



Weekly Parent Bulletin No: 20 Week Commencing Monday 9 February 2026 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

Defining the Dene Magna Way: Our New School Values

Since joining Dene Magna, I have spent a great deal of time reflecting on what truly defines our students. What are the shared values that underpin our daily work, and how do we prepare our young people for the complexities of the competitive world they will eventually enter?

These questions have driven the development of our new Character Curriculum, set to officially launch in the 2026-27 academic year. While this work is in its early stages, it is rooted in a desire to holistically prepare every student for life beyond our gates.

Following extensive consultation with staff, students, and governors, I am proud to announce the three core values that will form the foundation of this curriculum:

- **Courage:** To take risks, embrace challenges, and stand up for what is right.
- **Independence:** To take ownership of their own journey and develop the self-reliance needed for the future.
- **Respect:** To value themselves, their peers, and the diverse world around them.

By embedding these values into the fabric of school life, we reinforce our central aim: "**Each and every learner shall achieve their maximum potential and enjoy the process.**" Our dedicated team is working hard to ensure everything is ready for September 2026. Please look out for further updates as we begin this exciting journey.

Kick Boxing Session

A group of Year 9 students experience their first session of kickboxing on Wednesday. They learned lots of different punching and kicking combinations and worked up a sweat in the process. Well done to all students who gave 100% effort



College Taster Day

A group of Year 11 students participated in a taster day at Gloucester College Forest Campus on Tuesday. Students experienced a range of subjects including

- Art & Design
- Beauty Therapy
- Business
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Forensic Computing & Cyber Security
- Games Design & Development
- Hairdressing
- Health & Social Care



A huge thank you to for hosting such an insightful Taster Day today. Our students behaved impeccably and worked so well with the other schools.



All students really enjoyed exploring the campus and getting a feel for college life. Thank you to all the staff at the college for their time and expertise, our students are definitely feeling inspired for their next steps!!



Chocolate Work

Xante CB in year 7, showed off some lovely chocolate work and has perfected feathering on her flapjacks this week! Excellent work Xante!



Sports News

On Monday the U14 girls competed at the GSFA county finals. The girls played some tough games against Pittville, St Bernadette's, Rednock, St Peter's and Patchway. The girls lost 1, drew 2 and won 2, which meant they narrowly missed on the finals and finished 3rd in their group. Well done to all girls who represented the school!



On Tuesday it was the turn of our U12 Girls who took part in the GSFA County Football Finals held at Cirencester Football Club. The girls had some incredibly tough matches against, Cleeve, Downend, Stroud and Severn Vale. Unfortunately we suffered 3 loses and 1 draw, but despite the awful weather conditions the girls still all had a smile on their faces at the end of the tournament! Well done girls!



Year 8 & 9 Boys Football

Year 8 & 9 boy's football teams took on Newent on Wednesday in horrendous conditions. Year 8 boys won 5-2 whilst Year 9 lost 3-2.

Both teams really passed the ball well and moved off the ball to create space and chances. They are progressing well and we look forward to seeing how they perform in the district tournaments after half term.

Year 7 Inter-house Competitions

We held our Year 7 Inter-house competitions last Friday, houses compete against each other and points are awarded. The boys participated in Table Tennis whilst the girls competed at Netball.

The tournaments were well planned, organised and run by the year 13 students and the games played with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm leading to great competition and performances. Well done to the winners this term and gaining points for their houses. The results are as follows:

Year 7 Boys - Table Tennis

- 1st - 7W1
- 2nd - 7F1
- 3rd - 7W2
- 4th - 7J1
- 5th - 7D1
- 6th - 7D2

Year 7 Girls - Netball

- 1st - 7J1
- 2nd - 7W1
- 3rd - 7D2
- 4th - 7W2
- 5th - 7D1
- 6th - 7F1

There will be more tournaments next term.



Year 7 Motte and Bailey Castles

The Motte and Bailey Castle projects continue in History this week with 7D creating some amazing models of William the Conqueror's earliest castles. This week students will be applying their knowledge by completing their assessments where they will explain what actions William took after becoming King of England that helped consolidate his conquest.

Their diagrams and models will help consolidate these ideas ahead of their writing.

In Miss Eldridge's class Kian R's model made out of cake was the star of the show and everyone enjoyed a piece at the end of the lesson.



Year 12 History Trip to London

Dene Magna Sixth Form students enjoyed an overnight trip to London to help their Tudor studies. After an early start students first had a session at the Tower of London where they dived into the role of the Tower during Henry VIII's reign. They learnt about how the Tower changed under Henry, becoming a way for the monarch to show his power and the economic strength of the nation, as well as the legitimacy of his marriage to Anne Boleyn. Their taught session was informative and entertaining, including a guided tour of key areas. Students represented the school well and engaged with the questions asked and the work booklets provided.



