

“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

Issue 2

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# The Deanery Way

Welcome to the second edition of The Deanery Way! Our new 4-weekly Academy newsletter. We have lots to share with you about some of the amazing achievements and progress our school community is making, and invite you all to celebrate the amazing community we have.

## Meet the team... SLT

### Assistant Head teacher (Pastoral): Sarah Parry

I am delighted to be the Assistant Head teacher for Pastoral at The Deanery CE Academy. Within my role I am focused on raising standards and ensuring high expectations for behaviour, student welfare and the tutorial program.



I have been teaching for 15 years, specialising in teaching Mathematics. With over 12 years' experience in pastoral care, including previous roles as Head of House and Head of Year, I am passionate about ensuring students achieve their very best whilst feeling safe and happy within school. My Masters dissertation was focused on the benefits of a strong and purposeful tutor time.

Outside of school I am a mum to two young girls and enjoy reading fiction and non-fiction texts.

### Assistant Head teacher (DSL): Naomi Luckman

To those of you who don't know me, my name is Miss Luckman and I have been the Assistant Head teacher at The Deanery for the last 4 years. Now that we have our Primary, The Kingfisher next door, my role now stretches across the Campus, which is a privilege to be able to watch our young people step into each transition of their educational journey.

I have watched this campus grow organically over the years, facing the many challenges in an ever-changing environment. We have an incredible group of young people at the heart of what we do every single day, and I am proud to be a part of supporting them to shape their lives for the future.

I have 19 years' experience in education, initially following my specialism and leading a PE Department, before stepping into the world of pastoral and safeguarding, since 2008.



In my spare time, I love sport, specifically hockey, which is the love of my life and I have been lucky enough to feel the enormous sense of pride when representing your own country. I also enjoy the theatre, beach and water sports and going for long walks with my puppy dogs.

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## 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.



## This term's school value: SERVICE

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)*

Our Theologically rooted Christian vision talks about a tree yielding its 'fruit' in season. These fruits that we are growing are not just our academic and 'book' skills, but also our talents and worldly skills that we can use to the benefit of others. Some of us are amazing sportspeople. Some of us are talented musicians. Perhaps some of us are keen novelists or fantastic linguists. Some of us are great listeners and are always the one others go to for advice. Whatever gifts and talents we have, we should use these for the benefit and service of others, in order to truly be living life in all its fullness.

### Matthew 25:35-40

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. He put himself in a position of service, where he humbled himself and showed that He did not think He was any better or superior to anyone else. We too should not see ourselves as above others, or be too proud to roll our sleeves up and get involved – even if that means we get our hands dirty or we are uncomfortable. With so much happening in this world, from natural disasters to war, it is more important than ever that no one is left behind and everyone has the opportunity to feel God's love.

In Judaism there is a concept called 'Tikkun olam', which refers to action intended to repair and heal the world. How can we repair this damaged and broken world of ours and work for the better of everyone? How could you use your skills and talents to 'serve' others? You could contact a local charity and enquire about volunteering, or donate some food to a foodbank, among many other things. In a world full of inequalities, let's all try to be a bit more humble and try to put others before ourselves. It's what Jesus would do.

**Mrs. Gallagher**

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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"*

Our Swinpup is finished and has been dropped off, ready to be displayed as part of the Big Dog Art Trail which is coming to Swindon very soon!

A total of **£500** was raised between students and staff at The Deanery and Kingfisher academies.

The Big Dog Art Trail will be on from the 15<sup>th</sup> July until the start of September. You can find more information on the website <https://www.bigdogarttrail.co.uk/>

OUR SWINPUP WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE LINK CENTRE IN THE LIBRARY 😊



## Chaplaincy update

### Jack's school trip to Uganda

Jack, the lovable puppet dog in the picture below (he's the one on the right) is off to Mbale in Easter Uganda on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Jack, who helps share stories about God's big Plan with our Kingfisher students in Assembly on Tuesday, is going with me to visit the primary and secondary schools that the 'Child of Hope' charity support. Jack is looking forward to taking an assembly in Uganda and live streaming it back to students here in Swindon as we look to build closer links with our twinned schools. He'll also be taking over gifts of reading books, class pictures and letters and is hoping the children will help him pack his suitcase next Tuesday. As part of my sabbatical, I will be exploring how we might develop our links more closely and learning how a faith-based education in a different context and culture to ours achieves its aim of being authentically Christian whilst being for people of all faiths and none.

