

Y10 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Class of
2028



“Preparing you today for a successful tomorrow”



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Who we are – The Senior Leadership Team



Mrs H Rowlands – HT*



Mrs N Mehrotra- Hughes - DHT



Mr P Glynn- AHT



Mr T Fessey – AHT*



Mrs T Adams - AHT



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Who we are – The Year 10 team



Mrs K Jones HoY



Mr A Elliott (10AEL)



Miss E Radcliffe (10ER)
Mrs L Wells



Miss F Price (10FP)



Mr A Hughes (10APH)



Miss S Chovaneckova (10CJB)



Mrs A Meredith (10AM)



Mr A Winstanley

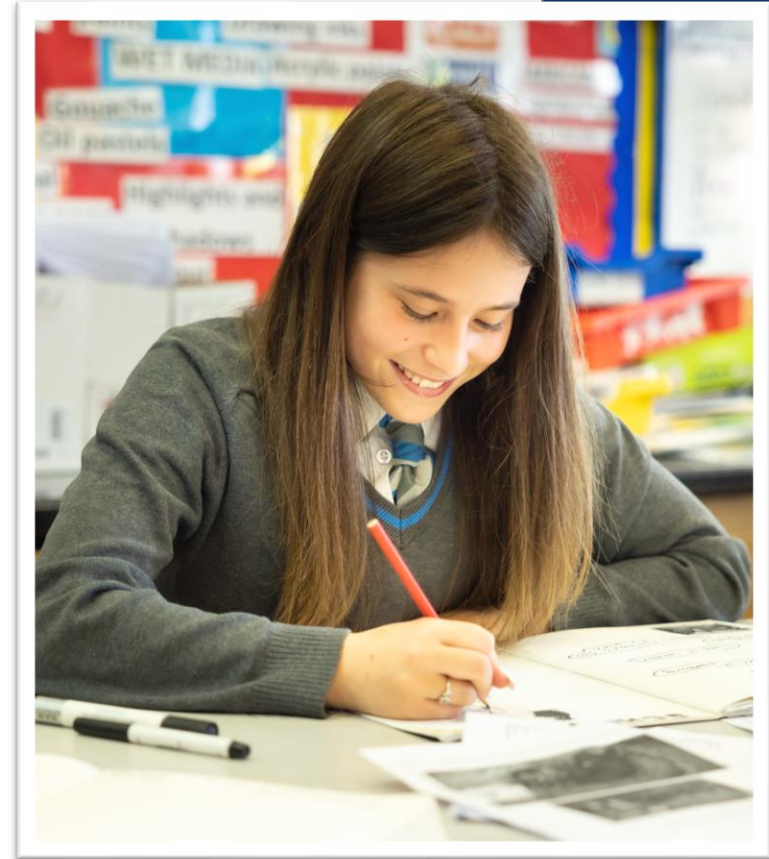
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Session Aims

- Outline our expectations for Y10 and key stage 4 alongside sources of support to ensure your child achieves the very best outcomes
- Set out the key milestones which are spread across the year alongside how/when we will report progress leading into exam season
- Debunk some terminology – including assessment jargon, grade boundaries, 9-1/A*-G/L2D* etc
- Talk about how we'll support your child to have a really good awareness of options after TDA and why it is important to start thinking about this now



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Dean Academy headteacher 'incredibly proud' of best-ever results day



Hannah Rowlands, headteacher of the Dean Academy in Lydney, said Thursday was a momentous, record-breaking day for the school.

"We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2026 and the way they have approached their academic journey with determination, ambition, and a real sense of purpose," she said.

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WHAT WE ARE MOST PROUD OF

- Our most EVER achieving 5x grades 5-9 and 5x grades 7-9 including English and Maths.
- Our highest EVER number of grade 9's (23)
- Our internal progress 8 score (the difference between a student's target and actual grade across 8 subjects) is the highest it has ever been.
- Our attainment 8 score (the average grade that students achieve across 8 subjects) is the highest it has ever been
- Our disadvantaged students make as much progress as the national average
- Out students going on successfully to their next steps...Wyedean & Dene Magna 6th Form, Grammar school 6th form, Hartpury, Gloucestershire College...

GCSE Curriculum

English Literature and
Language

Mathematics

Combined Science (at least)

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

Personal Development &
Values

Core PE

= 9 qualifications



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Key dates...

