

“Discovering and Learning Together, so all can Flourish”.

‘A tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season’ (Psalm 1:3)

Wisdom - Hope - Service - Resilience

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The Deanery Way

I'm delighted to introduce the latest Deanery newsletter as we celebrate a significant milestone for our school. Our Year 11 students completing the Deanery's first set of GCSEs, marks a pivotal moment in the school's academic journey. Their hard work and determination have been truly inspiring, and we are immensely proud of their accomplishments. Meanwhile, the Year 10 students have admirably taken up the mantle, completing their mock examinations and engaging in various career opportunities this term. Their dedication and approach has been commendable, and we look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.

The summer term brings an array of enriching activities that promise to engage and inspire our students. Our calendar includes many exciting events; all the Summer Sports events including the eagerly anticipated Sports Day, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, transition events with our new year 6's and rewards trips across the year groups are just some. These activities are designed to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and personal growth, as well as creating lasting memories for our students.

As a leader of enrichment activities in school, I would like to extend my gratitude to all our staff members who go above and beyond to provide these exceptional opportunities for our students. Their dedication and passion are the driving forces behind our school community, and we are deeply appreciative of their efforts.

Thank you too for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more of our students' successes and experiences in the coming weeks.

Mrs Debbie Matthews

Assistant Head teacher for enrichment and opportunities outside the Curriculum

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PE & Sports: @PE_deanery
RE department: @RE_deanery
Science department: @science_deanery
Worship at DCEA: @worship_deanery



Absence reporting

If your child is unwell and will be absent from school, please call: **01793 236611** and leave a message, clearly stating your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence.

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FACULTY FOCUS: THE PERFORMING ARTS

Welcome from the Deanery Theatre!!



My name is Debbie Matthews and I am the Performing Arts faculty lead, as well as the Assistant Head teacher for enrichment and opportunities outside the curriculum here at The Deanery. I joined in April 2022 and have been dedicated to opening up creative opportunities and providing an enriching and engaging curriculum.

Here at the Deanery we believe music and drama are fundamentally important for fostering students' development on multiple fronts. These creative disciplines improve memory, attention, and problem-solving skills as well as developing emotional intelligence, allowing students to express themselves, understand different perspectives, and develop empathy. Moreover, these activities bolster social skills through collaboration and teamwork and also provides a constructive outlet for stress, a means for personal exploration and contributes to mental well-being. We believe by integrating music and drama into the curriculum, educators can cultivate well-rounded individuals equipped with the creative and interpersonal skills necessary for success in various aspects of life.

As you will see, Music and Drama have broad and engaging curriculums. We have high expectations, there's a lot to cover – our lessons require students to be ready to go from the minute they arrive for a lesson – and after the bell has gone to go home! Before we know it, next year's musical will be announced and the rehearsals will have begun. But in the meantime, follow us on Instagram for events planned for the rest of the year – and watch this space!

Mrs Debbie Matthews

Head of Performing Arts

Assistant Head teacher for Enrichment and opportunities outside the Curriculum

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Meet the team...

Miss Jemima Douglas

Teacher of Music and Drama

Since 2020, I've had the privilege of working at the Deanery, initially as a member of the SEND department and now as a Teacher of Music and Drama in the Performing Arts department.

I'm originally from the vibrant twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago (Caribbean).

My primary instrument is voice, and I deeply love the sound and feel of harmonised voices. I've had the privilege of leading the Deanery school choir 2021/23, where my and the students' love for singing shone through.

I don't hide the fact that I'm Dyslexic from students. This lived challenge to learning, alongside a working background in SEND and SEMH support, has heightened my perspective on the importance of inclusivity and support in the classroom for all students.

Fun Fact - I've had the honour of representing my country in various pageants. These experiences have not only been a platform for personal growth but have also taught me the value of perseverance and the rewards of hard work. I've been privileged to be recognised with titles such as Miss Website, Miss Commonwealth, and Miss Elegance at the Miss Trinidad and Tobago pageant UK.

