



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26 May 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we reach the end of another fantastic term, the school continues to thrive.

This week we have enjoyed another spectacular open mic session; it is brilliant to see students increasing in confidence and even producing their own material for these performances. We were also pleased to see so many Year 10 students and parents in attendance at the Y10 Information Evening, we wish them well as they embark on their final 12 months here at Five Acres High School.

Our Year 11s have shown excellent commitment to their exams so far, with students taking full advantage of being in front of subject experts for warm-up and booster sessions. Details have been sent to students regarding holiday revision sessions including the English department's Mega-booster session on Friday 2 June ahead of their exam on Monday 5 June. They continue to perform brilliantly and we look forward to celebrating with them in the summer.

Over the course of this year, we have benefitted from the many pieces of feedback we have received from parents and students. We have reflected on the nature of successes and concerns and will be launching our new mission statement shortly, which reflects a commitment to helping students aim high, work hard and be kind. With this change in mind we will be launching some kindness initiatives in the new term, including a new coloured token that will recognise acts of kindness shown by students.

At this time of year whilst looking to end the year strong, our minds begin to turn to the new year. We are delighted to be able to announce our new student leadership team that will include Ellie and Isla as Head Students and Zhia and Tia as Deputy Head Students. Zhia and Tia will have a specific remit around kindness and we look forward to seeing their work take shape. Pictures and details of the full team will be shared soon.



Summer is often associated with outdoor sports. This month we were pleased to see a strong team of students represent us at the Track and Field Cup. We were also delighted to host the Prostars Five-A-side football tournament for our primary partners. Cricket has also made a comeback thanks to the hard work of Mr Ward. Four cricket lanes are up and running for our Cricket Academies after school and the cricket strip is now available so that we can host matches.

With next week being the half term break, I wish you all a restful time that will hopefully include some enjoyment of the lovely weather we are experiencing.

Y10 UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE INSIGHT DAY

On Tuesday 23 May, Year 10 students were given the opportunity to visit the University of Gloucestershire's Oxstalls Campus. They were given a tour of the campus and participated in workshops led by current University of Gloucestershire students, focusing on the benefits of higher education. The programme was supported by GROWS and gave our students the chance find out more about higher education options they may wish to consider when they reach 18.



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UPDATES FROM HEADS OF KEY STAGES

MR HAYWARD - HEAD OF KEY STAGE 3



By the time this newsletter comes out students will have roughly 7-8 weeks left until the summer holidays - the year has flown by. We are well under way with Y6 transitions for next year and we have some Y5 taster days coming up as well.

There are a couple of big events coming up for students in Key Stage 3, firstly the summer term assessments will begin. The assessment window is Monday 19 June until Friday 30 June. Students will receive assessment manifests and will already have subject knowledge organisers.

To ensure they have the best chance of success it will be important to use these documents to help them revise and prepare. As always the assessment data is used to help inform sets so that we can ensure each student is in the best class for their current progress.

The other big event for Key Stage 3 is Year 9 options. These will be announced in the first week back after the half term. All of the options have been collated and the timetable has been written with the option blocks now organised. We need to wait on confirmation of staff leaving and joining the school at the end of this month, which will allow us to announce option choices.

MRS HAYWARD - HEAD OF KEY STAGE 4



Wow, what a brilliant couple of weeks it has been. We have been so impressed with how determined our Year 11s have been in their exams. They have all been so positive about the warm up and booster sessions staff have been putting on. A reminder that there are revision sessions taking place over half term for those who wish to attend. The English Team is also holding its 'Mega Booster' on Friday in preparation for the Language exam on Monday 5 June. We have extended the deadline to buy prom tickets to Friday 9 June. These can be purchased in the KS4 office for those eligible to attend.

It was fantastic to see so many students and parents at our Year 10 Information Evening on Thursday. We are looking forward to supporting this cohort of students through their final year at Five Acres High School. Students who were unable to attend have been given the information booklets and Miss Harris will also be sending a message out to all Year 10 parents with a round up of the evening. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming students back again on June 5.

