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News from the headteacher

It is always exciting to read what is happening around the Dene Magna community; this term is no exception. We hope you enjoy seeing all the different activities on offer, and if your daughter/son comes to us in the future, they will be excited about what lies ahead. My thanks, as always, go to the staff, students, parents/carers and businesses who have continued to support us in all that we do. We hope you like the new format of the newsletter as well!

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Key Dates for Next Term

Students return to Week A on the 27th February 2023

Thursday 2nd March - Y11 Taster Sessions - Sixth Form

Wednesday 8th March - Y11 Photos

Thursday 9th March - Y13 Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd March - Y11 Parents Evening 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 30th March - Deadline for Head boy/girl applications

Easter Break 3rd - 14th of April

**[Click here to see the Term Dates for both
2022 - 2023 and 2023 - 2024](#)**

Careers

At Dene Magna we want all of our students to achieve their maximum potential and enjoy the process. We believe that one way to do this is to ensure that all students should have a clear idea of what life after Dene Magna will be. This is why Careers is so important.

Y11 Practise Interviews

Our Year 11 Mock Interview event was held on the 19th January 2023. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of the Employers who gave up their precious time to help at this event. It was such a successful day and our Year 11's did themselves proud!! The interviewers found the day really enjoyable and were impressed by the confidence and enthusiasm shown by students. One of the comments made from an employer was about how focused our students are and what great attitudes they have about their future.



Careers Fair

On the 16th of February we held our Careers Evening at our Sixth Form Campus. This went very well and we want to thank all of the companies and education providers who made an appearance. We really hope that this fair aided all students and everyone got to speak to someone from their dream future, whether this be job, apprenticeship or university.

DofE

Gold DofE - we have started our Gold DofE for 2022 - 2023; these students can still do their physical and volunteering skills and start training for future expeditions.

As part of this, our Year 13s students are getting back into the swing and practising their expedition training around the Forest.

The walk was a moderate 12K, where the students practised their navigation skills.

Bronze DofE - We have 34 students participating in our Bronze DofE program. This year we will work in partnership A to Z expeditions for them to run our expedition section of the DofE. However, Mr Beard will still offer some introductory walks and school-based sessions.



Hayley Hoskins Author Visit

On Tuesday, 31st January, we welcomed the incredible Hayley Hoskins to Dene Magna to promote her debut novel 'The Whispering' with Year 6 from Drybrook.

Hayley gave fabulous talks to Year 6 Drybrook and Year 7 Dene Magna students before answering some thought-provoking questions from the audience. Packed full of information about herself, and her book, Victorian crime and punishment, the talks also gave tips and tricks for writing fiction.

We were fortunate to have the fantastic Chepstow Books and Gifts here to sell her book. With queues of students at the break to buy the book and get it signed, the library was abuzz with the best excitement, and I hope everyone enjoys their books!

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who made the day so special: Hayley, Mandy from Chepstow Books, and the teams at Puffin and Chepstow Books; the staff at Dene Magna and Drybrook for all the behind-the-scenes support and organisation; and the students whose enthusiasm made it such a special event.

There may be a few signed copies of the book left at Chepstow Books for anyone who missed out, but I suspect the students have already bought them all!



Student Voice

News from our Head Boy and Girl

Hello all, we hope everyone has enjoyed this term as it has flown by as we quickly approach the February half term.

During the first week of the term, we had a morning full of different emotions as the year 11 students took part in a mock trial results day. Well done to all year 11s on your results, as we all know how stressful it can be. However, if you didn't quite get the result you wanted we hope this is a good time to improve on the gaps in your learning before the next trials on the week commencing the 14th of March.

Earlier this term, our careers advisor Mrs Rich set up a Careers Event for the year 11 students where they paired up with an employer that fit the student's interest for the future and had a 30-minute interview. This was brilliant as it really worked on the year 11s interviewing skills for future job interviews, and it also gave some of the students a chance to get the offer to go and do some work experience at the certain companies that they were interviewed by.

So far 2023 has been a positive one! Not just for year 11s but also for the other years taking part in Language festivals and for the year 9 students who are in the process of choosing their GCSE options for the remainder of their Dene magna life.