At home, I'm a proud mother to a teenage daughter who shares my passion for the performing arts and is actively involved. This personal connection also fuels my dedication to nurturing young talents and fostering a love for the arts. I believe performing arts can build a young person's self-esteem, confidence, and resilience, and I have enjoyed seeing this growth among our students.

Miss Jemima Douglas



Mr Daniel Halpin

Head of Drama, Head of Year 8

I am now in my 9th Year in teaching with a specialism in Drama and Performance, and each Year in school I am one of the lead teachers in the school musical theatre production. I am currently undertaking an NPQ qualification in Leading Behaviour and Culture to find new ways to instil excellent behaviour for all. Outside of school I am a keen rugby player and play for Cirencester RFC.

Within my role I am focused on raising the standard of behaviour within the Year group and ensuring that all students feel safe within school and enjoy their time here at The Deanery

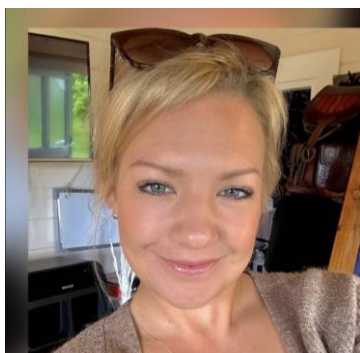


Miss Luana Godwin –

Teacher of Music and English

My name is Miss Godwin and I teach Music and English at The Deanery since September 2023. Music has always been a passion of mine from singing in the Bath Abbey Choir as a teenager, performing as a soloist and chorister for events including a performance in front of Princess Anne and now teaching in and outside the classroom. I have won many local and international competitions for classical singing and still sing on the side. Outside of school, as well as performing, I have run multiple youth and adult choirs where we have competed in local competitions. In 2021, I moved to Dubai to teach music in an international school which was great fun!

Alongside music, I love to travel, keep fit and cook! Chilli flakes and garlic are a staple in my meals.



Mrs Debbie Matthews

*Head of Performing Arts
Teacher of Music and Drama*

I am a music teacher who came from an instrumental background though I have had many jobs – I've worked in radio, owned a coffee shop and now have experience teaching across the whole student age range from Early Years to A Level and beyond. I was destined to be a teacher, it was passed on from my parents and is a constant source of joy. Working with children is profoundly engaging; it's the job for me! I have recently completed my NPQ in Leading Teaching and joined the Senior Leadership Team at the Deanery in 2023.

Music has been a constant thread through my life, I studied flute and piano whilst working for my music degree and now play saxophone in local dance bands, and you can often find me banging and crashing in the percussion section of my children's bands and orchestras.

If there's any time left after all of that I love spending time with my family, doing yoga and walking the dog!



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REQUEST FOR OLD AND UNWANTED INSTRUMENTS:

We have a couple of new keyboard players who are struggling to find themselves an instrument to practice on at home. If you have an old keyboard or guitar, or any instrument! (Excluding bagpipes!) You could donate to the school for loan to instrumental students – please contact Mrs Matthews debora.matthews@dcea.org.uk



1-1 Instrumental music lessons at school, online or at home.
Piano, Drums, Guitar, Woodwind, Brass and Strings.

Swindon Music Co-operative – providing 1-1 instrumental lessons in schools across Swindon and Wiltshire since 1998.

Swindon Music Co-operative

Our aim is to develop each pupil's musical potential according to their individual needs and aspirations. Quality of teaching monitored through regular observations of all our teachers.

For more information or to apply please scan the QR code below

Application form More information

Swindon Music Co-operative, Astoria House, 165/166 Victoria Road, Swindon, SN1 3BU
01793 781973 • info@swindonmusiccoop.co.uk • swindonmusiccoop.co.uk

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

If you would like your child to have instrumental music lessons, you can contact our providers - The Swindon Music Co-operative; they send in the peripatetic teachers to the Deanery. We currently have guitar, piano, singing, saxophone, flute, violin and drum lessons but please ask the Co-operative if you would like your child to have lessons on a different instrument.