YEAR 10 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

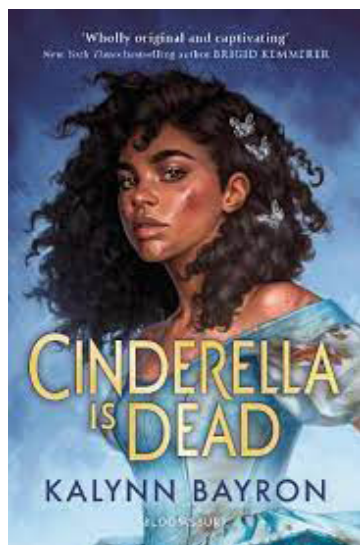
Year 10 students have produced some fantastic work in DT this term. Students were given the task of designing an making a mechanical toy. Chloe created the rugby player and Emma the stags toy. As well as using traditional joining techniques both students have also used the laser cutter to make individual components for their projects. We are super impressed with the quality of what they have created. Well done both!



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READING RECOMMENDATIONS

*Our Reading Programme
Lead, Miss Phelps shares her picks
for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.*



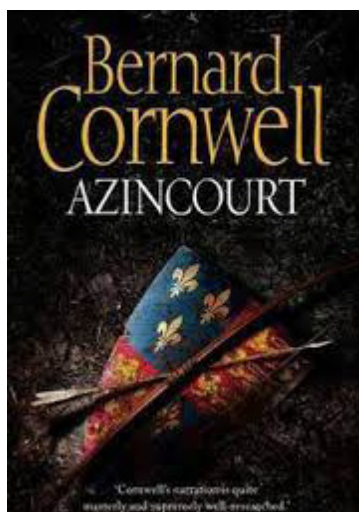
Cinderella Is Dead
by Kalynn Bayron

It's 200 years since Cinderella found her prince, but the fairy tale is over.

Sophia knows the story though, off by heart. Because every girl has to recite it daily, from when she's tiny until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. And every girl knows that she has only one chance. For the lives of those not chosen by a man at the ball are forfeit.

But Sophia doesn't want to be chosen - she's in love with her best friend, Erin, and hates the idea of being traded like cattle. And when Sophia's night at the ball goes horribly wrong, she must run for her life. Alone and terrified, she finds herself hiding in Cinderella's tomb. And there she meets someone who will show her that she has the power to remake her world...

An electrifying twist on the classic fairy tale that will inspire girls to break out of limiting stereotypes and follow their dreams!



Azincourt
by Bernard Cornwell

An extraordinary and dramatic

depiction of the legendary battle of Agincourt from the number one historical novelist

Azincourt, fought on October 25 1415, St Crispin's Day, is one of England's best-known battles, in part through the depiction of it in Shakespeare's Henry V, in part because it was a brilliant and unexpected English victory and in part because it was the first battle won by the use of the longbow - a weapon developed by the English which enabled them to dominate the European battlefields for the rest of the century.

Bernard Cornwell's *Azincourt* is a vivid, breathtaking and meticulously well-researched account of this momentous battle and its aftermath. From the varying viewpoints of nobles, peasants, archers, and horsemen, *Azincourt* skilfully brings to life the hours of relentless fighting, the desperation of an army crippled by disease and the exceptional bravery of the English soldiers.

*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](https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/fiveacres)*

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ACADEMIES & SOCIETIES TIMETABLE

Monday Lunchtime

Year 7-10 MFL Conversation Club
Year 7-11 Chess Club
Year 9 Book Society
(Week A)

Monday After school

Year 7-10 School Production
rehearsals
Y7-10 Girls Football

Tuesday Lunchtime

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
Art Academy
U13 and U15 Girls Handball
Y7-11 Rowing

Community Engagement
Programme

Wednesday Lunchtime

Y7-11 Crochet Society
Student Leadership Team
Magistrates Mock Trial
Further Maths

Wednesday After school

Y9-11 Senior Rock Band
STEM Society
Y7 Boys Football
Y9-10 Boys Football
Y7 & 8 Girls Netball
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
Science Magazine Society

Thursday After school

School Production
Rehearsals
Y8 Boys Football
Yoga
Y9-10 Girls Netball
Chess Tournament
Social Skills

Friday Lunchtime

Y11 Massolit/
Homework Support

Friday After school

Y7-11 Lego Club
Gardening Club

TAEKWONDO CHAMP

Congratulations to Year 7 student Bree who won gold at the Taekwondo, TAGB Welsh Championships in the girls red belt patterns on Sunday 21 May. She is now a Welsh Champion.



UK MATHS CHALLENGE



Well done to the 40 Year 7 and Year 8 students who took part in the UKMT Junior Challenge recently. A special congratulations to Callum in Year 8 who received a gold certificate, the best result in the school, and an invitation to participate in the follow on Kangaroo round!