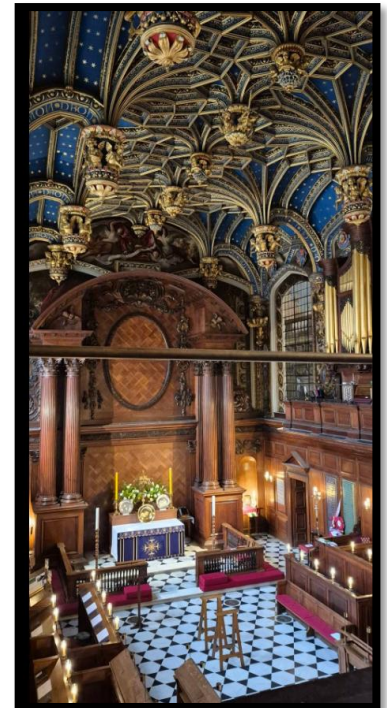
Following the session at the Tower students had a brief walking tour of London where they saw Buckingham Palace and walked down the Royal Mile before ducking into the National Gallery to avoid heavy rainfall where they saw some of the work of Tudor artist Hans Holbein. To end the day, students watched the wonderful musical, Six, which tells the stories of Henry VIII's wives from their own perspectives. After a long and educational day students gladly returned to the hotel for a well-deserved night's sleep.



Saturday morning allowed students to get some breakfast in Richmond before visiting Hampton Court Palace for a guided tour by Miss. Eldridge. Students gained an understanding of the size and scale of Tudor wealth by exploring the Great Hall, Tiltyard and Kings Apartments. Students gained a key understanding of how important the court was to the monarch and how large a building needed to be to accommodate everyone involved in helping the monarch run the country. Students were attentive throughout the day and gained a real understanding of what life was like during the period.



Overall the students represented the school wonderfully and will continue to learn about Henry VIII's government in their lesson this week, now with a better understanding of the places key decisions took place in and how consequences impacted lives. Thanks goes to Miss. Eldridge and Miss. Adams for giving up their weekend to help take the students up to London for the amazing experience.



Year 8 D&T Update

Year 8 have completed their Art Deco inspired clocks with fantastic results. Drawing on the bold geometric shapes and symmetry of the 1920s, students used TechSoft to design striking, era-inspired patterns. They then used the laser cutter to accurately cut out their clock bases and engrave intricate details. Throughout the project, students developed their design skills and grew in confidence using CAD/CAM technology.



Dream Makers Update

A huge well done for all my Dream makers this term! They have worked phenomenally hard in every lesson and it is amazing to see what they have achieved!

The charity challenge this term has been great to be a part of and currently we have raised over £1000 for charities! There are still events on this week, so the winner will be announced in the first week back!

The time has come to select my Valentine's team of the term!

Sophie A - 7W1	Tallulah G - 7W1	Daisy J - 7W1	Sofia O-P - 7W2
Max B - 7J1	Clara G - 7J1	Noah K - 7D1	Lewis O'D - 7D1
Molly B - 7W1	Darcey G - 7F1	Josh L - 7F1	Daniel P - 7W2
Amelia-Rose B - 7W2	Matilda G - 7W1	Jamie L - 7F1	Tayton R - 7D1
Erin B - 7W2	Hannah H - 7D2	Elena M - 7J1	Oliver R - 7W1
Eviee C - 7F1	Eryn H - 7W2	James McConnell J1	Grace S - 7D2
Sybil C - 7W1	Isabel J - 7W1	Edie M - 7W1	Gwen S - 7W1
Harriet C - 7W1	Skyla J - 7D1	Bobbi M - 7W2	Bea T - 7F1
Darcey D - 7D2	Joseph J - 7W2	Gilad M - 7D2	Bailey W - 7D2
Amelia E - 7D1	Paisley J - 7W2	Letila M - 7W1	Rory White - 7D2
		Eliza W - 7D1	Kiri Wilkinson - 7D1

These students have shown outstanding effort this term and have achieved 10 or more MVPs in their subjects!

We are proud of every one of them!

Dream Makers Award's Evening

We would like to invite all Year 7 students to attend the inaugural Dream Maker Awards to be held on Thursday 9th July from 6pm until 8pm. This is a celebration of the first year of Dream Makers and the successes of the programme. There will be something for everyone and special awards given out for exceptional performance across the year to both staff and students!

Due to venue constraints, only one adult will be able to attend with each student.



Please RSVP to Mr Derrick if you are able to attend and who is coming, dreammakers@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk. Dress code is smart.

Year 7 Pop Art

Our Year 7 students have been trying something a little different in Art. Inspired by the bold and colourful world of Pop Art, they have been creating striking portraits and self-portraits in the style of artists such as Roy Lichtenstein.