You can contact them at info@swindonmusiccoop.co.uk or on the website or apply directly for lesson here <https://swindonmusiccoop.co.uk/apply-for-music-lessons/>

Yr. 10 / 11 Revision Recommendations:

- Attending Thursday Enrichment booster sessions afterschool
- Revision Books
<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/music/muws41-new-gcse-music-wjec-eduqas-complete>
<https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/product/ocr-gcse-9-1-drama-student-book>
- Baines Music – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCART1kRc9fSDx4os7dIsO2w>
- Music Matters – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/@MusicMattersGB>

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School Production

High School Musical raised the roof – and required the cast to ‘Get Their Head in the Game!!’

As a thank you to students who took part in High School Musical last term we took the opportunity to visit New College recently to see their production of ‘Mary Poppins’. Inspired to plunge back into the spotlight and put some words to music – the performing arts staff are keen to choose a great show for our next production. It’s a tough job choosing, but we love to do it! Watching a totally student led production and getting the chance to contrast, compare, analyse and aspire to produce another ‘supercalifragilisticexpealidocious’ show at the Deanery. We would like a bumper cast so keep a lookout for auditions and information in September.



The teamwork demonstrated in getting a production like this to the stage is what makes enrichment activities beneficial. Skills for life, and the tenants of our school - Service, Hope, Wisdom and Resilience – with an extra dash of Creativity! – are all strengthened and developed; just ask any student who’s sat through a rehearsal waiting to say their one line, or supported a friend in learning their lines, or who stepped up when others were absent, or made a mistake in the spotlight and carried on regardless, brought ideas to the dance routines or supported rehearsals with a huge ‘SSSSSSSSSH’ to help get everyone else to listen! As teachers, we saw all of these examples and a million more and it makes all the hard work worthwhile. We hope that some of our students

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Recent Performances

A little look at some highlights from the past few months!

The StingWrays. A gem of an evening – totally student led by Eve Sullivan, Sanshya Sesetty and James Embeary (Year 11). We wish them well as they leave The Deanery and know that – if this evening is anything to go by – they’ll be a huge success whatever they do.



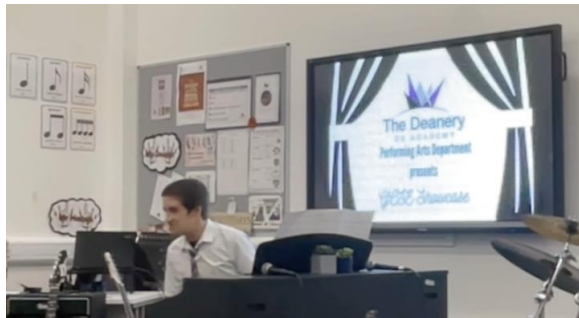
Another Moment in Time. An evening of community and music



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GCSE performance evening: Demonstrating practical skills in the performing arts is a large part of the GCSE syllabus and the performance evening programme gives our students the opportunity to hone their skills in a relaxed and supportive setting.



Talent Show: The Deanery's Got Talent in spades!

Last week we hosted our annual talent show and as usual – Deanery students delivered in spades. The auditions had taken place before half term and those chosen to go through and battle it out pulled out all the stops to entertain an excited crowd in the Deanery theatre. With a wide variety of dance, bands, vocalists, songwriters, instrumentalists and artists, the judges (Mrs Osbourne James, Mr Parry (English) and Billy Hughes – our vocal teacher in school) had a tough job on their hands to pick a winner. This year it was Lily Fisher (year 9) who took away the Deanery's Got Talent Bowl - filled with sweets!

Throughout the show, rehearsals, run-out performances and on the actual evening – our contestants demonstrated resilience, support of each other and a love for all things artistic and the Performing Arts team were really impressed by the level of support that we got from students and staff on the evening. A big thank you to you all – and to the audience in general – it wouldn't have been a show without you. And it was a great show!

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We post out all the latest shows, tickets and information about the arts in school

Performing Arts department: @deaneryacademypa

Art department: @deaneryacademyart



Instagram

Coming Up...

GCSE performance evening

9th July 2024 5:30 pm

All Year 9 Music / Drama students encouraged to come and take a look at what's coming next year!