**Rev Owen Green, Campus chaplain**

## Space to Pray

I've spoken to a number of parents and prospective parents of students at The Deanery and Kingfisher schools who would like to pray for our schools, their staff, students and wider community. I'd love to get this off the ground. Watch this space in September for more details, but if you'd like to be kept informed about this please feel free to get in touch: You can contact me on: [owen.green@dbat.org.uk](mailto:owen.green@dbat.org.uk) (though I'm on sabbatical in July and August so won't reply until the new school year).

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# Wisdom

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

In April 2023 some students participated in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The challenge consists of 25 multiple-choice questions that have been designed to make students think and be challenged. The Maths department is delighted to announce that **Angelus Fernandes** has won a Silver Certificate.



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust

We are excited to inform you that this term your child's class will begin using Sparx Maths to complete their weekly maths homework. We are using term 6 for a pilot to test and to allow students to become accustomed with the system before we roll it out with the entire school in September.

Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed. Sparx is an evolution of Hegarty Maths, and will therefore completely replace Hegarty as of September 2023.

Your child's homework will be set weekly and put on Satchel One by the class teacher.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in maths.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mrs Koza**

*Associate Assistant Head teacher*

# Sparx Maths

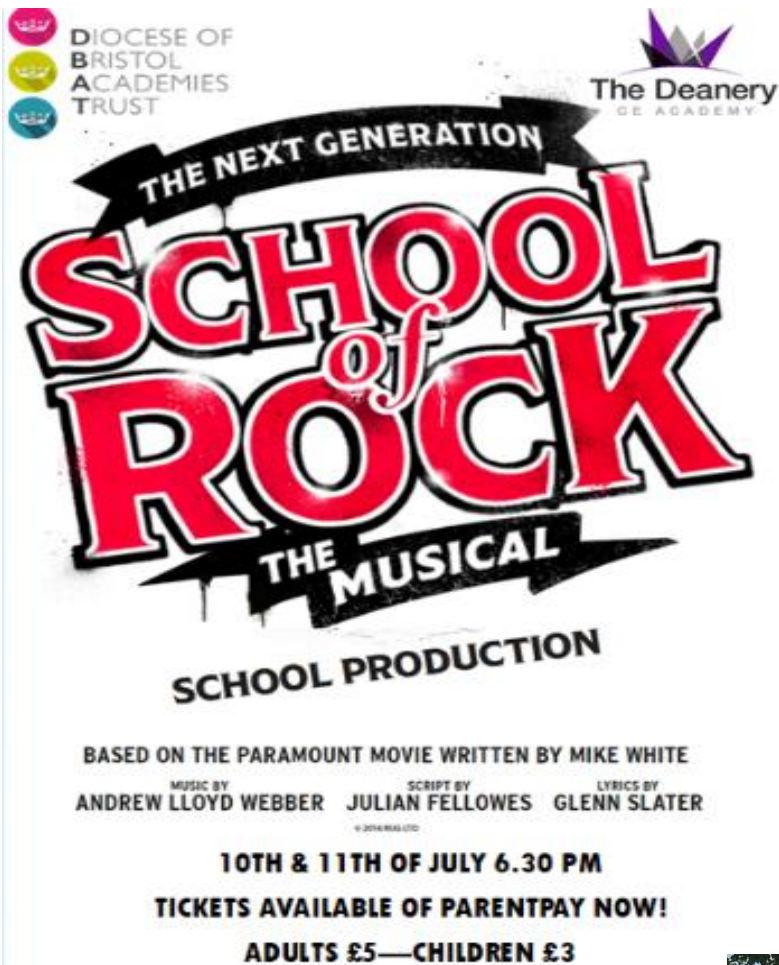
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# Resilience

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



The poster for 'School of Rock: The Musical' features the title in large, red, stylized letters. Above the title, it says 'THE NEXT GENERATION' and 'SCHOOL PRODUCTION'. Below the title, it lists the music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, script by Julian Fellowes, and lyrics by Glenn Slater. It also mentions it is based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White. The performance dates are 10th and 11th of July at 6.30 PM. Tickets are available on ParentPay, with adults at £5 and children at £3. Logos for the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust and The Deanery CE Academy are at the top.