The students explored the use of bright, block colours to make their work stand out, carefully selecting contrasting shades to create impact. They also experimented with Ben-Day dots, a technique famously used by Lichtenstein to give their portraits that classic comic-book feel.

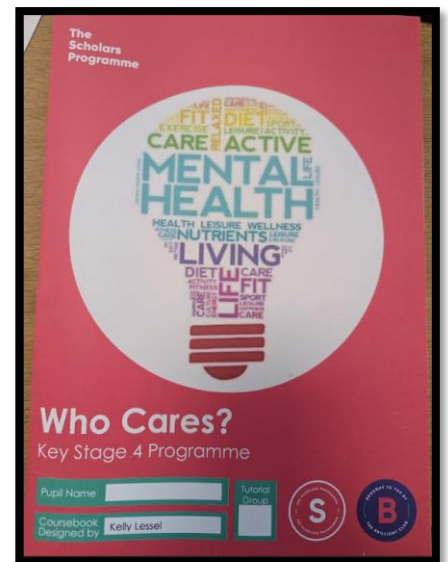


Scholars Programme

Over the past two terms, a selection of year 9 students have taken part in the scholars programme run by the Brilliant club. Throughout this programme, the students were tutored by a University PHD tutor from the University of Gloucestershire. Whilst undertaking the course, the students had additional homework and independent tasks, where they had to research and complete their own piece of academic writing on Mental Health.

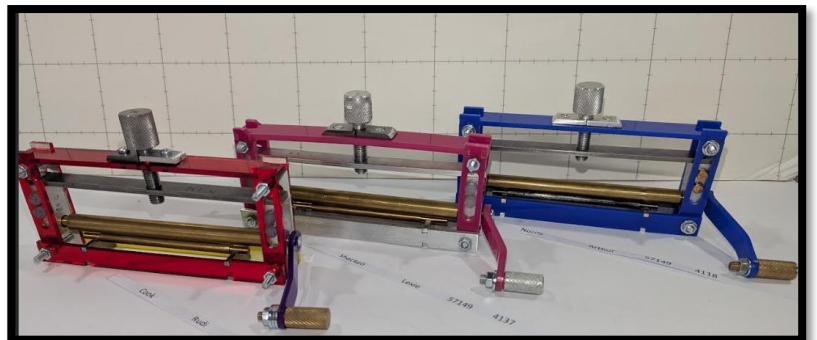
All 14 students who took part in the course, submitted a University style independent research assessment and I am pleased to say they have all passed, including one student achieving a 1st. All students worked incredibly hard and went above and beyond, taking on this additional responsibility and opportunity.

Next term, the students will be able to celebrate their achievements by attending the award ceremony at the University of Bristol. On this day they will not only receive their certificates and celebrate with other students who have completed the course, but have a tour around the University and experience what university life is like!



D & T – Product Engineering

Year 11 Product Engineers have just completed the first of two internally assessed units of coursework. They have had to plan for the manufacture of a Mini Craft Slip Roller, as seen in the pictures. Using data sheets and engineering drawings of each part, issued by the exam board, the test includes identifying errors and overcoming these with alternative solutions, selecting materials with appropriate properties for the part, creating job sheets and risk assessments for each part and operation and this is all before manufacturing, with a range of measuring and fabricating tools and equipment in the workshop!



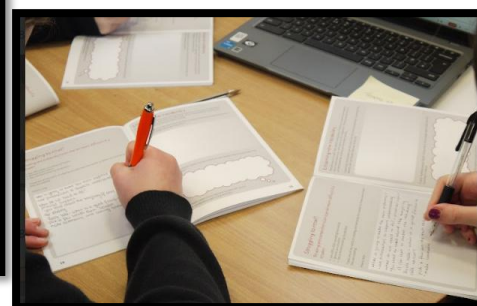
This is a very demanding task and the outcomes that have been manufactured are superb. We are rightly very proud of their achievement and progress and wish them all the best in their second unit; Designing for Engineering and of course with their May final exam.

Literacy Matters

Reading Mentor Training 2nd Group have now completed our Reading Mentors training for our incredible second group of mentors undertaking training on Wednesday and Thursday of this week with Coram Beanstalk. The mixed group of Year 9 and 10 handled the challenges of online training exceptionally well, and several memorable discussions and activities resulted, particularly around the skills they bring to the role and their practice initiating book talk with others.

We are looking forward to hearing their feedback and seeing them put their training into practice after the break.

The students themselves are looking forward to learning who they have the opportunity to mentor!



World Book Day Countdown:

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March with a range of great events planned for the day.

With just 27 days and a school break to go, we wanted to make you aware of some of the plans and ask for your support!