Contact Mrs. Matthews to book tickets

Debora.matthews@dcea.org.uk

Deanery Students playing in the foyer!



If you're interested in playing a brass instrument – contact Brunel here

<https://brunelbrass.co.uk/>



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UPCOMING TOWN GARDENS BANDSTAND CONCERTS

20 24

MAY

19 SWINDON BRASS 12PM
CRICKLADE BRASS 3PM
25 GRAHAM @ PIANO 12PM

MALMESBURY CONCERT BAND 3PM 2
GRAHAM @ PIANO 12PM 8
BIG BRUNCH BAND 12PM 16
WROUGHTON SILVER BAND 3PM 23
MID WEST BIG BAND 12PM
SAXOPHONICS 3PM

JUNE

JULY

6 GRAHAM @ PIANO 12PM
7 SWINDON CONCERT BAND 12PM
NORTH SWINDON BIG BAND 3PM
14 SAXOPHONICS 12PM
WROUGHTON SILVER BAND 3PM
27 GRAHAM @ PIANO 12PM
28 WHAT THE PLUCK 3PM

RAMSBURY SILVER BAND 3PM 4
NORTH SWINDON BIG BAND 3PM 11

AUG

SEPT

1 KENNET ACCORDION ORCHESTRA 12PM
MID WEST BIG BAND 3PM
8 SWEET NIGHTINGALE 12PM
CIRENCESTER BAND 3PM

**MORE
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The RWB Arts Festival



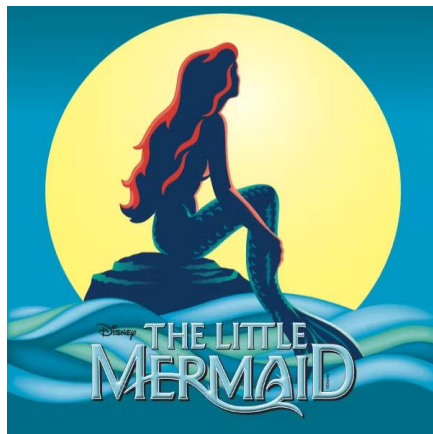
The RWB Arts Festival is a competitive arts festival for both children and adults that takes place annually. The Festival covers music, speech, drama, musical theatre, classical guitar, and dance. The on-line entry system is now available and the closing date is 30th September 2024. You can check the blog, Twitter, and Facebook for updates.

<https://rwbartsfestival.com/on-line-entry/>

You can choose your classes: whether they are Speech and Drama, Music, Dance, or Musical Theatre. You will find all the information you need on-line, all the classes are listed too, plus you can pay by BACS.

Any queries, do please contact at RWBArtsFestival@gmail.com

The Wyvern Theatre Summer Youth Project



This year's project runs from 15th August to the 17th August – and is an opportunity for students between the ages of 9 – 21 to get involved in a professional production. . Auditions are closed for this year but get along and support the Deanery students taking part and see if you think it's something for the future!

<https://trafalgartickets.com/wyvern-theatre-swindon/en-GB/event/other/the-little-mermaid-tickets>.

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Wisdom

“Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding”

Summer 2024 – Staying safe online

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we’d provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. **Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?**



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.



Further information

Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings matter:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

Snapchat

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others, which can only be seen for a set time; e.g. 10 seconds, and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



What should I be concerned about?

There are risks to using Snapchat, including the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for them, location sharing and contact from strangers.

Family Centre features

Family Centre includes features such as allowing you to see who your child is friends with, who they are communicating with (not the contents of conversations though), and who your child has sent messages, photos or videos to in the last week. You will also be able to report any accounts that you are concerned about as well as restrict sensitive content. Snapchat have also published a safety checklist to help support conversations about how to use Snapchat safely:

- <https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

New safeguarding features

Snapchat have recently announced their newest features to help protect 13-17-year-olds. The first feature is in-app warnings so a pop-up warning will now be displayed if someone tries to add them as a friend that they don't have mutual contacts with, or the person isn't in their contacts.