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**10TH & 11TH OF JULY 6.30 PM**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE OF PARENTPAY NOW!**

**ADULTS £5—CHILDREN £3**

This is the first summer production the school have done and this will be an annual event.

Tickets are available on ParentPay and limited tickets will be available on the door.

Performances start at 6.30 and tickets are £5 for adults, £3 for students or £12 for a family ticket which includes 2 adults 2 children.

Over the past few weeks many of our young people have participated in various sporting events, including cricket, rounders and Year 9 and 10 athletics.

Our Year 7 and Year 9 rounders teams both won their games by at least 10 rounders each!

***Well done to everyone who took part!***



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# Hope

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

## Careers

I am extremely pleased to be the new Careers Lead at The Deanery CE Academy. With 30 years of teaching experience behind me educating students between the ages of 11 and 21 years old, I come with a wealth of knowledge and appreciation for how important my new role is within our community.

Every child and young adult are unique in their own career ambitions, therefore all require bespoke information, advice and guidance throughout this journey. For this reason, my aim is to oversee that our students successfully embark on their desired pathway, at Post-16 and beyond into further education, training or employment.

I encourage any student, parent or carer to contact me via my email address, if they have any career or vocational-based questions. My email address is [neil.ouldridge@dcea.org.uk](mailto:neil.ouldridge@dcea.org.uk).

Finally, the aim for every Year 10 student at The Deanery should be to attend an Open Day or Evening at a Further Education establishment or Training Provider. Discovering and researching options before the summer break, is extremely advantageous ahead of making Post-16 decisions early in year 11.

For any year 10 student yet to explore potential Post-16 options, I strongly recommend they book onto and attend the following Events that are taking place over the next few weeks. (An email has been sent directly to them with exact details of the events and instructions of how to register)

- **Thurs 22nd June:** 5.00pm - 7.00pm - New College Swindon Open Day (Both [Queens Drive](#) & [North Star](#) campuses)
- **Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June:** 5.00pm – 8.00pm – [Cirencester College](#)
- **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** 4.45pm – 6.45pm - New College Swindon [Twilight Experience](#) ((Both [Queens Drive](#) & [North Star](#) campuses)

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over this and the next Academic Year.

Take care,

**Mr Neil Ouldridge** (Careers Lead)

### DCEA Worship committee

*Would you like to make a difference in our school community?*

We are looking for students to join our worship committee. Students of any faith (or none!) are welcome to join us in planning and designing the spiritual life of the school. If you would like to join, please see Mrs Gallagher.

Coming soon...



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## Y8 and Y9 Science Trip to Amsterdam

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 5am while most Deanery students were fast asleep in beds, we boarded our bus ready for the 14 hour drive to Amsterdam. Our four day excursion involved travelling through a scale model of the human body as a blood cell in Corpus, exploring space missions (and climbing frames) at Space Expo, entering a fully interactive museum at NEMO, learning about all things tiny in Micropia and observing real human bodies donated to Science in Body world.



The students were incredible ambassadors of the school and us staff were privileged to experience this trip alongside them, although it is a shame Miss Case didn't risk assess the Lego Store as that was the biggest hazard for our students (or at least their wallets)!!

The biggest highlights of the trip were absolutely the Corpus Museum and NEMO. Corpus allowed us to observe the human body from the inside. Seeing all the organs at such a large scale was incredible and the audio guide made for some hilarious memories. NEMO is a beautiful museum on the harbour in Amsterdam. The museum is 100% interactive and tactile. Every exhibit is designed to be touched and played with, the best way to learn! Student favourites included the

bubble zone, dam building, forced perspective room and friendship tests. Watching the students interacting with Science experiments with big grins on their faces was a privilege to see as a Science teacher.

A big shout out has to also go to Zac our driver from Barnes coaches who is definitely now an honorary member of the Deanery family. We can't wait to see him in February 2024 when he drives us to Disney!

We had such an amazing time on the Amsterdam trip and I know that memories from this 4 day venture will stay with us for the rest of our lives!

Thank you to all the students on the Amsterdam trip!

***Miss Case, Miss Wright, Miss Connors, Mr. Bryars and Mr. Halpin.***



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We know parenting isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your children grow up, and to help them learn to be independent, it can also be really hard work! It can feel especially hard if your child's mood and behaviour seem different and you're not sure why, or what you can do to help.

