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10th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

What a brilliant start to Year 11. A really successful Parent/Carers Evening in September, it was great to see you all and share the real sense of expectation and positivity of the whole year group.

This was followed up by our Year 6 Open Day/Evening where Years 11s played a core role in introducing families to what it means to be part of our Dene Magna community. The feedback from Year 6 parents/carers and students was phenomenal, they were blown away by the positive attitude of students and their pride in the school.

The next important event for Year 11s is their Trial Exams. These will be running from Monday 20 November over a two week period.

The objectives for the Trials are:

- To give students a 'dress rehearsal' for revision, exams and result
- To ensure that students have a positive experience and see that they can succeed
- To give all students and teachers the opportunity to identify gaps in student learning in preparation for their final exams
- To give teachers a summative assessment point to direct appropriate interventions and support
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The first part of this process is our Parent/Carers Information Evening on Thursday 19 October. This will run from 5:30pm until 7pm and will focus on two areas:

Firstly we will look at how the exams process. From the nitty gritty of what to bring and how to be prepared through to how to support your daughter and son through their revision process, so that they can achieve their maximum potential. Secondly we will be looking at Post 16 Options. Now is the time to start thinking about the Post 16 Options available to your son/daughter.

We have invited a number of different providers to come and give a short presentation to everyone about the courses they offer to help with your thinking about next steps. They will also be available for you to ask questions afterwards:

Those confirmed to date are:

- Dene Magna Sixth Form
- Gloucestershire College
- South Gloucestershire and Stroud College
- Gloucestershire Engineering Training

These will give you a taste of what is available and get you thinking about the next steps after GCSEs

Please watch the video on our Careers Page on the school website before attending the evening which summarises the next steps available to students

<https://www.denemagna.co.uk/page/?title=Careers+Years+7+to+13&pid=227>

We have set up the evening on our Parent's Evening system. Please book your place via the school website. We are very much looking to welcoming all Year 11 Parent/Carers at this evening.

Yours sincerely

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