



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2 December 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The beginning of December brings a sense of anticipation for the arrival of the Christmas period. It is a magical time of year filled with celebration. We too are looking forward to this period but with two weeks still to go there is much that can be achieved.

Over the coming weeks we look forward to celebrating with the students their successes in their recent assessments. As is normal, students that have taken this opportunity to show themselves in the best way possible will be rightly proud of their achievements. The overwhelming majority of students have done a phenomenal job in treating the assessments seriously and will no doubt learn a lot from the feedback given in class and through the reports produced before we break up for the holidays.

A little while back I mentioned the new system we have introduced to give more immediate recognition to students of behaviours that support and uphold our

values. Our orange token system has been well received by students; it is always a joy to hear them talk about why they have received a token. Please continue to talk to your child at home and support us as we challenge students to display our values within the school and out in the local community. Ensuring that behaviours and values are shared and promoted will benefit us all. It is always disappointing to be told of issues in the community and over social media sites which may have involved students attending our school, we hope that by persisting with our values and encouraging students to think about the people they are becoming not just in school but in the wider world that the whole community can thrive.

I would like to take a moment to remind anybody that is able to, to donate to the Forest Food Bank appeal we currently have. Our reverse advent calendar promoted on our social media sites and



later in this newsletter will give some examples of what would be useful. Our first batch of donations was collected this week. On Wednesday 14 December we will be hosting our Christmas Lunch Day, with festive themed food available from the canteen across the whole of the last week of term. On Wednesday 14 December, we are inviting students to wear Christmas jumpers, ties and or socks alongside their usual school uniform ask them to provide a donation towards our Forest Food Bank appeal for the privilege. Donations can be left at Reception between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

EMPOWERCYBER 2022

On Friday 25 November, 40 Year 8 students attended the EmPowerCyber 2022 event at the University of Gloucestershire. The event hosted 800 Year 8 girls from Gloucestershire schools and offered a number of hands-on activities covering cyber security, cryptography, logic and coding and networking from some of the very best local organisations.

The day showed our students what exciting opportunities cyber and technology can bring students!



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ACADEMIES & SOCIETIES

Monday Lunchtime

Year 7-11 Music Practise drop-in
Year 7-11 Film Analysis Club
Year 7-10 MFL Conversation Club
Year 7-11 Chess Club
Year 9 Book Society
(Week A)

Monday After school

Year 7-10 Winter Play rehearsals
Y7 & 8 Boys Rugby
Y7 & 8 Girls Netball
Y7 & 8 Trampolining

Tuesday Lunchtime

Year 7-10 Performance Techniques
Year 7-11 Enterprise
Year 7 & 8 Book Society (Week A)
Year 7-9 Eco Club

Tuesday After school

Year 7-10 Acapella
Year 7 & 8 Junior Rock Band
Year 7 & 8 Art Academy
Year 7-9 Girls Rugby
Year 7-9 Girls Cricket
Table Tennis

Wednesday Lunchtime

Y7-11 Crochet Society
Y7-11 Harry Potter Club (Week A)
Y7-11 Music Practise drop-in
Y7-11 Boccia

Wednesday After school

Y7-10 Winter Play rehearsals
Y9-10 Senior Rock Band
Y7-10 STEM Society
Y9 Electronics Academy
Y7 Boys Football
Y7-10 Girls Football
Y9-10 Boys Football

Y7-11 Golf

Thursday Lunchtime

Y7-11 Band Skills
Y7-11 Pride Club
Y7-10 Poetry by Heart (Week A)
Y10 Book Society (Week B)
Y11 Book Society (Week A)
Y7-11 Equestrian Society

Thursday After school

Y7-10 Musical Theatre Choir
Y8 Boys Football
Y9-10 Boys Rugby
Y9-10 Girls Netball

Friday Lunchtime

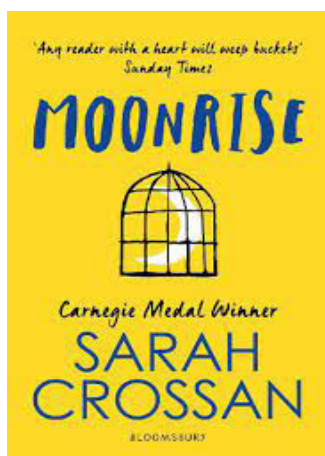
Y11 Massolit/Homework Support
Y7-11 Cipher Challenge

Friday After school

Y7-11 Lego Club

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Our Reading Programme Lead, Miss Phelps shares her picks for KS3 and KS4.