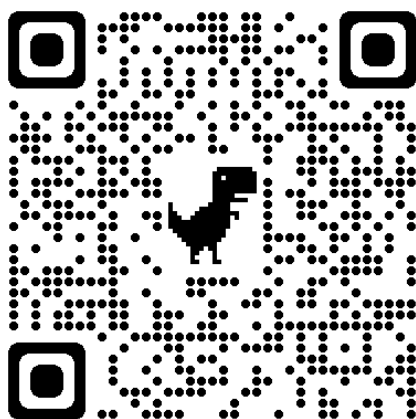
*(Each Newsletter will be focusing on different areas of Mental Health Support)*

For advice, guidance and how to cope with **Self-Harm**, please access the below

**[AFC Crisis Messenger](#): a free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for anyone who is feeling overwhelmed or is struggling to cope. If you need support, you text AFC to 85258**

**<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/getting-help-for-your-child/>**

**<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/youth-wellbeing/useful-information/>**



## **Family Liaison Officer**

Mrs. Lappin is the Family Liaison Officer and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for The Deanery CE Academy.

If you would like support with home or school concerns, and would like a point of contact in school to discuss anything at all, then please email her at: [tracey.lappin@dcea.org.uk](mailto:tracey.lappin@dcea.org.uk) to make an appointment and to discuss what help you may require. Appointments can be made for in school or at home.

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# Uniform

We have all noticed a significant improvement in the students' uniform over the last two terms and would like to thank you and the students for your efforts with this.

Research tells us that wearing a uniform sets a boundary by placing a student in a 'working environment' mind-set and helps them separate their home and school life. School uniforms place children on a level playing field, reducing the pressure to wear the latest fashionable brands. It also shows pride and identity in the community they belong to.

As we continue to go through the remainder of this academic year we will continue to check student uniform and would like to remind you all that the policy can be found on our school website or using this link: [https://www.dcea.org.uk/site-deanery/assets/files/1593/the\\_deanery\\_uniform\\_policy\\_final.pdf](https://www.dcea.org.uk/site-deanery/assets/files/1593/the_deanery_uniform_policy_final.pdf)

We would like to draw your attention to a couple of specific things within this:

- **Leggings are not permitted.** Students should be in straight leg grey trousers, which are not of skinny fit, or in the school skirt, which should be worn at a suitable length.
- **Nose studs are not permitted.** We will allow students to wear a clear nose stud during the school day but no other nose studs or nose rings are permitted.
- Students **should not have false nails or nail varnish.**

*We appreciate your support as we continue to strive towards the very highest standards.*

**Sarah Parry**

*Assistant Head teacher (Pastoral)*



## We're looking for a sponsor!

The Deanery football kit has had an upgrade! However, we are looking for a local business to sponsor us. The business logo would be on the t-shirt and we need some help to get the school logo embroidered onto the kit. If you are interested, please contact [david.harmer@dcea.org.uk](mailto:david.harmer@dcea.org.uk)

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# Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity Learning Campus

*As the fundraising team for WTLC, we organise community or school events to raise money to support the Academies for the benefit of our learners.*

## Events we have held so far include:

Autumn fayre, Christmas Fayre, Quiz Night, Primary disco, providing refreshments for school events.

We have received lots of ideas for events and fundraising, it will be up to the membership to decide which events they wish to run and when, so if there is something specific you would like to help organise or run, please come along to a meeting and get involved.

These events will help to raise funds to provide extra items of equipment for the campus.

Look out for information as we continue fundraising with:

- Film nights & discos
- Quiz nights
- Bake Sales

Larger events such as Summer Fetes, Christmas Craft Fairs and a Silent Firework Event are being assessed for viability and, as you can imagine, there is a lot to co-ordinate and plan, so if you can assist in anyway or know of someone willing to sponsor or donate time and skills to support our events, please email us.

## How to contact us

Please email:

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# 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/>

**29<sup>th</sup> June** = Year 6 parents evening

**30<sup>th</sup> June** = Year 6 transition day

**6<sup>th</sup> July** = Sports day (*weather permitting*)

**14<sup>th</sup> July** = Royal International Air tattoo trip

**20<sup>th</sup> July** = STEM awards evening

**26<sup>th</sup> July** = Summer holidays begin

**5<sup>th</sup> September** = 2023/24 Term 1 begins for students

**A reminder:** For queries, please use the main Academy email address: [admin@dcea.org.uk](mailto: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/>