The second-hand book sale will be back in the library at break and lunch on the day and if you have any old books that are in need of a new home and appropriate for secondary students, please consider donating them to this cause. Money raised will be going to reading charities and books can be delivered to the library between now and 4th March ready for the sale.

Students (and staff!) will be able to come in dressed as a recognisable book character with a donation requested for reading charities as well. The character should be noticeably different from a student's normal clothing and recognisable: this is not non-uniform and no muggles or generic characters are allowed.

Dene Magna WORLD BOOK DAY

5th March 2026

What?

- Dene Magna Book Bingo (prizes)**
- Recognisable book costume (donations requested)**
- 2nd Hand Booksale (break and lunch 50p per book)**

More to follow!

Book bingo cards will be distributed next week and can be completed between now and 5th March. Anyone who completes the challenges will be entered into a draw to win a prize.

Book tokens will be distributed this week and can be spent at participating bookshops and supermarkets 12th February-15th March. These can be exchanged for one of the WBD books or for £1 off another title (if permitted).

We look forward to seeing and sharing the celebrations on the day!

School Production 2026

Be Our Guest! Dene Magna Proudly Presents...

Dene Magna is thrilled to announce that our school production for 2026 will be Disney's *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*! This magical tale of love, transformation and enchantment will be brought to life by our talented students from **Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th December 2026**.

Don't Believe Me? Ask the Dishes!

Auditions are now open! Students interested in performing can sign up in the Drama Studio.

Save the Date - Pop the dates in your diary now! We've got high hopes for this production, and we can't wait to see you there!

This year, we are officially offering our wonderful creative students a chance to dive into production for this year's school play! Stagebound is a great opportunity to be hands-on, creating all things theatrical. Club starts after half term (Thursday, 26th February).

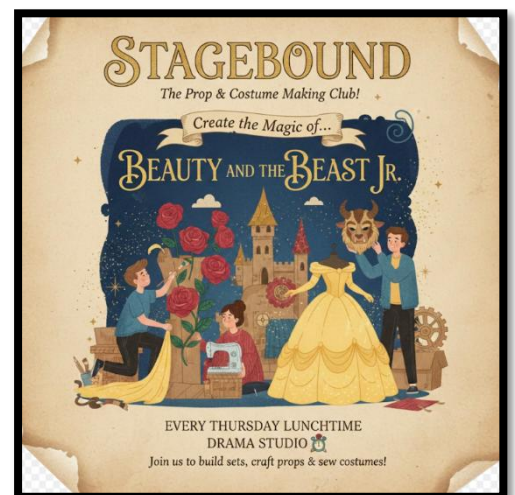
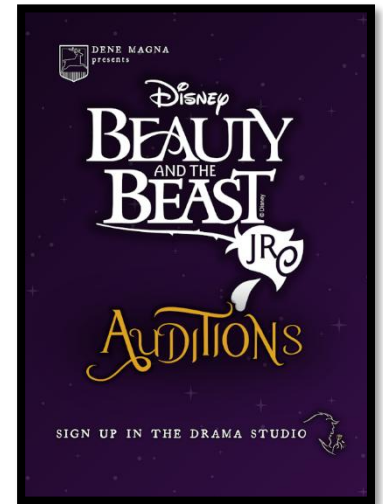
To help our students build beautiful sets, props, and costumes without breaking the drama department's budget; we are looking for donations of "upcyclable" materials. If you have any of the following items gathering dust in your garage or craft room, we would love to take them off your hands

- Paint & Supplies: Interior paint (half-cans are fine!), acrylics, spray paint, brushes, rollers, or drop cloths.
- Fabric & Notions: Large fabric scraps, old curtains, duvet covers (clean), table cloths, ribbons, buttons, lace, thread, and anything golden.
- Hardware: Sandpaper, wood glue, polystyrene, furniture foam, large cardboard sections, or painters'/duct tape.

A Note on Quality: While we love a good DIY project, please ensure all donated fabrics are clean and dry. Paint cans are properly sealed and not dried out.

Please bring donations to the Front Office labelled "Stagebound club".

Your support directly impacts the "magic" our students see on stage.

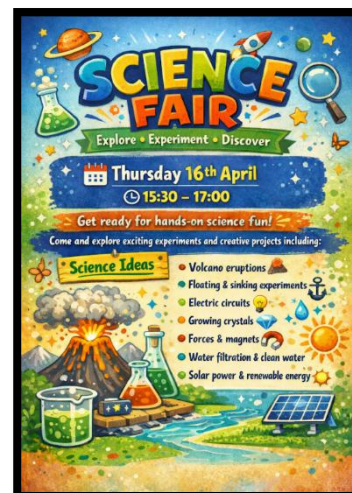


Science Fair

Year 7 and year 8 will be taking part in a Science fair competition before half term.

The students will use their own curiosity to develop an experiment to present to the class and winners will present to parents/carers after school on April Thursday 16th April from 15:30pm - 17:00pm.