On behalf of us both, we would like to wish the year 11s massive good luck for the next few months, and a great big thank you to all the teachers helping us along the way. Thank you for a great start to the year and we can't wait for what the final few months as head girl and head boy bring.

Student of the Month

'Perfect Week Performers'

7F1	Izzie Waite
7F2	Lily Fisher
8F1	Brandon Davison
9F1	Katelin Davies-Raynor
9F2	Sam Venn
10F1	Sophie Ross
11F1	Enya Abroham
11F2	Olivia Harradine

7J1	Allegra Harman
7J2	Cole Redding
8J1	Elizabeth Lewis
9J1	Amelia Trigg
9J2	Danny Dunthorn
10J1	Joe Powell
11J1	Kieran Ballinger
11J2	Warren Betteridge

7W1	Iris Brady
8W1	Olivia Benatar
8W2	Tia Walding
9W1	Amber Fransham
10W1	Tyler Baldwin
10W2	Robert Behiels
11W1	Megan Farnell

7D1	Lyra Dawson
8D1	Chloe Bishop
8D2	Daniel Dolden
9D1	Oli Walter
10D1	Jack Bishop
10D2	Tom Tattersall
11D1	Isla Davies

Catering Exams

Our Year 11 Catering students have been practising hard for their quickly approaching GCSE exams! They are all doing a variety of dishes which all need much skill. A massive well done to all of the Catering students and their exams. We are very proud of you and cannot wait for you to ace it!



Our Community Bookings Programme

A few clubs have finished over the winter, so we have availability on our mini Astro pitch in the evenings.

If you are interested in our facilities, please get in touch with Mr Beard at:
a.beard@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk

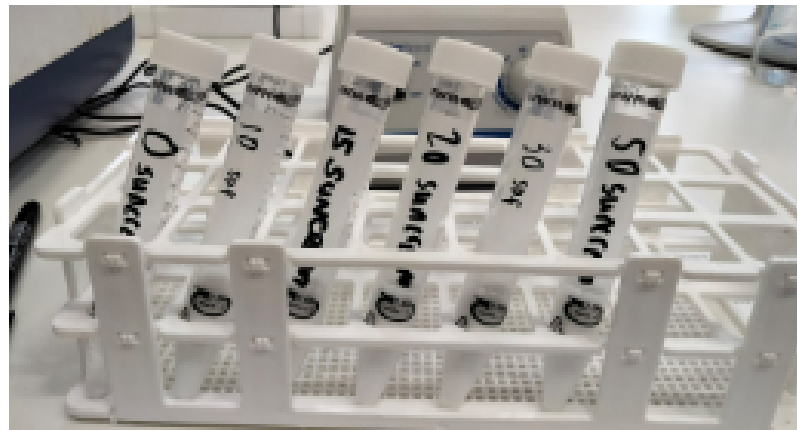


Bristol Trip

We had the unique opportunity to visit the University of Bristol and carry out our experiment using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer. Back in October, we contacted numerous universities asking whether we could use their equipment for the day, and shortly after received a response from Bristol University.

On the 25th of January, we finally got to go and spend approximately 2 hours in the lab working with different factor sun creams and testing their effectiveness against UV. A doctor kindly supervised us in that department, who helped us by explaining anything that we didn't understand or needed help with.

It was such an exciting experience, and we highly recommend going as not only did it help us significantly with our gold crest project, and it gave us an insight into university life.



School gardening update

We have received our RHS School Gardening Award - Level 1 this term. Our gardening club is on a winter break but will resume after the February half-term. It runs every Wednesday at lunchtime and is open to all Year Groups. It would be great to see some new faces at the club!



Foley House News

Hi to all.

As always a very busy and challenging term with lots of bugs and illnesses around, however overall, the students make me proud, with most of them showing determination and resilience in ensuring they attend school; I really do appreciate your support with attendance as it is the most important aspect in ensuring your child makes the best progress they can.

Today I am going to celebrate the successes of the students in foley.

