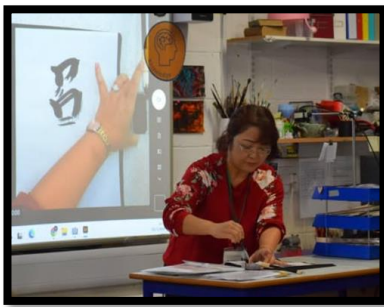




WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN – WEEK 10 WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Our visitors from Japan recently spent time with our students and families, exploring the sights of London and experiencing our education system. They delivered an assembly and an art lesson, experienced a classic afternoon tea, visited Forest View Primary School, and witnessed snow for the first time.

They also toured historic sites like Chepstow Castle, Gloucester Cathedral and before returning to Japan, they made a brief stop at Windsor Castle.



It was heart-warming to see how our students bonded with the visitors, and I'm incredibly grateful to our parents for hosting them and creating such a memorable experience.

We are now looking forward to our upcoming visit to Japan, where our students will be hosted by Japanese families and immerse themselves in the culture.

Our latest OFSTED report is now available, and you should have received a letter from me with a link to the full report. It highlights that pupils feel safe, happy, and supported in a "caring community." The school is described as a "family," with strong relationships, respect, and a broad, ambitious curriculum designed to help all pupils reach their potential. SEND support is a strength, behaviour is exemplary, and pastoral care is excellent. The school excels in preparing students for life in modern Britain, and the leadership team is praised for their vision and community-building.



Due to recent weather, our football and rugby fixtures were postponed, but we did participate in a district cross-country event at Newent, where our students performed admirably. Dan Hunt (Year 10) earned a silver medal, and Ruben Hale (Year 7) won gold.



Trial Exams

Year 11 students have started their trial exams, and it's been wonderful to see them reflect on their experience with maturity. Our staff feel they're well on their way to being prepared for their summer exams. Year 13 will begin their trial exams after Christmas and are also starting their preparations in earnest.

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HITZ Programme

Mike Holt joined our school in September having previously worked with the Gloucester Rugby HITZ programme, an educational initiative that uses rugby to engage disadvantaged youth and promote personal



development and life skills. Mike was recently honoured with a special recognition award for his work with young people in Gloucestershire. Three of our students joined Mike and his wife at the award ceremony in Twickenham. Mike has brought valuable expertise to our school, particularly in supporting students facing challenges, and his coaching experience is strengthening our pastoral and SEND support.

Year 7 Christmas Bake Off

Year 7's had their final lesson with Mrs Witts in their cooking rotation and competed in a Christmas themed 'Bake Off' across two classes with the students having to design, bake and decorate some festive cupcakes. They all did an amazing job and put their skills to the test using buttercream and fondant icing to create their designs. Year 13 Enrichment students Joe and Charlie judged the finished products and after much deliberation the winners were decided.

GROUP 1

1st - Hamish Credland for his wonderful animal themed cakes.

2nd - Aliyah Powell for her frozen snowflake design.

GROUP 2

1st - Marley Goulding who created some beautiful Christmas wreath cakes.

2nd - Macey - Jane Day for her creative pull apart Christmas tree design.



A big thank you to all who attended our Christmas Fayre on Saturday, it raised nearly £500 as part of our fundraising for the KS5 Hiroshima exchange

And finally don't forget to purchase your "Shrek the Musical" tickets either via Scopay or from Reception, it's going to be a fantastic production.

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:

- ❖ Tuesday 26th November – Year 11 Boys/Girls Rugby & Netball verses Barnwood & Pittville – an assessment/moderation fixture.
- ❖ Friday 29th November and the following week – Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- ❖ Sunday 8th December – Shrek Rehearsal