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Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic week has come to an end at our school. We have seen excellent behaviour, strong attendance, and outstanding engagement in learning across the school.

This week, our Senior Leadership Team has continued its quality assurance of lessons, and once again we have been delighted to see the high-quality teaching and strong practice demonstrated by our talented staff.

I would like to congratulate Miss Alderton and Mr Wagstaff, who have successfully completed the final stage of their Early Career Teacher (ECT) programme by presenting their projects to the Senior Leadership Team. They both demonstrated excellence throughout the programme and, from September, will officially be fully qualified teachers. Congratulations to them both on this fantastic achievement.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 7 students (currently in Year 6) for their two transition days. I have been genuinely impressed by their excitement, enthusiasm, and positive attitude, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them properly in September.

A huge thank you must also go to our Year 10 Prefects, who have been outstanding in supporting the transition process. Their maturity, professionalism, and willingness to help have been greatly appreciated.

Yesterday, our Year 10 students received their exam results, and today marks their graduation ceremony. From Monday, they officially begin their Year 11 journey. This is a significant milestone, and our absolute focus now is on supporting every student to achieve the very best results possible. We know they have the potential to succeed, and we look forward to working alongside them during this crucial year.

With just two weeks remaining until the end of term, I would like to remind everyone that school will finish at 1:30 pm on Friday, 17th July. Please continue to support us by encouraging your child to keep trying their best, keep behaving well, and keep attending every day right up until the end of term. Every day counts.

Clubs and Activities

Housepoint of the Week For w/c 6th July

DofE and Teamwork

Monday 6th July

- * Year 10 Drama Devising Exam
- * Year 12 Geography Field Trip in Yorkshire begins
- * Year 12 Biology Field Trip in Aberystwyth begins

Tuesday 7th July

- * Drama London Trip begins

Wednesday 8th July

- * Year 5 Taster Day

Thursday 9th July

- * Year 8 History trip - SS Great Britain
- * Achievement Evening

Friday 10th July

- * Sports Day



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Finally, I would like to wish Mrs Jevons all the very best as she begins a period of medical treatment, during which she will be away from school for at least six months. Mrs Jevons is a hugely valued member of our school community, and while we will all miss her, our focus will be on supporting her and looking forward to welcoming her back in the autumn term. We will stay in touch with her throughout and keep you updated on her progress.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards

Mr B Dumayne
Headteacher

Tutorial Changes:

From Monday 6th July our year 10 students are moving into their year 11 tutor groups to begin their year 11 journey. There are also some changes to lower school tutor groups to accommodate staff changes and dedicated year 7 tutor groups in September.

If your child's tutorial has changed you will receive an email from their new tutor next week to introduce themselves and share their contact details. The tutor plays a pivotal role in your communications with the school and continue to be your main contact.



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Attendance Matters - Right to the End of Term:

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that students attend school every day and arrive ready to learn. Your commitment to high attendance makes a significant difference to your child's education and future success.

It can sometimes be tempting to think that the final weeks of term are less important. However, this could not be further from the truth. Teachers continue to deliver essential curriculum content right up until the last day of term. Much of this learning will not be revisited in future lessons, meaning that students who are absent risk missing key knowledge and skills that will support them in their next stage of learning.

Every day in school matters. A single day of absence means the loss of **six lessons** that can never be fully replaced. These six opportunities to learn, practise, receive feedback and ask questions are invaluable. When attendance remains high, students benefit from uninterrupted learning and are better equipped to make progress and achieve their potential.

During these final weeks, teachers are also providing detailed feedback on assessments. This enables students to identify gaps in their knowledge, address misconceptions and understand what they need to do to improve. These lessons play a crucial role in preparing students for future success and ensuring they begin the next academic year with confidence.