The following have, year to date, achieved 100% attendance which is a fabulous effort;

7F1

Izabella Waite
Zachery Halifax
Jacob Rodway
Mckenzie Burns
Amie Cowan

7F2

Lily Fisher
Summer Bullock
Miles Cook
Maisie Morgan

8F1

Bonnie Ryder
Molly Kujawa
Milly Kujawa
Rudi Cook

9F2

Florence Melton

10F1

Chloe Robinson

9F1

Jack Matthews

11F2

Tyler Hopkins
Finlay Norris

11F1

Megan Thomas

A massive well done to all of the above, and a big thanks from me to you as parents for helping to ensure this happens!

Another huge achievement for students is to get no de-merits, now the following have all achieved this year to date;

7F1

Edward Barry
Amie Cowan
Amy Edwards
Soraia Fernandes
Jessica Harper
Evie Mason

Ted Matthews
Annabel Sanders
Emily Stewart
Millie Thomas
Izabella Waite

7F2

Keelan Coleman
Miles Cook
Samual Nutbrown
Max Williams

Mia Matthews-Barrington
Maisie Morgan
Dariia Voloshyna
Georgie Williams

Lily Fisher
Harry Jhattu

9F1

Koko Cowmeadow
Anais Critchley
Katelin Davies-Raynor
Liam Jenkins
Summer Jones
Allanah Smith
Aimee Stewart
Isobelle Thomas
Danny Truman-Stokes
Ella Wilkinson
Arina Zadorzhina

10F1

Evie Ashly
Emily Brain
Crystal Burns
Timmy Gates
Olivia Howells
Izzy McCoy
Tana Phelps
Chloe Robinson
Sophie Ross
Molly Savidge
Amelia Seal
Tiegian Watkins
Charlie Williams
Kayleigh Williams
Eden Young

11F2

Sofia Babych
Mia Brittain
Nuala Callanan
Ruby Clark
Aimee Eggl
Olivia Harradine
George Jervis
Bobby Potter-Thomas
Rebecca Ross
Charlie Snook
Charlotte Spalding
Jasmine Twist

That's it from me, thanks for your continued support.

Ashley

8F1

Rudi Cook
Brandon Davison
Callum Dean
Lilly Kovacs
Libby Lewis
Libby Ochiltree
James Twigg
Alaina Williams

9F2

Darcy Baker
Bronwyn Buford
Mia Collis
Immy Harding
Isabella Hawkes
Martha Lorenzelli
Florence Melton
Codey Mills
Lleneah Powell
Tom Savidge
Sam Venn

11F1

Enya Abroham
Kasey Collis
Robyn Fiddler
Elliott King
Aisia Marsh
Rhys Powell
Charlotte Rankin
Megan Thomas
Thomas Whittington



Dowty House News

Hello,

I am delighted to introduce myself as Mr Underwood - the new leader of Dowty House. I want to take this opportunity to further thank Mr Adams for his services to Dowty and I endeavour to take the house from strength to strength. What has hit me more than anything over the past 4 weeks is how many excellent students there are in Dowty, and I am thankful for the warm welcome I have received from both them and the Dowty tutor team - I very much believe that we are 'Stronger Together'.

I want to congratulate the following students who have been awarded Student of the Month for January, this has been based upon most amount of 'Perfect Weeks' (going all week without an absence or demerit):

7D1 - Lyra Dawson
8D1 - Chloe Bishop
8D2 - Daniel Dolden
9D1 - Oli Walter
10D1 - Jack Bishop
10D2 - Tom Tattersall
11D1 - Isla Davies

These students have certainly made a great first impression on me this year!

I have made no secrets about what I want to focus on in the first instance and this is the attendance of students in Dowty house. We are proud to say that Dene Magna School is an outstanding school - but students will only progress and learn if they are here and I am determined to ensure that we have as many students here and learning as possible. There have already been improvements in relation to this since January, with Dowty House showing an increase of 0.21% overall.

Looking forward, there are house competitions coming up which I will be encouraging all members of Dowty house to engage with, and strive to bring home house points. These range from accelerated reader, SPAG and inter house sports competitions - I am excited to see the Dowty talent!

