



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 38

Week Commencing 13 th July 2026	
WEEK A Monday 13 th July	House Trips all week Trip to Austchwitz/Krakow (13 th – 15 th July) 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. 270 Climbing 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. Drayton Manor 9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. Cinema - Moana
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 10 Full Reports to Parents 9.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Cribbs Causeway (Year 9)
Wednesday 15 th July	10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. AquaVenture
Thursday 16 th July	9.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Cribbs Causeway (Year 7, 8 & 10) 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. Year 9/10 Paintball 11.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Year 7/8 Paintball All day - Roller Disco on site 4.30 – 6.00 p.m. Character Awards Evening by invitation
Friday 17 th July	9.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Airhop
WEEK B Monday 20 th July	Walk in the Woods
Tuesday 21 st July	Dean Stock Term ends at 12.30 p.m.

Dear TDA families,

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Well...here we are on the final few days of the academic year and my last parent bulletin! It is hard to believe we only have 7 school days left of what has been a hugely successful year for TDA.

As you would expect, we are keeping things busy right up until the bitter end! Last week we welcomed our Class of 2031 into the school for their stepping up days. We welcomed 188 students over the threshold, with even more expected to join us in September! This represents the biggest cohort ever for TDA. I was so incredibly impressed with how the Year 6 students threw themselves in to every activity and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. It was lovely to see them embracing new challenges and forging new friendships – I am incredibly excited to see what successes these young people achieve during their 5-year journey with us. A big thank you to Mr Stradling for organising such a successful day, to our staff for providing such a brilliant transition experience for them and also to our Year 10 Senior Student Team who were exceptional throughout the 2 days, supporting the new students and fully embodying our core values of Responsibility, Respect & Readiness – they were a huge credit to our school and to themselves.



Last week we also had our Silver DofE students on their qualifying expedition which took place over 3 very hot days. Additional measures were taken to account for the conditions and the students showed incredible resilience to excel in their completion of the expedition. There were lots of very hot, very tired looking students returning to school on Friday; they should all be incredibly proud of what they have achieved in incredibly challenging circumstances – we are very proud of them. A huge thank you to Mr Kelley, Ms Collier and Miss Joubert for giving up their time to support the students on the expedition.

Last week we also had our Preparing for Adulthood Week where we invited a number of external providers to come in to school to speak with our young people about a variety of topics to support them for life beyond TDA. Topics such as road safety, healthy lifestyles and mental health, amongst many other areas, were explored as part of this. A huge thank you to Ms Thayer for organising such a useful and enjoyable event which we hope will become an annual part of our TDA calendar.

This week it is all about the rewards trips! 36 students departed bright and early Monday morning for their travels to Poland. Students who have remained in school are looking forward to trips this week to Drayton Manor, Cribbs Causeway, Airhop and of course our annual on site roller disco! It is always such a lovely way to end the academic year and I hope that the students all enjoy the activities they will be participating in.

This week also represents a huge step for our Year 10 students as they receive the results from their first round of mock examinations on Thursday's assembly in the afternoon. Provisions have been made for the students on the Cribbs trip to return by 2.15 p.m. for the results assembly and parents are welcome to join us for this – thank you to those who have signed up already. We look forward to celebrating the successes with you and looking forward to the students' Year 11 journey.

On Thursday we also have our third and final rewards celebration for this academic year – this time the focus is on rewarding the young people for displaying exceptional Character. Invitations have been sent out to the parents/carers of the young people who will be recognised on the night and we look forward to welcoming you for what I am sure will be a really lovely evening.

