



A PARENTS' GUIDE TO COMMEMORATION

Once a year, the Dean Close School community gathers to commemorate the founding of the School, to give thanks for the work of our predecessors and supporters, and to celebrate the achievements of the year. Parents are warmly invited to attend any or all of these events:

- **Friday at 7.30pm – Commem Music Concert, Bacon Theatre, Dean Close School**
- **Saturday at 9.30am – Service of Commemoration, Tewkesbury Abbey**
- **Saturday at 12noon – Prize Giving and Speeches in marquee, Dean Close School**

FRIDAY EVENING

Commemoration always begins with a spectacular concert in the Bacon Theatre. Tickets are free but because of its popularity it is strongly recommended that you book your tickets in advance

(office@deanclose.org.uk). The evening continues with Jazz on the Terrace just outside the Theatre, with the bar open throughout. The evening comes to a close at about 10pm.



Dress code is smart with the boys in 'best dress' and the girls in summer dresses.

SATURDAY

The dress code is 'best dress' for all Fourth, Remove and Fifth form and suits and dresses for Sixth form. For parents and staff, men typically wear a jacket, collar and tie and ladies wear formal day dresses or suits. Hats are optional.

Service of Commemoration



The day starts at 9.30am with the Service of Commemoration at Tewkesbury Abbey, which is spacious enough to accommodate pupils and their families. All pupils must attend the Service and are taken by bus from School to Tewkesbury. Car parking can be found at GL20 5SW and GL20 5PG.

The service lasts about an hour with everyone then gathering at Dean Close at 11am for House Receptions. Ample car parking is available on the main field just off the Shelburne Road (GL51 6HE).

Prize Giving & Speeches

The final formal event starts at 12noon in the marquee, located next to Chapel. The ceremony includes an introduction from the Chairman of Trustees, a short speech by the Head of School, a review of the year by the Headmaster and some inspirational thoughts from our visiting speaker. This finishes by 1.30pm.



Lunch



On a dry day, the main field is the most popular location for picnics with many people using their cars as the base. Some families bring small gazebos but for the majority it is a question of picnic blankets and chairs. (In wet weather there are a number of venues across the site for families and friends to gather.)

Most families bring their own picnics but the School does provide a good quality picnic of local produce which can be ordered in advance and collected on the day. If you would like to order a picnic, contact the Front Office (office@deanclose.org.uk).



From 2.30pm there are a range of exhibitions and events to enjoy: Art, Product Design, a *Chariots of Fire* tribute Quad Run plus a charity fair - so don't forget some spare change!

The event finishes with Tea & Pimms at 4pm in the main marquee before pupils are dismissed for half term at 4:30pm.