



## Weekly Parent Bulletin No 35: Week Commencing Monday 16 June 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

We have finally reached the end of our exam season, a huge well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Their commitment, resilience and positivity have been truly inspiring. Now it's time for a well-earned rest before they embark on the next exciting phase of their journey.

### Year 11 Leavers' Celebration

Our Year 11s celebrated in style this week, beginning with a wonderful guard of honour formed by our Year 7 students as they arrived for their leavers' assembly. Mr Derrick opened the assembly with reflections on their journey through school, starting with their Year 7 photos, cue plenty of laughs and nostalgia as they saw just how much they've changed!



A huge thank you to all parents who shared photos and videos, we were able to take a trip down memory lane, from early childhood to the young adults they are today. We looked back at highlights from their time at Dene Magna, including product design projects, sports days, camps, and trips.

There were plenty of fun moments too, students played "Higher or Lower" and tutors took part in a special round of *Bullseye*, with Mrs Witts taking the win! We ended with a montage of memories from across subjects and, of course, our traditional farewell video from the staff.

Afterwards, students enjoyed a celebratory afternoon with a burger van, inflatables, and plenty of shirt-signing.



We hope the Class of 2025 enjoys a relaxing summer, we look forward to welcoming many of them back into the Sixth Form in September.

### **Sporting Success – Year 7 and 10 Softball & Year 7 District Rounders Tournament**

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 10 students, who represented Dene Magna brilliantly in Wednesday evening's softball matches against Forest High School. Both teams secured convincing wins, 14–6 in each match and it was fantastic to see so many parents supporting from the side-lines.

Year 7 Girls competed in the first District Rounders Tournament on a very very hot day, they played brilliant and came 3rd overall.



### **Leadership in Action – Year 10 at Drybrook**

Wednesday also saw a group of our Year 10 PE Leaders head to Drybrook School to support one of our Trust schools during their Sports Day. In very warm conditions, they ran 14 different activity stations in the morning, showing real enthusiasm, encouragement, and kindness, from helping nursery children to supporting nervous runners and organising races.

In the afternoon, they took on a wide range of responsibilities for the track events: setting up equipment, guiding students, offering support, celebrating achievements, and recording



results. Their leadership, teamwork, and professionalism were outstanding, and they made a real difference to the day.

Feedback from a Year 1 and 2 teacher

*“Another incredible sports day!!!!  
You are a superstar! Thank-you for*

*everything. The parents thought it was incredible and the kids just had the most memorable day.*

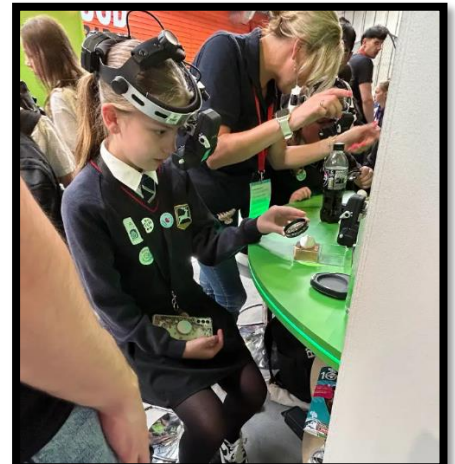
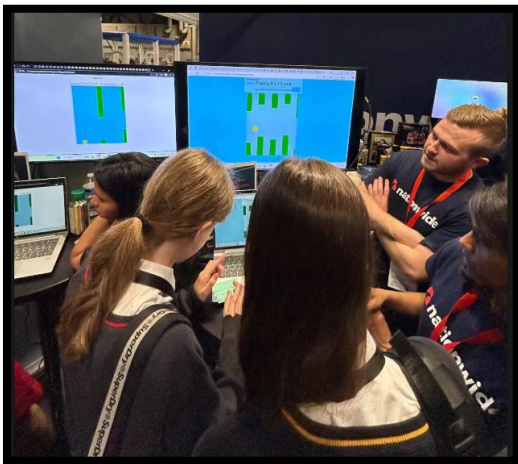
*Your students were exceptional, esp. at encouraging our less than enthusiastic little ones. They were an absolute credit to your department.*

*I hope it's a tradition that lives on forever!"*



## Big Bang Fair

On Tuesday, the Science Department took 50 year 7 students to the big bang fair at the NEC in Birmingham. The students explored the exhibitions, getting hands on with the experiments and demonstrations available. Dene Magna students represented the school brilliantly, taking full advantage of the opportunity to learn, develop communication skills and of course collect free goodies! Well done and thank you to all those who attended!



