

Parent/Guardian Information

Events Planning

Trinity Term 2021



DEAN CLOSE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CHELTENHAM

This information is intended for parents and guardians to give an outline of the planning in place for events in Trinity Term 2021.

Please note that all the events below are subject to change and dependent on Government Guidance.

Start of Term

All boarders return by 6.00pm on Monday 19th April 2021

All day pupils return by 8.20am for the start of term on Tuesday 20th April 2021

Assessments and examinations

Year 3-6 will undertake assessments from Monday 24th May to Thursday 27th May. These will take place in their own classrooms or in the Computer rooms. Part of these assessments will be another reading test and another Progress Test Maths, to enable us to gauge progression. Year 6 will also have a written English test. There should be no need for Year 3-5 to revise anything and minimal revision during the Trinity Term is all that is needed for Year 6. Your child's teacher will discuss this closer to the time. Year 7 will sit exams in the Centenary Hall and will learn how much revision is needed at the beginning of the Trinity Term. These exams are to introduce Year 7 to the atmosphere and expectations of a set of exams and so some reinforcement of Year 7 work is all that will be needed.

Year 8 will have a formal set of exams after half term from Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June. These will be more limited in nature than previous Year 8 exams and will be set and marked internally, with teacher assessment being added to create a grade which will be given to DCS. It is hoped that this will enable Year 8 pupils to practise revision skills, become accustomed to a formal exam situation and gain the satisfaction of taking an exam that is useful but not too stressful. Please see further information in the Revision Guidance for parents of pupils in Year 8 information sheet attached.

Annual Speech Day - Saturday 26th June

The school hopes to be able to celebrate the achievements of our pupils next term during our traditional Speech Day event. Whilst we hope to be able to join together for this event, there is planning in place for various options dependent on Government guidance.

- **Option 1 (preferred) - On the morning of Saturday 26th June Whole School (Preferred)**
Speeches and Prize Giving for all year groups, plus parents and visitors followed by picnics and refreshment in Dean Close House gardens.
- **Option 2 - Events split across two days Friday 25th June and Saturday 26th June**
For pupils in Years 3 to 6 and their parents an 'End of Year Celebration' will be held on the afternoon of Friday 25th June. This will be followed by tea and refreshments served in the Dean Close House gardens.
For pupils in Years 7 and 8 and their parents, 'Speech Day and Prize Giving' will be held on the morning of Saturday 26th June This will be followed by a reception and picnics in the Dean Close House gardens.
- **Option 3 - Year 8 Leavers and their parents only on Saturday 26th June**

For pupils in Year 8 and their parents only, 'Speech Day and Prize Giving' will be held on the morning of Saturday 26th June. This will be followed by a reception and picnics in the Dean Close House gardens.

Senior Play Performances - Tuesday 29th June, Wednesday 30th June and Thursday 1st July. Performances start at 7.00pm

'Bugsy' is the senior production this year. The plan is for there to be three performances with a live audience. Ticket details will be sent nearer the time. If an audience is not permitted, due to Government guidance, the school will provide other ways of ensuring parents and relatives can watch a performance.

Year 8 Leavers' Trip Monday - Monday 14th June to Friday 18th June

We hope that the Year 8 Leavers' Trip will be able to go ahead but, due to expected restrictions, in a slightly different format to previous years.

- **Plan A**

Year 8 would be divided into 2 groups: Group A Monday - Wednesday; Group B Wednesday - Friday. As in previous years, pupils would stay at St. George's House and take part in various organised outdoor activities. Groups not at St. George's would remain at school and activities would be organised using school facilities and local facilities.

- **Plan B**

If, due to government guidance, we are not allowed residential trips, then all Year 8 would remain in school and activities would be organised using school facilities and local facilities.

Sports Day - Saturday 19th June

In normal circumstances parents would be welcome to attend Sports Day. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in government guidance on the number of people attending events, **Sports Day this year will take place without parental attendance.**

All pupils in Years 3-8 are expected to attend and further details, with timings, will be sent to parents nearer the time.

End of School Year - Friday 2nd July

The end of the school academic year is an important event and we will end with a Leavers' Service in the Memorial Chapel at Dean Close School. We hope that parents of pupils leaving the school will be able to attend this event. The school day will end at 12.45pm (approx), although exact details and timings will be sent through to parents nearer the time. From 1.00pm we hope to be able to invite all leaving pupils and their parents to a lunchtime event in Dean Close House gardens.

Sports fixtures

We would like to re-introduce sporting fixtures against other schools in Trinity 2021 for the pupils, as we believe these are a positive experience and enable pupils to learn different skills and enjoy new experiences. Our aim is to begin fixtures on Saturday 24th April. We will be reviewing our policy on fixtures continually. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions imposed by government guidance on the number of people attending events, parents are not allowed on any school site (home or away) to spectate. However, as the term progresses we will review this.

School calendar

Please click [here](#) to access the Live Website Calendar with all the events for next term.

Due to government guidance and the busy and dynamic nature of the school, there are sometimes inevitable changes to our calendar. Do please refer to this online version for the most up to date information.