

DCCA Parent Bulletin

Thursday 16th September 2021

MESSAGE FROM MR MACLEAN

Whilst writing this, we are in the middle of preparations for our first open evening in two years! This milestone event takes place with a level of nervousness, but overwhelmingly we are looking forward to tonight with great excitement and enthusiasm, as it represents a true return to education for all students. Despite the turmoil of the last two years I am deeply impressed by the way our students have coped throughout the pandemic. Our new Year 7 cohort have hit the ground running and are impressing all staff members with their commitment to their learning and enthusiasm for secondary school. We have also been really impressed with how our new Year 8 have coped with the change of timetable, as most of them spent very little time in the main school building last year. All of our enrichment activities are starting again and I would urge students to get involved in the wider school offer, now is the time to take up a new sport or hobby and immerse yourself in all that a secondary school can offer.

Before the summer we employed three additional staff members whose primary focus is student intervention and support. Our lesson 6 offer is already in full swing and I hope that you will support us in making sure all of our students can reach their full potential in our quest to close any learning gaps brought about because of the pandemic.

Finally, we are running a welcome event next Thursday for all parents of year 7 and year 8! More about this event is contained within the letter sent earlier this week, but I urge you to attend if at all possible. As I parent of a Year 8 child, I am acutely aware that my daughter attends a school I have never been to and is taught and supported by staff I have never met. Hopefully this event is the first of many where we can rebuild our face to face communication and welcome our community back into the academy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 22nd September 4pm
Y11 Revision Fayre and Parental Meet

Thursday 23rd September 4pm
Y7 and 8 Welcome Evening

Monday 27th September 5.30pm
Parental Forum

Wednesday 29th September
Y8 - HPV Dose 1

Thursday 30th September
Y9 – HPV Dose 2

4th – 15th October
Year 11 Mocks

Thursday 14th October
Post 16 Open Evening

16th – 31st October
Half Term holiday



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Year 5/6 Open Evening
Thursday 16th September 2021
5pm - 7pm



Dover Christ Church Academy
STAR LEARNING



Dover Christ Church Academy proudly invites you to take a student guided tour to see, first hand, our vibrant and engaging learning environment.

Our aim is the pursuit of excellence for all.

We STRIVE for the development of individual potential in all areas of DCCA life.

Dover Christ Church Academy offers reading programmes along with one-to-one support to deliver rapid academic support and development of our students.

Come and see the range of subjects we offer. See the pathways and our Learning Journey from Year 7 through to Post 16. Find out how our students, through a unique partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University, are offered a pathway from Year 7 through to their degree course.

STAR LEARNING
LESSONS, LEARNING & REWARDS



SETTLE AND START



THINK HARD - TRY HARD



AIM AND ACHIEVE



RECAP AND REFLECT

• • **GETTING IT RIGHT** • •

• LEARNING TO BELIEVE • LEARNING TO SUCCEED •





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CANTEEN

As students settle in to the routine of the new term, we are eager to ensure that all students enjoy the full range of food on offer in our canteen. To make sure this is as efficient as possible, it is very important that students bring their Independent Catering fob to the canteen at every meal and break time. This will make a great difference to reducing queues in the servery area.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Jain Smith
Director of Finance and Operations



PASTORAL SUPPORT MANAGERS

Our Pastoral Support Managers (PSM) each support a year group. Your child will get to know their PSM over the next year. If you need to make contact, here are their email addresses.

Year 7	Mrs Durrant	durrantc@dccacademy.org.uk
Year 8	Mrs Jackson	jacksonl@dccacademy.org.uk
Year 9	Mr Prescott	prescottr@dccacademy.org.uk
Year 10	Miss Shore	shorem@dccacademy.org.uk
Year 11	Mr Atkinson	atkinsonj@dccacademy.org.uk
Post 16	Mrs Morris	morrisj@dccacademy.org.uk

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ROALD DAHL DAY

Monday was Roald Dahl's birthday and as such the English department dressed up as famous Dahl characters to celebrate. Year 7 and Aspen students had a collapsed timetable so that they could enjoy various different events associated with Dahl and Literacy which included: a 'bugman' showcasing various creepy crawlies; a Treasure Hunt led by Mrs Colton which culminated in drawing Roald Dahl's characters around the playground; bespoke Science lessons on 'mini-beasts' inspired by 'James and the Giant Peach' and Creative English lessons focused on creating new sweets (inspired by 'Boy') and writing the start of a story set in a giant fruit (inspired by 'James and the Giant Peach'). Great fun was had by all and Year 7 were able to enjoy their first enrichment experience in their new journey as part of the DCCA family.



