



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 33 – WEEK B

Week Commencing 8th June 2026

Monday 8 th June	
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 7 Reports to Parents
Wednesday 10 th June	
Thursday 11 th June	
Friday 12 th June	Year 10 exams start – French Listening & Reading

Dear TDA families

I hope that everyone in our community enjoyed the sunny weather during half term. In spite of the torrential downpours we have been experiencing this week, it has been an incredibly positive start to Term 6.

On Monday the rain held long enough for us to be able to have our annual House Tug of War event. It was a brilliant afternoon and a wonderful opportunity for our staff and students to come together with a bit of healthy competition! Unfortunately, we ran out of time for the staff event which will determine the overall winners so we are looking for another date for this in the not-too-distant future – watch this space!

Our Class of 2026 students are now in the home straight of their GCSE examinations and we could not be more proud of the resilience and dedication to their studies that they are displaying. There is only 1½ more weeks to go until their leavers day on Wednesday 17th June and we greatly look forward to marking this significant occasion with them and celebrating the journey that they will all have been on during their time at TDA.

Our Year 10 end of year examinations start next Friday – they have been working very hard in lessons in preparation for those. Students should have received electronic copies of their timetables prior to half term and they received paper copies in registration this week. If students have any questions at all regarding these assessments, please can they speak to their tutor in the first instance or to Mr Fessey.

I was fortunate enough to run a number of tours last week and we dropped into many lessons – it was really lovely to see our students working so hard and engaging well. Many of our visitors commented upon this and also upon the positive atmosphere that they felt around the school. As a parent, if you ever wish to participate in a tour, please don't hesitate to contact us info@thedeanacademy.org.

There have also been a number of extra-curricular trips and visits that have taken place this week. On Tuesday we welcomed a representative from SARA who did a water safety talk with Year 7 students – a very timely topic to be discussing. They will be returning to run the same session with students in other



year groups. On Wednesday, over 90 Year 9 students visited The University of Gloucestershire and got to experience what life as a university student would be like. The students conducted themselves impeccably throughout the trip and we hope that they all found it very useful.

As we get closer to the end of the academic year, we are very much looking forward to Sports Week, the Rewards Trips, Walk in the Woods and Deanstock; please do keep an eye out for the letters regarding these that will be sent out in the coming weeks.

And finally, huge congratulations to Mr Gunter who has been appointed as our "Progress Champion" and will be working very closely with some of our young people who require additional support to be successful in attending school and accessing their lessons successfully.

As always, if you have any comments or feedback on how we can work together to improve the experience for our young people here at TDA please do contact info@thedeacademy.org – your input is always very much appreciated.

With very best wishes for a lovely week ahead,

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LETTERS SENT HOME W/C 1st JUNE 2026

Ski Trip Information

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Ski-Trip-Information-Letter-June-2026.pdf>

Girls Rugby Kingsholm Festival June 2026

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Girls-Rugby-Kingsholm-Festival-June-2026-Letter.pdf>

Year 8 End of Year Reports 2026

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Year-8-End-of-Year-Reports-2026-Letter.pdf>

Science LIVE at Disneyland Paris Feb 2027

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YEAR 11 GCSE EXAMS

Date	Time	Exam
Monday 8 th June	9.15 a.m.	Biology Paper 2
Tuesday 9 th June	9.15 a.m.	Spanish Listening & Understanding
	1.00 p.m.	History Paper 3
Wednesday 10 th June	9.15 a.m.	Maths Paper 3
	1.00 p.m.	Product Design Russian Writing
Thursday 11 th June	9.15 a.m.	Geography Paper 3
Friday 12 th June	9.15 a.m.	Chemistry Paper 2
	1.00 p.m.	Hospitality & Catering Statistics Paper 2
Monday 15 th June	9.15 a.m.	Physics Paper 2
Tuesday 16 th June	9.15 a.m.	Spanish Reading & Understanding
Wednesday 17 th June	9.15 a.m.	Spanish Writing

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 15 th & Tuesday 16 th June	DofE Year 9 Bronze Qualifying Expedition
Thursday 18 th June	4.30 – 5.15 p.m. Krakow Information Evening
Thursday 18 th & Friday 19 th June	Geography River Fieldwork Trip
w/c 22 nd June	Sports Week
Thursday 24 th & Friday 25 th June	Year 5 Taster Day Year 11 Prom
Friday 26 th June	Trust Inset Day
w/c 29 th June	Year 5 week
Thursday 2 nd July	5.00 – 6.00 p.m. Primary Science Show
Monday 6 th & Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 Stepping Up Days
Tuesday 7 th July	10.00 a.m. – 7.00 p.m. Year 6 Uniform Event



	3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Year 6 Parent Information Session
8 th , 9 th & 10 th July	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition
w/c 13 th July	House Trips all week Trip to Krakow (13 th – 15 th)
Thursday 16 th July	Character Awards Evening
Monday 20 th July	Walk in the Woods
Tuesday 21 st July	Dean Stock Term ends at 12.30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 22nd May 2026:

KS3 – Caleb – Year 9

KS4 – April – Year 11

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 22nd MAY 2026

Group	% Attend
Year 7	87.3
Year 8	86.9
Year 9	87.9
Year 10	86.1
Year 11	86.4
Totals	87

Year 7

7EJW	93.2
7AU	92.9
7JP	86.9
7MR	86
7KG	85.5
7BG	80.3

Year 8

8EJB	92.3
8PMC	92
8HM	88.6
8KLC	85.1
8DRW	83.2
8JJ	79.7

Year 9

9AM	92.4
9APH	89.7
9CJB	89
9FP	86.7
9NKM	86
9ER	83.7



Year 10

10NK	92.2
10KM	87
10NEP	86.3
10MRW	85.4
10SCO	82.8
10MT	81.5

Year 11

11CEM	91.1
11RT	87
11AW	86.3
11KBB	81.9

HOUSE TUG OF WAR





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SCIENCE ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

There was lots of fun making slime in Science Arts & Crafts Club this week after school.



VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Our Year 9 students had a great day this week visiting the University of Gloucestershire's Oxstalls Campus. Throughout the day they enjoyed various workshops on careers, life at university and higher education as well as a tour of their amazing hi-tech campus.

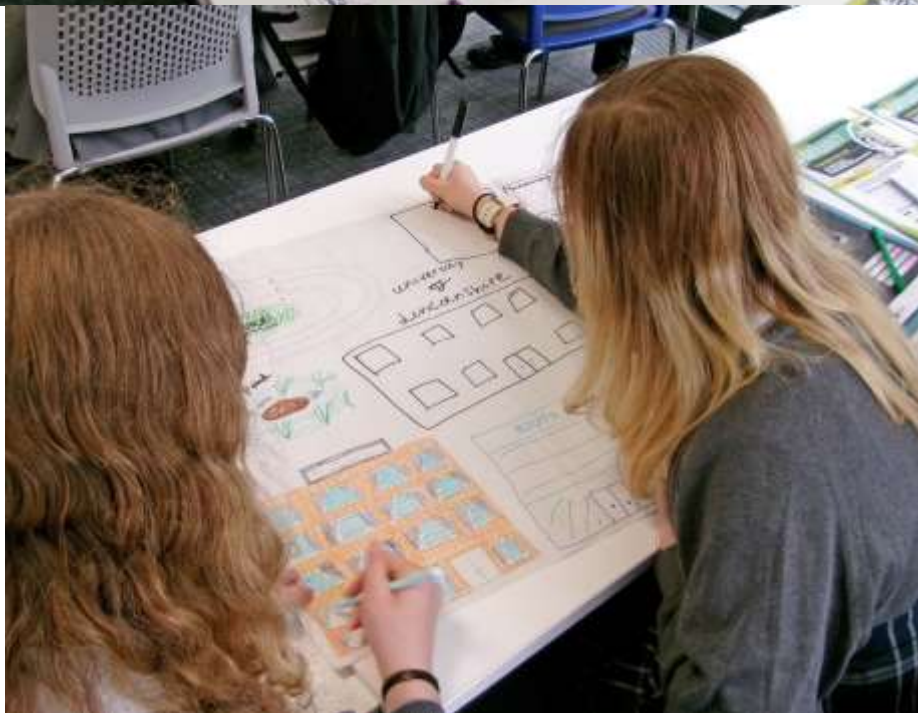




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UNIQ CLUB

Students have been making bracelets in UniQ Club this week in preparation for the Pride picnic.



YEAR 8 PIZZA

Miss Thayer's Year 8 Food Technology class made some fantastic pizzas.



Willow

Ruby



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Aaron



Elwood



Olivia



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JAMIE'S FARM



Charity Open Day

Sat 13 Jun, 11am - 3pm

Duffields Farm, Redbrook, Monmouth, NP25 4LU

Farm tour

Meet our animals

Crafts

Hear from our beneficiaries

Homemade lunch

Homemade cakes



Come and learn more about the charity
and our work with young people.



Scan the QR code
to register

Entry is free.
Gates open at 11am.
We accept cash or card
payments for food & goods.
Sorry, but no dogs.

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WALK IN THE WOODS 2026

After the scorching summer of 2025 scuppered our plans, we're lacing up our boots and hitting the trails — and nothing is stopping us this time! On Monday 20th July 2026, around 700 staff and students will take on a 10-mile trek through the stunning Forest of Dean in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust - a charity that does extraordinary work supporting young people aged 13–24 facing one of the toughest battles of their lives. In the meantime, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/witw2026> or scan the QR code to start donating!

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TO DONATE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

IN SUPPORT OF
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A WALK IN
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Always follow the

WATER SAFETY CODE



STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.

Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an Emergency:



CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Cold Water Shock can Kill



SCAN ME
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water safety
information
and advice.



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