

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 4

Week Commencing 5 th October 2026	
WEEK B	9.15 a.m. Year 11 Assembly (Forest Sports)
Monday 5th October	Governors in School Day
Tuesday 6th October	Open Morning Tours (bookable through the website) Under 16s Netball Tournament
Wednesday 7th October	Year 7 & 11 Photographs
Thursday 8th October	Open Morning Tours (bookable through the website) DofE Awards Evening
Friday 9th October	Open Morning Tours (bookable through the website) Hello Yellow Day – World Mental Health Day

Dear TDA families

I hope that this finds you well. It has been an incredibly busy week filled with lots of key events in the extra-curricular calendar. All week we have been celebrating European Day of Languages with a themed menu in the canteen and lots of fun learning activities such as quizzes and treasure hunts. Many thanks to Ms Kasereka, Mr Reed and our fabulous canteen staff for organising all of this.

On Wednesday, our Year 10 and Year 11 students who are studying GCSE Computer Science participated in a workshop run by the South-West Regional Organised Crime Unit, where they learned about the importance of cyber threats and how they can impact upon organisations and what IT teams face on a daily basis. A huge thanks to the SWRGOCU representatives who visited us and to Mr Hughes and Mrs Joubert-Johnson for organising the event.

On Thursday, some of our Year 11 Maths students visited Abbeyfield School in Chippenham for the first Athelstan Trust school event of the year. Well done to our Year 11 students who participated for representing the school so brilliantly.

Also, on Thursday it was World Poetry Day and to celebrate this, Miss Radcliffe ran a number of different activities during lunch time on Friday all linked to the theme of "Wonder". These activities included students writing their own poetry; reading famous and some not-so-famous poems as well as creating poems from songs.

Our Year 11 students are now into the full swing of their final year at TDA, and part of this involves deciding upon and getting ready for next steps. As part of our commitment to ensuring the correct Post 16 pathway for our learners, Year 11 students have been visited by a number of local providers sharing with the young people what courses are on offer and more information regarding their establishments. Whilst the end of Year 11 may seem like a long way off, it will come around incredibly



quickly. We would always encourage students and their parents/carers to pay a visit to the open evenings. To support in your organisation of this, here are the current Sixth Form Open Evening dates for the local area:

- Gloucestershire College:
 - o Gloucester campus – 7th and 9th November
 - o FoD campus – 11th November
 - o Cheltenham campus – 16th November
- Dene Magna – 6th November
- Wyedean – 26th November
- Hartpury – 16th January, 6th February, 20th March
- The Crypt – 5th November
- Sir Thomas Rich's – 28th January
- Forest Sports – 20th October

We advise you visit the websites for these if you are interested as some require pre-booking. As more publicise their events, we will add more information.

A number of parents have reached out asking for contact details for some key colleagues in the school. To help with this, please find below the email addresses of some of the key pastoral colleagues and areas within the school.

Name of colleague	Role in the school	Email
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Lee Kelley	Head of Year 8	lkelly@thedeacademy.org
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Finance team	Parentpay, uniform support, trips	finance@thedeacademy.org
General enquiries		info@thedeacademy.org
SEND department	SEND department, EPIC resources base	SEN@thedeacademy.org

Next newsletter I will share details for subject and faculty leads. We will always endeavour to reply to emails within 48 hours, but due to staff absence/availability this may occasionally be longer so thank you for your understanding should this be the case.

Please find below a link to a letter regarding an exciting trip to Iceland that we are able to offer our young people. Following feedback from the parent forum a couple of weeks ago, we are endeavouring to ensure that at the start of each academic year a full itinerary of trips is shared for the 2 years ahead – this will be shared in next week's bulletin.

We look forward to students and staff raising money for Young Minds, a Mental Health charity, next Friday – to support this please can students wear 1 item of yellow clothing/accessory alongside their uniform in exchange for a donation of £1 to be collected on the day.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With warmest wishes for the week ahead.

Hannah Rowlands
Headteacher

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Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 25th September 2026:

KS3 – Dottie-Dee – Year 7

KS4 – Harry B – Year 11

LETTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN SENT OU THIS WEEK:

<https://thedeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Geography-science-trip-to-Iceland-2028-FP-headed.pdf> - Iceland trip letter



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FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.

Enrichment Programme – Lunchtime – Week A



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GCSE Badminton Year 10 Sports Hall PE Staff	Football Year 8 & 11 Astro PE Staff	Basketball Year 7, 9 & 10 Sports Hall PE Staff	Basketball Year 8 & 11 Sports Hall PE Staff	Netball Year 7, 9 & 10 Sports Hall Miss Wilton
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	UniQ Club All Years E2 Mrs Berry	Disney Movie Club Year 7 G6 Miss Bater
	Minecraft/Gaming All Years Y3 Mrs Joubert	Lego & Wellbeing Year 7 E4 Miss Porter		



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School Band All Years D2 Music	DofE Bronze Year 9 C5 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 S6 Mr Webb and Mrs Price	Netball Club All Years Sports Hall/ Courts Miss Wilton	
		Photography Club All Years S1 Mr Child	

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