PARENTAL FORUM

As we continue to drive standards forward and improve our partnership with parents/carers, we would like to invite you to our first parent's forum post COVID 19 restrictions. This will be held on Monday 27th September at 5.30pm until 6.30pm. It will be an informal meeting giving you an opportunity to feedback on the last academic year as well as to meet and ask questions of our senior leadership team. It is a valuable way to share your ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement. If you are interested in joining the forum and have some subject specific requests to add to our agenda please email info@dccacademy.org.uk.

Mrs M Muir
Assistant Vice Principal



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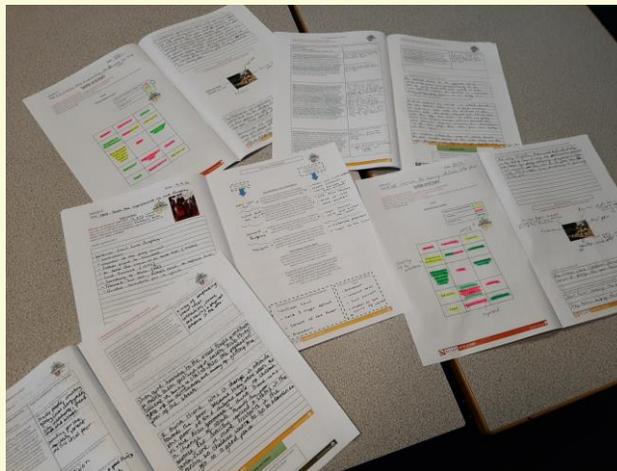
STAR LEARNERS

Week Two of term has seen the first STAR LEARNER event with students presented a lovely hot chocolate (along with mini marshmallows) to enjoy in the central heart on Monday morning. This celebrates the good work of students within the Academy. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work.

Mrs Holmes and Miss Langston

HISTORY

Year 11's have started their Historical Environment investigation on Burghely's Almshouse. Students have been really engaged and have been developing their understanding of the topic well.



BUSINESS BREAKFAST

On Wednesday 29th September, DCCA are hosting a business breakfast for any local businesses to find out more about how they can get involved with the DCCA Career's programme. If you would like an invite letter with more details, please contact me on mercerh@dccacademy.org.uk.

Mrs Mercer
Careers Leader



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PE's Literacy

KS3

CHALLENGE!

For term 1

You are going to write about any sporting experience you have had.

EXAMPLES:

- From an experience in your PE lesson
- From a club
- From taking part in a match
- From playing sport outside of school
- From watching a match/event
- From taking part in a sporting activity on holiday



Literacy expectations:

- You need to write a minimum of 200 words.
- Our literacy focus is going to be on capital letters, full stops and full sentences.

The top 2 students from each year will get a sporting and literacy reward.

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SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE

EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE					
MONDAY 13 th SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 8 th OCTOBER 2021					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH CLUBS 1:30-2:10PM				<u>KS3 ONLY</u> (7, 8 and 9) <u>Dance</u> Miss Shrewsbury <u>Dance Studio</u>	
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 3:10-4:30PM	<u>Year 11</u> <u>BTEC Sport</u> <u>Coursework Catch Up</u> Mr Bing Miss Shrewsbury <u>M1</u>	<u>All Years</u> <u>Netball</u> Miss McGeehan Miss Shrewsbury <u>Sports Hall</u>	<u>All Years</u> <u>Girls & Boys</u> <u>Football</u> Mr Durrant Mr Foot Mr Bing Miss McGeehan Miss Shrewsbury Miss Godden <u>Field</u>		

BUS PASSES

All bus passes that come into school will be given out to students as soon as possible. If your child has been absent, they should check with their Pastoral Support Manager.