



## Weekly Parent Bulletin No 36: Week Commencing Monday 23 June 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

What an amazing week we've had at Dene Magna! The school has been full of energy, enthusiasm, and the unmistakable sound of students learning, laughing, and coming together as a community.

### Year 6 Transition Week – Welcome to the Class of 2030!

We were delighted to welcome our New Year 7 students for their transition week, and what a start it was! The week began with the traditional "Sorting Hat" ceremony, placing students into one of our four houses. From there, they met their new tutors, some immediately, and others later in the week (we're still waiting for one group to meet Mr Albon!).

The first day included fun "getting to know you" activities, one group even had to memorise everyone's name and a fun fact about them. It was fantastic to see their memory and teamwork skills in action.

As lessons began, students were soon faced with a Dene Magna classic lunchtime decisions! With school dinners, street food, pasta pots, loaded fries, cakes, drinks, and slushies to choose from, it was understandably overwhelming at first! But by midweek, queues were quicker, and students had settled into a great routine.

Mr Derrick launched our Dream Makers programme, encouraging students to think about their future ambitions and how we can help them reach them. He's set them the challenge of creating a piece of work over the summer to share their dreams and goals.

Throughout the week, students had a full experience of Dene Magna life:

- Cooking: They learned feather icing into spider webs and enjoyed eating their creations!
- Drama: Students became TV presenters, choosing roles and performing with confidence.
- English: They explored odes and even wrote their own Ode to Chocolate, complete with debates over the best chocolate brand!
- Art: Students drew cartoon characters without lifting their pencils, great creativity on show.



- Computing: The classic jam sandwich coding lesson gave them a hands-on experience of why clear instructions are vital, watching Mrs Lowe smear butter and jam in unexpected places had everyone in stitches!
- Technology: Students designed and built imaginative egg holders out of paper some wouldn't look out of place in an Alessi catalogue.



- Languages: The highlight was their energetic Spanish song with actions, showcasing their willingness to get involved.

By Wednesday, team-building activities began, including crossing “crocodile-infested” waters, solving problems with pipes and balls, and tackling tricky golf challenges. This was followed by their first inter-house PE tournament: football for boys and netball for girls. The competitive spirit and sportsmanship were brilliant to see.



On Thursday, students explored:

- Science: Dissecting chicken feet to study bones, tendons, and ligaments.
- Wellbeing: Sessions on mental health and safeguarding
- An introduction to the library
- History: A murder mystery activity where students used evidence to uncover what happened.



By Friday, it was clear that these students had begun their journey as true Dene Magna learners more confident, more connected, and ready for what's to come in September.

A heartfelt thank you and well done to our Year 10 students, who supported our new Year 7s so brilliantly all while completing their mock trial exams. Their kindness, leadership, and maturity made us so proud.

### Japan Exchange – Bon Voyage!

While transition week was in full swing, we also waved off a group of students taking part in our Japan Exchange. They left in the early hours of Thursday morning, flying from Heathrow to Okinawa, where they'll reunite with the students who visited us earlier this year.

We wish them all the best for an unforgettable cultural experience, full of learning, friendships, and new perspectives.



### **District Athletics – Champions!**

On Thursday, Dene Magna hosted the District Athletics Tournament, welcoming teams from Newent, Five Acres, Wyedean and Forest High. Students competed across a wide range of events and year groups and we're thrilled to announce that Dene Magna came out on top, thanks to the determination and teamwork of our athletes. A fantastic achievement, well done to all who took part!



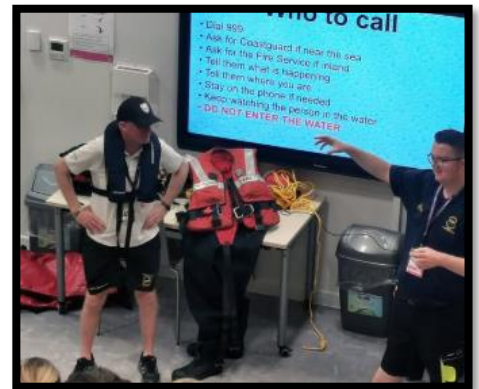
### **District Rounder's**

Congratulations to our Year 9 Girls rounder's team who were crowned District Champions on Tuesday. The girls beat teams from Five Acres, Wyedean and Newent, they performed really well and brought home the title. Players of the match were Anabel S, Nola B, Iris B, Ava R and Keelie H.



## Year 12 Water Safety Talk

The very knowledgeable Tyler from [Severn Area Rescue Association](#) delivered a water safety talk to Y12 this afternoon - it was a really informative presentation, and it's great to know that our students are now more educated on how to stay safe in/on the water as summer approaches.



## Dream Maker News – Class Of 2030

For those of you I haven't yet met, my name is Mr Derrick and I will be running the Dream Makers programme this year! I just wanted to say what a pleasure it has been to meet all our new Dene Magna students. I have met all of them and am trying to learn names asap! It has been brilliant seeing them settle into their new houses, meet their tutors, try lessons, lunches and more! To see them so happy to be here is fantastic and we can't wait to see them back in September! They have embraced everything!!! A huge welcome to you all also to the Dene Magna family!

All students have come home this week with their A3 paper to create their piece of work showing what they are passionate about! Please can I ask that they bring this back in on the first day! Any questions, let me know!

**Dream Makers For The Week** – this was a difficult decision but congratulations to:

**Joey Rawlings**

**7D1**



**Alyssa Buckley**

**7F1**



**Gwen Stephens**

**7W1**



**Cooper Roberts**

**7D2**



**Max Beard**

**7J1**



**Noah Potter**

**7W2**



### **Student's Review Of The Week So Far**

*This week was very helpful to me and all the teachers are very kind and have brilliant lessons! I'm sure every kid is super ready for September. The teachers are all the best, the lessons and the fun activities are amazing!*

**Pacey, 7D2**

*I have loved Art with Mrs John because she is kind, fun and always smiling. I also loved history with Mr Harrington because I had to try and work out a murder mystery which was very fun and involved a lot of thinking and team work. I like Mr Derrick because he is fun, loud and I love when he comes to talk to us. He is also very kind! I am loving Dene Magna so far and am excited to come properly in September!*

**Anon, 7D2**

*When I first got here I was so nervous but within a few hours I never wanted to go back to primary again!*

**Kiri, 7D1**

*I can't wait to make memories here*

**Darcey, 7F1**

*I am delighted by the food!*

**Gwen, 7W1**

*I think that the week has been amazing! I have really enjoyed PE and Art and it has been brilliant making friends. I think Dene Magna suits me the best and I can't wait to spend my years to come here*  
**Isla, 7W2**

*I think that the school week has been going good so far and I am looking forward to Languages with Mrs Turner*  
**Jamie, 7F1**

*This week at Dene Magna has helped me to learn about the school and has stopped me worrying. I am now looking forward to joining the school in September and be here for the next five years. Dene Magna is amazing and has provided me with excellent education and information. The next five years are going to be nothing but fun!*  
**Skyla, 7D1**

*Dene Magna is so good! It is quite big compared to primary but there is always someone around!*  
**Oliwia, 7D1**

*I've enjoyed drama because we had a funny play about an alien. I loved meeting Miss John and I made a new best friend in 3 days!*  
**Elena, 7J1**

Any queries about “**Dream Makers**” please ask Mr Derrick”. Use the QR code (or click [this link](#)) to ask any questions you might have about this week or about September.



## Important Things To Know



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE NEW STARTER INFORMATION (or go to the Dene Magna website)



SCAN THE QR CODE IF YOU MISSED THE SESSION ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE EXPLAINING THE DREAM MAKERS PROGRAMME

## Equipment For September

The Maths Department run a stationery shop, all items below can be purchased in September, calculators are £8.00 everything else can be purchased as a bundle for a £1.00

- Black Pen
- Green Pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific Calculator
- Aurora Scientific Calculator

## Duke of Edinburgh “Bronze” Award

Our Year 9’s went on their final practice walk this week before their upcoming Duke of Edinburgh expedition. We worked on their team work, leadership, and focus before they take on their final weekend in July.



## 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.

Have a great weekend

Declan Mooney  
Headteacher

## Dates For Your Diary:

01.07.25 – Year 7 Normandy Visit Departs (early hours)

01.07.25 – Year 9/10 Paris Visit Departs

02.07.25 – Year 8 London Visit Departs

02/07/25 – Year 9 Camp Visit Departs

02/07/25 – Year 7 Drayton Manor Park Visit

02/07/25 – Year 10 Visit to Hartpury College (am)

03/07/25 – Year 8 Drayton Manor Park Visit

03/07/25 - Year 10 Launch Pad by Young Enterprise Day

04/07/25 – Year 9/10 Drayton Manor Park Visit

04/07/25 – Year 10 Army Surge Day