

DENE MAGNA SCHOOL & SIXTH
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News from the headteacher

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an amazing first term it has been for both myself and the school. Our Year 7 and Year 12 students have joined with great enthusiasm, showing a willingness to dive into all that Dene Magna offers. It's been wonderful to see how they've quickly become part of the Dene Magna family, contributing to the life of the school in so many ways.

This term, we've had the pleasure of welcoming visitors from Italy, who brought their culture to enrich our school community. Additionally, some of our students are currently in Berlin, soaking up German culture in what has been a memorable trip for them.

Our enrichment week was a tremendous success, with a variety of exciting trips and a number of inspirational external speakers visiting the school. We also had an important visit from OFSTED, and we are very pleased with the outcome. It was a true pleasure to share with them what makes Dene Magna such a fantastic school.

Looking ahead to next term, we're focused on supporting our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they prepare for their mock assessments. We're also excited for our Sixth Form Open Evening and the much-anticipated Shrek the Musical in December—rehearsals are in full swing, and it's shaping up to be an incredible performance!

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.



Key Dates for Next Term

Students return to Week B on Monday 4th November

4th November - DofE Expedition

7th November - Sixth Form Open Evening

11th November - Remembrance Day

18th November - Start of Y11 Trial Exams

20th - 22nd November - Flu Vaccinations

21st November - Y8 Parents Evening

9th December - Shrek Rehearsal

11th - 13th December - Shrek Production

16th December - Ski Trip Departs

17th December - Christmas Lunch

20th December - Inset Day

[Click here to see the Term Dates for both 2024 - 2025 and 2025 - 2026](#)

Student Voice

Here you hear from our Head Boy and Head Girl...

Well what a hectic and productive first term it has been for everyone. The first term is always a struggle for not just students but teachers as well. However we persevered and triumphed over a very hard term.

During the first 2 weeks of term, we had our year 11 parents evening, which ran really smoothly. Each teacher managed to have a great conversation with all the parents about the eventful year ahead. Another thing is we also had some wonderful Italian visitors come to the school and were paired together with some of the students in our school. This was a great opportunity for all of us to connect with people from all over the world and learn about their cultures. I loved meeting them and learning about life in Italy, they are dearly missed by us all. We also had Open Evening, which was a great success! Some parents were speaking to me about how amazing they thought our school was! (They aren't wrong)

We have also had our European week of Languages. For this a duolingo league was held throughout the whole school, where people could practise their language skills not only for French and Spanish but for any other language people wanted to learn and have a go at. There were also some clubs at lunchtime like learning different languages with other teachers and much more!

Also during the first 2 weeks of term, Year 11s had their first session of enrichment. The first sessions of enrichment were either kickboxing or climbing down in Cinderford. This was a great opportunity for all the students to learn and develop new PE skills, and the first session went really well, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Another great thing we achieved this term was our fundraiser for Shrek the Musical. This was an idea by our RS teacher Miss Mclemont, to raise money for our production this year. The productions are an annual thing each year, but with the shows being in December, rehearsals began as soon as the term started.

A lovely thing for us Year 11s is our upcoming trial exams. Our teachers are very keen for us to be getting on with revision and doing well. Each teacher is so encouraging towards us and Mr Derrick even made revision fun!

Italian Visitors

We were thrilled to host a group of Italian students and teachers at Dene Magna! They have taken part in lessons, experiencing our vibrant school community, and shared their own culture with us.

It's been an incredible opportunity for both our students and theirs to learn from one another, building connections and embracing the values of teamwork.

A huge thank you to everyone involved for making this visit a memorable experience.

We look forward to more opportunities like this in the future!



Our Community Bookings Programme

A few clubs have finished over the summer, 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



Dene Magna Open Evening

Open Evening 2024 - What a Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us last week for our Open Evening! It was fantastic to welcome so many future students and their families to explore what Dene Magna has to offer.

A special shout-out to our incredible students who volunteered their time to give tours, answer questions, and share their experiences. You made the event even more memorable, and we couldn't have done it without you!



Y11 Information Evening

On the 17th of October, we welcomed Year 11 parents to our Year 11 information evening. This was hosted by Mr Mooney and Mr Mitchell, with the purpose of the evening to help parents support our Year 11 in the upcoming exams and beyond. Mr Derrick led a session on revision strategies, teaching parents firsthand the best way to revise. There were sessions from various providers, including our sixth form, to give students ideas for their next steps.

