



## Weekly Parent Bulletin No 20: Week Commencing Monday 24 February 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

### Football Match at Kingsholm

Next week, we have an exciting football match at Kingsholm, with kick-off at 4:00 pm. Our team will be playing against Farmers School. We understand that some families may want to attend the match but are concerned about traffic in Gloucester. If you plan to watch the match, please inform reception by Wednesday so that your child can be picked up at 2:20 pm. This will provide enough time for everyone to travel and be ready for the match. Tickets are priced at £6.50 each. Under 6 children are free.



### Year 10 Boys' Football Match Against Newent School

Our Year 10 boys' football team had a great match against Newent School. After switching from rugby last term to football this term, they played really well. Arthur, our goalkeeper, made several excellent saves. Connor scored our only goal from just past the halfway line, following advice from Mr. Underwood to take a shot at goal. Great job to all the boys involved!

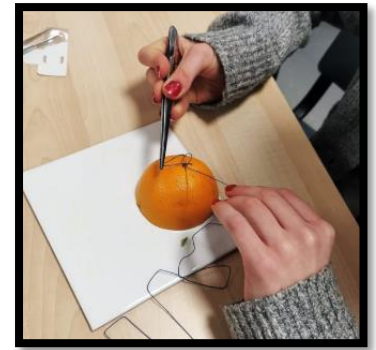
### U13 STATE SCHOOLS' AREA NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our girls participated in the U13 Area Netball Tournament on 14<sup>th</sup> February. They showed great sportsmanship and played against some extremely strong teams and so they should be proud of finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



## Sixth Form One Health Society

Members of the Sixth Form One Health Society recently spent a lunchtime learning how to suture. The students practiced on oranges, and some staff members even joined in! This society is led by students interested in medical and veterinary careers, providing them with hands-on skills and experience. We are very proud of their dedication!



## Dene Magna's Got Talent

Dene Magna's Got Talent was a huge success! A large number of students performed for our performance team, and the entire school had the chance to vote for their favourites. Congratulations to Hester from Year 7, who won first place for her performance of "Hallelujah." Dennis and Mitch from Year 9 came second with their piano and vocal duet of "I'm Yours," and Emilia from Year 7 took third place with her rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream." It was wonderful to hear all the fantastic performances before the half-term break.



## Post-18 Fair

The Post-18 Fair was well attended by both students and families. This event allowed students to speak to university representatives and employers about their next steps after school. It was also great to see our Year 11 students attending, giving them a chance to explore future opportunities and plan for their next stage in education or training.



## Year 9 Photography

Year 9 have had a great time this week finishing off making their sculptures using perspective photography techniques to present their final pieces. Amazing pics.



## **Dene Magna School Science Fair Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 3.30pm - 5pm**

To celebrate and acknowledge British Science Week Year 7 and 8 pupils have been given the challenge to participate in our very first Science Fair. We launched the project at the end of February with our classes.

Pupils were requested to carry out a science project at home over a two-week period, during British Science week (10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> March) pupils will have two lessons to perfect their project and one lesson to exhibit their project to the rest of the class in mini Science Fairs.

The winners from each class will then exhibit at the Dene Magna Science Fair. Parents and carers are welcome to attend on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Year 11 Core Trial Exams**

Throughout next week they will be sitting exams in English, Maths and Science. Each of these will be in the Sports' Hall and will replicate the experience that they will have during the summer exam period. Year 11 have worked so hard in preparation for their exams, they really are exceptional and we are all so proud of each and every one of them. The whole school wishes them the best over the next week. For Year 11s the revision that they are doing for these Trial Exams then flows into the final push; there is no rest period!

Also a reminder for Year 11 parents/carers that the Year 11 Parent/Carer evening will be held on Thursday 27 March. A final opportunity to encourage and support Year 11s to be the best they can be.

## **Road Closure**

You may be aware that road closure signs have gone up. The planned start and end dates are currently Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The school will be accessible from the Mitcheldean end as the closure will start past the school towards Gunns Mill. Should we have any further updates we will let you know.

We look forward to a busy term and thank you for your continued support.

Declan Mooney  
Headteacher

## **Dates For Your Diary:**

03.03.25	Year 11 Core Trial Exams commence
03.03.25	Year 12 Visit to Parliament
04.03.25	Year 9 Boys Football v Five Acres
05.03.25	Year 11 & 13 Group and Individual Photos
05.03.25	Year 8 & 9 Boys Basketball v Newent
05.03.25	Year 9 Rugby Final at Kingsholm – kick off 4pm
06.04.25	World Book Day
06.04.25	Year 10 Parent/Carer Evening