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#TEAM DEYES NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 9 CAREERS: EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE





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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, and Deyes High School Community,



It has been a hugely positive and rewarding Spring Term at Deyes High School, and I am delighted to welcome you to our latest newsletter.

This edition highlights the many achievements, opportunities, and experiences that continue to shape our vibrant school community.

Our students have demonstrated exceptional maturity, enthusiasm, and commitment across all areas of school life. This week alone, their resilience and teamwork shone through during the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, while our Art students are excited to take part in their inspiring Conwy Art trip this coming weekend. Experiences like these play an important part in building character, independence, and a love of learning beyond the classroom.

As always, our dedicated staff continue to go above and beyond to provide high-quality teaching, enriching opportunities, and a nurturing environment where every student can thrive. This term has showcased the very best of what makes Deyes special: ambition, kindness, creativity, and a shared commitment to excellence.

I hope you enjoy reading about the fantastic work and achievements featured in this newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I would also like to wish you a very Happy Easter.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School

CAREERS NEWS

Year 9 'Explore Your Future' Event



Year 9 students at Deyes High School took part in the Explore Your Future Careers networking event, giving them the chance to meet a wide range of employers, ask questions about career pathways, and see how classroom learning connects to real-world opportunities.

Students spoke with professionals, using clues to guess their careers before asking questions about their education, career choices, and advice for the future.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School, said: "Events like this are critical in helping students understand where their learning can take them. By meeting employers face-to-face, students gain clarity, motivation and confidence as they start thinking about their future."

"Talking to professions showed me how subjects like maths and science connect to jobs I'd never considered," said Elise.

"Talking to professionals and asking about their paths really made me rethink my options and what skills I need for the future," added David.

James Mitchell from Vinci Building UK said: "The students were confident, curious, and genuinely engaged. They asked thoughtful questions and showed real enthusiasm for learning about careers, which made the session highly rewarding for everyone involved."

Former Deyes student and current Finance Apprentice at Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, Harry McKernan, said: "The careers team helped me secure my role. Their guidance gave me the confidence and practical skills I needed - and I'm proud to return as an employer volunteer to inspire the next generation."

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Deyes Teachers Achieve Recognition



Three teachers at Deyes High School, Mrs Matthews, Mr Mercer and Mr Martin, have been awarded SSAT Lead Practitioner Accreditation, recognising their expertise, leadership, and positive impact on student learning.

As part of the wider Lydiate Learning Trust, they have collaborated with colleagues from across the Trust, sharing best practice and supporting the development of teaching skills.

Mrs Matthews, Science Lead Practitioner at Deyes High School added: “Being recognised as a Lead Practitioner reinforces the value of collaboration and shared expertise, particularly through supporting colleagues to develop their practice.”

Mrs Beaney, Head of School at Deyes High School, said: “We are extremely proud of Mrs Matthews, Mr Mercer and Mr Martin. Their dedication, expertise, and willingness to support colleagues ensures that students at Deyes High School benefit from the very best teaching.”

Deyes High School celebrates their achievements, which strengthen teaching and learning across the school while ensuring students continue to receive high-quality, inspiring lessons.

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Young Detectives in Action



As part of British Science Week, Year 6 pupils from Summerhill Primary School visited Deyes High School to take part in an exciting forensic science investigation.

Using microscopes, luminol, chromatography, and fingerprint analysis, the pupils examined evidence, compared results, and worked together to identify the suspect. The activity encouraged teamwork, curiosity, and problem-solving -and by the end of the session, the young detectives had successfully cracked the case.

“It was amazing using the microscopes to see all the details up close!” said a Summerhill pupil. Another added, “I loved working with my friends to figure out who did it. It felt like a real investigation!”

Mrs Hesketh, Head of Science at Deyes High School, said, “We love hosting primary pupils for hands-on activities like this. It’s a great way to spark curiosity and show how science can be applied in fun and practical ways.”

Mr Patten, Head of Year 7, added, “Working with local primary schools helps our students build confidence and get a taste of secondary school life. Activities like these support a smooth transition and inspire learning across the sciences.”

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Deyes Achieves Music Mark Recognition



Deyes High School has been awarded the prestigious Music Mark in recognition of its dedication to delivering high-quality music education and the consistent improvement of its music programme. The award celebrates schools that demonstrate commitment, innovation, and impact in music learning.

Mrs. Byrne, Head of Performing Arts, said: "This recognition reflects the hard work and passion of our students and staff. Music at Deyes is about creativity, collaboration, and confidence. We're proud to see our programme thriving and making a real difference in students' lives."

A Year 10 student said: "I really enjoy the music programme because it allows me to express myself and try new things." A Year 9 student added: "Music lessons have taught me so much more than just playing an instrument. I've gained confidence, teamwork skills, and a real sense of achievement every time we perform."

Pupils can study GCSE Music at Key Stage 4 and BTEC Level 3 Music Performance at 6th form. Extra-curricular opportunities include one-to-one tuition, ensembles, choir, and rehearsal space. Performances range from concerts and community events

This recognition reinforces the school's commitment to nurturing creativity in the arts.

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Dance @ Deyes



Deyes High School is expanding its performing arts provision with new dance pathways across Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form from September 2026, creating a clear progression from foundational learning to advanced vocational training.