All of Mr Derrick's resources and accompanying videos will be available on the website after half terms

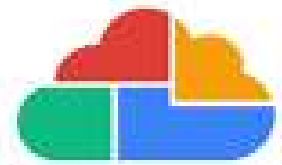
Clubs

We offer a range of clubs to all of our students from a wide range of sports clubs to our Rocket League club! Please find the list of clubs below to see if any of them take your fancy!

Monday: Week A	Tuesday: Week A	Wednesday: Week A	Thursday: Week A	Friday: Week A
KS3 Early Bird Club: 8.00am - M5	KS3 Early Bird Club: 8.00am - M5	KS3 Early Bird Club: 8.00am - M5	KS3 Early Bird Club: 8.00am - M5	KS3 Early Bird Club: 8.00am - M5
				MFL ILT Club: 8am - 8.30am - L4
Table Tennis Club Year 7 & 8 3:30-4:30	Year 9 & Year 10 Rugby	Technology Club - T4 - Yr8/9/GCSE	Girls Football (All)	
Table Tennis Club Year 9 & 10 4:30-5:30	Year 9 & Year 10 Netball		Ski Fitness (All) (Gym)	Badminton (All)
Year 8 Boys Rugby	KS3 Basketball	Battle of the Books Book Club		Year 7 Boys Rugby
Year 7 & Year 8 Netball			KS4 Book Club	
KS4 Basketball	KS3 Book Club	BOCCIA - Sports Hall		Chess Club - M2
			MFL Duoleague Club - L4	
Esports - Rocket League - KS3 - ICT 1	KS4 Spanish Film Club - L2	Politics - HL3 - Years 9, 10 & 11		
	KS3 MFL Board Games - L3		Music Club - Music Room	
	KS4 French Film club - L1			
		Year 11 Netball Tour Club After School	Year 7 Science Club	
	LAMDA - Selected Year 8 - After School			
			Esports - KS4 - ICT 1	
			Coding club KS3 and 4 - ICT 2	
			Shrek The Musical' Rehearsals - After School	
Monday: Week B	Tuesday: Week B	Wednesday: Week B	Thursday: Week B	Friday: Week B
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Esports - Rocket League - KS3 - ICT 1	KS4 French Film club - L1	Choir - SWAD - Music Room - After School		
			Shrek The Musical' Rehearsals - After School	

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What can the app do?

This app will allow parents/carers to view students -

Attendance

Behaviour

Classes

Reports

Timetable

Academic calendar

Update parent/carer and student details.

Why do I need the app?

The app is a great tool for Dene Magna to communicate with parents/carers and for all student information to be in one place for parents/carers.

Cheltenham Literature Festival

This week we took our top readers for reading age and reading progress to the Cheltenham Literature Festival. Students attended a 'Chills and Thrills' author talk where Masters of suspense Kathryn Foxfield, Jordan Lees and Ashley Thorpe talked with mystery writer Sharna Jackson about their gripping new adventures, filled with twists and turns, tension and tricky situations. Sci-fi, fantasy, monsters, gods, and a curious doll. After the event, students were invited to browse the bookshops, stalls and other events at the festival, with some attending a signing with the authors from the talk. Many books were read, discussed and purchased, with some time upon arrival back to share our books in our fantastic library. Many thanks to Miss Jones, Miss Taylor and Mr.Marden-Harris for organising.



Our Recent Assemblies

At Dene Magna, we believe that assemblies play a vital role in the personal development and education of our students. They provide a space for learning beyond the classroom, helping to build awareness and understanding of important issues in society today.

This term, our assemblies have covered a range of critical topics, ensuring students are informed and equipped to make responsible decisions. We hosted a session on knife crime awareness, teaching students about the dangers and consequences of carrying weapons, and how to stay safe. Another assembly focused on British values, helping students understand the core principles of democracy, tolerance, and respect that shape our society.

In addition, our Year 8 pupils took part in "Crashing," an interactive play that addressed the serious issue of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). This powerful performance encouraged students to reflect on real-life scenarios and make informed choices to protect themselves and others.

These assemblies are essential in fostering a safe, respectful, and informed school community. We remain committed to providing our students with opportunities to grow not just academically, but also as responsible, aware young people.