The second feature is 'stronger friending protections.' Currently 13-17-year-olds must have several mutual friends in common for that user to show up in search results or as a friend suggestion, but this number has been increased. **These two features are available to users aged 13-17-year-olds; this is one of the reasons why it is always important for your child to sign up with their correct date of birth, so they can benefit from any such features.**

- <https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/new-safeguards-for-snapchatters-2023>

Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

- <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/privacy-settings2>

Please look after yourselves and stay safe online.

Have a lovely summer break! Miss Luckman

A huge well done to our Year 11 cohort, who have been busy sitting and completing their GCSE examinations.

We are all so very proud of your resilience and determination during this time. We wish you the best of luck on results day and hope that your hard work has paid off!

Well done!

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Service

"... in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others"

World Challenge Borneo Fundraising

A massive congratulations to the two students who successfully interviewed for their place on the Borneo trip, there was very tight competition and we had a very difficult decision!

All students are now hard at work to fundraise the costs of their trip, including the conservation work they will be completing out there.

Key dates to look out for (and bring money in for!):

Thursday 4th July - **Sports day events**: soak the teacher, glitter and face paints, ice pop sale

Thursday 11th July - **Borneo Bake Sale** both lunch times.

Thursday 18th July - **Charity football match** 3:45pm kickoff, staff vs students. Ticket costs: £3 pp or £5 for two, available to buy on the gates. Raffle also taking place. Losers will get ice bucketed by the winner!

By Monday 8th July - **Rag bag collections**, please bring any old (but washed and reasonable quality!) clothes, shoes and bags up to Science to donate to the rag bag collections.

Weekend TBC July – **Car and bike wash** in the Deanery car park (behind MUGA) donations accepted, all welcome.



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Resilience

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me"

We continue to develop our personal development programme across the school and a part of this is our Values in Practice (ViP) curriculum. In term 6, in their ViP lessons, our students are learning about:

- ✓ **Year 7 – Financial decision making** (*How can I pay for things; How do I keep my finances secure; Spending & budgeting; Saving and borrowing; How do I stay in control of my finances?*)
- ✓ **Year 8 – Financial decision making** (*How can I pay for things; How do I keep my finances secure; Spending & budgeting; Saving and borrowing; How do I stay in control of my finances?*)
- ✓ **Year 9 – Employability skills** (*Rights & responsibilities; Skills for enterprise & employment; Feedback; Personal brand online*)
- ✓ **Year 10 – Careers** (*Careers Pilot; Opportunities in learning and work; Careers for a positive change*)

Further information about our personal development programme, including links to careers, trips, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, enrichment and other personal development opportunities at The Deanery CE Academy is now live on our school website here:

<https://www.dcea.org.uk/parent-information/personal-development/>



Please note: there is no legal parental right to withdrawal from relationships education, and this includes lessons about gender and/or sexuality. This right only exists within the sex education curriculum, and any request of this nature needs to be addressed for the attention of the head teacher. For further information about the PSHE/RSHE curriculum and the statutory requirements, please see our personal development webpage or the government guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

Attendance Matters

Your attendance team have been busy preparing and updating policy and procedures for September 2024, these are now available on The deanery website. We have added relevant links below for you to review the government's policy below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-regulations-for-schools-in-next-stage-of-attendance-drive>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance> - 19 August 2024

The Deanery have maintained attendance in line with other Swindon Secondary schools, although we want to drive this and exceed the national average. We can only do this with your help and support. Please do not take your child out of school during term time. They will miss out on learning and their friends. Fines will be increasing from August 2025.

Should you have any questions about the documents attached about please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Hope

"I have come so that you may have life in all its fullness"

Year 6 transition day

We welcomed year 6s in for transition day on Tuesday 25th June. Students were able to experience a day in the life of a student at The Deanery CE Academy. Throughout the day students took part in various lessons and activities such as; PE, Music, Team building, Collective Worship and Science experiments.

It was lovely to see students making friends and getting excited about the upcoming school year ahead. We hope you all had a fantastic day and look forward to seeing you in September!