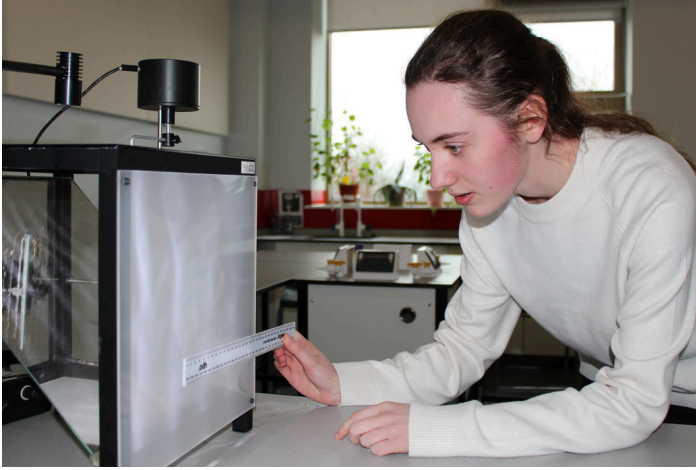
From Year 10, dance will be available as a core option. Students will study the BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts (Dance Approach), combining practical and theoretical learning through three components: exploring the performing arts industry, developing technical skills, and performing to a set brief. The course builds strong performance technique and industry awareness.

Post-16 students can join College @ Deyes to study the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dance, a two-year programme equivalent to three A-Levels. The qualification develops advanced technical ability across multiple dance styles, strengthens artistic expression, and provides insight into the professional performing arts sector. The course supports progression to higher education, vocational training, or dance careers.

Delivered in partnership with Liverpool Theatre School, the audition-based programmes are fully funded to ensure access for talented and committed students.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School, said: “We are proud to expand our dance provision, giving students a structured pathway from Year 10 through to post-16 vocational training. This initiative reflects our commitment to nurturing talent and preparing students for real opportunities in the performing arts.”

Heidi Receives Cambridge Offer



Year 13 student Heidi is celebrating after receiving an offer to study Engineering at Churchill College, University of Cambridge. Her achievement reflects both her dedication and the exceptional support provided by Deyes High School and College @ Deyes.

Starting at Deyes during lockdown was challenging, but Heidi quickly found her stride. “I really enjoyed picking my GCSEs, especially Maths and Science,” she says, adding that recognition awards in Maths gave her confidence to aim high. She stayed on at College@Deyes thanks to the guidance she received. “The teachers supported me every step of the way, and they offered all the courses I wanted,” she explains.

Applying to Cambridge was a new experience, including an admissions test and a December interview via Zoom. “The interview questions focused on Maths and Physics. It went well, and I was thrilled to receive an offer,” Heidi recalls. She has also received offers from Liverpool and Sheffield, with others pending from Bath and Bristol.

Heidi’s passion for Engineering grew through careers fairs and a placement at 3M, which introduced her to production planning and applied physics. “I’ve always enjoyed Maths and Physics, and Engineering is the perfect mix,” she says.

Reflecting on her journey, Heidi advises younger students: “Even if it seems difficult, give it a go. You never know what doors it could open.”

Well done to all College @ Deyes students who have received university offers.

Y9 Football Team's National Cup Run



This season, the Year 9 football team achieved one of the most memorable successes in recent school history, reaching the last 32 of the English Schools' National Cup - a new school record. Their journey was defined by resilience, teamwork, and determination. From the start, the team showed attacking intent and confidence, sharing goals across the squad and demonstrating depth of quality. Away fixtures tested composure, while tactical adaptability allowed them to exploit weaknesses and maintain possession-based football.

Standout moments included a 4–2 away victory at The Bishop's Blue Coat School after a Sefton Cup setback and a penalty shootout win against Maghull High School, showcasing calmness and bravery under pressure.

Every player contributed, with goals shared across the squad and decisive impacts from substitutes. Defensive discipline matched attacking flair, reflecting a genuine collective effort. The National Cup run concluded against St Margaret's in a fiercely contested extra-time match, finishing 5–3. While the campaign ended, the team earned praise from opponents and coaches alike for skill, character, and team spirit.

Mr McGregor reflected: "This group epitomises everything we want as a team. Their dedication, attitude, and commitment have set a new standard for Year 9 football at our school." The team scored freely, overcame adversity, and represented the school with pride. Their record-breaking run will be remembered as a season defined by courage, teamwork, and determination.

Year 10 Team Reach Quarter-Finals



The Year 10 football team enjoyed a strong season, reaching the quarter-finals in both the Sefton Cup and the Merseyside Cup.

Although they were narrowly beaten by St Margaret's in the Merseyside Cup, they made it to the last eight schools across the region is a fantastic achievement.

Mr McEvoy said: "The boys showed incredible determination and teamwork throughout the season. I'm proud of how they represented the school and developed as players - there's a lot to build on for next year."

Well done to all the boys for their effort and teamwork, and here's to an even stronger season next year!

Deyes U13 Players Reach National Final



The Under 13 Sefton Girls Football team have progressing all the way to the National Final! Lily M, Chloe C, Valentina, Abbie F, and Amber PH are representing Deyes.

The Under 14 Sefton Girls Football team have also reached the National Final, which will be played in May at Stoke City's football ground. Chloe H from Year 9 (inset) is representing Deyes.

A huge congratulations to the team on this incredible achievement – best of luck for your matches next term!

U13 Team Reach Semi Final



Huge congratulations to our Under 13 girls' football team, who secured a brilliant 4–1 victory over Halewood Academy to reach the Merseyside Cup semi-final. Their skill, teamwork, and determination this season have been outstanding.

AND FINALLY..

Key dates



- Easter Break - Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026
- Scan the QR code for all Term Dates



Help and advice

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- <https://www.kooth.com/>
- <https://www.clearfear.co.uk/>
- <https://www.liverpoolcamhs.com/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/>
- <https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/childrens-social-care/getting-help/careline-child-services/>
- <https://www.citizensadvice.liverpool.org.uk/>
- <https://111.nhs.uk/> <https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/childrens-social-care/young-carers>

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