



Weekly Parent Bulletin No: 6 Week Commencing Monday 6 October Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

Another Amazing Week for School Sport

What a fantastic week of sports results! Our students have shown incredible skill, dedication, and teamwork across several fixtures.

Monday Fixtures

Both our Year 7 and Year 9 Boys Rugby teams played away against Wyedean School.

The Year 7 team just keeps going from strength to strength! Their confidence is clearly growing from both training and their impressive winning streak. They secured another fabulous win, 60-10.

This was the first outing of the season for the Year 9, they showed great determination to secure a respectable 12-12 draw.



The Year 8 and 9 Girls Netball teams took on Wyedean, both teams played exceptional games of netball with the Year 8 winning 9-2.



And Year 9 winning 16-4. We look forward to your continued success.



Tuesday Fixtures

Year 9 Girls took on Newent, once again playing a superb game, winning 16-9, well done girls.



Wednesday Fixtures

It was a busy day for our sports teams on Wednesday!

The Year 10 & 11 girl's netball team played a tournament at home against Wyedean, Five Acres, and Newent. Both teams played amazingly, demonstrating an incredible level of skill and pace. We are thrilled to report that they won all their matches!

Year 10s won all games (Dene Magna 8- Five Acres 0, Dene Magna 8 – Wyedean & 5 & Dene Magna 11 - Newent 2)



Year 11s won all games (Dene Magna 18 - Wyedean 8 & Dene Magna 13 - Newent 8)



Our U12s Girls Rugby played brilliantly at Newent, taking on three teams back-to-back without a break! The girls showed incredible determination, scoring plenty of tries and only letting in a few. It was a fantastic effort from both sides and so wonderful to see so many girls out enjoying their rugby. They were “Buzzing” when they returned!! The only disappointment they expressed was that it was touch rugby – they were keen for full contact!



The Year 8 boys had a successful tournament, winning one game and drawing two. The match against Newent was particularly exciting.

A parent jokingly suggested I was bad luck for the team; when I went to watch the netball, they were down by three tries, but by the time I returned, they had scored three tries to tie the game!



Dream Makers 2030

Wow Dream makers, what a week!

I have seen so many fantastic presentations in RFL and I am so proud of you all for taking part! The final will be next Tuesday and I can't wait to give out the first trophy of the Dream Builder Challenge!

Walking around lessons is always a pleasure with Year 7. Their attitude in lessons is exemplary and they show why this school is the best school around, the students! I can't for them to bring me their best piece of work that they have done this term to show me!

I am not going to do Dream Makers of the week today, the reason being that on Tuesday, I will be announcing Dream Makers of the Term!

In other news, Mr Derrick's shop is now stocked! Students will receive their spends after half term!

I would like to thank all my Dream Maker committee for being such an excellent team and for helping me make Dream Makers the best it can be! They are all wearing their badges with pride!

Frozen Main Cast

We would like to announce the principal players of this year's school production "Frozen Jnr"

- Lydia Miles – Anna
- Georgie Williams – Elsa
- Libby Newman – Olaf
- Hester Dixon-Gough – Hans
- Isaac Evans – Kristoff
- Evie Barry – Sven
- Jack Evans – Weselton

We wish them and everyone else who is part of the show good luck with their upcoming rehearsals.

Frozen Fund Raiser "Quiz Night"

Just a quick reminder that our *Frozen* fundraiser is taking place tomorrow evening (Friday) — doors open at 6pm in the Hall.

We'd absolutely love to see you there if you're free! It's shaping up to be a really lovely evening, and it would be brilliant to have as much staff support as possible.

There'll be a quiz, games and snacks — all to help raise funds for the production.



Year 13 Parents' Evening

It was a pleasure to see and speak with so many of you last night. It was great to hear the advice our staff were sharing to support you and your children through this crucial year. If you have any concerns or feel your child needs extra support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Sixth Form team.

Launch of a New Club

The English Department is launching a new club. Creative Writing club will take place on a Tuesday of Week B. The aim of the club is that it will be a relaxed, creative space for students to come and be inspired by each other and express themselves creatively through writing. Everyone is welcome!



Duke of Edinburgh - calling all Year 9/10 students, parents & carers.



For those interested in signing up for The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Challenge, there is a letter available to pick up from reception, until half term! Why not give it a go?

ESFA Forest of Dean Small Schools Tournament at Dene Magna

The results of the ESFA Forest of Dean Small Schools Tournament are in, and the winners were Offa's Mead, followed by Staunton and Corse in second and Newnham in third!

Big thanks to the Dene Magna PE team for the use of their facilities, and special thanks to our learner referees and leaders for supporting the event so well across the day. It's quite a challenge for some of them to take on the whistle with confidence and it was great for them to learn during a real event!



A super result for Offa's Mead, making them this year's Champions for the Forest of Dean, ahead of the finals in December.



Art Department News

All years have been getting involved with this year's poppy display, we have collectively made a giant wreath made using recycled materials.

Thank you so much for all the donations of plastic bottles. We are still collecting as these will contribute to next years' display.

Please send bottles to the art department or in the plastic bottle bin in the hall.



Sixth Form Open Evening - A message for all local Y11 students, parents and carers

Dene Magna Sixth Form's Open Evening is rapidly approaching, and we would love to see you there on the 6th of November from 5pm!

Come and find out about the exciting subjects and opportunities on offer, explore our beautiful campus, and learn what it's like to study A Levels with Dene Magna.

It doesn't matter if you're not sure yet what path you're going to take after GCSEs - come and see what you think! Our staff and current students can't wait to welcome you and answer your questions.

Forest of Dean Trust

DENE MAGNA
SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

**SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING
6TH NOVEMBER**

17:00 - 20:00, open to all
Cinderford Campus, GL14 3FF

DENEMAGNA.CO.UK

This event is open to all and there is no need to book, please share to anyone who may be interested

RSHE Update

RSHE topics your child is discussing this half term:

- ❖ Year 7 - Connecting thoughts and emotions, Gremlin Beliefs, Belonging
- ❖ Year 8 - Building Resilience, Communication, 7 Senses & Wellbeing
- ❖ Year 9 - Building Resilience, Sleep, 7 Senses & Wellbeing

- ❖ Year 10 - Developing a Growth Mindset, Managing Mood, Health Checks
- ❖ Year 11 - Happiness, Screen Time and Health Checks.

Celebrating Success

We would like to congratulate Charlotte B from tutor group 7D2. She has been selected for the Gloucestershire County Cricket Pathway for the Under 12 girls. She plays at Aston Ingham Cricket Club and played for various Under 11 teams and the Under 13's as well during the past season.

Charlotte also won the Parents Player award for the Under 11 girls' team and Players player award for the Under 11 C&G and Leadon Vale team.



Quick Reminder – Secondary School Places for September 2026

A reminder that the closing date for Secondary School places for September 2026 is midnight on the 31st October, if you would like your son/daughter to attend Dene Magna School please ensure that your form is completed.

Discovery Days – Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th October

I am pleased to provide some further updates about our upcoming **Discovery Days** (formerly known as *Yellow Week*). These special days are designed to broaden our students' learning experiences and provide enrichment opportunities across all year groups.

Full, individual schedules will be given to students during their RFL sessions next week. In the meantime, please find a summary below:

Year 7

- *Day of the Dead* inspired activities.

Year 8

- *A Japanese Journey* including Lego-based activities.

Year 9

- Guy Fawkes-theme
- Medical careers insight
- Forensics Day

Year 10

- Sessions with outside speakers
- Exploration of post-16 options, including apprenticeships

Year 11

- A focus on core subjects alongside enrichment opportunities:

- Local nursery visit (*Child Development students*)
- Amazon facility visit (*Business Studies students*)

Sixth Form

- Completion of Biology and Chemistry practical's
- Additional careers and academic development sessions

Sponsored Walk – Friday

To finish the week, all students will take part in the sponsored walk. Students may wear **comfortable clothing and sensible footwear**.

A **fundraising sale** will also take place to support the *Okinawa Exchange Programme*. We kindly ask students to bring a small amount of cash to contribute if possible.

FAQ

Will my son/ daughter be required to wear school uniform?

– Yes all students are expected to wear full uniform, the only exception is the Year 7 Viney Hill trip.

Does my son/ daughter need to bring any equipment to school?

- For in school activities please bring a pencil case

What are the arrangements for lunch on school trips?

- Please make sure your son/ daughter brings a packed lunch and a drink

My child is entitled to FSM, will these be provided on a trip?

- Yes students **must** order their packed lunches from the canteen

Year Group	Wednesday 15 th October	Thursday 16 th October	Friday 17 th October
7	Group A – Viney Hill trip (7D2, 7F1, 7W1) Group B – Day of the Dead activities	Group B – Viney Hill trip (7D1, 7J1, 7W2) Group A – Day of the Dead activities	S P O N S O R E D w a l k
8	Group A – We the curious/ Aquarium trip (8F2, 8J1, 8W1) Group B – A Japanese Journey	Group B – We the curious/ Aquarium trip (8F1, 8D1, 8J2) Group A – A Japanese Journey	
9	Group A – Imperial War museum trip Group B – Guy Fawkes activities	Forensic Science and Medical day	
10	Work experience or RISE skills workshop and Post 16 Options	Work experience or Apprenticeship talk from Gloscol and Careers workshops	
11	A mix of practical and academic subject sessions: Geography or Berlin trip, nursery visit or coursework involving practical subjects	A mix of practical and academic subject sessions: Geography, Amazon or Berlin trip, nursery visit or coursework involving practical subjects	
12	Teambuilding day at 270 Climbing	A mix of academic and careers related subject sessions and Biology and Chemistry practical's	
13	Mock interviews and Biology and Chemistry practical's	A mix of practical and academic subject sessions involving Biology and Chemistry practical's, EPQ workshop and coursework	

Regular Attendance

School attendance is fundamental to your child's success, well-being, and future opportunities. Every day your child is in school matters, and missing even a few days can have a significant cumulative impact on their learning and development. The UK government is clear on the vital role of attendance:

Consistent attendance directly links to better results. The Department for Education states, "The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects." For instance, Year 11 pupils with near-perfect attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve the crucial Grade 5 in English and Maths GCSEs compared to similar pupils attending 90-95% of the time. This means missing just 10 extra days a year can reduce the likelihood of achieving those key grades by around 50%.

School provides a safe, supportive environment essential for your child's wider development. Being in school allows them to form strong friendships, develop social skills, access pastoral care, and engage in extra-curricular activities. The Children's Commissioner highlights that school "illuminates children's lives not just with education and learning, but with social skills, new experiences and activities, and to make friendships."

As a parent, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a full-time, suitable education. The government expects attendance to be as high as possible. We ask that you partner with us to prioritise attendance, only keeping your child home when genuinely ill, and arranging appointments and holidays outside of school hours wherever possible. **Holidays during Discovery Days, Sponsored Walk or Timetable Suspension will not be authorised**, only exceptional circumstances will be permitted. By making every day count, you are building the foundation for your child's bright future

We Are Hiring

Could you be our new minibus driver? Please share to friends and family who may be interested in this role.

We also have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant, starting ASAP! Please take a look at the full job description on our website, or share to anyone who would be a great fit for this role. All information can be found on our school website.

Dene Magna School

REQUIRED ASAP

TEACHING ASSISTANT REQUIRED

Pay: Grade 4, points 7-10
equating to £26,403 - £27,694 FTE

Hours: 25/week (term time only)

YOU WILL:

- Have a detailed knowledge of the particular needs of students with additional needs.
- Have a passion for working with and supporting children with SEND.
- Provide support for students in partnership with the class teachers and SENCO.

Further details may be found via the full job description online

Dene Magna School

REQUIRED ASAP

MINIBUS DRIVER REQUIRED

Pay: Grade 4, points 7-10
equating to £26,403 - £27,694 FTE

Hours: 37/week (term time only)

YOU WILL:

- Hold a full clean driving licence with Category D1 entitlement
- Have previous experience driving a minibus or similar vehicle
- Have experience working with young people

Further details and requirements may be found via the full job description online

“Found in the Forest” Theatre Group

We would like to bring your attention to a new youth theatre group, “Found in the Forest” which runs every Thursday at The Wesley Centre, Cinderford. For more information please see poster.

My Child At School App

Please can we ask that any updates to student’s personal information, parents emergency contact details, email addresses and medical conditions be added via the “My Child At School” app

Outside Achievements

If your son/daughter takes part in any activities outside of school and you would like their achievements published in the weekly bulletin, please send in a small paragraph or two about them and their success and a photo to reception@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk

October Half Term Football Camp At Coleford

For Key Stage 3 students (Years 7-9) on 30th October at King George Playing Fields, Coleford, GL16 8QT. £20 per day (£15 for the first 20 bookings use code FWN453). All sessions are led by U: BSc-qualified, FA-trained Sports Coach

The Term is Drawing to a Close

The end of term is almost here, and we have an exciting final week planned!

The Berlin trip heads out next week, alongside various other educational trips and bespoke sessions focusing on RSHE, Careers, booster lessons, coursework lessons, and cultural experiences for our students.

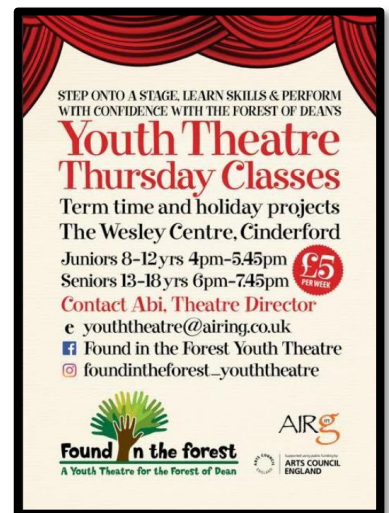
This varied enrichment is an important part of our school's ethos and values: To learn from people of different cultures and different countries and to use this knowledge to be the best version of myself that I can be.

Hope you have a lovely weekend

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:

10.10.25 – Final payment of £70 is due for the Netball Tour
13, 14, 15 & 16.10.25 – Year 11 Geography Field Trip
13.10.25 – Berlin Trip Departs
13.10.25 – Year 7 Girls Netball @ Newent
14.10.25 – Year 8 Girls Netball @ Dene Magna



15.10.25 - 7D2, 7F1 & 7W1 – Viney Hill Adventure Centre Trip
16.10.25 – 7D1, 7J1 & 7W2 - Viney Hill Adventure Centre Trip
15.10.25 – Year 9 Visit to Imperial War Museum
15 & 16.10.25 – Year 8 Visit to Bristol Aquarium & We The Curious
16.10.25 – Year 11 Visit Business Studies Trip
16.10.25 – Year 11 Information Evening 5pm – 6pm
17.10.25 – Dene Magna Annual Sponsored Walk
17.10.25 – End of Term
3.11.25 – New Term Commences