Moonrise

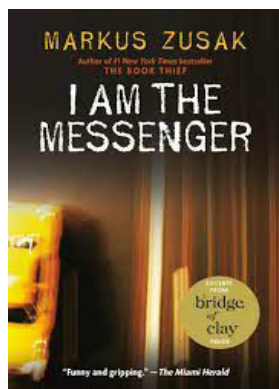
by Sarah Crossan

"They think I hurt someone. But I didn't. You hear? Cos people are gonna be telling you all kinds of lies. I need you to know the truth."

Joe hasn't seen his brother for 10 years, and it's for the most brutal of reasons. Ed is on death

row. But now Ed's execution date has been set, and Joe is determined to spend those last weeks with him, no matter what other people think...

From Carnegie Medal winner Sarah Crossan, this poignant, stirring, huge-hearted novel asks big questions. What value do you place on life? What can you forgive? And just how do you say goodbye? Moonrise has been shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award, YA Book Award, CBI Book of the Year Award, CLIPPA Award and the CILIP Carnegie Medal.



I Am The Messenger

by Markus Zusak

Ed Kennedy is just your less-than-average Joe who is hopelessly in love with his best friend, Audrey. But after he single-handedly manages to catch a bank robber, he receives a playing card in the mail: the Ace of Diamonds. This is the first message. Four more will follow. But before this particular card game can end, Ed will be changed forever...

I Am The Messenger is by the same author as the international best seller, *The Book Thief*.

If you have been inspired by Miss Phelps' choices, you can buy books and support the school through our partnership with Rossiter Books

- <https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/fiveacres>

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOR THE FOREST FOOD BANK

A reminder that we are collecting donations for The Forest Food Bank. We are using the Reverse Advent Calendar idea to help focus donations, but we will happily accept whatever students/parents and carers can donate. Donations can be left at Reception between 8am and 4pm.

Reverse Advent Calendar

We will be supporting the Forest Food Bank again this year, and have decided to use the Reverse Advent Calendar idea to focus donations. These are suggestions and we will obviously welcome whatever parents/carers can donate

- November 9 - Cereal
- November 10 - Rice pudding
- November 11- Stuffing mix
- November 14 - Sponge pudding
- November 15 - Tinned fruit
- November 16 - Tinned fish
- November 17 - Tinned tomatoes
- November 18 - Custard
- November 21 - Tea bags/Coffee
- November 22 - Cranberry sauce
- November 23 - Tins of beans
- November 24 - Biscuits
- November 25 - Rice
- November 28 - Tinned potatoes
- November 29 - Pasta
- November 30 - Pasta sauce
- December 1 - Tins/Packets of soup
- December 2 - Tinned vegetables
- December 5 - Jam
- December 6 - Washing-up liquid
- December 7 - Toiletries
- December 8 - Instant mash
- December 9 - Washing liquid/powder
- December 12 - Festive items

STAR STUDENTS YEAR 9

Lola (9AFS) is a very polite and highly ambitious student. Lola is very engaged in the reading programme in the morning as well as at DEAR time. She also attends several clubs as well as competitions organised during lunch times. This got rewarded by multiple Character Education badges this year already.

YEAR 10

Zara (10RSH) has worked with the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year to raise funds through selling poppies.

Zara was also a Pride of Coleford award winner at their recent event. Well done!

Daniel (10RSH) is always ready and prepared for learning in TTRP and DEAR. Equipment is always in place. A great role model to others.

YEAR 11

Jaden (11JAN) has been working exceptionally hard in intervention and has demonstrated real ambition in how to achieve the very best marks in Language Paper 1- keep it up!

Lydia (11JAN) works hard every single session and always shows determination to improve and succeed. Well done!

CONTACT US

To keep up to date with life at Five Acres High School, please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

To contact the school, please call 01594 832263 or email admin@5acreshighschool.co.uk

ART LEADERSHIP EVENTS

The Art Leadership Team started their fundraising last Friday, selling amazing cards and ceramics.

They will be at the Coleford Light Switch-On on Saturday 3 December and at the Art Craft Fair in Coleford on 11 December. Come along and check out their creativity.



KEY DATES

Saturday 3 December Coleford
Christmas Lights switch-on event

Wednesday 7 December

Christmas Concert

Thursday 8 December

Year 11 Parents' Evening

13 December

Royal Navy talk for Year 10

14 December

Winter Production -

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Thursday 15 December

Celebration Evening

Friday 16 December

Last day of term

Tuesday 3 January 2023

INSET Day

Wednesday 4 January 2023

Students return to school

Thursday 12 January 2023

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 19 and Friday 20

January 2023

Years 7-9

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

UPDATES FROM HEADS OF KEY STAGES

MR HAYWARD - HEAD OF KEY STAGE 3



We now have two weeks of the first term left, when we get to Christmas we will already be a third of the way through the school year- scary how fast it goes! The first assessments of the year are now complete and are being marked and QLAs are being generated.