The Science teachers are excited to see what ideas and creations the students have.



Art Competition

The Royal Academy of Arts is running its 8th Young Artists' Competition, giving students the opportunity to showcase their creativity on a national platform. Students can create artwork in any medium, including painting, sculpture, photography, installation, video, drawing, or a combination of media, and may choose any theme they wish. We want students to be imaginative, embrace their own style, and create work that is bold and exciting, allowing their ideas and individuality to shine through their art.

The competition is open to all students aged 4–18 years. Students may submit one entry only, and exam work cannot be used. Our school is now registered, allowing students to submit their work online with parental consent.



If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Ratcliffe in the Art & DT Department.

Year 10 Punctuality

Mr Derrick will be monitoring Year 10 students punctuality to lessons, those that are late to lesson will incur a detention either at break, lunchtime or after school.

Year 11 Core Trial Exams

Year 11 will set trial core exams in English, Maths and Science, below is a copy of the timetable.

Date	Time	Subject
Monday - 02.03.26	AM	English Literature
	PM	Combined Science & Triple Science
Tuesday 03.03.26	AM	English Language
	PM	Combined Science & Triple Science
Wednesday 04.03.26	PM	Maths Paper 1 Non Calc (Non enrichment students)
Thursday 05.03.26	AM	Combined Science & Triple Science
	PM	Maths Calculator paper 2 & Medical Science BTEC Yr 12
Friday 06.02.26	AM	Maths Calculator Paper 3
	PM	Maths Paper 1 Non Calc (Enrichment students)

Celebrating Success

We would like to congratulate **Flora L, Florence G, Thomas R** and **Penelope T** who are members of Forest of Dean Swimming Club, who took part in the Gloucestershire Counties series.

They did a range of events between them over three weekends at Hengrove in Bristol. They had some fantastic swims, including two silver medals for Thomas, which was an amazing achievement. He also qualified for, and swam in, all possible events - 17 in total!

Well done to all the students - just qualifying takes a lot of hard work and commitment, training four times a week.



Congratulations to **Neve R** and **Phoebe B** who were selected to represent Gloucestershire County U16 Rugby Team who took on Staffordshire on the 8th February at Cheltenham Tigers.

The game was played in awful conditions, both girls played exceptional rugby, Gloucestershire County won 28 -5, Neve scoring two tries.



We would like to applaud **Mirren B** who has produced and starred in her own Facebook page and Tiktok videos promoting girls rugby and advertising Drybrook Rugby club. Please take time to watch "mirrenonthemove".



Deepfake Networking Event for Students - Cheltenham - 5th March 2026

Cyber Runway delivered by Plexal, supported by CyNam and CyberFirst Southwest is hosting an event in Cheltenham for 15-18-year-olds at Hub8 MX, in the heart of Cheltenham's cyber and tech ecosystem on 5 March.

At this event we will explore how we can protect ourselves and be more aware of deep fakes, online harms and scams!

If you know any interested students in years 11-13 who might like to attend, (parents also welcome), get them to sign up on Eventbrite or email cyberrunway@plexal.com with any questions.

The event features a deep fake detection exercise from start-up company Datambit and we will hear also from the amazing Simeon Quarrie from Vivida who will discuss being on the forefront of battling deepfakes and related harms.

There will be plenty of time for discussion and there is even pizza!

Why should students attend?

- Becoming more aware of scams and why this is important for your online safety and how it relates to future jobs and employment.
- Opportunity to meet some incredible businesses and network, building confidence and industry connections.
- For students interested in entrepreneurship, it is a great opportunity to learn what it takes to be part of a start-up solving important challenges.

6th Form Updates

Your Voice, Your Views

Dene Magna Sixth Form students have been taking part in our Your View Your Voice programme - an initiative dedicated to preventing violence against women and girls.

Over 70 students attended the sessions, which covered a range of important topics.

Male students took part in a workshop on rethinking masculinity, which was delivered by the Hollie Gazzard Trust. The session created a safe space for discussions about gender expectations, harmful stereotypes and media influence and covered topics such as respect, consent, emotional wellbeing and healthy relationships.

Female students took part in a self-defence class led by Forest Fighting Fit Boxing and Fitness, which included tips on how to stay safe and being aware of surroundings.

All of the young people also took part in active bystander training, developing the skills to recognise when situations could escalate and how and when to intervene safely and effectively.

A huge thankyou to Forest of dean District Council, working in partnership with the Hollie Gazzard Trust and Forest Fighting Fit Boxing and Fitness , to deliver this important programme to our students.



Politics

Selected Sixth Form Politics students have received their letters from the House of Commons inviting them to participate in the Forest of Dean Youth Parliament.