## Hartpury University Talk

Thank you to Andrew Graham for a great Business Breakfast today! Andrew is a Senior Outreach Officer at Hartpury University. He spoke about the courses on offer at the university, the new personal statement format and student finance. Thank you so much for a really interesting talk. We will book you in for a longer slot next time, we would have liked to have heard more



## Sporting Success

Congratulations to Ollie Andrews Weaver for being awarded “Coaches Player of the Year” last Friday at the Under 14s presentation evening at Drybrook Rugby Club. Ollie was also a member of the Year 9 Rugby team who won the EDF Bowl at Kingsholm Stadium this year.



## Work Experience Commendations

We would like to congratulate three Year 10 students Rae B, Brodie S and Archie H for receiving work experience commendations. Employer feedback for the students was excellent and they represented the school exceptionally well.

*“Rae showed good all round skills and was an asset to the class”.*

*“Brody was able to take the project set and develop with limited support”.*

*“Archie really spoke up and delivered an impressive presentation in front of the MP on a local issue. It was clear that he is confident in speaking and the ability to communicate complex ideas”.*

## Victory 80

Sunday saw Dene Magna school host Victory 80 day. Around 600 people watched a celebration of 80 years since the end of the war in Europe & the complete end of World War 2.

Bands, displays & lots of fun stalls kept people entertained, a highlight was the Royal Navy Raiders Parachute Team, and the weather was glorious.

We would like to thank Tracey Cruickshank & team for organising the event with the funds going towards a local community larder.



## Hot Weather

Students can wear their PE Kit from Wednesday 18th June until Tuesday 24th June as the temperature climbs, then back in normal uniform on Wednesday 25th June when the weather looks like it will break. This applies to Y6 students attending Induction Week as well.

## Second Hand Uniform Shop

If your son/daughter has outgrown their uniform please consider donating any item of uniform still in useable condition to our Second Hand Uniform Shop, which benefits the school community. Equipment such as calculators and revision guides would also be gratefully received.

Please drop of any donations to Reception if you would like any further information about our second hand uniform please speak to Mrs Cook.

## A Level & GCSE Results Day

Results day this year are as follows:

- A Level - Thursday 14th August
- GCSE - Thursday 21st August

Results can be collected from the Main Hall at Dene Magna School from 9.00am. If you cannot attend on these days, please contact Mrs Leverton (Exams Officer) for an "Exam Form/Certificate Request Form" so that results can be collected by a nominated person or emailed directly to your son/daughter.

## Year 10 Mock Exams

We are entering the second week of year 10 Exams please see below next week's exam timetable.

	AM	PM
Monday 23rd June		MATHS
Tuesday 24th June		
Wednesday 25th June	PHYSICS	
Thursday 26th June		ENGLISH

## Your Football Club Needs You!!

Ellwood Football Club is looking for new Under 14 Players, please see poster.

Thank you for your continued support.

Declan Mooney  
Headteacher

## Dates For Your Diary:

W/C 23.06.25 - Year 6 Induction Week.  
19.06.25 – Year 7 Girls District Rounders  
24.06.25 – Year 9 Girls District Rounders  
26.06.25 - District Athletics  
26.06.25 - Year 6 Parents Evening  
27.06.25 - Year 11 & 13 Prom

**PLAYERS WANTED!**

PLAYERS WANTED FOR OUR UNDER 14'S TEAM

FIRST 4 TRAINING SESSIONS - ABSOLUTELY FREE!

**ELLWOOD YOUTH U14's**

✓ Training Kit & Match Kit Provided ✓ Regular Social Events for Players

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