As a result of these assessments there may be some set moves but students will be informed of these when the time comes.

With setting and assessment in mind, Year 9 students will be choosing their Key Stage 4 options for Year 10 towards the end of next term. This will come around quickly so we would urge Year 9s to start thinking about what options they may like to take. They will also need to ensure they are in the best place they can be to choose their options by making sure they have excellent attendance, brilliant homework records and great effort levels in subjects. This will all translate into success in more subjects and choosing options will become a much easier task.



MRS HAYWARD - HEAD OF KEY STAGE 4

Year 10 and 11 students have shown real determination during their recent assessments. We are looking forward to sharing Year 11 results on Thursday 8 December ahead of Parents Evening. Appointment bookings can be made via the School Cloud system. Details have been emailed to Year 11 parents.

FESTIVE MENU

For the last week of term, the canteen will be providing a festive menu, with traditional roast dinner served on 14 Dec.

The Christmas grab and go choices that will be available will be a mix up of the following items during the week:

Jack Frost Chicken Strips £2.10

Garlic Snow Balls (V & GF) £1.20

Jumbo pig in blanket pots £1.50 (GF)

Christmas Chicken Burrito cracker £2.10 (V-Spicy mixed bean) £2.10

Christmas Cheesy garlic bread pizza with a jewelled salad £2.10(V)

Festive Stack burger (Beef) (V & GF) £2.10

Chickmas slider burger £1.50

Brie, Bacon and Cranberry bagel £2.10

Brie and Cranberry Panini (£2.10)

Festive ramen bowl (noodles) £2.10

A selection of festive wraps and sandwiches (V & GF) £1.80-£2.10

A selection of Festive desserts: 60p-£1.20

Strawberry and marshmallow chocolate pots

Loaded Cheesecakes

Christmas Cookies

Gingerbread Santa's and Rudolph's

Mince Pies

Festive Traybakes

Hot Chocolate with cream & marshmallows



Gloucestershire Neurodiversity Project 2022-23

Understanding Neurodiversity

FREE Virtual Programme for Parents and Carers in Gloucestershire

This programme consists of 3 x live-streamed online sessions, each lasting approximately 1 hour 15 mins including Q&A.

Session 1: Neurodevelopmental Conditions
Session 2: Sensory Perceptions and Lifestyle
Session 3: Stress Response and Self-Resilience



How to Register

Please fill in the online form using the QR code or the link below to register your interest:
<https://forms.office.com/r/2CnziYYifp>

We'll then be in touch with a link for you to book your preferred sessions. You can choose from a wide variety of dates and times between October 2022 and February 2023.

Feedback from Previous Attendees

"These sessions gave me better knowledge on how my child thinks."



"I feel a lot more confident now and things seem clearer. Thank you!"


"You have covered so much in 3 short sessions that will help me and my boy a lot."

"So much helpful information, thank you!"

"The sessions have been really helpful and given me strategies to help my child."



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CELEBRATION EVENING - 15 DECEMBER 2022

Now that students have completed this term's round of assessments, we are looking forward to sharing their successes at our Celebration Evening on Thursday 15 December. We hold these events three times a year, and they are an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of students who have attained Position 1 in their year group for individual subjects and for the two later events both Position 1 and progress awards. Please look out for email invitations coming soon...



CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Cross-Country runners. Unfortunately, we had to pull some teams out due to our booked coach breaking down - we contacted eight companies and couldn't source a replacement so we took cars and a minibus and had to reduce our runners.

With the runners we did have we had some fantastic results. Poppy smashed her race and won it by a mile! In the Junior Girls race we also had Ella, Grace and Chelsea in the top 10 which means that they all qualify for the County Championships. Our Junior Girls won their event by a considerable margin. In the other races we also had Lucas qualify for the County Championships by finishing second and Noah also qualified as he finished eighth. Well done to all who represented the school and a big thank you to the parents and grandparents who helped with transport.



BEDROCK LEARNING

Well done to Year 8 student Amelia who has completed Bedrock Vocabulary and is now moving on to Bedrock Grammar. Amelia is the first student here to complete this and the English department in particular is very pleased and proud of her efforts. This is a huge achievement and an example of great determination and ambition. Congratulations!



ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Year 7 student Bree trains with the Royal Ballet School in Birmingham every weekend after successfully auditioning against 1200 other young dancers for just a handful of places. She recently had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Royal Opera House to watch a live ballet rehearsal.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT - WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER



WINTER PRODUCTION - WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER



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