Keep working hard Team Dowty - it will be baby steps for a while but I am excited to see us continue to climb the house cup leaderboard!

Best wishes
Mr Underwood
Stronger Together

Wilson House News

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely Christmas and New Year for you all. We are nearing the mid-way point of the year, and so much has happened, but we still have so much to fit in!! Coming up this term, we have the Talent Show, and I am hoping for a Wilson win this year; inter-house matches will take place, the accelerated reader challenge continues and the World Book Day competition, to name a few!

Our Student of the Month for December was selected from the students who have the perfect weeks:

7W1 - Iris Brady
 8W1 - Olivia Benatar
 8W2 - Tia Walding
 9W1 - Amber Fransham
 10W1 - Tyler Baldwin
 10W2 - Robert Behiels
 11W1 - Megan Farnell

We continue to work hard towards the attendance trophy and currently sit in a disappointing 3rd place. Tutors and tutees are working super hard to ensure we all aim to be in school and be doing our best; our breakdown by tutor groups is

7W1 - 95.12%
 11W1 - 94.27%
 8W1 - 94.26%
 10W2 - 94.18%
 8W2 - 93.72%
 10W1 - 93.79%
 9W1 - 93.61%

Well done to 7W1, the best-achieving attendees in Wilson; 10W1 and 9W1, lots of work to do!! I want to share this research with you, which I share with the students all the time....

- Pupils with no absence are 1.3 times more likely to achieve level 4 or above and 3.1 times more likely to achieve level 5 or above than pupils that missed 10-15% of all sessions.

This highlights the importance of being ready to learn and achieving your best in school.

During a House Council meeting at the start of the year, the students voted to have an attendance league, where each week, tutor groups have "fixtures" against each other, and the winner, at the end of the league, wins a prize of their choice! Here is the league table so far:

Team	PL	W	D	L	Pts	Position
10W2	3	2		1	11	1
10W1	3	2		1	11	1
9W1	3	1		2	7	3
7W1	3	1		2	7	3
8W2	2	1		1	6	5
8W1	2	1		1	6	5
11W1	2	1		1	6	5

Our 'perfect week' challenge is based on 100% attendance, no negatives and no late marks. As a house, we are making significant progress in this! Well done to all of you who contribute positively to this each week!

1st - Foley - 0.6837
 2nd - Wilson - 0.6530
 3rd - Dowty - 0.6376
 4th - Jenner - 0.6369

Merits

Congratulations to the following students who are the highest merit scorers in the whole of Wilson House:

Iris Brady – 54
 Cora Meek – 48
 Megan Matthews – 47
 Arthur Norris – 43
 Lydia Miles – 42



Your tutors, Mrs Hoare and I hope you all have a great half term, and we will see you with renewed energy after half term! Stay safe and enjoy! Mrs Hill

Jenner House News

The first half term of the Spring Term is nearly done, and some beautiful things have occurred over the 7 weeks.

Jenner House has come back in fighting force, and most students are determined to prove how amazing they are and their house.

My senior students are busy mentoring and helping KS3 students with their ILT, Spellzone and Seneca. So very proud of them all!

This will improve our progress, merits/demerits, and attendance...EVERYTHING!!

Attendance

Looking at the latest data for attendance, Jenner House is currently 94.39%

That figure sees us remain in **SECOND PLACE!!** However, these figures are dropping slowly every week. I am very proud of the students that come to school every day. However, it would be great to see improvements now.

Merits

Jenner students continue to gain merits for outstanding work in lessons...3645 Above & Beyond merits so far this term, which is amazing! Congratulations to every student that has contributed to that number!!!

Students of the Month:

Each month I ask tutors to nominate one student from their tutor group to award Student of the Month.

Each month has different criteria, and January was: 'students who have gained the Perfect Weeks!'

7J1 - Allegra Harman

7J2 - Cole Redding

8J1 - Elizabeth Lewis

9J1 - Amelia Trigg

9J2 - Danny Dunthorn

10J1 - Joe Powell

11J1 - Kieran Ballinger

11J2 - Warren Betteridge

Huge congratulations to all of these students. I am so proud of you all! You are making the right choices...keep it up!