- Thursday 3rd September = Your GCSE courses begin
- Monday 12th January = Mid-year assessments begin
- **Monday 14th June = First ever mock exams**
- Tuesday 14th July = Mock results assembly



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Supporting you to achieve success

- Challenging lessons with unapologetic high expectations
- Period 6 including the loyalty card scheme
- Lunchtime Revision
- Unlimited past paper access
- Embrace the Geek reward system
- Extra responsibility in the school
- More contact with parents – The golden triangle
- Targeted progress interventions including 1:1 meetings
- Tutor time core subject interventions
- Careers and Aspirations Programme incl links with post-16 providers



Self Study and Homework

- 40-60 minutes
 - CORE (1 x week)
 - OPTION (1 x fortnight)

What it is....	To take 1 of 3 forms...
• Linked to recent learning • Explicit and clear	• APPLICATION • FLIP & FETCH • RETRIEVAL



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Online Revision

Documents > Year 11 > Mock exams 2 February > Geography

SR Student Documents

+ New

Name

- Lessons
- Mock exams 1 November
- Mock exams 2 February
- Real exams May

Name	Modified
2024 KO Fieldwork.pptx	November 21, 2024
Changing Cities PPQ.pptx	November 21, 2024
Changing Landscapes PPQs.pptx	November 21, 2024
Ecosystems, Diversity and Management PP...	November 21, 2024
Fieldwork PPQ.pptx	November 21, 2024
GCSE Tick list overviews 2024 exam.docx	November 21, 2024
Global development PPQ.pptx	November 21, 2024
Resource Management Energy PPQ.pptx	November 21, 2024
Revision booklet paper 1 2025.pptx	November 21, 2024
Revision booklet paper 2 2025.pptx	November 21, 2024
Hospitality & Catering	November 8, 2024
Languages	November 8, 2024



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How to make a revision timetable

Date:		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY			
MORNING	7-8										
	8-9						With family	Football match			
	9-10										
	10-11										
	11-12										
12-1	History						Physics				
AFTERNOON	1-2						Gym	Xbox			
	2-3						PE				
	3-4						Maths	Spanish			
	4-5						Period 6	Gym	With friends	Computing	English Lit
	5-6									Period 6	Period 6
	EVENING	6-7	English Lang	History	Maths	Gym		With friends	With family		
7-8		With friends	Biology	Football	Computing						
8-9											

STEP 1:

When can't you revise

STEP 2:

Allocate time to each topic in each subject

STEP 3:

Add in extra where needed

STEP 4:

Leave down time!

How to revise...

The Pomodoro Technique

1

Decide on the task to be done.

2

Set the timer to **25 minutes**.

3

Work on the task until the timer rings.

4

Take a short 5 minute **break**.

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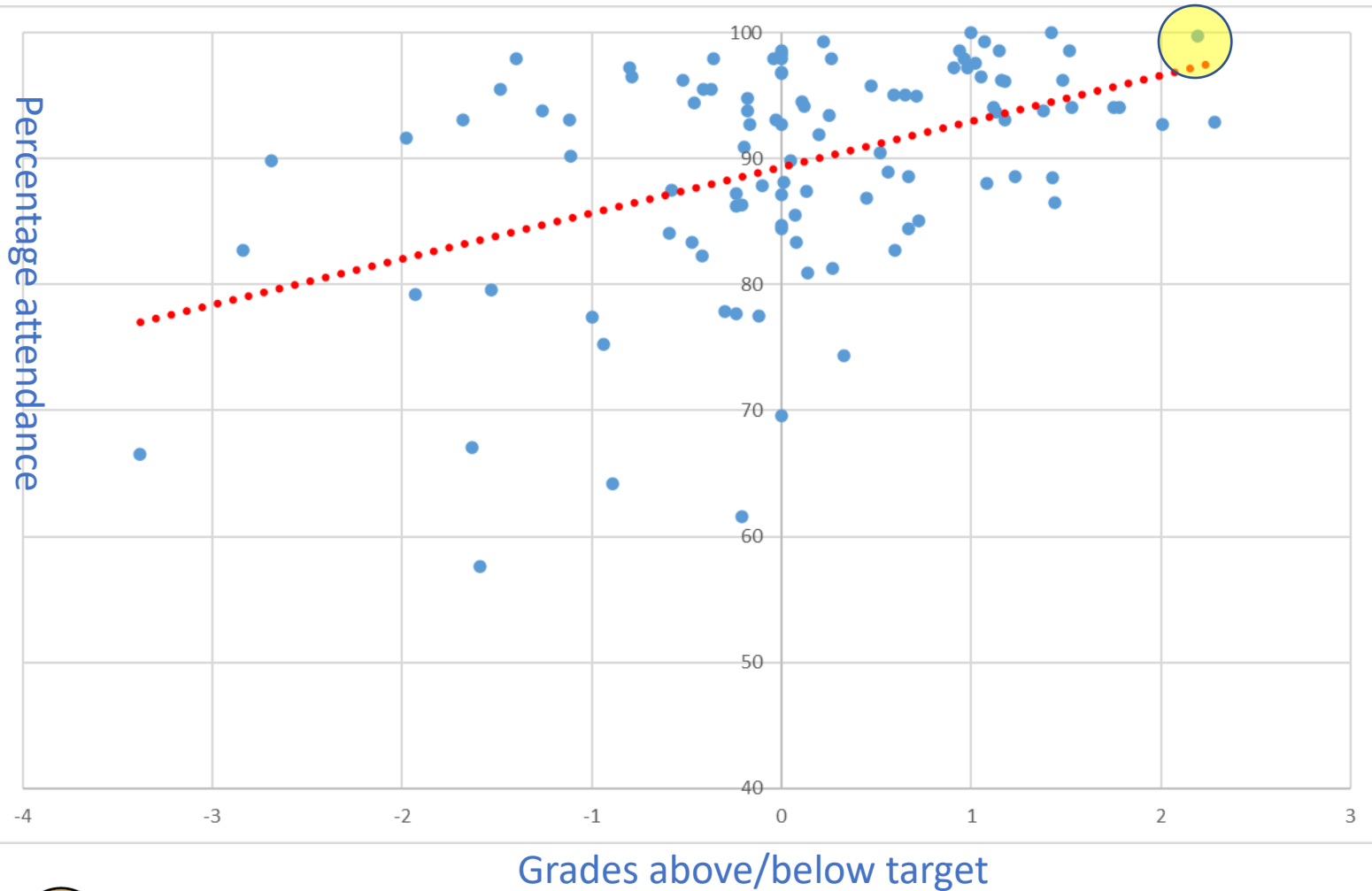
Take a 15-30 minute **break**.