CAREERS

WORK
EXPERIENCE

Well done to:

Liam Jenkins

who has excelled in his work experience over the last term and has received a commendation!!

Congratulations to Forest View Primary who won the Careers Competition at our Open Evening on the 26th Sept 2024



*Thank
you!*

To all of the staff, particularly the Year 10 Tutors, who have supported the Year 10's to secure work experience for Yellow Week. Over 40% have booked, what we hope will be, meaningful and valuable experiences. Well done year 10's and...

ENJOY!!



Coming Up...

14th Oct 2024

Year 13 Mock Interviews

17th October 2024

**Y11 Information and Post 16 Options
Evening 5pm - 6pm**

7 Nov 2024

6th Form Open Evening 5pm - 8pm

15th Nov 2024

**6th Form Business Breakfast with
Hannah Loebel (Nuclear Physicist), EDF
Energy**

**Latest
Labour Market
Information
[Click Here](#)**

Careers Lead

Jo Rich

External Open Events

Gloucestershire College

**9th - 18th Nov across all campuses
(see link below for more details)**

Gloucestershire Engineering Training:

Barnwood 26th Nov

Cinderford 28th Nov

Hartpury College

16th Nov 2024

Hereford College

9th Nov 2024

**and more! please find full information here:
[https://www.denemagna.co.uk/page/?
title=Open+Events&pid=57](https://www.denemagna.co.uk/page/?title=Open+Events&pid=57)**

**Tuesday 8am - 4pm
Wednesday 8am - 4pm
Sixth Form Wednesday
Morning: Week B**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FUNDRAISING FOR KS5 HIROSHIMA
EXCHANGE

STALL HOLDERS REQUIRED



16 NOV, 2024

AT DENE MAGNA SCHOOL, ABENHALL RD, MITCHELDEAN GL17 ODU
10:00AM - 14:00PM

Following the success of previous year's school Christmas Fayre's, we are once again offering local businesses a chance to have a stall to promote themselves and sell their Christmas gifts

The event will be advertised locally and is sure to draw a big crowd. Stall prices are just £10 and we kindly ask that you donate a gift to the raffle. Availability is on a first come, first serve basis with proceeds going towards the KS5 Hiroshima Exchange Trip.

To reserve your space, please contact Gemma Meek by email at:
g.meek@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk

Foley House News

Hello to you all.

A particular welcome to everyone new to Team Foley, that is our new 7F1 and 7F2, along with the new starters in our house.

I seriously cannot believe we are nearly at the end of the first term. These six weeks have seriously flown by. There have been lots of highlights, not least a fab open day, in which Orla Savidige (7F2) and Dominic Waite (7F1) spoke beautifully on the open day evening to all our prospective parents. They most certainly represented team Foley very well.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The first one of the year is upon us, and I have decided these for those students who have made a particularly fantastic start to the year; I promise you this is never an easy decision, and there were lots of students who could have received this award;

7F1 - Caitlin Goodwin
7F2 - Sandy Stead
8F1 - Penny Buik
9F1 - Edward Barry
9F2 - Summer Bullock
10F1 - Libby Ochiltree
11F1 - Danny Trueman-Stokes
11F2 - Natascha Powell

Very, very well done to you all...

INTERHOUSE

This has just started as I write this newsletter. The girls will be having competitive matches in netball, whilst the boys are playing football. These events change later in the year.

So far, only the year 9s have completed their matches, and I am very pleased to say that 9F1 boys won the football and 9F1 girls came 2nd in netball. This is a great start, and I know that Miss Taylor is a very proud tutor of this group.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST YEAR

There were lots, but some of the main celebration areas were winning sports day yet again, with lots of fantastic contributions from a lot of students. Particular standouts were

Sam Venn (now 11F2) and Georgie Williams (now 9F2), who were both just unbeatable!

Once again we maintained the House Attendance Cup as well, which was just a fantastic effort and so important to ensure your son or daughter makes the best progress they can.

SENIOR STUDENTS

These are well up and running now, and a fine bunch of year 11s they are.

Led by our house Captains, Koko Cowmeadow and Harry Thomas, I know they are going to be really

helpful for me in running Foley and continuing our progress and successes.

Once again, you are all very valuable members of Team Foley, so please email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Attendance is the key to your child doing the best they can during school life, so please work with me to ensure your child attends school all the time!!

That's it from me; I hope to see you all soon.

