



## WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 28- WEEK A

Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Options Deadline School Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School Performance
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	School Performance
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	School Performance
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	

Dear TDA Families,

I hope that you have been enjoying the spring sunshine. With the onset of this warmer weather, we enter our period of "summer uniform" where students are not required to wear their blazers at all times. Please note, that the following uniform expectations do remain: 1. Students must have their shirts tucked in at all times; 2. If students are choosing to wear a jumper, the only jumper they are permitted to wear is our official school jumper – hoodies will be confiscated; 3. Only students with medical exemptions are permitted to wear leggings – all other students must wear tailored trousers, tailored shorts or the school skirt. Many thanks for your support in maintaining these uniform standards. The weather looks reasonably comfortable for the next few days, but as we do enter the warmer months a reminder that students should bring a refillable water bottle with them to school and are welcome to wear an appropriate sun hat.

Last week we saw our Year 11 Art students complete their Art exam. They worked incredibly hard in the lead up to this so a huge well done to all involved. With the formal examinations starting in 2 weeks' time, our Year 11s are fully focused, and we are incredibly impressed with the hard work they are putting in. Keep it up Class of 2026 and we cannot wait to celebrate your success with you! Information about the revision sessions over May half term will be coming out shortly.

Last week we also hosted our Year 9 Progress Evening – it was lovely to meet with so many parents and carers to discuss your child's progress and also have those all-important conversations about Options choices. The Options deadline is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – we will now be working hard behind the scenes to put this all together and will confirm choices with students as soon as we are able to.



Last week we saw some of our students participate in some significant events in the Forest of Dean. On Thursday evening a group of students went to the FoD Council Chambers in Coleford to represent TDA at the cross-school mock parliament event as hosted by Matt Bishop, local MP. Our Year 9 students held their own with students up to Year 13 and I was so impressed to see them speak with such confidence. A HUGE well done to all involved. And on Friday our head students, Alfie and Ava, along with Deputy Headteacher Mrs Mehrotra-Hughes, attended the unveiling of the Imjin Memorial for veterans of the Korean War. It was such an honour for Alfie and Ava to be asked to read the names of the fallen soldiers and they both commented on how moving the ceremony was.

This week we are fully focused on our school performance of Little Shop of Horrors. Students are involved in dress rehearsals all day Monday and on Tuesday we are inviting students from local primary schools to watch the performance, before our 3 evening performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There are still a few tickets left so if you wish to come along and support the dramatic arts here at TDA please head along to ParentPay and we look forward to welcoming you – I am sure we are all in for a treat!

In classes this week our Year 7 & 8 students will be revising for their end of year formal assessments that start next week. Well done to those students who headed along after school last week for a revision booster session with Mr Fessey.

As a final notice from me, please may I ask that if you use the car park to drop off your child(ren), either at the start or the end of the school day, please use the one way system, stick to the 5 mile per hour speed limit and please do not park on the double yellow lines – this is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all in our school community as well as users of the leisure centre. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

As always, if you have any comments or feedback for me on how we can improve this wonderful school of ours, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing everyone a wonderful, sunny week ahead.

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## LETTERS SENT HOME w/c 20 APRIL 2026:

### GCSE Geography Fieldwork June 2026

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/GCSE-Geography-Fieldwork-June-2026-Letter.pdf>

## FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8, 9 & 10 District Athletics

## ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026:

KS3 – Pollyanna B – Year 7

KS4 – Ethan R – Year 10

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Group	% Attend
Year 7	92.7
Year 8	90.9
Year 9	91.6
Year 10	88.1
Year 11	91.7
Totals	91

### Year 7

7EJW	96.4
7BG	96.3
7AU	93.2
7KG	91
7MR	90.4
7JP	88.7

### Year 8

8PMC	95.7
8JJ	95.2
8EJB	92.4
8HM	90.8
8DRW	87.6
8KLC	83.5

### Year 9

9AM	96.7
9CJB	95.9
9ER	94.5
9NKM	90.4
9FP	88.2
9APH	84.5



### Year 10

10MRW	96.2
10MT	91
10NEP	90
10SCO	88.9
10NK	87.9
10KM	77.3

### Year 11

11CEM	98.1
11RT	95.7
11KBB	87.3
11AW	86.5

## CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

Congratulations to our amazing Year 9 students who were invited to a celebration breakfast with the Headteacher this morning. They are the top 10 students in their year group with the most positive points in terms 3 & 4 and zero negative points. Well done!