We are also mindful of the challenges presented by the warmer weather. To ensure students remain comfortable and able to focus on their learning, we have implemented a number of supportive measures, including modifications to our uniform expectations, access to cooler learning spaces where appropriate, and hydration breaks during lunchtime on the field. These adjustments help us maintain a positive learning environment while prioritising student wellbeing.

Our collective efforts reflect the school's **HEART values**:

- **Honesty** – recognising the importance of attending every lesson and engaging fully with learning.
- **Excellence** – striving to make the most of every opportunity to learn and improve.
- **Accountability** – taking responsibility for attendance and understanding the impact that absence has on progress.
- **Respect** – valuing the time and effort invested by teachers and fellow students in every lesson.
- **Teamwork** – working together as students, parents and staff to ensure every young person can succeed.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. By ensuring that attendance remains high until the very end of term, you are helping your child maximise every learning opportunity. Together, we can ensure that no student misses out on the six lessons, valuable feedback and important curriculum content that each school day provides. Every lesson counts, and every day matters.

Ms Gordelier
Acting Deputy Headteacher and DSL



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Knife Crime Awareness Workshops:

On Tuesday, we were pleased to welcome Lewis from the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, who delivered an informative and engaging presentation to pupils in Years 7-10. His session focused on the dangers of knife crime, its impact on individuals and communities, and the concept of joint enterprise. (Further information below). Lewis's interactive approach encouraged thoughtful participation, and pupils responded maturely, leaving with important lessons that will support their safety and decision-making.

During lunchtime, Lewis was joined by Lisa and Mark from the Forest Voluntary Action Forum (FVAF). With the Safety Van and FVAF's Community Engagement Vehicle on site, students had the opportunity to learn about a wide range of safety topics and explore the activities available in the Newent and Gloucester areas over the summer holidays. Our young people engaged with politeness, respect, and genuine curiosity throughout the visit.

We look forward to welcoming Lewis, Lisa and Mark back to school in the future.





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WHY DO PEOPLE CARRY KNIVES ?

SOME PEOPLE THINK IT WILL KEEP THEM SAFE, BUT IT INCREASES THE CHANCES OF BEING STABBED

A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY TO FIT IN TO BE FEARED

WHAT CAN I DO?

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY:

SPEAK TO A TRUSTED ADULT AROUND ANY CONCERNS

SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS

USE 101, ONLINE FORMS AND FEARLESS TO REPORT INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE IMPACT?

LOOKING PAST THE IMPACTS ON THE: PERPETRATOR, VICTIM, FAMILIES, FRIENDS, COMMUNITY, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THOSE INVOLVED -

CARRYING A KNIFE CAN LEAD TO 4 YEARS IN JAIL USING A KNIFE TO HARM CAN LEAD UP TO 25 YEARS IN JAIL

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT KNIFE CRIME?

REPORT ANONYMOUSLY →

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Tell Fearless.org what you know **100% anonymously** and we will pass the info on for you.

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Geography News:

On Tuesday 23rd June/Thurs 2nd July, our Year 10 Geography students enjoyed a fieldtrip to Wenchford in the Forest of Dean as part of their GCSE fieldwork studies. The day was warm, offering ideal conditions for outdoor learning while providing some welcome relief from the recent hot weather.

The focus of the visit was the enquiry question: "To what extent does the Blackpool Brook follow the Bradshaw Model?" Students worked in small groups to collect a range of primary data, including measurements of river width, depth, velocity and pebble size and shape to see how a river changes from the upper to the lower courses of a tributary of the River Severn.

This fieldwork will play a vital role in preparing students for Paper 3: Geographical Applications of the AQA GCSE Geography course. In this examination, students are required to demonstrate their understanding of the geographical enquiry process by recalling and evaluating their own fieldwork experience, as well as applying their knowledge to unfamiliar data and investigations. By collecting and analysing first-hand river data at Wenchford, students have gained valuable experience of fieldwork methods, data presentation, analysis, conclusions and evaluation, all of which are key skills assessed in Paper 3. Students saw fluvial processes in action and observed how river characteristics change downstream. Experiencing these geographical concepts first-hand helped bring classroom learning to life, deepening students' understanding and boosting their confidence in preparing for the GCSE course and examinations.