We then attended the first session at Five Acres High School to meet with other local schools where government and opposition roles were voted on and topics for debate were discussed.

Our students were confident and eloquent in their discussions and represented the school incredibly well. They were also convincing as well as our own Harrison W and Jack B were voted leaders of the government and opposition.

We also were lucky enough to be joined virtually by the Chief Whip The Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP for a Q&A session.

We are now looking forward to the next session where the chosen Bill proposal on AI will be scrutinised and reviewed.



 **MATT BISHOP MP**
Member of Parliament for the Forest of Dean

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

30th January 2026

Dear Student,

I am delighted to confirm that you have been selected to take part in the Mock Parliament event.

This will take place on the 23rd April 2026, at The Forest of Dean District Council Building from 17:30 pm.

The event will be a great opportunity to learn about parliamentary procedures and debates, and to work with fellow students to debate on a political topic that is relevant to young people.

There is a possibility of press representatives being at the event, as well as a high-profile political figure acting as the speaker of the house. My team and I are excited to welcome you to this event and to work with you and your school in the run-up to it over the coming months.

In order to make sure that all students are properly prepared for the Mock Parliament event in April, my team and I will be running 5 preparation sessions. These will allow everyone to meet and work with participating students from other schools in the constituency, learn about Parliamentary procedure and protocol, and practice debating on different political topics that matter to them on either the Government or Opposition side.

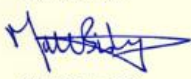
Your school will clarify whether attendance will be in person or online. Some session locations are to be confirmed.

The dates of these preparation sessions are as follows and are subject to change:






- Friday 6th February 11pm-1pm – Five Acres High School
- Thursday 26th February 9:30 am-11:30am- The Dean Academy
- Friday 6th March 1-3pm - TBC
- Monday 23rd March 11am-1pm - TBC
- Wednesday 15th April 1-3pm – The Forest of Dean District Council Chamber

Thank you for your interest in taking part in this event, and I look forward to meeting all of you.

Yours sincerely,



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Engineering the Future: Careers Breakfast with Ian Gower

This Wednesday, our Sixth Form students were treated to an insightful and engaging Careers Breakfast featuring guest speaker Ian Gower, a STEM Ambassador and retired Aerospace Engineer from Rolls-Royce. The session provided a rare "under the hood" look at the world of high-level engineering. Ian shared highlights from his distinguished career, detailing the precision and innovation required to work at the forefront of aerospace technology. For students considering pathways in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, it was an invaluable opportunity to hear from someone who has lived the experience.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ian Gower for volunteering his time and expertise to inspire the next generation of engineers.



Your 6th Form Needs You - We are hoping for some donations from families for our Easter Hamper raffle, we are looking for chocolate eggs, sweets, bakes, Easter decorations etc. Please drop off any donations to the 6th Form Office by Wednesday 6th March. Funds raised will go directly towards supporting our 6th Form and pupils

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.

SEN Year 5 Open Morning

Our SEN Department will be holding a Year 5 Open Morning on Tuesday 24th March from 9.00am until 11.00am. This is an opportunity to tour the school and meeting the SEN team. For more information please email sen@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk or ring 01594



RSHE Update

This term the topics we will be studying are:

- ❖ Year 7 - Substance Misuse, Online Safety, 7 Senses, Intentional Stillness & Sleep.
- ❖ Year 8 - Online Safety, Sexting, Understanding Periods, Sustainability.
- ❖ Year 9 - Online Safety, Hate Crime, Equality & Diversity, Health Checks.
- ❖ Year 10 - Peer on Peer Abuse, Laws around Pornography, FGM & Forced Marriage, Coercive Control.
- ❖ Year 11 - Body Image, Healthy Relationships, Sexual Health, Pornography - laws around revenge porn.

If you would like support in discussing any of these topics at home, please visit the Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning website. <https://www.ghll.org.uk/advice-for-parents-exams-money-parents-helpline/>

Useful Website

Please have a look at this website, it has some interesting articles, from study tips, how to deal with exam stress, application and interview help and much more and the best thing it is free.



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Undergraduate Internship programme

Odyssey Teaching School Hub is advertising an undergraduate internship programme. If you know anyone who is considering a career in teaching and might be interested in a paid placement this June, please contact Odyssey on 01242 538240.



The poster features logos for the Department for Education, Pate's Grammar School, and Odyssey Teaching School Hub. It is titled 'Undergraduate Internships 2026' in large red text. The content is organized into several sections: 'Welcome to Odyssey Teaching School Hub' with introductory text; 'Our Internship programme' with a list of activities; 'Eligibility' with subject requirements and a list of subjects; 'Salary' and 'Dates'; and 'Programme locations'. A red banner at the bottom contains contact information.

