

Deans Newsletter

October 2021

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Deans Community High School

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Homework Hub

Need access to a computer or printer? Looking to get to grips with teams or just need a quiet space to complete your homework?

There is a Homework Hub in BIT 3 on Thursdays from 3.30 - 4.30pm.



This drop-in session is open to students from all subjects and year groups. Just come along if you need any support or to use the resources available.

Supporting Attainment Guide

The Supporting Attainment Guide for senior phase students has been sent out and is also available on the school website. This guide provides information on supported study and SQA arrangements to support your learning during your senior years at school. Please make use of the additional resources available.

Supported Study Sessions in Deans Community High School 2021

Subject	Level	Day/s	Time	Other information:
Accounting	Higher	Friday	After school	
Administration	Higher/N5	Tuesday	After school	
Biology & Human Biology	All Levels	Monday & Thursday	After school	
Business Management	Higher	Thursday	After school	
Chemistry	Higher/N5	Monday & Thursday	After school	
Chemistry	N5	Tuesday	After school	
Engineering Science	N5	Thursday	After school	
English	Higher	Tuesday	After School	
English	Nat 5	Thursday	After School	
Geography	Higher/N5	Thursday	After School	
History	N5	Monday	After School	
History	Higher	Tuesday	After School	
Homework Hub	All Levels	Thursday	After School	Access to computers and printers.
Maths	All Levels	Wednesday	After School	
Maths	Higher/N5	Saturday	Morning	Level will be specified
Modern Studies	Higher/N5	Monday	After School	
Music Practical	All Levels	Monday - Thursday	After School	Prior agreement from Music Teacher
Physics	Higher/N5	Tuesday	After School	
RMPS	Higher/N5	Tuesday & Thursday	After School	



Dates for your Diary

S1 Parents' Evening 02 Nov
S2 Parents' Evening 18 Nov

Senior Phase Assessments - 29 Nov - 14 Dec

Last day of term 22 Dec
Staff Resume 05 Jan
Students Resume 06 Jan

Dates for your Diary



School session dates are on the school website and app.



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Introducing Deans Community High School Student Leadership Team



SDS - Career Service for Students

Evelyn Rogers is the Skills Development Scotland Careers Adviser for **Deans CHS**. Through a combination of group sessions, one-to-one interviews and drop-in in the school the students can access this support. Evelyn has her own office in the school library where she meets with anyone keen to learn more about their interests and options through development of their **Career Management Skills**.



S4/S5/S6 students - weekly “drop in” sessions **Tuesdays Period 4 & Period 5**

S1/S2/S3 students – “drop in” lunchtime **on a Tuesday**

Contact Evelyn direct or speak to your Head of House if you want to arrange an appointment.

E: evelyn.rogers@sds.co.uk M: 07887 824725 T: 01506 342664

School Parent Evenings – appointments can be booked to speak to the Careers Adviser.

myworldofwork.co.uk – for all your work, skills and learning needs

This website is used in school and all school students are encouraged to register and use the resources on this site to help them with their research.

apprenticeships.scot – for all the latest on apprenticeships

Apprenticeships have changed, with more than 80 different types covering hundreds of jobs. Check this website to search and apply for these types of opportunities.

- **Foundation Apprenticeships** which help you kick-start your career before you even leave school.
- **Modern Apprenticeships** for those who are keen to work and get paid while getting qualified.
- **Graduate Apprenticeships** offer the chance to get a university degree while working.

**Skills
Development
Scotland**

ourskillsforce.co.uk – making skills work for employers
skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk – corporate website

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HEALTH and Wellbeing...

New HWB Champions

We have now introduced new Health & Wellbeing Champions and Group Leaders in Deans. We are in the process of identifying Family Champions.

Our new HWB Mini Champions.



@DeansCHS_DNA

The DNA group hold weekly meetings and have produced a calendar of events for the group.

Over 60 students have attended meetings over the year.

The group is made up of a mixture of young people who identify as LGBT and Allies. The meetings are mainly led by students.

More info. on DNA Twitter.

Wellbeing Check-in



Students have completed their wellbeing check-ins to help staff get a snapshot of how they feel about their own wellbeing. The students were asked to rate themselves using the well-being indicators.