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Drama News:

CINDERELLA

AUDITIONS!

TUESDAY
8TH SEPTEMBER
= 6TH FORM & YEAR 11

WEDNESDAY
9TH SEPTEMBER
= YEAR 10 AND YEAR 9

THURSDAY
10TH SEPTEMBER
= YEAR 8 AND YEAR 7

ALL AUDITIONS RUN FROM 3.30–4.30 IN G15

COLLECT A SCRIPT FROM **MRS HOOD** OR **MR WAGSTAFF** BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAY AND **PREPARE 1 PAGE** FOR THE AUDITION.

AUDITIONS CAN BE **SOLO** OR **IN GROUPS**.

YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS ON A **WEDNESDAY** AND **FRIDAY** BETWEEN **SEPTEMBER** AND **DECEMBER** TO TAKE PART.



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& Sixth Form Centre



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- ✔ Supporting teenage mental health
- ✔ Strengthening family relationships

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Gloucestershire Gateway Trust Information:

 Gloucestershire Gateway Trust

Meet us at...

Join us at partner picnics, play sessions, family events and community activities for **FREE** family fun throughout the summer

Find us in YOUR local community this summer!

JULY

Quedgeley
Saturday 4th July
Family Fiesta
9:30am-4pm
Fishers Meadow

Monday 27th July
Play Rangers
Community Play
10am-4pm
Manor Farm Park
Kingsway

Coney Hill
Tuesday 28th July
HAF Pop Up
Activity Day
10am-2pm
The Vibe

Matson
Saturday 11th July
First Blast Fun Fest
11am-3pm
Three Oaks Park

Thursday 23rd July
Hillside Community Picnic
11am-3pm
Hillside School Field

Linden
Thursday 30th July
HAF Pop Up
Activity Day
10am-2pm
The Lannett

Forest of Dean
Tuesday 28th July
10am-12pm
Sedbury

Saturday 25th July
Lydney
Community Event
2pm - 7pm
Bathurst Park

Thursday 30th July
10am-12pm
St Briavels

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FREE ACTIVITIES ● **FRIENDLY FACES** ● **EVERYONE WELCOME**



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Gloucestershire
Gateway
Trust



AUGUST

Kingsway

Monday 3rd August

Play Rangers
Community Play
Sessions
10am-4pm
Manor Farm Park

Tuesday 4th August

HAF Pop Up Activity
Day
10am-2pm
Kingsway Field,
behind Sports
Pavilion

Monday 10th August

Play Rangers
Community Play
Sessions
10am-4pm
Manor Farm Park

Monday 17th August

Play Rangers
Community Play
Sessions
10am-4pm
Manor Farm Park

Abbeydale

Thursday 6th August

HAF Pop Up Activity Day
10am-2pm
Gleaven Way Park, next
to Community Centre

Longlevens

Friday 7th August

HAF Pop Up Activity Day
10am-2pm
Armscroft Park

White City

Wednesday 12th August

HAF Pop Up Activity Day
10am-2pm
The Venture
Community Hub

Tredworth

Thursday 13th August

HAF Pop Up Activity Day
10am-2pm
Parry Field

Kingsholm

Friday 14th August

HAF Pop Up
Activity Day
10am-2pm
Serbert Street Park

Tuffley

Tuesday 18th August

HAF Pop Up Activity Day
10am-2pm
Holmleigh Park

Forest of Dean

Thursday 13th August

10am-12pm
Joys Green

Saturday 15th August

Bells Field Family Fun Day
2pm-5pm
Bells Field, Coleford

Friday 28th August

10am-12pm
Mitcheldean

Westgate

Thursday 20th August

HAF Festival
10am-2pm
The King's School



FOR FULL DETAILS



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