BERRY HILL RUGBY CLUB PLAYERS WANTED

KEY DATES

Monday 29 May-

Friday 2 June

Half Term

Monday 5 June

Students return to school

Friday 9 - Sunday 11 June

Bronze Duke of

Edinburgh training

Thursday 15 June

We Will Rock You trip

(Production cast)

W/C 19 June

Year 7 - 10 Assessments

Wednesday 21 June

Big Bang Fair

Thursday 29 June

Year 8 Parents' Evening

W/C Monday 3 July

Year 6 Welcome Days

Tuesday 4 July

Governors Meeting

Wednesday 5 and

Thursday 6 July

We Will Rock You

school production

Friday 7 July

Year 9 Dip/MenACWY

vaccinations

Sunday 16 -

Monday 31 July

Borneo expedition

Thursday 20 July

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 21 July

Monkhouse on-site

uniform

sales event

Monday 24 July

Celebrations Evening

Tuesday 25 July

End of summer term

Monday 4 -

Tuesday 5 September

INSET Days

Wednesday 6 September

Students return to school

SEASON STARTS
3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

ACCREDITED
RFU CLUB



MINI & JUNIOR
PLAYERS
WANTED
PLAY & TRAIN FOR FREE
BERRY HILL RFC JUNIOR SECTION
FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023-2024 SEASON

TRAINING AND FIXTURES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. ALL COACHES DBS CHECKED.
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME. TRAINING TO HELP COACH AGE GROUPS PROVIDED BY CLUB.
GIRLS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE WELCOME.

GARDENING CLUB UPDATE

Thanks to the hard work of Teaching Assistants Mrs Powell and Miss White-Smith, our garden is beginning to take shape. Over the recent bank holidays they cleared the area and more to create a great space for our Gardening Club students to work in.



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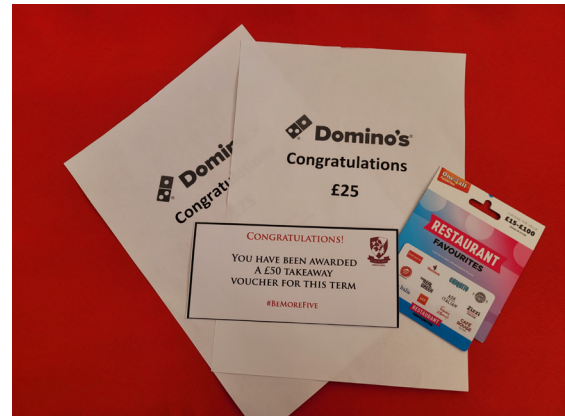
POSTCARDS AND TOKENS

Congratulations to all those students who have received postcards of recognition and tokens for displaying our school values. We have posted home 313 postcards and given out 11,700 tokens.



TAKEAWAY VOUCHER WINNERS

Each full term every student who has achieved 100% attendance is entered in to a prize draw to receive a £50 takeaway voucher. The winners from the spring term (Jan-April) are Jak T in Year 7, Cinnamons Indian Restaurant, Jay A in Year 8, Milanos, Ben W in Year 9, Dominos - Ross-on-Wye, Charlie T in Year 10, Pizza Hut and Shelby in Year 11, The Balti Hut.



LOCAL LIONESSES ROARING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Lydney Town Under 15s Lionesses football team which features Y9 students Millie, Lily and Esme and Year 10 student Tia. They won the League Cup this week beating Prestbury 3-1. A special mention to Millie, who only took up playing football just a year ago and was presented with the club's Rising Star award.



PGL NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On the weekend of 12-14 May, Year 10 netballers took part in the PGL netball tour. The girls finished in third place, competing against some of the toughest opposition. They also had the opportunity to take part in a number of adventurous activities throughout the weekend and met England player Imogen Allison too. Well done to all of the girls involved. We are extremely proud of you.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



Charity No 900216

**SUMMER
VOLUNTEERING**

**FOREST PULSE NEED YOUR HELP TO BE ABLE TO RUN THEIR
SUMMER ACTIVITY CLUB FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 4 - 25 YEARS OLD WHO HAVE A DISABILITY**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AGED
14 YEARS OR OLDER. NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY.
WE JUST ASK YOU HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF
HUMOUR AND ENTHUSIASM.**

**STARTING THURSDAY 27TH JULY AND
FINISHING WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST AT
HEART OF THE FOREST SCHOOL DURING
WEEKDAYS (10AM - 3PM)**

**YOU CAN GIVE YOUR TIME ON AS MANY OR AS FEW DAYS AS YOU CAN, THE CHOICE IS
YOURS!**

WE WILL REIMBURSE BUS FARE/FUEL COSTS

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