the MS Forms link here <https://forms.office.com/e/YCDzMf6fZ7>. We look forward to welcoming many of you there. Staff are also volunteering their time over the Easter break to run revision sessions with Year 11. The sign up for this is here <https://forms.office.com/e/Z6pDGFzMeA> – please note that if uptake is not high enough we will not be able to run some sessions. If a session does not run because of this, we will inform you before the end of term. Please do encourage your child to sign up to these revision sessions as we know that in the lead up to the exams this high impact intervention can add great value.

Please may I ask for your support in a couple of areas. Firstly, we have a number of students who get the school bus and then once arrived are not coming straight in to school but going to local shops and then arriving at school late. Please may I ask that you speak to your child about this and ensure that they are coming straight in to school off the bus. Our canteen is always open from 8am for students to go and purchase breakfast from or to sit and socialise prior to the official start of the school day. Secondly, please may you remind your child if they are in Year 7 or Year 8 and wish to bring a mobile phone to school that they are required to hand them in at the start of the school day unless they are exempt for medical reasons. We will be contacting parents/carers of students who are not submitting phones as per our procedures.



In the lead up to the Easter break, please find at the end of the newsletter, an update from Gloucestershire County Council regarding the Holiday Activity and Food Programme for Spring 2026. For enquiries, please contact HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Finally, you will also hopefully have seen the letter sent out yesterday regarding our recent Ofsted Inspection. As my letter outlines, we are incredibly proud that the inspection highlighted the many wonderful things that happen at TDA on a daily basis and are reassured that the areas we were already prioritising as a school, that the team of inspectors were in agreement with. As this is a new Ofsted framework, please find here a link ([New Ofsted report cards and grades: a guide for parents - YouTube](#)) that explains the new process and report card. If you wish to discuss the report with me, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing everyone a lovely sunny weekend and a good week ahead.

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LETTERS SENT HOME W/C 16th MARCH 2026:

Year 9 Progress Evening

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Year-9-Progress-Evening-2026-Letter.pdf>

Ofsted Report Accompanying Letter

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Ofsted-Report-19th-March-2026-Letter.pdf>

Sestriere Italy Ski Trip 2028

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Sestriere-Italy-Ski-Trip-April-2026-Letter.pdf>

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

13 th April	Term 5 starts
23 rd April	Year 9 Progress Evening
24 th April	Year 9 DRP/MenACWY Vaccinations
28 th , 29 th April & 1 st May	School Performance



ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 13th March 2026:

KS3 – Archie D – Year 9
KS4 – Sophie H – Year 10

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 13th MARCH

Group	% Attend
Year 7	91.2
Year 8	91.1
Year 9	95.3
Year 10	90.5
Year 11	93.4
Totals	92.3

Year 7

7EJW	94.4
7BG	92.1
7AU	92
7KG	90.6
7MR	90.6
7JP	87.9

Year 8

8PMC	97.8
8JJ	97.5
8EJB	91
8HM	89.2
8DRW	87.5
8KLC	83.5

Year 9

9AM	97.3
9CJB	96.4
9ER	95.8
9NKM	95.1
9FP	94.6
9APH	92

Year 10

10MRW	96.9
10MT	94.9
10NEP	91.7
10SCO	88.4
10NK	87.5
10KM	85.8

Year 11

11CEM	98.1
11RT	95
11KBB	94.6
11AW	86.7



Non Uniform Day

Date : Friday 27th March

Theme : NON UNIFORM
sports wear with 1 item in
your house colours

Cost : £1

In aid of : Y11 prom

There will also be tickets being
sold this week for 50p to enter
the Easter Egg raffle.



YEAR 7 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

This week, our Year 7s made some delicious fruit muffins in their Food Technology lesson with Mrs Gittins-Jones. Well done!





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Courtney C & Louie R



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FOOTBALL FIXTURES

We had a lovely afternoon of Football last week in the sunshine. 45 students played some outstanding fixtures against Wydean School. We love to see so many active students!





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PROM BAKE SALE

Our Year 11 Food Technology students have been busy this week baking and decorating these fantastic cakes to sell during break time on Wednesday to raise money for their upcoming Prom.





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ANNUAL MUSIC AWARDS

The Dean Academy Music Awards 2026 was a truly fantastic celebration of the talent, dedication and creativity of our students. The evening was filled with outstanding performances, showcasing not only musical skill but also confidence, commitment and passion. Every student involved should be incredibly proud of what they achieved.