Following on from this some students will now have wellbeing conversations with a member of school staff throughout the session.

DEANS

Mirrors are just glass, and you are more than that

Be your own kind of beautiful

No one is you and that is your super power



Everything is so beautiful when you stop looking for flaws

Follow us on Twitter...



@dchsBeReal
(DCHS Be Real Twitter)

In School Supports:

- See HOH, PSA, Tutor teacher or Class teacher.
- Speak to one of our MHFA trained staff.
- Complete a Your Space drop in slip.



Health and Wellbeing Support and Signposting



S3's combined their Sole Trader doughnut businesses and created Partnerships. We used PowerPoint to combine and pitch our ideas. Brilliant work from S3 the past couple of weeks!



The Computing Science Games Club is on at lunchtimes in BIT 2 from Monday to Wednesday.





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Follow us on Twitter:

@DCHSBusiness_Ed
(Business Education)

BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TWILIGHT SCHEDULE

All twilights running in the Business Education department will commence on week beginning **Monday 1st November.**

DAY	SUBJECT	LEVEL	TIME	ROOM
Tuesday	Administration & IT	N5/H	After School	BIT 4
Thursday	Business Management	N5	After School	BIT 3
Thursday	Business Management	H	After School	BIT 5
Friday	Accounting	H	After School	BIT 5





Expressive Arts



Instrumental Tuition at Deans

West Lothian Council has always had a tradition of delivering excellent instrumental tuition in schools on a wide range of instruments. Following the Scottish Government's announcement in the summer, this service has now returned to being completely free of charge.

At Deans students are able to learn the following instruments:

Trumpet/ Cornet French Horn Tenor Horn Baritone Horn Trombone Tuba	Flute Oboe Clarinet Saxophone Bassoon	Guitar Bass Guitar	Bagpipes/Chanter Pipe Band Drumming	Drum Kit & Orchestral Percussion
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This usually includes the provision of an instrument (where appropriate) and once students start learning there is a variety of activities for them to involve themselves in including: *Windband, Soul Band, Choir, Folk Group, Brass Ensemble, Cluster Band, Pipe Band and Percussion Ensemble*. Our ensembles perform regularly in school and are often invited to perform out of school at local and national events.

As students progress, there is a number of West Lothian Ensembles to join including: *Big Band, Wind Ensemble, WL Schools' Pipe Band, Brass Band*. They perform at least one concert each year and often take part in Civic events.

Tuition is delivered by specialist tutors during the school day (25 minute lessons) on rotation so you don't miss the same class. Since August there has been a huge uptake for this but there are still a few spaces left for some instruments. Anyone interested should speak to their class Music teacher or contact Mr. Christie (PTC Expressive Arts & PE) ASAP.

Extra Curricular Opportunities in Music and Drama

The **School Windband** is on Thursdays at 3.35pm in the Theatre for all woodwind, brass and percussion players. Please bring your instrument and a mask. See Mr Christie or your instrumental tutor if you are unsure about whether you should be going or not.

School Choir is on Wednesday after school in the theatre for all year groups. No experience or audition is necessary – just come along. Speak to your Music teacher for more information.

The **Drama Club** for S1-3 students is on Thursdays at lunchtime. We meet in the Drama studio at 12:40pm. If you have any questions speak to Mr Stewart or your Drama teacher.



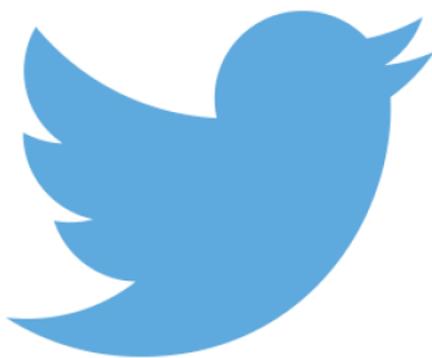
HUMANITIES

The Charity Committee focus this year is on 'giving time' and we are focussing on raising awareness of charities and looking at volunteering opportunities both in school and in the wider community. They have already raised £100 for Young Minds through staff and students accessorising with yellow and by displaying information through posters around the school they raised awareness of the Young Minds charity.

