



## Weekly Parent Bulletin No 28: Week Commencing Monday 21 April 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

Welcome Back!

It was wonderful to see our students return refreshed after the Easter holidays. We hope you had a restful break with your families.

### Celebrating Our Alumni

Over the break, we unveiled our Alumni Hall of Fame in the main hall—a new display showcasing former students who have gone on to achieve great things after leaving our school. From international rugby players and medal-winning Paralympians to entrepreneurs running successful businesses here in the Forest of Dean, and even a director of a global cybersecurity company—the wall is a celebration of the diverse paths our students can take.

The goal of this display is to inspire current students by showing them what's possible. We're proud to announce that Macey in Year 11, although she hasn't left yet, has already earned a place in our school legacy for her football achievements.

### Exam Season – Support Tips for Parents

With some of our GCSE exams beginning next week, we understand this can be a stressful time for students and families. Here are some helpful ways you can support your child during this period:

- ❖ Create a calm study space – Free from distractions and criticism.
- ❖ Offer encouragement – Reassure them and reduce anxiety with positive words.
- ❖ Focus on effort and progress – Celebrate small successes to build confidence.
- ❖ Listen without judgment – Give them space to express worries or concerns.
- ❖ Balance is key – Encourage breaks and activities they enjoy.
- ❖ Promote wellbeing – Support healthy eating, sleep, and exercise.
- ❖ Practice makes progress – Encourage use of past papers for exam preparation.
- ❖ Manage pressure – Avoid adding stress with unrealistic expectations.
- ❖ Stay involved – Show interest in their revision, even if you're unfamiliar with the subject.
- ❖ Stay organized – Be aware of exam dates and help with planning.
- ❖ Schedule downtime – Include relaxing weekends and time for fun beyond exams.
- ❖ Offer help – If they're open to it, revise together or share study tips.



## On Exam Day

- ❖ Ensure your child has everything they need, from equipment to a good breakfast.
- ❖ Be available to listen and offer calm support.

## After Exams

- ❖ Let them share how they felt, and avoid focusing too much on performance.
- ❖ Celebrate their effort and commitment, no matter the results.

## Lent Challenge In Support of Hope For Tomorrow

A big thank you to all those who donated clothing/material for the Humanities Lent Challenge in support of Hope For Tomorrow. All donations have now been collected and we will no longer be collecting on the charities behalf. If you still have any donations Hope for Tomorrow have clothing banks in the Forest - one at Soudley Village Hall, one at the Bespoke Brewing Company in Littledean, or there is one a bit further afield in Highnam, at the village stores.



## Year 11 Sunday Science Revision Sessions

Science will be holding Sunday revision sessions from 9.00am to 11.00am on the following dates:

- ❖ Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May - before the chemistry paper 1
- ❖ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June - before the physic paper 2

## VE Day Celebrations

In celebration of VE Day on Thursday 8th May, students can wear cadet/guide/scout uniforms etc. We will also have a 2 minutes silence at 3pm.

The school will be hosting a VE Day Celebration on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, we will update you with further information closer to the date.

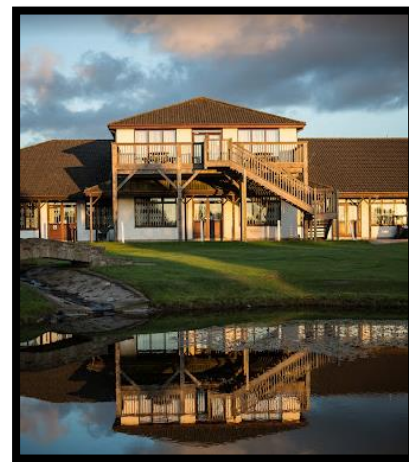
## Dene Magna Running Club

The Dene Magna Running Club organised by Miss Malsom will now take place on a Wednesday lunchtime and not Thursday as in previous weeks. Running club is for Year 8 – 10 students, if your son/daughter would like to attend, please meet Miss Malsom and her running buddies in Reception at lunchtime in PE Kit.



## Year 11 Prom

On Friday 27th June, Forest Hills Golf Club will be hosting the annual Dene Magna Prom event. Our hope is that this will be an opportunity for students and staff to celebrate successes, share and make memories and have a really enjoyable evening. Tickets for the event will be £35 and this will include a disco, food and a drink - all other drinks will need to be purchased on the evening. All tickets must be purchased by Monday 12th May. Students will be expected to arrive at the event between 6pm and 6:30pm and will need to be collected by 10:00pm. Photography will be done by the brilliant Teresa Owen throughout the evening. Photos will be available to purchase after the event.



## Year 7 Parents Evening

Our Year 7 Parents Evening is being held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 4pm until 7pm in the Main Hall. Appointments can be made via the School Cloud section on the website. If you encounter any difficulties making appointments please contact Reception who will be happy to help you.

## Free Tennis Event

FREE tennis event for all ages: Forest of Dean Tennis Club are holding an Open Day at Dene Magna on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, come along and give tennis a try or show off your skills!

## 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 or 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](mailto:p.griffiths@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Declan Mooney  
Headteacher

## Dates For Your Diary:

- ❖ Week Commencing 28.4.25 – Year 11 & 13 Art Exam & French & Spanish Exams
- ❖ 30.04.25 - Final Instalment of £167.50 due for the Bay of Naples trip
- ❖ 01.05.25 – Year 13 'A' Level PE Moderation @ KLB
- ❖ 01.05.25 - Year 7 Parent/Carer's Evening
- ❖ 01.05.25 – Final instalment of £200 due for the Okinawa Trip
- ❖ 02.06.25 – Year 12 Politics Election Count
- ❖ 05.05.25 - Bank Holiday (May Day)
- ❖ Week Commencing 05.05.25 – 'A' Level & GCSE Exams Begin
- ❖ 06.05.25 – Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation @ Churchdown School
- ❖ 08.05.25 – 7<sup>th</sup> Instalment of £50 due for the Year 8 London Trip
- ❖ 10 & 11.05.25 – DofE Expedition Practice Walk