Mr James



Dowty House News

Welcome back everyone, I hope that you have had a great summer. An official warm welcome to Dowty year 7's who seem to have settled really well into Dene Magna School and have made an excellent start! Very few demerits and excellent attendance to boot - all under the guidance of Miss Adams who is also a new member of staff to Dowty House

Attendance

This will continue to be a target for us throughout the year - we have not made the greatest start to the year with plenty of new term colds doing the rounds! Please try your best to be in school, even if you are feeling a bit under the weather as good attendance is the number 1 factor in achieving strong grades at GCSE level. 8D2 are currently leading the way in this regard with the highest attendance in their respective year.

Perfect Week

As a reminder, this is a combination of several factors - if a student has 100% attendance, no demerits and no lates for the week they achieve a perfect week. This is then collaborated into a competition between all of the tutor groups. We have started quite well, sitting currently in 2nd place amongst the other houses but there are improvements to be made. Non competition of ILT seems the number one issue we are facing as a house - the new BromCom app should inform parents of what work has been set and this may be taking a bit of time to get used to.

Student of the Month - Criteria -

Students who have made a Great Start!

7D1 - Hugo Prosser

8D1 - Alex Mallinson

8D2 - Willow Drinkwater

9D1 - Oliver Andrews Weaver

10D1 - Harry Cook

10D2 - Amber Holden

11D1 - Ella Jones

Looking Forward

As we enter October we start to see the inter house competitions come around, so an exciting opportunity for students to compete for house points and represent Team Dowty! I am looking forward to seeing our students shine in events from music, arts, maths and the sporting events!

Mr Underwood

'Stronger Together'

Wilson House News

Welcome back to everyone in Wilson House, what a busy start to the year we have had!! Welcoming our new Year 7 tutor group 7W1 to Wilson House. Our senior students have hit the ground running, starting to leading intervention sessions for younger students and conducting their weekly duty.

Our Student of the Months for September were selected based on who has made the best start to being a Wilson Warrior:

7W1 – Frankie Cross
8W1 – Olivia Betty
8W2 – Summer Clark
9W1 – Willow Hardy
10W1 – Katherine Beechey
10W2 – Morgan Smallpage
11W1 – Georgie Dix

Well done to you all for making a fantastic start to the year! Who can get their name in lights for October, November and December?

Attendance

We have made a really great start to the year on the attendance front. Currently sitting 1st in the House attendance cup!! Some great individual tutor group results, well done to all of you. We know that there is a direct link between attendance and progress within school, so well done to you all on making a massive effort to be here!!

Wilson - 96.33%
Jenner - 95.5%
Foley - 95.18%
Dowty - 94.63%

Perfect Week

Perfect week is weekly statistics that get shared to tutors, this information is based on students having no 'negatives' and no absences. If students achieve all of this then they achieve a perfect week!!

1st – Wilson
2nd – Jenner
3rd – Foley
4th – Dowty

I am so proud on how everyone has settled into this new academic year, and the incredible start we are making in attendance and perfect week, let's hope this continues!!

We are eagerly awaiting the first inter house results and cross country from the PE team – so watch this space for the winners!! There are lots of opportunities over the next few months for students to take part in inter house competitions, here are some of the opportunities, accelerated reader all year around, Poetry competition, Christmas card competition, Black Friday Maths Competition....let's see how many we can win!!!

I hope you all have a restful half term and come back rearing to go in the Christmas term!!



Jenner House News

I can't believe that we are heading towards half term already. This term has gone by in a flash. We've had our Open Evening where our Senior Jenner students were amazing, giving parents and year 6 students tours of the school.

A special shout out to Year 7 who have settled into the routine of our school and are doing so well!

ATTENDANCE

We started in September in the lead, but dropped the following week to 2nd place. We have maintained this position and are hot on the heels of Wilson House, who is currently in the lead. We need everyone in school, every day! It would be great if we could all make an effort to be in school, every day from now on, so we can start making a dent in this % and give the other houses a run for their money.

Special mention must be made to 7J1 & 7J2 who are currently in the lead in Jenner House with 97.68% & 97.83% Well done!!

MERITS

Since September, Jenner has received a staggering 2582 merits...we are currently in 2nd position with Foley in the lead, by just 7 merits.

I know this will get Jenner students fired up and the result next time will be very different!

I am so proud of every student in Jenner that's 'getting it right!'