It was wonderful to see so many students recognised for their hard work, with trophies, medals, certificates and Music Ambassador badges awarded to those who have



demonstrated excellence and commitment throughout the year. The standard was exceptionally high, making each achievement even more impressive.

The event was a real highlight of the school calendar and a testament to the vibrant and supportive musical community we have at The Dean Academy. It has been an absolute pleasure for me, Mr Peacock, to teach and work with such talented and enthusiastic students.

I would like to congratulate all students involved and wish them every success as they continue their musical journeys. I have no doubt that they will go on to achieve great things as they progress through the rest of their school careers.



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Layla-May N



Tilly P



Mia C



Max H



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Kealan



Isabelle T & Ruby A



Ruby, Austin & Mia



Miles W



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Charles J



Lottie H



Libby & Ariana



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Reuben P

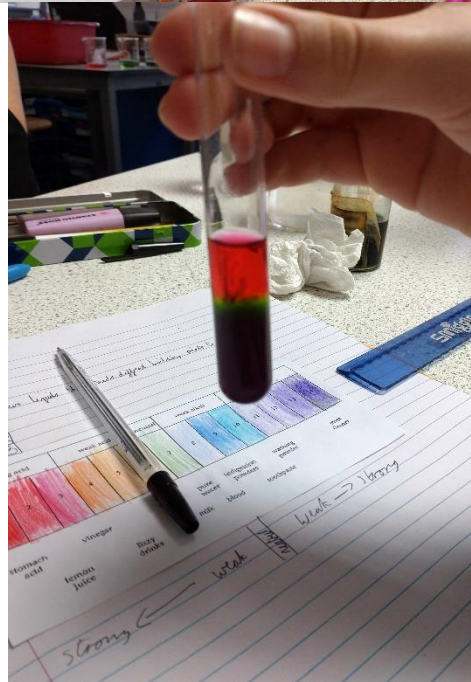


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YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Year 7s have been investigating pH levels in their Science lessons with Mr Webb.





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YEAR 8 SCIENCE

This week, Miss Musto's Year 8 Science class were exploring floating and sinking, and understanding density by building density towers with different liquids



Poppy & Bella

YEAR 11 YEARBOOKS

NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE



<https://allyearbooks.co.uk/buy/24694>



The Mighty Curious: Youth Retreat Day at The Christian Adventure Centre, Viney Hill

The Forest South Deanery churches are delighted to offer a Retreat Day
for young people aged 13-17 (school years Y8-Y12) on
Saturday 11th April 2026, 10am-4pm

'The Mighty Curious' will be a space where you can join with other local young people for an adventurous day of activity, rest and creative workshops – all mixed with time to pause and ... be curious!

It's a place to ask questions, to wonder aloud, to play and to relax. There will be music, arts, nature connection and reflection/prayer spaces as well as physical and mental challenge.

Can you summit the High Ropes Course? Will you brave the Leap of Faith rope jump?
Could there be a link between lighting a campfire and a life of faith?

Bring your own lunch

Book your place (limited spaces) for £5 – all activities included

For further details and booking link, please contact Revd Gilly Traverse: revgilly.traverse@icloud.com

EID MUBARAK

Eid is a time of joy and celebration for the Muslim community. The holiday, which marks the end of the month-long fasting period of Ramadan, is a time for family gatherings, feasting and giving back to the community.

Eid is celebrated with great enthusiasm and spirit. The festivities start with the sighting of the moon, which signals the end of Ramadan and the beginning of Eid.

We wish our Muslim friends a Happy Eid Mubarak!





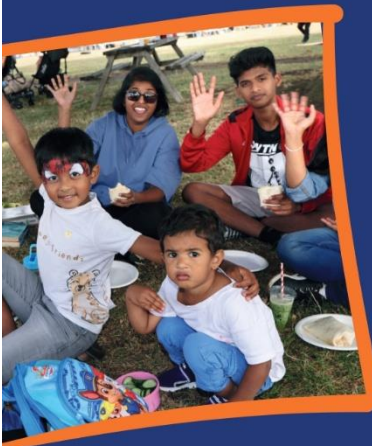
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HAF Spring 2026 is coming!

Make sure you're signed up
and ready to book!



Bookings open

Monday 23 March at midday

View events from midday on Friday 20 March.
Scan the QR code and press 'start onboarding'
to begin your sign-up process.
Visit <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk>

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