



## WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN – WEEK 9 WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### Remembrance Day

On Monday, our school community came together to pay respects to our armed forces and acknowledge the sacrifices made by those who ensure we live in a free society. Students lined up on the school field, where a representative from the British Legion recited the *Ode of Remembrance*. Sixth Form student Oliver Donogue played the Last Post, creating a moving and respectful atmosphere for the occasion.



### Sporting Highlights

It's been a busy week filled with exciting sporting events and fixtures! Our Year 8 and 9 students had the chance to showcase their skills in matches against Five Acres and Wyedean. Our netball teams were on top form, winning every match and continuing their excellent performance this year. Player of the match was Florence.

The rugby teams also demonstrated great improvement, winning two matches and drawing two. Well done to all the students for their hard work and sportsmanship!

We also hosted a football tournament for local primary schools. It was fantastic to see so many family members cheering on their relatives and supporting the next generation of athletes.



On Thursday, Wyedean and Five Acres returned to our site for another round of netball and rugby. Our Year 11 boys played both schools in what proved to be a great opportunity for teachers to assess our students' skills and moderate with PE staff from other schools. Our boys came out victorious!

Our Year 10 and 11 girls continued their dominant performances, defeating all teams in their matches. Netball remains a real passion for our girls, and it has been a joy to watch them excel time and time again.

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In addition, we hosted a Primary School Indoor Athletics event in our sports hall, with over 10 schools participating. The energy was incredible as young athletes cheered for their teams throughout the day. It was wonderful to see our sports leaders stepping up to support and run the events from start to finish.

### Year 13 Revision

Year 13 students have been working hard this week with Mr. Derrick, going over revision techniques that will help them prepare for their upcoming exam trials after the Christmas holidays. These tried-and-tested strategies will be invaluable as students begin to focus on their revision. If you need any support with helping your child prepare, please feel free to contact Mrs. Balmer.

### Inter Faith Week

We have been celebrating Inter Faith Week with a range of activities across lessons, during lunchtime and some Inter Faith themed Fashion and Food prepared by the DM Canteen. Thanks for the RS Department for putting on these experiences enabling our students to explore a wider range of cultures and beliefs.



### Japanese Student Visit

Today, we will be welcoming our Japanese students from Okinawa, who will be staying with local host families for the next week. On Monday, the students will experience a typical day in a UK school, and over the following days, they will explore the rich culture of Gloucestershire before returning to Okinawa. We're excited to host them and build connections between our school communities.

### Year 11 Trial Exams

Year 11 commence their Trial Exams on Monday, they are working hard and we would like to thank the whole of the Dene Magna community for supporting them



### Shrek the Musical

We'd like to remind you that tickets for *Shrek the Musical* are now available on Scopay under "products". Our students have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals, and we would love for you to come and support them. It promises to be a fantastic production, and we look forward to seeing you there!

### Christmas Fair

Finally, don't forget you are all invited to our Christmas Fair on Saturday, looking forward to seeing you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Declan Mooney  
Headteacher.



### Dates For Your Diary:

- ❖ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – HITZ Award & Twickenham Visit
- ❖ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 8 Parent/Carer Evening
- ❖ Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 Boys & Girls Rugby & Netball verses Barnwood & Pittville – an assessment/moderation fixture.
- ❖ Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Shrek Rehearsal