Two fabulous trips to Thorpe Park took place as reward for excellent behaviour and attitude throughout the year.

Lots of sun cream was needed as the days were hot and the park was pretty full so there was a good deal of queueing. Most students got onto the rides that they were looking forward to.

Thanks to the staff who accompanied the students and special thanks to Mr Halpin for organisation.

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Chaplaincy update



Our Campus welcomed the Bishop of Swindon, Neil Warwick for the morning on Thursday 27th June. Gethin Jones, Caitlin Miles and Reuben Miles gave him a tour of The Deanery sharing stories about where they see the Christian vision of the school in action through the work of chaplaincy.

After Mrs. Osborne James plied us with hot chocolate and biscuits it was time to head to Kingfisher, first of all for an assembly with Jack the glove puppet dog, though don't let him hear you calling him that! The Bishop had to bandage the arm of Jack's friend Jess as a sign of gentleness, part of the fruit of God's Spirit working in our lives. Well his first aid skills did the job and Jess was soon well again. Next on the itinerary and keeping him busy, we asked Bishop Neil to unveil a beautiful picture called 'The King Fisher,' painted by Chris Duffett and now hanging in pride of place welcoming pupils and parents into the school. The picture is a poetic invitation to the full life that Jesus the 'King Fisher' offers. Pupils and staff, representatives of DBAT and TPAT as well as local church leaders gathered to mark the occasion.



Finally, Bishop Neil joined a session of Chapel Worship back at The Deanery, adding his voice to those of pupils and staff in proclaiming blessing over our campus, neighbourhood and family communities. We raised our voices to sing;

'The Lord bless you and keep you, Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, The Lord turn His face toward you, And give you peace. . . May His favour be upon you, And a thousand generations, And your family and your children, And their children, and their children. May His presence go before you, And behind you, and beside you, All around you, and within you, He is with you, he is with you, In the morning, in the evening, In your coming, and your going, In your weeping, and rejoicing, He is for you, he is for you.'

May you know that blessing for you also.

We thank Bishop Neil for his time and look forward to his return. If you or your children would appreciate support from myself as Campus Chaplain please feel free to get in touch. Email is probably best, you can reach me on;
owen.green@dbat.org.uk.

Owen Green



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Welcome to the Careers section

Careers Education, Information & Guidance programme

Help your child to explore their future.

As part of our commitment to prepare our students for a rapidly changing world, we are delighted to announce that at the Deanery, our staff and students are signed up to **Start** – an innovative digital careers platform.

Start will help your child to explore and prepare for their future career as well as develop their personal profile that will support their transition through education and in to employment.

The Year 8s, 9s & 11s have all accessed **START** as part of the dedicated Careers Module within their ViP lessons. During this Summer Term, it will be the turn of our Year 7 & 10 students to be issued with their login details and participate in Careers lessons. However, as a reminder, the students can also access the START Programme platform outside of school hours from their own personal devices.

The Careers Programme focuses on 7 main themes:

- ❖ Career Basics,
- ❖ Self-awareness,
- ❖ moments of choice,
- ❖ work experience
- ❖ skills,
- ❖ exploring the labour market,
- ❖ applying for jobs

Through exploring these themes and timetabling other school activities, we, as a school, will strive to achieve the eight Gatsby Benchmarks, which are a strong indicator of Good Career Guidance.

Although numerous Careers activities and events have taken place throughout the year, a specific term has been allocated for each year group to receive Careers Education sessions.

Careers Education lessons have & will be taking place as follows:

Year 7: Term 5 or 6

Year 8: Term 4

Year 9: Term 3

Year 10: Term 5 & 6

Year 11: Term 2&3

We encourage you to use **Start** with your child at home. Parents and carers can access the platform without the need to login but you can also create yourself an account for free.

To get started, please visit careers.startprofile.com/page/parents.

