



Weekly Parent Bulletin No 25: Week Commencing Monday 31 March Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

What a busy and exciting week we've had! Here's a roundup of all the fantastic activities and achievement's across the school.

Girls' Rugby Teams Shine at County Festival

Our U16 and U14 Girls Rugby Teams took part in the County Girls Rugby Festival yesterday, and we couldn't be more proud of their performances!

U16s: The team triumphed in their tournament, beating some tough competition. Their excellent teamwork and strength in contact were key to their success.



U14s: They finished 2nd out of 10 schools, narrowly missing 1st place by just one try. The team showed incredible resilience and teamwork, with some brilliant tackles throughout.



Netball Final Matches of the Season

Tuesday evening marked the final netball matches of the season against Newent. Here's how our teams fared:

Year 7: Unfortunately, they lost 7-4, but played with great determination.

Year 8: A fantastic win for Year 8, with a score of 11-1!

Special congratulations to India (Y7) and Lexi (Y8) for being named Players of the Match.



Dance Session Highlights

We came to the end of our Streetdance and Archery Tag sessions for Dene Magna. Kim from Wyedance offered the students a fun last streetdance session with a circus skills session in the main hall, students had the chance to explore some incredible new skills, including trapeze and aerial skills. It was a fun session and challenging for our group and they excelled in all the activities offered. A big thank you to Kim from Wyedance.



Archery Tag Wrap Up

Josh from Target Acquired completed his Archery Tag sessions with a day of student engagement and an after school session outside. The sessions have been so different and varied for our Dene Magna students to try with the funding acquired by our School Games Organiser for these sessions. We had an average of 23 students attending the after school club over the last few months so we would like to thank those students who attended & to Josh who was great fun as he delivered the sessions.



A big thank you to Mr Beard for organising the sessions.

Year 5 SEND Parent Meeting

On Tuesday morning, we held our Year 5 SEND Meet-the-Parents event. Our SEND team shared how we implement the Gloucestershire framework and highlighted the support provisions we offer. It was a productive session, and we were happy to explain how we deploy our team to ensure the best support for students with SEND.

Year 13 Parents Evening Success

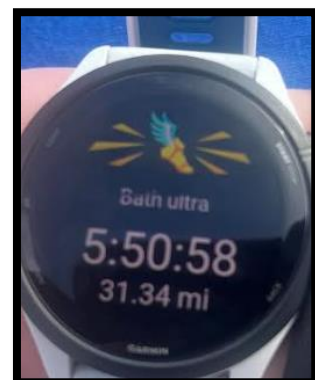
A big thank you to everyone who attended our Year 13 Parents Evening. It was wonderful to meet with parents and discuss the final stages of their child's school journey before heading off to their next big adventure. It was great to see staff offering additional support during the holidays to ensure their success in these final months.

Feedback from parent's who completed the survey where:

- "All felt that the 6th form is well led"
- "100% strongly agreed that their children were happy and supported"

Izzy's Incredible Marathon Achievement

A massive congratulations to Izzy in Year 11! Last weekend, she completed the Bath Ultra Marathon, running a total of 50km (31.34miles) in 5 hours, 50 minutes, and 58 seconds, with a total elevation of 1700 meters. What an extraordinary achievement – well done, Izzy!



Alumni Hall of Fame

In readiness for our 40 year celebrations our new Alumni Hall of Fame is almost ready to be unveiled!! Here is a sneak preview; current student Macy Walby, England Football under 21's and our very own Ellie Rugman Gloucester Hartpury PWR champion. We're so proud of their amazing achievements!!



GITEP Business Breakfast

We also participated in another business breakfast on Wednesday with GITEP SCITT; thank you Natalie Roberts for giving us a really interesting and informative talk about teacher training with GITEP at our Business Breakfast this morning. Gloucestershire Initial Teacher Education Partnership (GITEP) SCITT is a highly successful school-centred initial teacher training provider, recognised as outstanding by [Ofsted](#). Their school-based teacher training delivers QTS and PGCE courses including flexible routes in all subjects.

PE Summer Term Clubs

Please find below a list of the new PE clubs for the Summer Term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Softball Y7 & Y8 (PG/AU/SA/MH)	Softball Y9 & Y10 (PG/SA/MH)		Athletics Y9 & Y10 (DH/PG/BJa)	Athletics Y7 & Y8 (SA/JDe)
Rounders Y7 & Y8 (DH/BJa/MP)	Rounders Y9 & Y10 (BJa/DH)		Tennis Y7 & Y8 (JDe/SA/MH)	Tennis Y9 & Y10 (BJa/MH)
				Cricket Nets All Years (AU/PG)
Everyday: Table Tennis Y7,8,9 at Breaktime and Y10,11 at Lunchtime				

We are looking for Table Tennis Coach

The school has been very fortunate to have the services of a few Table Tennis coaches over the past 8 or so years. These coaches have run after-school clubs for hundreds of students across this time. Our most recent coach will be retiring at the end of this academic year so we are keen to speak with any former players of coaches who would like to continue the good work that has been built up over the years. Please get in touch with Mr Griffiths, Head of PE, if this opportunity appeals to you: p.griffiths@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award group have continued practicing their map-reading skills with another walk around the Forest, this time venturing further afield and starting to increase their rucksack weight!



Year 7 Goodrich Castle Visit

Led by Miss Eldridge, last Friday saw another priceless invasion of Goodrich Castle by Year 7. In support of their work on Medieval Britain, we considered why castles were built, how their form helps their defence and why Goodrich might've been a good site for one. This would've been Year 7's first trip out representing DM and they were a credit as ever. Students immediately took their learning back into the classroom on Friday afternoon to make sure that all of their work was joined up to the classroom environment.



School Meal Price Increase

Due to rising costs, we find it necessary to adjust the price of school meals across the Trust. The new price of £2.65 per meal will be effective from 22nd April 2025. We assure you that we remain committed to providing high-quality meals to our students. Our goal is to ensure that every child receives nutritious and delicious meals every day. If your child is currently in receipt of universal free school meals (primary schools/age related) or free school meals, your child will continue to be provided with their entitled provision. A letter from the Forest of Dean Trust outlining the increase has been sent to your email inbox.

Gold Crest Award

Some of our Sixth Formers recently presented their Gold Crest Award investigations at the Dene Magna Science Fair. The Gold Crest Award is a prestigious achievement, and some of our Y12 students have been working towards this during Enrichment sessions. The projects presented were 'How does MSG Affect Organisms' and 'Immune Systems'. We can't wait to read their final reports!



Thank you for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable half term holiday.

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

- 04.04.25 - End of Term
- 08.04.25 - 6th Instalment for Year 8 London Trip
- 22.04.25 - Start of New Term
- 22.04.25 - 3rd Instalment for the Berlin Trip
- 23.04.25 - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Walk
- 25.04.25 - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Full Training Day in the Drama Room
- 25.04.25 - 6th Form Quiz Night @ Dene Magna School
- 30.04.25 - Final Instalment for the Bay of Naples trip
- 01.05.25 - Year 7 Parent/Carer's Evening
- 05.05.25 - Bank Holiday (May Day)