



Weekly Parent Bulletin No 1: Week Commencing Monday 1 September Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

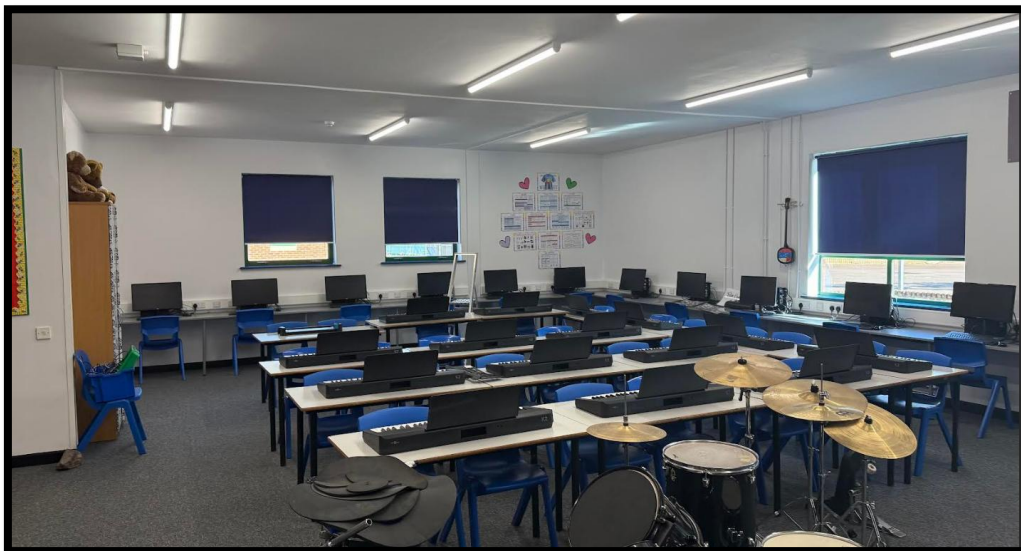
Welcome to the first parent bulletin of this new academic year.

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and managed to enjoy some special family time. It has been wonderful welcoming students back this week, and I'd like to share some updates from across the school.

Summer Refurbishments

Our site team have been incredibly busy over the holidays:

- The Music Department has been fully refurbished and is now a bigger, brighter, and more welcoming space.



- Our RAIS provision (which supports students with bespoke interventions) has doubled in size, giving staff more room to carry out specialist work.
- We have also taken ownership of new minibuses, a slightly lighter blue than our existing ones! Already, they've been in use transporting students to and from Sixth Form and for enrichment activities on Wednesday afternoons.

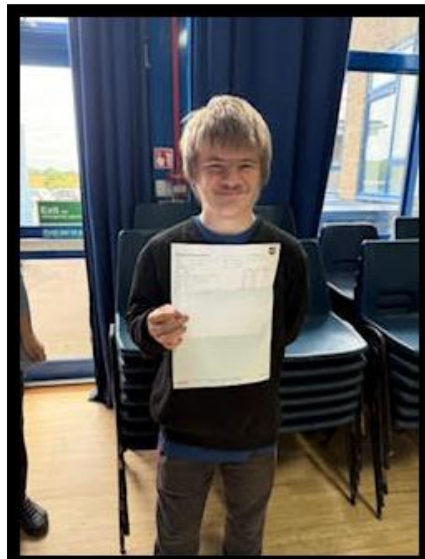
Exam Success – Congratulations to Year 11 & Year 13

This summer brought another set of fantastic exam results:

- A Level: Every one of our Year 13 students who applied to university secured a place, and many others have moved on to apprenticeships and employment. We wish them all the very best as they begin this next chapter.



- GCSE: Our Year 11 students achieved excellent results, a testament to their hard work and commitment. They leave behind a legacy of achievement that future cohorts can aspire to surpass.



We are proud of every student for their resilience and determination.

Welcome, Year 7 & Year 12

Our new Year 7 students started this week, and it has been a joy to see how smart they look in their uniforms and how quickly they've settled in. Very few have lost their way around school, and our older students have been brilliant in guiding them to lessons when needed.

Year 12 students also began their induction on Tuesday, and it was fantastic to see so many familiar faces returning, alongside new students joining us from across the Forest and beyond. Lessons may have been quiet this week, but with plenty of icebreaker activities planned, we're confident they'll be feeling at home very soon.

Congratulations Class of 2021

Congratulations to Class of 2021, Dene Magna Sixth Form Alumna, Lara Foot who has graduated from the University of Leeds with a first class honours degree in Mathematics (industrial) BSc!. As part of her course she completed a year's work placement at Qinetiq in the radar and electronic warfare department. Her plan for the future is to pursue a graduate scheme in data analytics / data. We wish you all the best for the future Lara and a huge well done!!