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Careers events

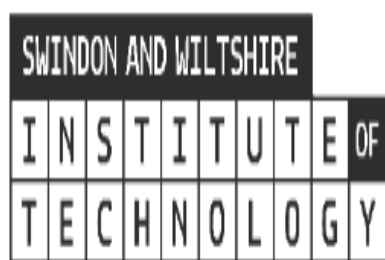
Summer focus – Year 10

The summer term will be a busy one for our Year 10s, with a great deal of focus towards their careers and choices at Post-16 and beyond.

To support this, the school has a range of events lined up to support our students with their options and choices. To ensure these events are a success, I will be working extremely closely with the Year 10 students, their Tutors, teachers and pastoral team over the next couple of months

Tuesday 7th May – Assembly with Cirencester College

Staff from Cirencester College will be visiting to lead the Year 10 assembly, to introduce the courses, activities, facilities, support and events the college has to offer.



Thursday 27th June – Year 10 College Experience Day at North Star Campus (New College Swindon)

Year 10 students considering studying a vocational course at Post-16, will have the opportunity to engage in 'Taster' sessions to discover more about the courses on offer for them after Year 11.

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 10 College Experience @Queens Drive (New College Swindon)

Year 10 students considering studying a Sixth Form/academic route at Post-16, will have the opportunity to engage in 'Taster' sessions to discover more about the A Level and various other Level 2 & 3 courses that will be potentially on offer for them after Year 11.



Monday 1st July to Thursday 18th July –Careers Interviews with Future SMART Careers



During the month of July, all Year 10 students will have a face to face Careers meeting with a fully qualified Level 6 Careers Adviser, to gain as much information, advice and Guidance as they can in relation to their intended pathways and career choices at Post-16 and beyond.

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Monday 8th July – Year 10 College Experience at Cirencester College

For students that are projected to get GCSE Grade 4s and above in their exam subjects and are considering studying Level 3 'A' Levels or a 'T' Level, a day has been arranged to sample such lessons at Cirencester College. Transport will be provided from the Deanery.



Tuesday 16th July – Assembly led by Oxford Brookes University. Why Higher Education?



Niamh, an Oxford Brookes University representative will talk to Year 10 students about "Why Higher Education". The aim of this is to show students the variety of options they have to get into university, an introduction into the variety of courses, information about university life, and how a degree helps with employment, along with the job opportunities it can create.

Further Education Open Days

New College Swindon

This is New College Swindon's last event of the year!

For our Year 11s making their final decisions or Year 10s exploring options for after their GCSEs, a visit to these open events, is highly recommended.



**18
JUN**

5pm - 7pm
North Star and Queens Drive
Open Evening – Both
Campuses

Students, parents & carers are welcome to come to one or both events, but please make sure you book so the college can monitor the numbers.

Click on the links below to book a place, along with finding out more information on the courses on showcase at this campus

[Register for Queens Drive Open Evening](#)

[Register for North Star Open Evening](#)

Cirencester College



**Cirencester
College**

Again, another opportunity for our Year 10s to get an insight into their options post 16 before they start their Year 11 and GCSEs. Also ideal for Year 11 students who are starting in September but have not yet visited the College.

Click on the image below to register with the college & book a place:

Open Evening: 27th June 2024

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Important notice: We understand that sometimes face to face meetings will be required between staff and parents/guardians. However, we respectfully request that these are pre-arranged and booked in with the relevant staff, and that parents/guardians **do not just arrive at the Academy** and expect staff to be available for a meeting. Please contact the members of staff via the academy email: admin@dcea.org.uk in the first instance to arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for the diary

A copy of the term dates calendar is available on our website: <https://www.dcea.org.uk/parent-information/school-information/term-dates/>

5th July – Year 11 Prom

6th/7th July – Duke of Edinburgh assessed expedition

19th July – Y8/Y9 RIAT trip

24th July – End of term 6

A reminder: For queries, please use the main Academy email address:

admin@dcea.org.uk and your email will be *forwarded* to the appropriate person.

We aim to acknowledge all emails **within 2 working days**, and to respond in full (*or arrange a meeting or phone call if appropriate*) within 5 working days.

If you feel your query requires an urgent response, please call the academy.

Our communication policy can be found here: <https://www.dcea.org.uk/important-information/policies/>