



## Weekly Parent Bulletin No 13: Week Commencing Monday 9 December 2024 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

What a fantastic week it has been here at Dene Magna, filled with exciting events and achievements!

### Spanish Students Visit

We were delighted to welcome 11 Spanish students from Matadepera, Spain, who came to experience our educational setting. Our students truly shone, supporting their visitors and showcasing everything Dene Magna has to offer. A big thank you to all involved for making this experience memorable!



### Y12 Business Class Success

A team from our Year 12 Business Class took part in the Gloucester University Business Challenge 2024. It was an honour to watch them practice their pitch before competing against 10 other Sixth Form teams. A panel of experts, including the Regional Head of Barclays Business, a partner in a leading accountancy firm, an AI industry expert, and a top business consultant, judged the performances. We are incredibly proud to announce that our team won the **Silver Medal** for the business most ready to go to market. What an outstanding achievement!

### Shrek the Musical

The performance of *Shrek the Musical* has been a huge success! With two performances already behind us, the cast has come together beautifully, with students from all year groups bonding as one. The show has received glowing feedback, including a parent's comment: "The show was bright, funny, and engaging, and I feel immensely proud to have been able to watch it with my family." There's one more show tonight—don't miss it!



### Daisy Sterry's Cake Success

Daisy Sterry entered a cake competition at Cirencester Market and was awarded second place! Her cake was auctioned for an impressive £145.

In addition, our Sixth Form teachers have been holding their own baking competition this term, with the winner to be announced next week. Over the holidays, we're inviting students to enter our **Gingerbread Bake Competition**. We're looking for the best Christmas-themed gingerbread creations! Entries must be submitted by January 5th, 2025, and winners will be announced in the first week back.

### BAE Roadshow

On Thursday, the BAE Roadshow came to school, offering interactive science experiments for our Year 7 and 8 students. The activities focused on electricity, including steady hand games, pressure sensors, static electricity, and even making your own batteries. It was a great opportunity for our students to explore science in an engaging and hands-on way.



### Under-14 Girls' Football Team

Our Under-14 girls' football team competed in the District Cup on Tuesday evening at Forest High School. They played against Wydean School, Forest High School, and Five Acres, scoring 6 goals winning all three matches and conceding no goals. They're now through to the county final, which will be held on **February 4th, 2025**, at Almondsbury FC. Congratulations to the team on this fantastic achievement!



### Brilliant Club

An update on our Brilliant Club, all scholar students have now finished their lectures. They are now in the phase of writing their final essay over the next week. We would like to congratulate all the students as the work has been very challenging for them, but they have shown great resilience and determination to succeed

We are so proud of all our students and the incredible efforts they have shown this week.

The week ahead is very busy we present a Christmas Soiree on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 7.00pm, entry is £3.00 with all proceeds going to the Music Department.

Please remember to purchase your Christmas Lunch ticket from the Canteen, at a cost of £3.00, Christmas Lunch will be served on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, please note that no other food will be served on this day.

Next week we are collecting food donations for The Forest Foodbank, in return students can wear a Christmas Jumper on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December instead of their school jumper.

Please remember that term ends on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon, all coaches will run as normal EXCEPT for the Stagecoach bus, any student that travels on this bus will have to make alternative arrangements to get home. ALSO there will be no food served from the canteen on this day.

Once again please thank you for your continued support and remember there is only 12 more sleeps till Santa.

Regards

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### Dates For Your Diary

- ❖ 06.01.2025 – Start of New Term