Department for Education **Pate's Grammar School** **Odyssey Teaching School Hub**

Undergraduate Internships 2026

Welcome to Odyssey Teaching School Hub

Based at schools across Gloucestershire, and led by Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham, we are delighted to offer the 'Get Into Teaching' Paid Undergraduate Internship in June 2026.

If you're a super curious undergrad, 2nd year or above, or a Masters student, and you would like to spend time in a Gloucestershire school to discover more about life as a teacher, the Undergraduate Internship could be the opportunity for you!

Our Internship programme

The Internship is a 3 week in-school programme, giving you the opportunity to immerse yourself in school life. You will experience, firsthand, the range of activities performed by teachers, giving you valuable insight into life as a teacher. The programme includes:

- Shadowing passionate, expert teachers
- Planning lessons for different age groups and coaching students one to one
- The opportunity to teach real lessons
- Visiting other local settings - selective and non selective schools, and local primary schools
- An introduction to the wider role of the teacher e.g. SEND, Safeguarding

Eligibility

To be eligible you must be studying one of the following subjects, have the Right to Work in the UK and interested in a career in teaching:

- Chemistry
- Computing
- Mathematics
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Physics
- Design Technology

Only valid for second year undergraduates or higher, and Masters students.

Salary

You'll be paid £455 per week for attending the 3 week internship programme.

Dates

Monday 8th June - Friday 26th June 2026

Programme locations

For 2026, placements are available in Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud, Wootton Under Edge, Chipping Campden, Dursley, Forest of Dean and Chepstow.

Apply Now

To apply for our Undergraduate Internship programme, visit our website at www.odysseytsh.org and complete the application form under the Internship section.

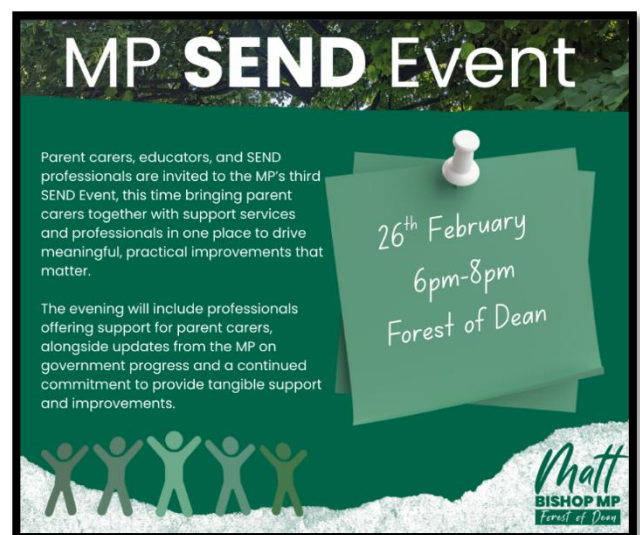
To find out more, call 01242 538240 or email admin@odysseytsh.org
www.odysseytsh.org

SEND Event – 26th February 2026 from 6pm until 8pm

Matt Bishop MP is hosting his third SEND event on **Thursday 26 February, from 6:00–8:00pm**, and would love for as many parent carers, educators, and SEND professionals across the Forest of Dean as possible to be aware of it.

The event brings together parent carers, education staff, and SEND professionals for a supportive, practical discussion on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Whether attendees are parent carers, educators, or work within SEND services, the event aims to ensure everyone feels informed, supported, and better connected.



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MP SEND Event

Parent carers, educators, and SEND professionals are invited to the MP's third SEND Event, this time bringing parent carers together with support services and professionals in one place to drive meaningful, practical improvements that matter.

The evening will include professionals offering support for parent carers, alongside updates from the MP on government progress and a continued commitment to provide tangible support and improvements.

26th February
6pm-8pm
Forest of Dean

Matt BISHOP MP
Forest of Dean

Higher level Apprenticeship roles in Cyber at the University of Gloucestershire with Sept 2026 start

The University of Gloucestershire are holding a Cyber and Digital Learner event on Wednesday 18th March 2026 from 16.30pm – 18.30pm at Park Campus

Launchpad session on 18th March will help Learners understand if it's the right opportunity for them. Sophie Burch our Lead is happy to visit or organise a Teams call. It is certainly a wonderful opportunity for the right candidates to go straight into an exciting career and learn while they earn.



CYBER AND DIGITAL LAUNCHPAD 2026

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME AND REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE LEARNER EVENT

18 MARCH 2026 | 16.30-18.30 | PARK CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE



glos.ac.uk/launchpad

Internship Launch Pack

Odyssey Teaching School Hub is delighted to be offering the government teaching internships programme in the summer, and your family and friends could be eligible.

If you are or know a super curious undergrad or Masters' students in one of the following subjects, and they'd like to spend time in school to discover more about life as a teacher, this could be the internship for you and them!