7J1 - Mr Pike - Very proud to announce that his tutor group is the best in the entire school.

They were first in Accelerated Reader; they were first in the whole school for Above & Beyond merits. Mr Pike is over the moon with how well they represent Jenner House and the whole school!

7J2 - 7J2 has had a fantastic start to 2023 with a big focus on fresh starts and new years resolutions. As a group, we will push to get perfect weeks and complete quizzes on the accelerated reader.

With the new sports clubs this term, multiple students have been getting involved, including Lucian, who attends table tennis, handball and basketball club, while Josh has also been participating in a table tennis club in school and a football club for both Dene Magna and outside of school. Other students also enjoy sports outside of school, including Cole, who came 4th in a kick-up competition at football, Oliver Evans, who came second in a tournament for Cinderford Rugby Club and Xander, who got three excellent attendance awards and was a 'super student' in his martial arts club. The students have also been putting effort into their ILT, including Paige Tribe, who made a fantastic model of a Motte and Bailey castle for history, and Thomas Rawlings, who made his out of cake and was kind enough to share it with the class!



8J1 - Miss Kietch - Ruby and Jasmine have been featured on the school FB page this month because they created board games in French. Their groups were called Buguetts and Mustaches, and it was voted the best! The boys won Interhouse last term, and they have worked out that the only inter-house competition they haven't won since year 7 was football last year. They are looking forward to working with the year 11 sports ambassadors to brush up on their football skills so that they can hopefully be undefeated this year. At the start of the year, we all made new year's resolutions, which many students are getting stuck with and trying to work towards. Many students aim for good attendance and to make more progress in subjects they feel less confident with; they hope to do this with help from the learning ambassadors.

9J1 - Mr Reid - 9J1 - Alfie Thomas is Building a racing lawn mower to race it Noah Rawlings has joined an acting agency, and Jacob Meek made his school football team debut

9J2 - Mrs Ratcliffe & Mrs Aldred - 9J2 - Harley Morse is winning medals for Cinderford Rugby Club and is flying with his Motor Cross at the moment!!! Ashleigh scored two goals playing football for DM! She loves it! Joe Woodroffe has started playing Airsoft and is really enjoying the new challenge. The tutor group loved participating in Famelab. Kelly and I are loving being the new tutor of 9J2!! Mrs Ratcliffe - 9J2 has been a delight! They have been friendly, respectful and welcoming and start our day with a smile. We are looking forward to getting to know each student individually and building positive relationships with them all.



Jenner House News

10J1 - Mr Buckley - 10J1 - Sam Hardie has not long achieved his Brown Belt. We are well in the swing of work experience with placements such as EDF energy in Bristol and Bo-Peeps Nursery.

11J1 - Mrs Kitonga - 11J1 - we are forging forward with a clear focus on getting ready for exams.

Some of us had our first exams with Hospitality Catering and ICT.

This is a good wake-up call that Final exams are drawing nearer.

We have had perfect uniforms for the girls as well as the boys.

Post-16 plans have started, and students are now having interviews for further education and apprenticeships.

The Careers interviews went well as we had prepared effectively. We all received very positive feedback from the interviewees.

11J2 - Mrs Pope - 11J2 Congratulations to Archie Selwyn, who has completed his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Archie chose to drum as his skill, volunteered in a care home and completed the 2-day walk, camping overnight. Jake Fowler and Daniel Mills are very close to completion.

All students participated in mock interviews on 19th January, organised by Mrs Rich. They enjoyed the process and found it a positive and valuable experience for the future when applying for college/apprenticeship/university places or jobs.

Comments from LB

I am incredibly proud of Jenner's students who consistently 'GET IT RIGHT'! I don't think I say it enough, as sometimes the day can be caught up with other things, so I apologise! So...MAHOOSIVE WELL DONE to all of you!



School & Community Games

Forest School Games held a new Age Curling Event at Newent School; thank you to Newent School, their PE team and Sportily, who supported throughout. Well done to everyone who took part and Yorkley B Team, Primrose Hill and Westbury, who won the School Games Value award.