School Games – Gold Mark

Mr Beard's hard work organising all sorts of fun sports events last year has paid off – Dene Magna School has achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement in the School Games for 2024/25.

Sports Clubs This Term

Our PE Department organise a full programme of sports clubs that are run during lunchtimes.

Please see schedule below:



Clubs List - Term 1

When: Lunchtimes - **get changed first** and get lunch early from the canteen (you will only be allowed to the front of the queue if you are in PE kit).

Where: Meet at (hall side) changing rooms at the start of lunchtime!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Y8 & Y9 RUGBY (PG/AU)</p> <p>Y9, 10, 11 NETBALL (DH/BJ/MP)</p>	<p>Y7 RUGBY (PG/MH)</p> <p>Y7 & 8 NETBALL (DH/BJ)</p> <p>Y7, Y8 & Y9 BASKETBALL (SA- Week A) (AU- Week B)</p>	<p>ALL YEARS GIRLS FOOTBALL (BJ)</p>	<p>Y10 & Y11 RUGBY (PG/AU)</p> <p>ALL YEARS BADMINTON (SA/BJ/DH/JDE)</p>	<p>ALL YEARS GIRLS RUGBY (JDE/LH)</p> <p>Y10 & Y11 BASKETBALL (SA/AU/PG)</p>

Work Experience Feedback

We would like to share with you employer feedback for two of our 6th form students who completed work experience placements.

Theia Williams - 1 day with Talk Well

Theia joined our summer celebration event to take part in a presentation on behalf of the young people's voices group.

Theia delivered an inspiring and confident speech on behalf of the Young People's Voices Group, reflecting on the meaningful work she has been involved in over the past year. She spoke with passion and clarity about the projects and initiatives the group has led, highlighting how their efforts have helped amplify the voices of young people in the community. Theia showcased excellent communication skills, using clear articulation, strong eye contact, and engaging storytelling to connect with her audience. Her speech demonstrated not only her dedication and leadership within the group, but also her ability to represent her peers with authenticity, empathy, and a deep understanding of the issues that matter to them.

Molly Savidge - 1 week at Coca Cola

During the week Molly worked really well within the different groups assigned. It was a pleasure to see her settle in and her confidence grow as the week progressed.

From seeing Molly join the group on Monday morning, to when she left our offices on Friday it was like seeing two different versions of Molly. By Friday she was mixing and chatting with others in the group and different facilitators who supporting the group. On Friday morning we mixed the groups up again to give a chance to work with other students they hadn't worked with before. This didn't phase Molly at all, and the group worked really well together creating an excellent presentation. She knows her own mind, is a hard worker, a great team player and she should be really proud of herself.

Our Careers Co-ordinator is Mrs Rich, she is available to talk to your son/daughter about careers and future pathways.

New Publications in the Library

We would like to thank last year's Year 8 students who attended the Cheltenham Science Festival. We were entered into a prize draw and won 5 books. They are available in the library now, so head down there, and explore a new world of scientific excitement!"



Dream Makers 2030 – Message from Mr Derrick

Year 7 have made a fantastic start to their Dene Magna journeys this week! I have been so proud of all of them for how they have started. Walking around lessons you can see they are all working incredibly hard and excited to be with their new teachers. Teachers have been giving students 'MVP' awards and it has been lovely to go to tutor each morning and share the good news with them!

A HUGE thank you for all their hard work on their Dream Makers homework. I am so impressed and can't wait to show you all at the Y7 tutor evening next week!

Dream Makers of the week will be announced on Monday, it is going to be a very hard pick!!!!

My Child At School App

Please can we ask that any updates to student's personal information, parents emergency contact details, email addresses and medical conditions be added via the "My Child At School" app

Year 7 Tutor Meeting – Thursday 11th September – 4pm – 7pm

All Year 7 parents have the opportunity to make an appointment with their son/daughter's tutor to discuss how they have settled in to school life and any queries they may have. Appointments can be made via the "School Cloud" system, an email with instructions will be sent out to all Year 7 parents on Monday when the system is open to book. Any queries or you are unable to access the appointment system please contact Reception.

Year 12 Information Evening – Thursday 11th September - 5.00pm – 6.00pm

An Information Evening for all new Year 12 parents is being held at the 6th Form College on Thursday 11th September from 5.00pm – 6.00pm, we are looking forward to meeting you.

Outside Achievements

If your son/daughter takes part in any activities outside of school and you would like their achievements published in the weekly bulletin, please send in a small paragraph or two about them and their success and a photo to reception@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their first week at Dene Magna school, have a great weekend.

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:

Thursday 11 September – Year 7, 9 & 12 School Photos

Thursday 11 September – Year 7 Tutor Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 11 September – Year 12 Information Evening @ 6th Form College.

Thursday 18 September – Year 11 Parent's Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm