



Weekly Parent Bulletin No: 9 Week Commencing Monday 10th November 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

Honouring Our Fallen: Reflecting on Remembrance Week

This past week, our school community showed profound respect and solemnity as we observed Remembrance.

Sunday was a truly humbling occasion as our school was proudly represented at the Mitcheldean Remembrance Service. Becky H placed a wreath at the cenotaph to remember past students of both Dene Magna and Abenhall who made the ultimate sacrifice in armed conflicts.

On Tuesday at 11 o'clock, we hosted members of the British Legion who led our school remembrance service. It was wonderful to see our students who are part of various uniformed services attending in their full uniform. The whole school assembled respectfully on the tennis courts as the Last Post was played beautifully by Scott Townsend. Our students and staff showed utmost respect for the fallen soldiers, ensuring that they will never be forgotten.



T4U – Shoebox Appeal

Over the last few weeks, Year 7 have led the way in putting together shoeboxes full of gifts to send to children throughout Eastern Europe so that they have something to open for Christmas this year. The boxes are filled with toys, sweets, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hats, scarves and gloves - indeed, many of the things that we take for granted. We have taken part in the Shoebox Appeal for many years, working with the charity Teams4u. Their team members will now distribute our boxes across Europe to reach those children most isolated and in distress from



conflict and hardship. If you would like to find out more about the charity, there website is: www.teams4u.com.

Thank you to all those children and staff who contributed items for this year's appeal. We are immensely proud of the generosity shown by our families for the Shoebox Appeal. This fantastic charitable initiative encourages individuals to fill standard shoeboxes with small gifts, essential items, and personal notes for people affected by poverty, war, or difficult circumstances globally.

- As a school, we successfully sent off over 40 boxes this year.
- We extend a massive thank you to Teams4U, and especially to Sandy and Keith, for collecting our donated boxes.
- A huge thank you must also be given to all families that donated—your generosity will make a tangible difference in someone's life.



This term, 7J1 have shown wonderful generosity and community spirit by taking part in the annual Shoebox Appeal. Together, the class have packed four shoeboxes full of thoughtful gifts, including games, toys, sweets, stationery, and toiletries.

A special mention goes to Teddy Knight, who has made an exceptional effort. Teddy and his family went above and beyond by packing two additional boxes themselves to ensure that more children receive presents this Christmas.



Sporting Results

On Monday our U14 Girls Netball team took part in the County Challenge cup, they played extremely well taking on teams from around the county, finishing a creditable 11th overall, well done girls!!

Tuesday our Year 8 & 9 table tennis teams took on Five Acres at Dene Magna, Year 8 winning 33-9 and Year 9 winning 47 – 9, great works boys.



Our Year 7 rugby team continued their fantastic run on Tuesday, securing another impressive win of 30-15 against John Kyrle. This phenomenal team has yet to lose a match! Their dedication to training and excellent teamwork on the pitch is truly amazing to witness.



A great evening of netball for the Y7 girls last night!! They absolutely smashed it and both teams won all their games

Purple Team winning 6-1 v Dean Academy, 6-0 v 5 Acres and 9-2 v Wyedean

Red Team winning 7-0 v Wyedean and 2-1 v Dean Academy.

Great effort from all the girls.



Post-16 Opportunities and Applications

Tuesday I attended the annual Post-16 Fair at Forest High School. It was great to speak with students who had visited our Sixth Form the week prior, and encouraging to learn that five of them have already applied to continue their education with us!

A crucial reminder for all parents: Applications for post-16 providers have now officially opened. Please remind your children that they should be actively looking at their options for what comes next and begin the process of submitting their applications.

Operation Encompass

Our school is now participating in **Operation Encompass**, an innovative project that supports children and young people affected by **domestic abuse**. This initiative, which began in March 2019, is a partnership between the school, **Gloucestershire Police**, the County Council, and the Safeguarding Children Board. The process ensures that following any domestic abuse incident reported to the police, relevant information is quickly and discreetly shared with our **nominated, trained school staff**. This enables us to provide immediate and appropriate care, support, and a safe environment for the child or young person. We believe this project demonstrates our commitment to safeguarding and protecting our students. For more information, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs), or visit operationencompass.org.

Dream Makers Challenge

A massive well done to Darcey and Seren for being the inaugural winners of the Dream Makers Presentation Challenge!

Their presentation on Women's football was outstanding and there were other fantastic presentations on topics such as T-Rex, Art, Under the Sea and Exotic Animals!

Our Dream makers have all achieved their first task and put it towards their Dream Makers Challenge!

Well done Dream Makers! Who will win the second challenge this month?



Primary School Athletics Results - 6 November

Big Thanks to the PE Team from Dene Magna for letting us use the Sports Hall all day and all our Dene Magna leaders who helped out so well alongside Hartpury students, with the great guidance of George from Sports Hall Eveque, thanks to them all.

Well done to all the students and primary schools that took part.



Results:

1st - Highnam - 848 Pts
2nd - Forest View - 818 Pts
3rd - St Whites -752 Pts



One Health Society

The (very popular) One Health Society at our Sixth Form learnt to suture today. It's a tricky skill and they did an amazing job sewing up the incisions in their fruity patients! It has even inspired a couple of our students to look into careers as ODPs.

You'll be pleased to know that our future medics and midwives had particularly neat stitches!



Sixth Form Visits

For the last two weeks Y11 students have been visiting the Sixth Form to work with some of our Y13 students to prepare them for their upcoming mocks and future GCSEs.

They have been learning about study skills, time management and wellbeing during exam periods from students who have been through the experience, and are also preparing themselves for their own mocks.

It was also a great opportunity to see the Sixth Form in action and give a boost before next week's trials.

We are looking forward to giving more Y11s the opportunity to visit before the summer GCSEs. Applications for Sixth Form are now open; for more information visit the Sixth Form section of our website.



Good Luck Year 11

We would like to wish all our Year 11 students good luck for their upcoming Mock Exams starting on Monday.

Yr 11 Trials							
Day	Date		Subject and Paper	Length	start	finish	venue
WEEK 1							
Monday	17-Nov	am	Combined Science	70	9.00	10.10	Sports Hall
		am	Triple Science - Biology	105	9.00	10.45	Sports Hall
		pm	Engineering	90	1.20	2.50	Sports Hall
		pm	Textiles	105	1.20	3.05	Sports Hall
Tuesday	18-Nov	am	English Literature	150	9.00	11.30	Sports Hall
		pm	Languages - Reading FT	60	1.00	2.00	Sports Hall
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Wednesday	19-Nov	am	History	120	9.00	11.00	Sports Hall
		pm	ENRICHMENT				
Thursday	20-Nov	am	Maths Non-Calculator	90	9.00	10.30	Sports Hall
		pm	IT - On Screen	80	1.20	2.40	ICT 1
Friday	21-Nov	am	English Language	120	9.00	11.00	Sports Hall
		pm	PE	60	1.20	2.20	Sports Hall
WEEK 2							
Monday	24-Nov	am	Combined Science	70	9.00	10.10	Sports Hall
		am	Triple Science - Chemistry	105	9.00	10.45	Sports Hall
		pm	Computer Science - On Screen	90	1.20	2.50	ICT 1
Tuesday	25-Nov	am	Languages - Writing				
		am	Foundation Tier	75	9.00	10.15	Sports Hall
		am	Higher Tier	90	9.00	10.30	Sports Hall
		pm	Geography	90	1.20	2.50	Sports Hall
Wednesday	26-Nov	am	Drama	105	9.00	10.45	Sports Hall
		am	Religious Studies	105	9.00	10.45	Sports Hall
		am	PE	60	9.00	10	Sports Hall
		pm	ENRICHMENT				
Thursday	27-Nov	am	Business Studies	105	9.00	10.45	Sports Hall
		pm	Maths	90	1.20	2.50	Sports Hall
Friday	28-Nov	am	Combined Science	70	9.00	10.10	Sports Hall
		am	Triple Science - Physics	105	9.00	10.45	Sports Hall
		pm	Child Development	75	1.20	2.35	Sports Hall
		pm	Computer Science	90	1.20	2.50	Sports Hall
		pm	Music	90	1.20	2.50	TBC
Wednesday	W/C 1-Dec		Languages Speaking				
	3-Dec	am	Art	300	9.00		Art Room
		pm	Art			1.20	
	w/c 1-Dec		Languages - Listening				
RESULTS DAY- 18th December 8:15							

Scholastic Book Fair: 1st - 9th December

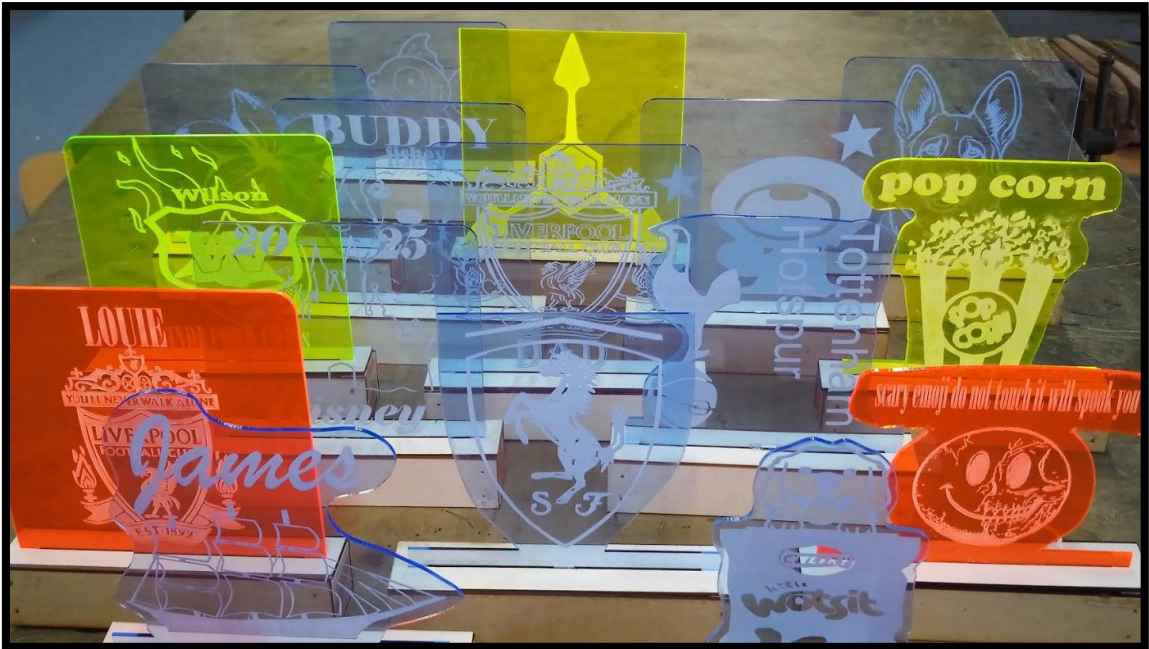
The Scholastic book fair is returning with an incredible selection of books to browse and buy: with prices starting at £3.99 we hope there will be something for everyone! The book fair will be open at break and lunch in the library and payments can be made by cash in school or via the Scholastic online payment system (please do remember that if you pay online, the completed wish list needs to be returned to the library so we know what books you have bought!). Books purchased during the fair are delivered afterwards to your child and the school receives a proportion of the takings back as Scholastic vouchers to spend on more books for the school. We look forward to sharing the excitement of this event with you in upcoming newsletters and, as ever, thank you for your support.



Year 7 Light Projects

Our Year 7 students have successfully completed their Light Project in Design and Technology! Throughout this exciting unit, they designed a bespoke light for a specific client, learning to use new design software and how the laser cutter works. They also explored basic electronics, assembling and soldering their own circuits to bring their designs to life.

This is a great first project for our Year 7 students, helping them develop confidence and creativity in the workshop. The creativity, problem-solving, and skill development shown by the students have been fantastic - and the final lights look brilliant! We're incredibly proud of their hard work and impressive outcomes.



Year 10 Textiles

Year 10 Textiles students have been busy designing and making small play mats for young children, using the decorative techniques they have learnt in lessons.

This project encouraged them to think creatively, plan their own themes, and apply a range of practical textile skills. The finished play mats were colourful, imaginative, and a wonderful showcase of the students' creativity.



Creative Colour Wheels

We have a few more Creative Colour Wheels from our Year 7 students.

They have experimented with a range of imaginative materials to bring their designs to life. Here are some more wonderful examples of their creative and inspiring work!



Christmas Card Competition

Year 7 have been busy working on their Christmas Card Designs. Here are a few photos from 7J1 and from our lunchtime art club.

Please can you remind students to hand in their designs to Ms John, the deadline is Friday 17th November, please make sure all designs have NAME and TUTOR GROUP on the back.

- Chocolate Hamper for the tutor group with most entries
- Pack of Christmas Cards for the winners + Chocolate and golden pallet uniform badge
- Chocolate and golden palette uniform badge for the runners up



RSHE

RSHE topics your child is discussing this half term:

Year 7 - Belonging, Mattering, Building Trust, Conflict Resolution

Year 8 - 7 Senses & Wellbeing, Personal Safety, Peer Pressure, Communication

Year 9 - 7 Senses & Wellbeing, Understanding Mental Health, Sticky Beliefs, Conflict Resolution

Year 10 - Health Checks, Respect & Tolerance, Human Rights, Sexism & Misogyny

Year 11 - Organ & Blood Donation, Independent Living, Fake News

Teyha Meets Pudsey

Teyha B a member of our year 8, and her brother had the opportunity this week to meet Pudsey Bear, Teyha representing Brody's Trust.

