

# Deans Community High School

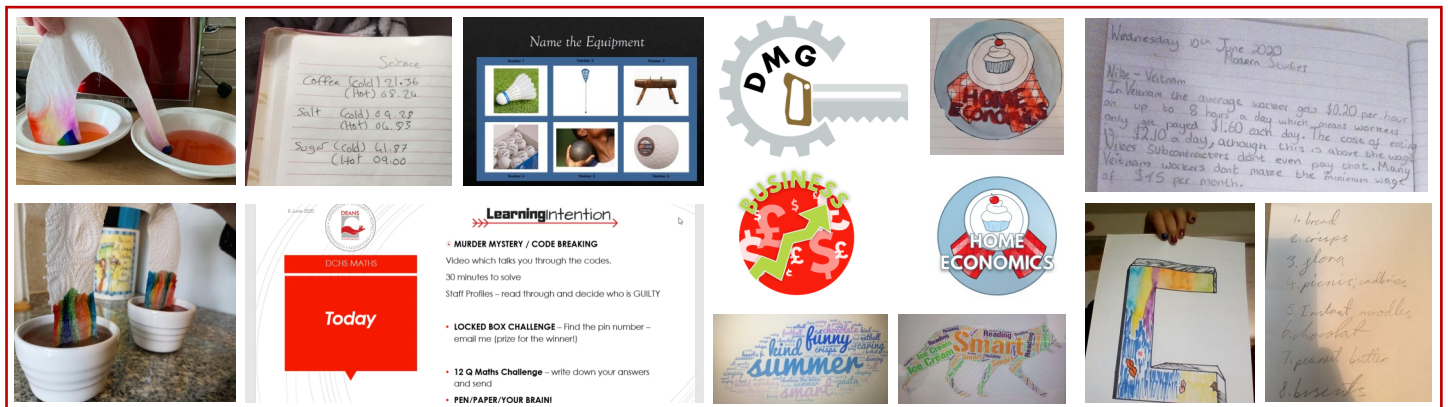
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This week we welcomed the P7 students who will be joining us at Deans from August. This year's transition week took a very different format from our usual ones, with students taking part in a virtual programme. In the two weeks leading up to this, P7 students took part in a House competition and their enthusiasm for this was wonderful to see. They had the opportunity to get to know their new Heads of House and other students through Teams chats and proved to be wonderfully creative in their response to the challenges given out.

During this week's programme, students have been engaging in learning within different subjects, again getting to know more of the teachers through their Teams. It is encouraging to see their enthusiasm continue all through the week in each of the subjects they have had a taste of and we are really looking forward to them joining us formally after the summer holiday.



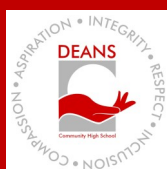
As you will know from Dr Cook's letter on Monday, we are now preparing for the reopening of schools in August. This understandably is a complex process, but my thanks go to you and our students who took the time to complete the short survey that we sent out a few weeks ago. Your comments on what aspects of home learning have worked well and where you experienced difficulties have been invaluable in helping us to create an effective blended learning model. Given that the current format of teaching and learning is so different from what any of us have experienced before, evaluating the effectiveness of this is more important than ever and please be assured that we are doing all we can to continue to make improvements for our young people. You will receive further information from me in due course.

During the period of lockdown, we have continued to work with the Parent Council in supporting our students and parents/carers and I would like to thank them for their support throughout this time.

As always, please take care and stay safe.

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Head Teacher



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