Jasmine S, Lydia J B, Zeke R, Elsie R, Tia A, Olivia C, Sofia B, Abigail T, Teddy J, Joseph C



## LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARD

We are incredibly proud of Scarlett, in Year 7, who was presented with the Lydney Town Council Community Award this morning by Lydney Mayor Natasha Saunders, in recognition of her contributions to the local community through her fantastic fundraising efforts.

Scarlett cycled 50 miles in one day on her mountain bike, with the support of her friend Camilla, to raise money for the MPS Society, which is a charity very close to her heart. The



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MPS Society provides support to families affected by rare genetic conditions and the money that Scarlett has raised will care for six families affected by MPS for an entire year. This is just incredible, well-done Scarlett.





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## YEAR 10 QUICHE

Year 10 Food and Hospitality students have been making quiche this week with Mrs Gittins-Jones. They look delicious!





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## DofE SILVER PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Our DofE Silver students were out on their practice expedition last week and completed a 3-day, 2-night trek across the Brecon Beacons taking on wet weather and even wetter bogs. Their assessor remarked on their excellent cooking and navigation skills.





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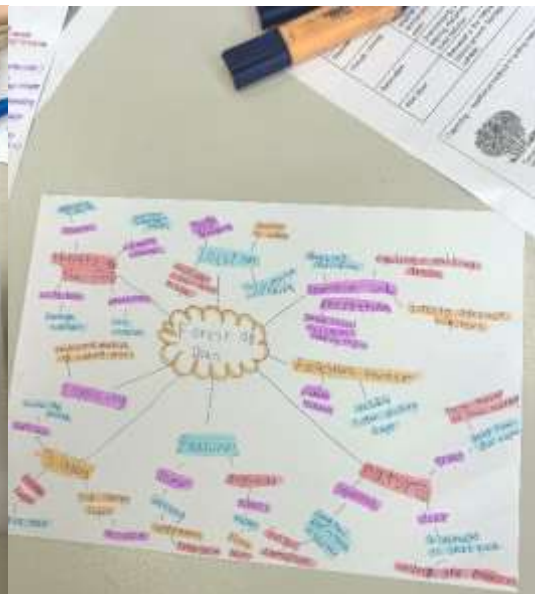
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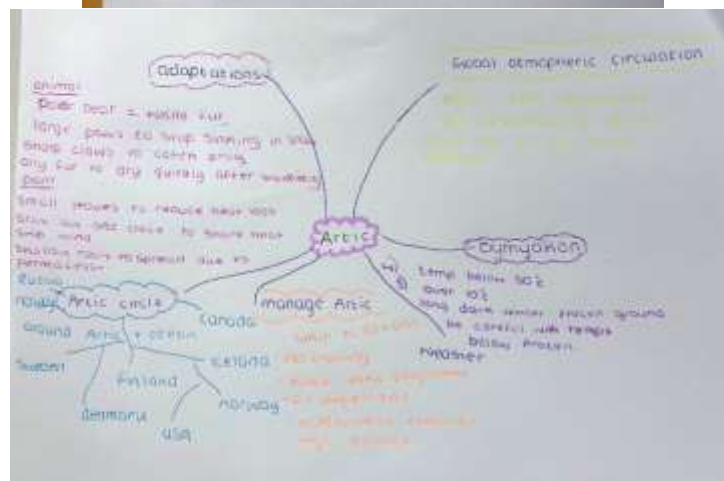
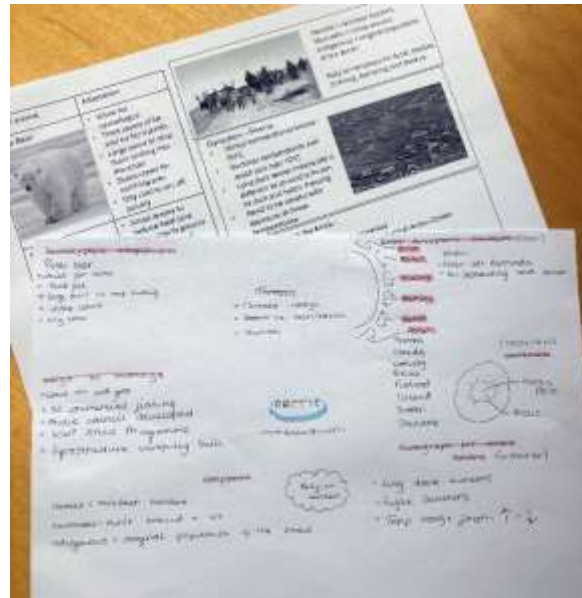
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## REVISION SESSIONS

Mr Fessey held an afterschool revision technique session in the Library for our Year 7 and 8 students in preparation for their end of year exams in May. We hope they found it helpful!







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## LOST PROPERTY ITEMS