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The month of September saw the following students nominated for Student of the Month. The criteria was: 'Students who have made the best start to the new academic year.'

7J1 - Ava Marie Jennings

7J2 - Lexi Menear

8J1 - Jimmy Lancett

9J1 - Heath Rawlings

9J2 - Elliot Cook

10J1 - Daniel Hunt

11J1 - Fran Richardson-Stokes

11J2 - Imogen Sullivan

Huge congratulations to all!!!

JENNER CHARITIES

This year, we have collectively chosen the following Charities:

DIFFERENT STROKES

Reclaiming Lives After

Stroke. We help younger stroke survivors and their families in the UK to reclaim their lives through active peer support.



GREAT WESTERN AIR

AMBULANCE

Our Critical Care Team stands ready to save the lives of local people...



We provide emergency care to people who are in a state so critical that they require the specialist skills of our team at the scene of the accident or medical incident. Though we are part of the regional 999 response service and work closely with NHS hospitals, we are a charity entirely funded by local people just like you. GWAAC saves lives across Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire, North Somerset and parts of Wiltshire. Without you, we couldn't do it. It's your support that allows us to keep the air ambulance going, so our team can keep saving lives.

COMMENTS FROM LBB

I am extremely proud of all the students in Jenner who consistently 'GET IT RIGHT!'

I don't think I say it enough, as sometimes the day can be caught up with other things and for this, I apologise!

So...MAHOOSIVE WELL DONE to all of you!

Just remember - Concentrate on the process, not the outcome and everything will turn out right in the end.



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PRESENTS

 DREAMWORKS
THEATRICALS

SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

Wednesday 11th December
Thursday 12th December
Friday 13th December

Tickets are on sale from Reception

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the Book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

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"I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond



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European Day of Languages

This year's European Day of Languages celebration week was one of our best yet! Many Year 7 students came to sessions to learn Welsh, Danish and Makaton. Each lunch, a French film was played with popcorn for all attendees and we had our first DM Bake Off competition. So many wonderfully decorated cakes and cupcakes, each with a variety of cultures and languages! Congratulations to our Bake off winner, our runner-ups Marley G and Samuel M, and our raffle winner Connie J. A huge thanks to all of those who entered this year and took part in the week's activities.

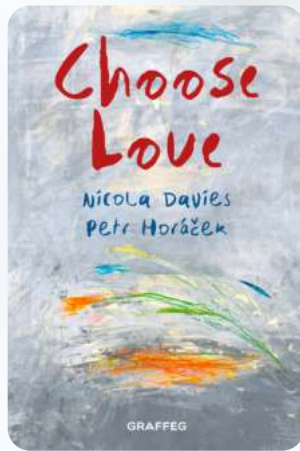


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Book of the Month

Choose Love by Nicola Davies

Nominated for the Carnegie Medal, this is an unusual book: a poetry collection that also builds into a deeply moving story at once both universal and incredibly personal about the experience of refugees whilst the illustrations urge further reflection.



This book took me by surprise when I first read it. A short book (it's 48 pages) and a poetry collection, I couldn't see how it could be a fully developed and moving story. It turned out it could do more than this, by the end I felt I had read several stories and all of them stayed with me long after the book had been returned.

Library in focus

Careers section

Here you can browse a range of books and information on next steps, careers and employment skills. If you haven't already had a look, I would certainly recommend it!



Student Book Clubs

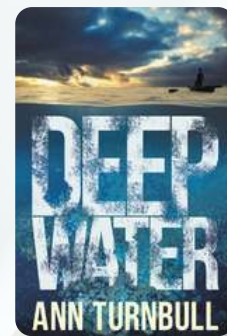
Tuesday - Years 7-9

Wednesday - Literature Festival

Thursday Week A Years 10-11

Student Book Review

Deep Water by Ann Turnbull



John and Ryan decide to truant one day and are drawn to the river. With warnings of torrential rain and the risk of flooding, will they both survive? 2 boys learn the dangers of lying; this book could be real life! It was nerve-racking to read and is a real page-turner!

Year 9 Students

Library Opening Hours

Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00 pm

Library

Spotlight on

National Libraries Week
7th-13th October

Here in the school library we serve many purposes: a range of fiction for students to discover new books; non-fiction to support the curriculum, student's wider interests, wellbeing and careers; chromebooks for students to use to do school work and ILT; and a quiet space for those who like to take a moment from their busy days.

