

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 3

Week Commencing 21st September 2026

WEEK B	
Monday 21 st September	CATS all week 8.45 – 9.15 a.m. Assembly (Hartpury)
Tuesday 22 nd September	Open Morning Tours
Wednesday 23 rd September	Open Morning Tours Year 10 Geography Rivers Fieldwork Trip
Thursday 24 th September	Year 10 Geography Rivers Fieldwork Trip 5.00 – 8.00 p.m. Year 5/6 Open Evening
Friday 25 th September	INSET DAY

Dear TDA families,

I hope that this finds you all well after another busy week. I wanted to start this bulletin by sharing with you the details for our start of year parent/carer survey. Getting your feedback on the provisions that we offer your child(ren) is an incredibly important part of school improvement and it is always incredibly valuable to hear from you with regards to the areas you feel we are doing well in and those areas that you feel we still have room for improvement. As such, I would be very grateful if you would be able to send a few minutes completing a brief start of year survey via MS forms, the deadline for which is 12pm Friday 25th September. The link to the survey is here [Parent/Carer Survey - Autumn 2026 – Fill in form](#) Many thanks in advance for your time in this. Many thanks also to those parents and carers who attended our first coffee morning of the year – your honest and constructive input was greatly valued and some of your feedback is already being actioned.

Last week we saw the last of our information evenings. Many thanks to those parents and carers of students in Years 8 that came along for these sessions – we very much appreciate you working alongside us to support the young people at TDA to be the very best version of themselves and achieve their potential, both in and out of the classroom.

This coming week we start welcoming prospective families in to TDA to show them around as part of Open Mornings and of course we have our Open Evening on Thursday. This is always such a fabulous event where we get to showcase everything that our wonderful school has to offer. If your child is coming in to help on the evening, whether as a tour guide or in a specific faculty, many thanks for allowing them to do so; the students are always our greatest ambassadors. Following this, we have our INSET day on Friday where school will be closed to students.

I have been incredibly impressed with the vast majority of our students and how they have adapted to the new mobile phone procedures. Over the coming weeks we will be auditing this and reaching out if



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your child is not handing a phone in – just to ensure that this is because they are not bringing a phone to school. To support us with our no mobile phone policy please can I kindly ask:

1. Our attendance team are regularly being contacted by some parents/carers worried because they are trying to contact their child via their mobile phone during the school day and the student is not answering calls/messaging back. Students will not have their mobile phone on their person unless they have a medical condition, so please can we ask all parents/carers to support us with this and if there is an urgent message, contact the school for a message to be relayed. This can be done via our main switchboard number (01594 843202) or via info@thedeacademy.org
2. With point 1 in mind, we cannot guarantee that any messages sent through after 2.30pm will be able to be passed on, although we will always endeavour to do so. In this instance we would recommend leaving a message on your child's phone so they can pick it up once they have collected their phone at 3.15pm.
3. Where students have a known, booked appointment that means they will be leaving during the school day, please can you ask them to hand their phone in to reception in the morning rather than their tutor lockboxes – this means they can easily and swiftly collect the phone on their exit.

Many thanks to you all for supporting us in this.

On Saturday 26th September it is European Day of Languages – please watch this space for some European themed events happening the week commencing 28th September. Finally, I just wanted to share with you a couple of additional dates to the diary that may require some additional preparation. On Friday 9th October it is World Mental Health Day – in support of this we will be asking students and staff to wear one item of **yellow** clothing/accessory in exchange for a £1 donation towards Young Minds. And on Friday 16th October it is Show Racism the Red Card Day – in support of this we will be asking students and staff to wear one item of **red** clothing/accessory in exchange for a donation towards Show Racism the Red Card. Thank you in advance for supporting these worthwhile causes.

Wishing everyone in our community a lovely weekend and best wishes for the week ahead.

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 11th September 2026:

KS3 – Ffion T – Year 8
KS4 – Jacob A – Year 11



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LETTERS SENT HOME W/C 14th SEPTEMBER 2026

Year 7 Tutor Evening 2026 – The Dean Academy

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 29 th September	Year 7 Tutor Evening Open Morning Tours (bookable through the website)
Wednesday 30 th September	Open Morning Tours (bookable through the website)
Thursday 1 st October	1.10 p.m. Year 9 Chelsea's Choice Year 11 Maths Challenge Open Morning Tours (bookable through the website)
Monday 5 th October	9.15 a.m. Year 11 Assembly (Forest Sports)
Tuesday 6 th October	Open Morning Tours (bookable through the website)
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 7 & 11 Photographs
Thursday 8 th October	Open Morning Tours (bookable through the website)
Friday 9 th October	Open Morning Tours (bookable through the website)
Friday 9 th October	Hello Yellow Day – World Mental Health Day
Monday 12 th October	Year 11 Future Skills Questionnaires
Tuesday 13 th October	4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Careers Parents' Evening Year 11
Wednesday 14 th October	KS2 Primary Event
Thursday 15 th October	Deep Learning Morning Year 8 & 9
Friday 16 th October	Wear Red Day – Anti Racism
Monday 19 th October	Year 11 Assembly (Dene Magna) Year 11 Geography Field Trip
Tuesday 20 th October	Year 11 Geography Field Trip
Wednesday 21 st October	End of Term 1 at 3.15 p.m.



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Forest Music Centre



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