

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 6

Week Commencing 12th October 2026

WEEK A	8.45 – 9.15 a.m. Year 11 Future Skills Questionnaires
Monday 12th October	MFL Trip to Pates Grammar School (12 students) My Plan Fortnight
Tuesday 13th October	4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Year 11 Careers Parents' Evening (pre-booked appts only)
Wednesday 14th October	KS2 Primary Event 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Glos College Trip
Thursday 15th October	Year 8 & 9 Deep Learning Morning
Friday 16th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day

Dear TDA families

It is hard to believe that we are now in the final couple of weeks of what has been a hugely successful term 1. This week we welcomed more families than ever before on our Open Morning tours; it has been such a privilege to welcome visitors into the school to see it in everyday action and the excellent work that takes place in lessons. If there is interest, I would also like to offer this opportunity up to parents/carers of students currently in the school after half term; these tours are likely to be 9.15 a.m. -10.15 a.m. and if you would like to register your interest please complete this MS forms [Register of interest for visiting TDA on a tour – Fill in form.](#)

We also welcomed members of our Local Governing Board into school on Monday as part of our Governors in School Day programme (they will visit 3 times across the academic year). These days are incredibly important as it allows our LGB to see what is happening around the school and to meet with as many students and staff as possible to discuss their TDA experiences, what they think is going really well and where we can improve further. Thank you to those members of the board who attended.

On Thursday night we welcomed students and families to our Duke of Edinburgh Information and Awards evening. We had so many in attendance that we had to host this in our Sports Hall which is such a testament to how this extra-curricular activity has grown in recent years. It was a truly lovely occasion and the students accepted their certificates with clear pride as to their achievements. A HUGE thank you to Mr Kelley, Mr Webb, Mrs Price, Mrs Joubert-Johnson, Ms Collier and Miss Wheatstone who run and organise DofE, giving up huge amounts of their personal time to provide our students with this fantastic opportunity.

On Friday we had so many students who attended wearing a yellow item of clothing/accessory to raise money for Young Minds, an incredibly important mental health charity. I will share the amount raised in next week's bulletin. Thank you all for your support with this. Next Friday we are doing similar but this time for an item of red clothing/accessory to raise money for Show Racism the Red Card. This is

part of our recognition of Black History Month, the theme for which this year is “Honouring our Communities”. Next week, as part of National Hate Crime Awareness week, we will be running a number of sessions with Year 8 focusing upon the importance of words and the impact that these can have on people.

Also, next week we have a Personal Development deep learning morning taking place on Thursday, with a focus on community behaviour and knife crime and we will be welcoming in the police to support with these important messages to ensure that our young people know how to keep themselves safe.

In last week's bulletin I shared with you the contact details for pastoral teams in the school. This week, please find below the emails for our academic teams, alongside a reminder of SLT contact details:

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Finally, I just wanted to share with all parents/carers that it has come to my attention that there are a number of student, "group chats" via social media platforms such as WhatsApp and SnapChat that are containing inappropriate language and content, particularly in our lower year groups. As these are being accessed by our young people outside of school hours, I would encourage you to where possible please check your child's use of these apps and take the measures you deem appropriate as a parent/carer to ensure their safety and wellbeing and also that of others. If you have any concerns regarding this, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Many thanks for your continued support and with warmest wishes for the week ahead.

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 2nd October 2026:

KS3 – Daisy D – Year 8
KS4 – Carter G – Year 10

LETTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN SENT OUT THIS WEEK:

Flu Parent Letter 2026

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Parent-Flu-Letter-2026.pdf>

Flu Leaflet 2026

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Flu-Leaflet-2026.pdf>

Year 11 Mock Exams Nov 2026

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Year-11-Mock-Exams-Nov-2026.pdf>

Year 11 Mock Exams Timetable Nov 2026

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FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.

Enrichment Programme– Afterschool – Week A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Club All Years Y3/Y1	Homework Club All Years Y3/Y1	Homework Club All Years Y3/Y1	Homework Club All Years Y3/Y1
Crochet Club All Years P4 Miss Holt	Rugby All Years (Girls and Boys) Field Gloucester Rugby	TCG Club All Years E13 Mr Hughes	Basketball All Years Sports Hall Mr Gunter
School Band All Years D2 Music	Volleyball All Years Sports Hall Miss Rose	Dance Club All Years Studio Mrs Adams	
	DoFE Bronze Year 9 C5 and Y3	Science Arts and Crafts 7, 8, 9 & 10 S5 Miss Wheatstone	
	DoFE Silver Year 10 S2 Mr Kelley	Rock Bands All Years D2 Music	
	School Musical Band All Years D2 Music	Netball Club All Years Sports Hall/ Courts Miss Wilton	
	Ecoschools KS3 S6 Mr Webb and Mrs Price	Photography Club All Years S1 Mr Child	



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Enrichment Programme – Afterschool – Week B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Club All Years Y3/Y1	Homework Club All Years Y3/Y1	Homework Club All Years Y3/Y1	Homework Club All Years Y3/Y1
Crochet Club All Years P4 Miss Holt	Rugby All Years (Girls and Boys) Field Gloucester Rugby	TCG Club All years E13 Mr Hughes	Basketball All Years Sports Hall Mr Gunter
School Band All Years D2 Music	DofE Bronze Year 9 CS and Y3	Dance Club All Years Studio Mrs Adams	
	DofE Silver Year 10 S2 Mr Kelley	Science Arts and Crafts 7, 8, 9 & 10 S5 Miss Wheatstone	
	School Musical Band All Years D2 Music	Rock Bands All Years D2 Music	
	Ecoschools KS3 G6 Mr Webb and Mrs Price	Netball Club All Years Sports Hall/ Courts Miss Wilton	
	Volleyball All Years Sports Hall Miss Rose		

Enrichment Programme – Lunchtime – Week A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GCSE Badminton Year 10 Sports Hall Mr Stradling/ Ms Jones	Football Year 8 & 11 Astro Miss Wilton	Basketball Year 7, 9 & 10 Sports Hall Mr Stradling	UniQ Club All Years E2 Mrs Berry	Disney Movie Club Year 7 G6 Miss Bater
Crochet Club Year 7, 9 & 10 P4 Miss Holt	Crochet Club Year 8 and 11 P4 Miss Holt	Crochet Club Year 8 & 11 P4 Miss Holt		
	Minecraft/Gaming All Years Y3 Mrs Joubert	Lego & Wellbeing Year 7 E4 Miss Porter		



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Crochet Club Year 7, 9 & 10 P4 Miss Holt	Minecraft/Gaming All Years Y3 Mrs Joubert			