S4 Personal Development classes have organised and promoted successful events this term and managed to raise £875 for Jak's Den and Cancer Research UK. A great achievement!



Humanities Club is on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm. See Miss Edgar for more information.



Top Tweets...

Deans CHS Humanities @dea... · 22h ...
Humanities Ambassadors met @YCCNetwork on their way to #COP26 - good luck!!



Deans CHS Charity C... · 06/10/2021 ...
First event for the all new Charity Committee! Accessorise with yellow for Young Minds #HelloYellow #youngminds Donations welcome.



Deans Maths Dept. · 07/10/2021 ...
He's started the drive home for Christmas early this year 🙄



Deans CHS Modern L... · 18/10/2021 ...
They've just arrived! We can't wait to give them to our wonderful Language Ambassadors tomorrow! ❤️ @deanschs #languageambassadors



DCHS Business Educ... · 06/10/2021 ...
A teacher Twitter favourite and not at all an original from @MissSmithBiz pop into BIT 5 and scan the QR codes and check out some of these shows and documentaries 📺



Keep up to date with what's going on by following us on Twitter @deanschs. Department Twitter feeds are in the Faculties section of the website. Once in the Department you want just scroll down to see the Twitter feed.

Modern Languages



During September the Modern Languages Department celebrated European Day of Languages with quizzes and poster making, celebrating all the languages spoken around Europe.

We also introduced our Pupil of the Month scratch cards, with exciting prizes to be won for those pupils showing excellent effort in Modern Languages.

1D1 won our languagenut website competition, with a box of celebrations for their tutor group!

Our Language Ambassadors have arranged a timetable of exciting events for during the year, so watch this space!



Roald Dahl Week

Once again our Roald Dahl week was a great success.

Students participated in the activities set up in stations around the Library.

These included:

- puzzles,
- dream jars,
- Mr Twit's beard,
- colouring in,
- BFG film.

Willy Wonka and the BFG visited for the week and students received their golden ticket.



Book Returns

Please return any overdue books and remember there's a book drop box outside the Library.

We are happy to receive books, board games, etc. and would like to thank the families who recently donated books. We appreciate your support!





We have had a number of leadership opportunities available throughout September. There are a lot of different roles to suit everyone, whilst developing lifelong skills and having a positive impact on student's own health and wellbeing.

West Lothian Coaching Academy 21/22

The West Lothian Coaching Academy has 34 students represented from 9 secondary schools across West Lothian. The programme is designed to develop young people in sport coaching through support and training opportunities.

Sam recently attended the Competitions Organiser and Education Through Cashback - Benefits of Physical Activity training courses. Sam is now putting his new skills and knowledge into practice and is a real inspiration organising and supporting Ms Evans with the weekly after-school club basketball.

Young Ambassadors

This sportsScotland programme is encouraging young leaders to promote, motivate and inspire other young people to get involved in a wide range of settings within the school and community. Adam and Erin have also been really active Young Ambassadors at Deans. Adam helps out daily with the majority of after school clubs and Erin recently volunteered for the Active Schools October primary holiday programme.

Deans Community High School are very fortunate to have such keen, focussed and enthusiastic senior students willing to give up their own time to learn and work together to provide opportunities for our school and community to take part in sport and physical activity.



Alfred Dunhill Schools Golf Challenge

The Alfred Dunhill School Golf Link Challenge takes place annually in September and it's a great opportunity for handicapped players to compete on the Dukes Course in St Andrews. This year, to encourage more golfers and/or new golfers to the game the event organisers offered a fun coaching clinic for beginners delivered by a qualified PGA pro.

This year, we had a number of students' interested in this event. Leila, who took up golf during lockdown, represented Deans Community High School by taking part in the coaching clinic and really enjoyed the experience. Leila's new goal now is to get a handicap and take part in the Schools Links Championship and we would like to encourage other golf players to continue to work hard and represent Deans Community School in 2022.



West Lothian Secondary Football

The West Lothian Secondary School League is starting over the next few weeks. We would like to thank all the players who took part in the S1 & S2 schools' trials and good luck to those selected in their respective leagues.

Congratulations to Scott (pictured) and Jamie on their selection for the West Lothian U18s & U15s West Lothian County squad. Good luck for the upcoming season!