Are there other benefits to the school library that you can think of?

Below are some of the books we have here featuring libraries and librarians:



Remember...

1. To check when your books are due and to renew or return them in time!
2. Students can borrow books at any time using our e-book and e-audio library via the student quicklinks.
3. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Miss Jones in the library - I'm here to help!

Volunteer update



I am lucky to have some fantastic library volunteers at present but if you would like to join the team, please take a look at the poster in the library or ask Miss Jones.

Thank You!

A big thank you to Ben from Severn Trent (Miet Vandorpe's partner), who organised three days of work at the school over the summer holidays. A team of 10 with machines patched the tarmac around the main entrance, around the exit, and in the playground. This was all done free of charge as a goodwill gesture and saved the school a significant sum.



Christmas Menu

It is nearly that time of year again... Our Christmas lunch will be happening for all students next term! This is an exciting opportunity for students to have a Christmas dinner together.

More information about the menu and ticket prices will be advertised next term.



Enrichment Week

The last week of this term for Dene Magna was our enrichment week. This is a week filled with enrichment activities for our students. These activities range from trips to Cadbury World and Berlin to activities like Interhouse matches and Salsa! We also took part in a Sponsored Walk where the proceeds went to charities. This walk is around 9 miles. Well done to all the students who took part in this. We hope you all enjoyed enrichment week!



Sixth Form

The Sixth Form One Health Society launched this year with an exciting sheep's head dissection. This excellent student-led society encourages our future health professionals (in the human, animal and environmental world) to get involved with lots of super-curricular activities to develop their knowledge and skill set. If you'd like to share your expertise with this group, do get in touch with Mrs Salisbury: a.salisbury@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk



DENE MAGNA SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



THURSDAY 7TH
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5PM - 8PM



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Remembrance Day

Over half-term holidays...

We would like you to start making your poppies so that we can decorate the school on the week of Remembrance.

Share this with friends and family. The more people you can get making it, the more impressive our display will be!

Important Practical and Safety Information

- Do - Show these videos to parents/carers, and ask them to make poppies too. Then we will have more!
- Don't use Stanley knives/craft knives without supervision
- Don't use glue guns or spray paint without supervision
- Don't use paint unless you work on a 'wipe clean' surface or a newspaper.
- Let your parents/carers know what you are making, they may not want you to use certain materials that you think may be rubbish!

After the holidays...

Please bring your poppies to school and wait for more instructions.

Please put your name on your poppy if you want to return it after the event.



PE Fixtures



U16 Girls ESFA Cup Match Update

Last Monday, our U16 girls faced a tough match against Bishop of Hereford School in the ESFA Cup. Despite their hard work and determination, the game ended with a 5-2 loss, bringing their cup journey to an end. A huge well done to Darcy for scoring both goals! The girls gave it their all against a strong team, and we're proud of their efforts. Great job, girls—your hard work didn't go unnoticed!



Boys Rugby

Our boys put in fantastic effort within the recent EDF Cup. It was a real game of two halves. Good luck to Churchdown in the next round. We move into the plate completion and eagerly await our next opponents



Netball from our Year 9 Girls!

A huge well done to our Year 9 netballers who put in an amazing performance against Newent's A & B teams! A Team (Blue) came out strong with two incredible victories, winning 18-0 and 10-2!

B Team (Yellow) showed great spirit, winning 2-0 in one game and narrowly missing out in the second, with a close 3-2 loss.

Special congratulations to Annabel, who was named Player of the Day!

Well done to all the girls—your hard work and teamwork really shone through. We're proud of each and every one of you!

Community

Forest of Dean Team Cross Country

A huge well done to all the runners who participated in the races—it was great to see such strong team performances! Massive thanks to Five Acres Leaders & Staff for hosting the event, and a big shout out to Berry Hill RFC and Dave for helping us with parking arrangements. Your support is always appreciated!

Congrats again to our top 3 teams:

Girls: Primrose Hill – 29pts

St Whites – 67pts

Newnham – 84pts

Boys: Coalway 1 – 17pts

Ellwood – 63pts

Primrose Hill – 82pts

Special mention to our individual race winners:

Ruby L. (Girls) – 5:11.25

Beckham P. (Boys) – 4:56.48

Amazing runs from everyone—well done to all who took part!