repeat 4 times



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Attendance matters...



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What can you as a parent/carer do to support?

'Evidence shows that parental support is eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than other factors.'

- Support with the completion of homework
- Encourage revision **early** rather than last minute (or not at all!)
 - This will help remove stress and helps remember material better
- Work to ensure a healthy work-life balance
- Reach out to us if you detect a shift in your child's attitude to school



Your next steps post TDA

The Parents' Guide to
www.theparentsguideto.co.uk

www.theparentsguideto.co

Level	Qualification / educational route				
8	Doctorate (PhD)			NVQ 8	
7	Masters degree (MA)			Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7	
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc				
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)			
4	Higher National Certificate (HNC)			Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4	
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3	
2	GCSE Grades 4- 9 (C, B, A or A*)		BTEC first diploma	Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2	
1	GCSE Grades 1- 3 (D,E,F or G)		Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications	Traineeship / NVQ 1	
Academic route				Vocational route	Applied / work route

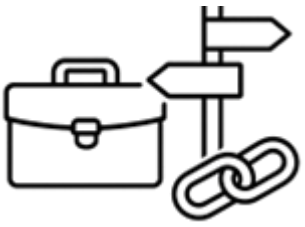
For Maths and English, resitting is compulsory if you haven't achieved a pass (grade 4). You'll need to continue studying these subjects until you either pass or turn 18



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Careers in Year 10

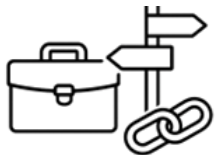
“It’s not about choosing a career yet”



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Mock Interviews — week commencing 1 February

This is an opportunity for them to experience a realistic interview situation in a supportive environment.

They may be asked about:

- their interests;
- their strengths;
- their GCSE subjects;
- activities and achievements;
- aspirations and possible future plans.
- The emphasis isn't on having the "right" answers.
- It's about building confidence and learning how to communicate effectively.

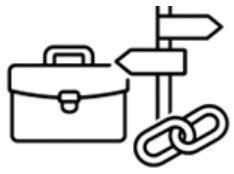
This will be supported by careers sessions in tutor time on the 8th and 22nd January



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Work Experience — week commencing 17 May

This is where you can have the greatest impact!

Start to have conversations!

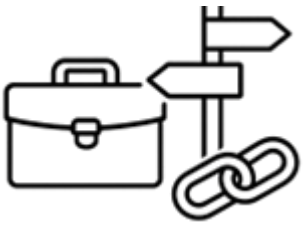
- “What sort of things do you enjoy doing?”
- “What subjects do you particularly enjoy at school, and why?”
- “Do you prefer working with people, technology, numbers, ideas, practical things, animals...?”
- “Is there a job you've seen or heard about that sounds interesting?”
- “What kind of workplace would you like to experience?”
- “Is there somewhere local that you think would be interesting to spend a week?”



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What you can do now

1. Talk — don't interrogate.

Have informal conversations about interests, subjects, jobs and the future without expecting a definitive answer.

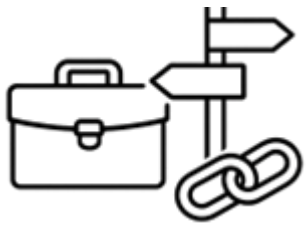
2. Encourage curiosity.

If your child says, “I think I'd like to be a...”, encourage them to find out more rather than immediately asking whether it's realistic.

3. Help them think about work experience.

Start identifying possible organisations, businesses or workplaces that they might be interested in. Parents' own networks can be extremely





The Dean Academy Work Experience – Employer Interest Form



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HoY key messages

- **Year 10 . New year. New start. New opportunities.**
- Whatever last year looked like for your child— whether it was a great year, a difficult year, or somewhere in between — today is an opportunity to draw a line under it and have a fresh start.
- It's the beginning of the GCSE journey.
- Foundations they build now will make a real difference.
- Attendance will make a real difference.



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HoY key messages

- Period 6 starting after half term
- Once a week on a Thursday in the Library
- Staff from various faculties invited along
- Rewards for attendance
- Study groups



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Maintaining the balance and looking after yourselves



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HoY key messages

Email: kjones@thedeacademy.org

- Pastoral support



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