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[@ActiveS_Deans](https://twitter.com/ActiveS_Deans)

Extra Curricular Sporting Opportunities

We launched our Sports Extra-Curricular programme in mid September with a NEW QR/Microsoft forms sign-up to monitor attendance and ensure safety of the young people after school.

The QR sign-up has been successful with over 120 young people taking part in the first week across 11 different sports.

Spaces are still available so please continue to sign up and stay active. <https://forms.office.com/r/bVnyEZknJb>

All clubs take place afterschool and are open to all S1 – S6.



Extra Curricular Sports Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
OUTDOORS	RUGBY	HOCKEY	FOOTBALL
GAMES HALL	BADMINTON	BASKETBALL	NETBALL
SMALL GYM	VOLLEYBALL		GYMNASTICS
DANCE STUDIO	DANCE	TABLE TENNIS	
FITNESS SUITE		FITNESS	



Badminton



Fitness

Judo Success for Sarah

Congratulations to Sarah, who won a bronze medal at the C2 International Judo Competition in London recently. After losing her first fight, she then went on to win her next four. Sarah fought girls in the under 57kg weight category, from all over the UK, 14 -16 years.

Due to COVID this was Sarah's first competition in over 18 months.

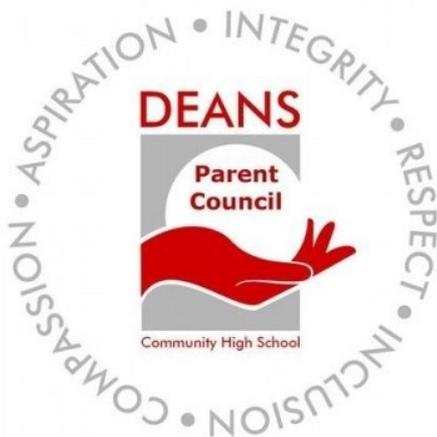
Sarah is pictured receiving her medal from Sally Conway, who is a retired Scottish/GB judoka champion, winning Olympic, Commonwealth and World Championship medals.

Well done Sarah, what an achievement!"



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Parent Council

We are very fortunate to have a valued Parent Council here at Deans.

The Parent Council provides a voice for parents/carers and plays an active role in supporting school improvement, often acting as a 'sounding board' for proposed developments.

New members are always welcome, so please feel free to contact the school for more information.

Email: wldeans-chs@westlothian.org.uk

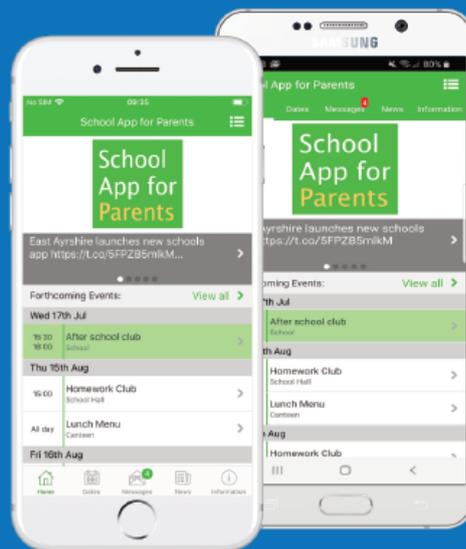
Our School Uniform

- Deans jumper/tank-top or plain black jumper/cardigan.
- Plain black school trousers or skirt.
- Black school shorts or black chino type shorts (not sport or denim).
- Tights should be black or neutral.
- White shirt (short or long sleeved).
- S1-4 'junior' tie.
- S5-6 'senior' tie.
- Black shoes (must be ALL black - NO coloured logos, laces, black and white Converse, etc).
- S1-S6 black school blazer. (recommended).



School App for Parents

Please download **School App for Parents** that lets you see news, events and receive important messages.



Scan the QR Code or search for **School App for Parents** in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our events, news and receive messages.



Our website - www.deanscommunityhighschool.com - contains a wealth of information and updates on what's taking place in Deans. I would encourage you to take a few minutes to have a look at what's going on. We also like to celebrate wider achievement in Deans and welcome contact regarding student achievement out with school. **Please email: wldeans-chs@westlothian.org.uk**

