



## Weekly Parent Bulletin No 33: Week Commencing Monday 2 June 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back after the half-term break. There's a real sense of purpose and energy in the school, and we're heading into what is undoubtedly one of the busiest and most exciting terms of the year.

### VE DAY



Our Year 8 pupils were recently visited by Officer Cadets and Flight Officers from the University of Wales Air Squadron (UWAS) and RAF Corsham, who delivered an engaging and informative session on VE Day and the role of the Royal Air Force during the Second World War.

The talk brought to life the bravery of RAF pilots during the Battle of Britain and introduced pupils to some of the most inspirational figures from the conflict. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on the courage, teamwork and resilience that contributed to victory—and to recognise how those same values continue to shape the RAF today.



Pupils also had the chance to learn about the opportunities available through the Air Cadets, including:

- Flying and gliding
- Field craft and outdoor skills
- First aid
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- And more

The Officer Cadet encouraged pupils to consider how these experiences could lead to future pathways, whether through the cadets, RAF careers, post-16 options, apprenticeships, or officer training with schemes like UWAS. Thank you to all our Year 8 students who engage so well with these lessons - amazing questions asked and a huge thank you to UWAS and Corsham for making the trip.



## Young Farmers Achievement

Daisy S entered numerous competitions for Westbury Young Farmers. She received a first and second prize and now gets to compete at the Three Counties Show and represent her club. Daisy also won the Three Counties Junior beef carcass judging.



## Exams and Farewells

Our **Year 11 and Year 13 students** continue to make us incredibly proud with their approach to their public exams. Their preparation, maturity, and positive attitude have been exceptional. Many have told us that while the exams have been challenging, they've felt confident and capable – which is exactly what we hope for.

A reminder that **Year 11's final day will be Wednesday 19th June**. We are asking students to arrive at **11:10am**, where they'll enjoy a final assembly, followed by food and activities on the field to celebrate the end of their time with us.

## Year 11 Sunday Revision Session

Science are holding a revision session this Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June from 9am to 11am

## Welcoming Our New Year 7s

As we say goodbye to one year group, we begin preparing to welcome another. In just over two weeks, we'll be opening our doors to our **new Year 7 students** for their week-long transition visit. Our staff have already been out to meet many of them, and it has been lovely to start building those early connections. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the **Class of 2030/31** into the Dene Magna family.

## Timetable Suspension Week

Our **Timetable Suspension Week** is fast approaching, and we are busy finalising arrangements for all year groups. If you haven't yet returned your **permission slips**, please do so as soon as possible. This will help us organise staffing and logistics for students who will be onsite during those days.

## Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to Matthew T who received an award for "The Most Improved Player" at the end of year presentation for Cinderford Rugby Club



## Year 8 & 9 Science Festival

On Wednesday the Science Department took 35 Year 8 and 9 students to the Cheltenham Science Festival. It was a day of hands on discovery beginning with a competitive rocket car race organised by the Bloodhound project, who hold the current land speed record. Our rocket cars were not quite as fast as the 763 mph record, but our teams of aspiring engineers worked hard under timed conditions to design, build, test and improve rocket cars. More than one wheel was sent flying across the room under the 'jet' engine power, but the winning team's car held together and made it all the way to the end of the track!



We made our way to the “Discover Zone”, where challenges had been set up to test young scientists. Many DM students braved the VR headsets, power generating bicycles and cyclone challenge, but the REAL competition was whether students could build a successful bridge and win a much sought after (and noisy!) wind up torch. Well done to the winners, you all made the coach ride home illuminated, (but not peaceful).

Following a relaxing lunch break, students were treated to a talk from a real life spy, and I'm not permitted to tell you any more about that! Shh!

Thank you and well done to students for representing Dene Magna so well. “Keep Being Curious”!



## Year 8 Black County Museum Visit

Year 8 students attended a rainy Black County Living Museum this week to see their Industrial Britain unit in real life. Students got to see a range of historical buildings and arti-facts from the time period, as well as getting a mine tour and seeing multiple demonstrations including chain making and nail making. Students would have seen a range of buildings including back-to-back housing, general stores, a pharmacy and sweet shop.

The group represented Dene Magna to a high standard, asking questions and getting involved in a range of activities. This has helped students to visualise what the living and working conditions of the industrial period were like, and how much has changed since then.

Well done to all students who attended for their excellent behaviour, along with the staff who helped plan and run the trip.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Form Transition Day

The Sixth Form Transition day is on Friday, 20th June, this is by invitation only.

If you haven't confirmed your place with us, use the QR code sent on your invite or contact the sixth form office on Dean 838549.



**When:** Friday 20th June



**Where:** Gloucester College Campus, Northern United Way, Cinderford, GL14 3FF



**Time:** 08:45

This will be a great opportunity to

- Meet your future classmates and teachers
- Explore the 6th Form and get a feel for life as an A Level student
- Take part in taster sessions and activities

## Dene Magna Alumni

Thank you to Dene Magna Alumnus Tyler Adams for sharing interesting insights from his career journey with us at our Business Breakfast on the 4th June. Tyler left Dene Magna in 2017, finished his A-levels in 2019, completed a Degree Apprenticeship with The Royal Mail in 2023 and is now Public Sector Sales Lead for CPS, a Microsoft solution provider and IT consultancy.



## Victory 80 Day

Please remember to support Victory 80 on 15<sup>th</sup> June - a celebration not to be missed! Please do come along and support this fantastic event.

Have a great weekend

Declan Mooney  
Headteacher

## Dates For Your Diary:

- 08.06.25 – Final Instalment of £50 for the Year 8 London Trip
- 10.06.25 – Paris Trip Information Evening – 5pm-6pm
- 12.06.25 – Year 6 Induction Evening – Pastoral
- 15.06.25 – Victory 80 Celebration Day
- W/C 16.06.25 – Year 10 Exams commence
- 17.06.25 – Year 7 Science (Big Bang Fair)

**VICTORY 80**  
**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

DOORS OPEN 11.00 DENE MAGNA SCHOOL GL17 0DU  
A family event to commemorate 80 years since the end of WW2  
MAIN DAY EVENTS 12-5 EVENING CONCERT 5-8  
Tickets available at Eventbrite  
under 18's free  
SCAN QR CODE

Glevum Big band STALL HOLDERS MILITARY VEHICLES  
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Reenactors Vera Lynn Tribute  
George Formby Act DANTERS FAIR RIDES  
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