Great to have Primary teachers & TAs attending a 'Football 4 Girls' CPD session at Dene Magna School. Many thanks to the PE Dept for the use of facilities, Mitcheldean pupils & Bob Owen for his wealth of experience coaching



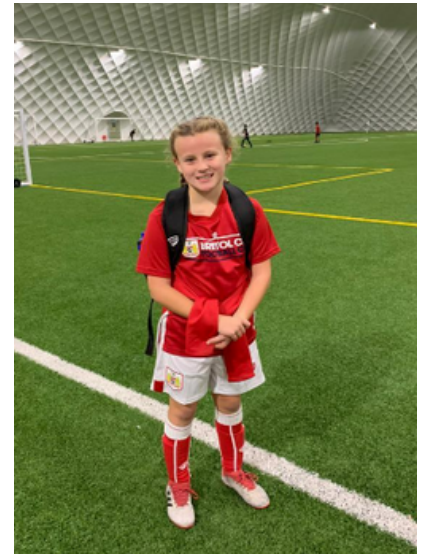
Well done to everyone who recently participated in the primary cross country at Newent. Thank you to the Newent staff, their sports leaders and the 2 Hartbury College Placements for helping with the day. It was great to see everyone there having a great time. The students represented their schools wonderfully, and the sportsmanship was excellent.



Macy's Football Journey

Macy started playing football at the age of three, yes three! Probably earlier because ever since she could walk, a football has always been at her feet!

She trained with Cinderford Town youth and when she was around five years old, played her first festival of fun representing them. For five years she played through the age groups with Cinderford where she was the only girl in the team. This never phased her in the slightest, as playing football was all she wanted to do. In the early days, she hit the stigmatism from opposition players and parents thinking "oh it's a girl playing" but they soon realised she was no pushover and gained a lot of respect throughout the grassroots environment in Gloucestershire.



News started to circulate about Macy's abilities and she caught the eye of Cheltenham Town where she trained for a while. Still, she moved to the West Brom development centre where she travelled to Worcester University to train. During this part of the journey, Cinderford Town put her forward for the Pride of the Forest Awards, she was placed into the young sportsperson category against other successful young people within the Forest of Dean. In March 2017 at the award ceremony, she won the award. A very proud moment for her and the family.



In her last season for Cinderford Town, she scored 54 goals, along with multiple end-of-season awards. She was the only girl playing in the league at the time and even at an early age she wanted to show other girls that they could do the same!

Age the age of 10 it was time to move on from Cinderford Town youth, she trialled for West Brom and Bristol City academies and luckily was offered a place at both. The decision was made and she chose Bristol City. Here her development has flourished, she joined the under-10 age group playing in a boy's JPL league. Playing against boys all these years shone through and she soon became a mainstay in the side dominating teams whilst playing centre midfield. She also played in goal a couple of times! Showing the other girls that they could mix it against boys culminated in a very successful season for all.

Macy is still at City, now aged 13, this season she has been moved up from the Under 14s as a *second-year age grouper into the U16s. She has taken this in her stride and her confidence has grown even more. The club recognises her qualities and wants to stretch her learning and development. *Bristol City categorise its age group in two-year brackets. One year you play as a young age grouper and the next season you play in your age bracket.

In parallel to her club football she has been recognised by the England FA and for 12 months now has been placed into the England pathway system to represent her country at the international level. England camps start at U15, 16, 17 and beyond, so you never know and with luck, on her side, she may represent England at the full international level and become a lioness.

In the last two seasons, she has also represented her county. Last season they became the southwest of England Under 12 champions.

In 2022 Gloucestershire put her name forward to trial for 2023 England international under 15s schools side where she would be playing up a year, playing against Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. She successfully navigated herself through two trials culminating in a final trial where a place in the final squad was up for grabs. The final trial involved the best 38 England school girls from the south of England and the north of England. In the final trial, she was honoured to be asked to captain the south which made the day even more special for her.

Unfortunately, she didn't make the final squad and although she was very disappointed she has taken a lot of positives away from the whole experience. One was that she had the privilege of being a captain on the day.

Fingers crossed she is successful next season and can go one squad further.