To be eligible you must be studying one of the following subjects (or something very closely related):

- ❖ Maths
- ❖ Physics/Chemistry
- ❖ Computing
- ❖ Modern Languages (French, German, Spanish) or
- ❖ Design Technology

During the 3 week programme, you'll experience a structured programme to gain a real experience of teaching, including the chance to shadow teachers, plan lessons and coach students, visit other local schools, and receive career guidance on how to enter the teaching profession along with true stories of how a teaching career can progress.

And not only that, the interns also receive £455 per week for coming!

The programme will start on Monday 8th June 2025 – Friday 26th June and is open to 2nd year students (or above) undergraduates (of the above subjects) who are interested in a career in teaching, not just our school alumni, so if you know anyone, please spread the word! If you'd like to find out more, see the website here or email admin@odysseytsh.org

Apprenticeship Roadshow at AccXel Construction School

The event will take place on Tuesday, March 10 running from 5pm to 7.15pm at Whimsey Industrial Estate, Steam Mills Rd, Cinderford GL14 3JA/ The roadshow is open to students, parents and anyone considering a career change, with advisers on hand to explain how apprenticeships work and what support is available.



AccXel Construction School is the UK's first industry-created and industry-led private training provider, designed by employers to meet the changing needs of the construction sector. The roadshow will showcase how its apprenticeships are tailored to give learners both practical skills and wider life experience.

Art Space Workshops

Artspace Family and Community Open Mornings - Come along and be part of our exciting arts celebration, dates are as follows.

- ❖ Saturday 19th February / 10am- 1pm.
- ❖ Saturday 14th March / 10am - 2pm.
- ❖ Wednesday 15th April / 10am - 1pm.

At Artspace Cinderford, The New Mercury, 3 Woodside Street, Cinderford, GL14 2NL.

Arts Trail Event - In our art studio, we're showcasing our FREE ARTS TRAIL EVENTS where we'll be putting Cinderford on the map by creating a vibrant mixed-media artwork inspired by our town and surroundings. Enjoy free have-a-go sustainable arts and crafts workshops - a perfect way for everyone to get creative and have fun!

Plus, there will be free refreshments to keep you energized.

All welcome. Children must be supervised by responsible adult. No booking required for these arts activities - just drop in.

Ariel Workshop For Adults and Families

Also, on our Open Morning in March Saturday 14th March from 10am until 2pm, we're offering 2 fantastic aerial workshops, including warm-up sessions and introductions to static trapeze, aerial hammock, and aerial hoop. Whether you're a beginner or just curious, come explore the amazing world of aerial arts! £5 per person, workshop times are as follows:

Aerial Workshop 1 - 10am – 11:30am.

Aerial Workshop 2 - 12:00am– 1:30pm.

Booking for aerial workshops essential. To book or for more info, use the links below, call 01594 825111 or email circus@artspacecinderford.org

Suitable for beginners and improvers

Please contact info@artspacecinderford.org or call 0154 825111 if bringing a large group.

Discover Creativity: Join Our Community Threads Social Group

Due to overwhelming demand and the incredible success of our previous Community Threads course, we're excited to announce that we're running another 4 week course!



Hosted by experienced artists, this is the perfect place to bring your own textiles and crafting projects, or get involved in our exciting Arts Trail. Use our facilities and materials to bring your ideas to life! Plus, enjoy refreshments while you create and connect with fellow art lovers! All skill levels welcome — let's make, share, and inspire together!

MONDAYS – STARTS 23RD FEBRUARY for 4 weeks / 10am – 12pm at Artspace Cinderford, The New Mercury, 3 Woodside St, Cinderford, GL14 2NL. £5 PER WEEK or £18 for 4 weeks

To book, follow the link below, call 01594 825111 or email dan@artspacecinderford.org

Have a great weekend and a restful half term holiday, see you all on Monday 23rd February, ready for a new term.

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

18.02.26 – Final Instalment of £40 for the Year 9 Camp Trip
23.02.26 – Start of New Term
23.02.26 – Year 11 Trial French Speaking Exam
24.02.26 – Scholars Programme Graduation Event
26.02.26 – Year 11 Trial Spanish Speaking Exam
26.02.26 - Boys Y7 A&B Football 7-a-side v Newent (a)
27.02.26 – 4th Instalment of £52.00 for the Year 8 London Trip
01.03.26 – Final Instalment of £100.00 for the Barcelona Trip
01.03.26 – 8th Instalment of £200.00 for the Okinawa Trip
Week Commencing Monday 02.3.26 – Year 11 Core Trial Exams

03.03.26 – Boys Y7 Football v Forest High (h)

04.03.26 – Year 11 & 13 Photos

05/03/26 - Boys Y10 Football v Newent (a)

05.03.26 – World Book Day

05.03.26 – Year 13 Parents Evening