Brody's Trust is a charity based at the Old School in Joy's Green. The charity is setting up a multi-sensory hub to support children with complex disabilities and SEN and their families across the Forest of Dean and Gloucestershire. The charity supports ages 0-18 years.

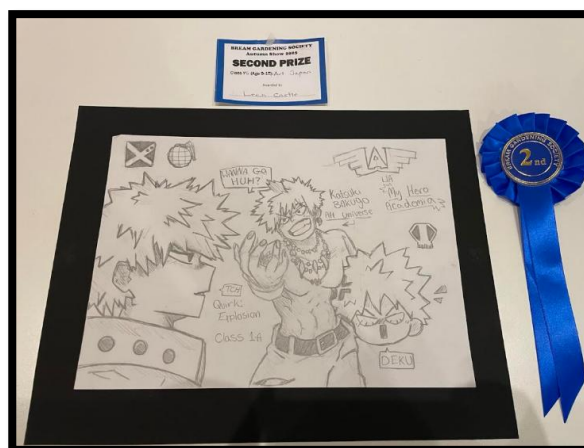
Teyha is the trusts youngest volunteer, helping out at events to raise much needed funds to enable the charity to get fully up and running. Teyha chose to support the charity because her older brother has Down Syndrome.

For further information regarding Brody's Trust please look on their website "brodys-trust.org"



Celebrating Success

We would like to congratulate Leah C, who entered the Bream Gardening Show 'Japanese Art' category with an anime piece she had drawn based on the 'my hero academia' anime series and won second place.



Exam Certificate and Art Work Collection

We have now received the certificates for those students (ex Year 11 and Year 13 students) who sat exams during the Summer of 2025.

Certificates and Art work can be collected from week commencing 17th November 2025 and can be collected from Reception at Dene Magna School. Please come along and collect them, they are a product of all your hard work! We look forward to seeing you.

We Are Hiring

We are currently seeking to recruit both a new Maths teacher, and an additional Site Worker. Please take a look at the job packs and apply if you think you could be the right candidate!

<https://zurl.co/VoeCk>

Please share to anyone who may be interested in these roles, which start ASAP.

Dene Magna School
SITE WORKER REQUIRED

Pay: Grade 4, points 7-10 (equating to £26,403 - £27,894 p.a.)
Hours: 37/week (term time only)
Desired start: ASAP

YOU WILL:

- Assist with daily maintenance and activities around the school site.
- Drive the school minibus, transporting students between sites (a full clean driving licence with Cat D1 entitlement is required).

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

Dene Magna School
MATHS TEACHER REQUIRED

Hours: Full time, permanent contract
Start date: ASAP
Pay: MPS/UPS

Please see the full job description and candidate information pack online at denemagna.co.uk

Art Space, Cinderford.

Art Space are on the lookout for ceramics tutors to teach spring and summer courses, at their studio in Cinderford.

Required:

- Teaching qualification or similar
- Ability to teach a range of ceramics techniques including using the wheel

Desirable:

- Experience working with adult learners and / or learners with a disability.



To express your interest please email opportunities@artspacecinderford.org and include a CV or equivalent detailing relevant experience.

SEND Survey

SEND Survey Gloucestershire County Council has asked that all parents complete a survey on SEND Services, please see information below, and if you would like to complete the survey click on the QR Code



Winter Workshops

"The Drama Company" are holding winter workshops at Walford Village Hall on Saturday 22nd November and Saturday 13th December, all details can be found on their advert or via the Dene Magna Facebook Page.

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



Forest Of DeanTrust CPD

If you would like a place on our upcoming CPD session on AI in Education then please email cpd@fodt.co.uk for a place.

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

Hope you have a great weekend and stay dry!!

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:

W/C 17.10.25 – Year 11 Trial Exams Start

17.11.25 – Deadline for Deposit of £100.00 for Year 8 London Trip

18.11.25 – Y7 Girls Netball Fixture (away)

19.11.25 – U14 URL Girls Rugby @ Churchdown

19.11.25 – NHS Information Session for Year 11 @ 6th Form

20.11.25 – District Cross Country

20.11.25 – Dowty Propeller Stem Workshop @ 6th Form

21.11.25 – 2nd Instalment of £100.00 for the Year 7 Normandy Visit

25.11.25 - Y7 Boys Rugby Fixture (home)

25.11.25 - U13 Girls Football Fixture (home)

26.11.25 - U12 Girls Rugby Fixture (away)

28.11.25 – Gloucester Court Visit