Next Monday we are taking part in our Walk in The Woods to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. All details about it can be found on the letter we sent out at the end of June found here [Walk in the Woods 2026 – The Dean Academy](#). The current forecast is for a maximum temperature of 27 degrees C and overcast/sunny so please can we ask that you pay particular attention to the measures for ensuring that students are prepared for the warm weather. We will ensure that additional water is available at regular points, but it is crucial that all students bring a sunhat, sunscreen and ensure that they have at least 1 refillable water bottle on their person. To support with this, students will need a rucksack type bag to bring with them. On that note, I would like to thank all members of our community for your support during this period of extremely hot weather that we have been experiencing. We have endeavoured to keep everyone in school as cool as possible through our



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uniform adjustments, additional water stations, fans in every room, a reduction in vigorous activities during PE lessons and break/lunch times and ice lollies provided on regular occasions!

We are ending the year on Tuesday with our DeanStock music festival, and this year we are raising funds for our student Tyler who recently was in a serious accident and sustained life changing injuries. Our fundraising team have been busy making lots of accessories that students can purchase on the day and in addition we will have some sweet food and drink stalls and various other stalls such as "name the bear" and "sponge the teacher!". We are also inviting all staff and students to come in "festival wear" in return for a small donation on the day to the fundraising for Tyler. Please can I ask that clothing is appropriate as this is a school event – we look forward to seeing lots of floral headbands and band t shirts! Students will be able to make donations in cash on the day – we thank everyone in our community in advance for supporting this cause.

Finally, at this point in the year as I reflect upon everything that has been achieved, we look forward to next year and ways in which we can further improve the school. In light of this, please may I ask that you complete the end of year survey [TDA Parent/Carer End of Year survey – Fill in form](#). I will also be sending out my end of year letter this week so please do keep an eye out for that as it contains lots of key information regarding the next academic year.

All that is left for me to say is a huge thank you to you all for all of your support and feedback this year – I could not be more proud to be the Headteacher of TDA and what a privilege it is to work with all members of our school community.

With very best wishes for the week and summer ahead,

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LETTERS SENT HOME W/C 6th JULY 2026

Barry Island Trip July 2026 - <https://thedeanaacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Barry-Island-Trip-July-2026-Letter.pdf>

Character Awards Evening Invitation 2026 = <https://thedeanaacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Character-Awards-Evening-Invitation-2026-Letter.pdf>

Year 6 Stepping Up Day Parent Welcome 2026 - <https://thedeanaacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Year-6-Stepping-Up-Day-Parent-Welcome-2026.pdf>



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FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 1 st September	Inset Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Year 7 & 11 students return Year 7 Information Evening
Thursday 3 rd September	All students back in school Year 11 Information Evening
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 10 Information Evening
Wednesday 9 th September	Year 9 Information Evening
Monday 14 th & Tuesday 15 th September	Year 5 Taster Days
Tuesday 15 th September	Year 8 Information Evening
Tuesday 22 nd September	Open Morning
Wednesday 23 rd September	Open Morning
Thursday 24 th September	Open Evening
Friday 25 th September	Inset Day
Tuesday 29 th September	Open Morning
Wednesday 30 th September	Open Morning
Thursday 1 st October	Open Morning
Tuesday 6 th October	Open Morning Year 7 Tutor Evening
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 7 & 11 Photographs
Thursday 8 th October	Open Morning
Friday 9 th October	Open Morning
Wednesday 21 st October	Term ends at 3.15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 3rd July 2026:

KS3 – Maise-Rae R – Year 8

KS4 – Reuben P – Year 10



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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION WEEK ENDING 3rd JULY 2026

Group	% Attend
Year 7	91.4
Year 8	89.3
Year 9	89.2
Year 10	82.2
Totals	88.0

YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10	
7AU	94	8EJB	96.8	9CJB	93.8	10MRW	84.8
7MR	92.4	8PMC	93.9	9APH	92.3	10SCO	84
7BG	91.9	8JJ	91.4	9AM	90.7	10NK	83.3
7EJW	90.7	8KLC	86.3	9FP	90.6	10MT	80.5
7KG	90.3	8HM	83.3	9NKM	87.4	10KM	80.3
7JP	88.8	8DRW	82.8	9ER	80	10NEP	80