We hope that sharing this story inspires others to follow in Macy's footsteps, whilst giving her the recognition she rightly deserves for her achievements. Well done Macy and we look forward to watching your career develop.



Famelab

This term, we held our annual Famelab competition! All Y9 students have a chance to partake in this. They pick a STEM subject and must research it and present it in front of their class, which we know can be daunting, but they all did fantastically! Their teachers then pick students to perfect their speech and present in front of all Y8 and 3 judges. These judges included Mr Derrick, Mr Brady and a Famelab expert.



Some of the amazing talks which the lucky Y8 got to listen to were about if we needed a moon, why your tummy rumbles and the winning talk, what are sea monkeys? A massive well done to all of the students who participated; we know it can be scary presenting in front of your peers and teachers, but you all did a fantastic job!

The winning students will now go on to represent the whole of Dene Magna in the Famelab finals! This is an amazing opportunity, and we even won last year. We hope to continue our winning streak as we have full confidence in our winner!

Keep your eye out for the next newsletter, where we will hopefully have the news on how we did in the finals!



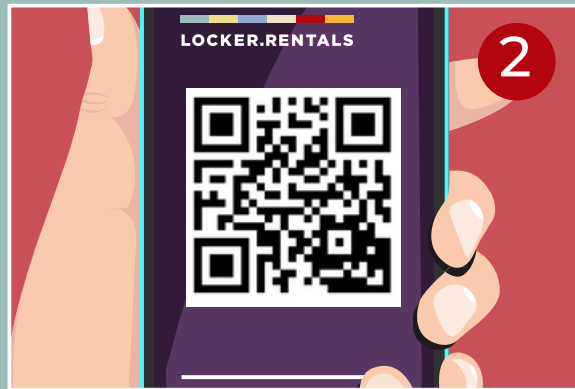
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Student volunteers

I want to recruit some student volunteers to support the library during breaks and lunch for approximately 15 minutes. If you would be interested in this, please look at the posters around school or come into the library to chat about it.



Business School Challenge

Two of our Year 13 Business Studies students took part in the Inaugural Business School Challenge at the University of Gloucester on the 14th December. They gave an amazing presentation about their "Community Cupboard" idea, which is currently located in the Sixth Form. In response to the cost of living crisis, their idea provides food donations to students and staff at Dene Magna, in a new innovative, non judgmental way.

Caitlin Day and Charlotte Tuck were both awarded Overall winners and received amazon gift vouchers. Charlotte also received an award for the "Most Professional Individual".

The judges in their own words, were simply blown away by their confidence and quality of their presentation. They also were the only team with an idea, which had already been tried and tested. It was an honour to take them and they made Dene Magna very proud.



Overdue

This is a quick reminder that the library is available for all students and staff to discover new and enjoyable books, but with this comes a responsibility to care for those borrowed books and return them promptly and in good condition so others can also discover them.

After Covid-19 and the staff changeover in the library, the overdue system was relaxed a little, but this grace period has now ended. There are no overdue charges for late books, but a series of reminders with increasing support to recover these books. If the book has still not been returned in good condition at the end of the process, it will be necessary to charge for a replacement copy.

Please make sure you take care of the books and know when they are due back: remember you can always renew them if you need longer to read them!

Languages for Life Event

Our Year 9 Languages for Life Event returned to a face-to-face event for the first time since 2020. This event aims to give our Year 9 students some insight into how learning languages can open many doors in the future, including enhancing job opportunities. We started with a traditional French breakfast, a presentation from our talented Y12 linguists and a European Language Quiz in the Hall, followed by a carousel of presentations from several guest speakers. We welcomed Macey Potter, a former student, to talk about her language learning journey to date as she now studies French and Spanish at Leicester University and looks forward to spending the next part of her course in Brussels and Valencia. Miss Taylor spoke of her experience studying Languages at Cardiff University. We listened to many speakers online, including a Linguist from the RAF, a Sales Manager working in France and an employee of an International Bank in Frankfurt, Germany. The event was a huge success and demonstrated how enriching learning languages could be. 'Merci beaucoup' to all involved.

