



# FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30 June 2023

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. This week we have had the pleasure of several visitors to our school. Two visitors joined us from Penrice Academy in Cornwall. They have sent us some lovely feedback, which I wanted to share with you. "It was inspiring to hear of the progress made by the school over the last few years. The strong culture and welcoming atmosphere in the school is palpable, and your students are fantastic! We both left being very impressed."

The visitors met with members of our student leadership team who were asked to sum up Five Acres in three words. Their favourite response was, "Our school values".

Feedback from all visitors is welcome and whilst we appreciate that there are still many things we are working on it is always a joy to receive feedback which notices the part that our students play in making this a fantastic place to be.

Many of you will have been in attendance at our Year 8 Parents' Evening, these evenings give us all an opportunity to celebrate the progress made by students and to provide pointers for future progression.

Other visitors to the school have included three new members of staff who will be starting with us over the coming weeks. We are looking forward to introducing them to you and our students and seeing what they have to contribute to our community. Mrs Morris, Mr Thompson and Miss Wilkinson will add valuable insight and expertise to our already amazing staff body.

I want to thank you for the feedback that you have given to individuals through our Thank A Teacher Day initiative. Your messages have really touched us.

Over the coming week we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort for September 2023. The week will be affected by industrial action planned for Wednesday and Friday, so please

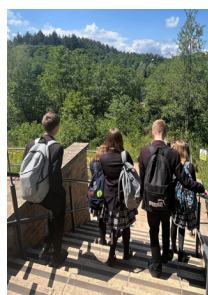


check your emails for confirmation of the year groups that are being asked to remain at home on those dates.

We hope that you enjoy reading about the visits, trips and many other activities that students at Five Acres have been involved with over the last two weeks. It is important for us that they are offered a broad and balanced mix of opportunities to widen their horizons and enrich their time with us. These events and activities are most valuable when we collectively aim high, work hard and are kind to each other.

## MFL VISIT TO DENE MAGNA SIXTH FORM

A group of MFL students visited Dene Magna sixth form on their open day on 22 June for taster lessons on different subjects. The students took part in a double session of Spanish and French and learned more about further education in general.



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## Y10 CHEPSTOW CASTLE HISTORY TRIPS

On Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June, Year 10 History students were given the opportunity to visit Chepstow Castle. Historian Neil Eddiford was on hand to bring stories from the castle alive and students, and staff, were invited to dress up in period costume for a full interactive experience.



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## READING RECOMMENDATIONS

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



***Storm Hound***  
by Clare Fayers

Storm of Odin is a fearsome magical stormhound who races across thunderous skies alongside the great warrior Odin. On his first Wild Hunt, he is unable to keep up with the pack and tumbles through the clouds to Earth. Landing on the outskirts of Abergavenny, he is dismayed when he transforms into a little black puppy and is taken to a dog rescue centre.

Meanwhile, following her parents' separation, Jessica is

struggling to adjust to life in Wales with her dad and brother. To help her settle into her new home, Dad takes her to choose a dog from the rescue centre. She picks Storm and, despite his reluctance to mingle with humans, they quickly become inseparable. However, they are oblivious to the grave danger that surrounds them when several mysterious strangers appear in town, emitting an unmistakable air of magic and showing a keen interest in the whereabouts of the missing stormhound.



***I Am Thunder***  
by Muhammad Khan

Fifteen-year-old Muzna Saleem, who dreams of being a writer, struggles with controlling par-

ents who only care about her studying to be a doctor. Forced to move to a new school in South London after her best friend is shamed in a scandal, Muzna realizes that the bullies will follow her wherever she goes. But deciding to stand and face them instead of fighting her instinct to disappear is harder than it looks when there's prejudice everywhere you turn. Until the gorgeous and confident Arif shows an interest in her, encouraging Muzna to explore her freedom.

But Arif is hiding his own secrets and, along with his brother Jameel, he begins to influence Muzna with their extreme view of the world. As her new freedom starts to disappear, Muzna is forced to question everything around her and make a terrible choice - keep quiet and betray herself, or speak out and betray her heart?

*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

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## GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST ROUNDERS FESTIVAL WINS

Congratulations to our Year 9 rounders team who won the Greenshaw Learning Trust rounders festival this week. The team held their nerve and put on a superb display in the field to beat Holmleigh Park High School by 1/2 a rounder in the final. Our Year 7 rounders team continued their success by winning their year group matchs. They got better with every game, winning in the final by 4.5 rounders! The commitment and team spirit these girls show is amazing. We are incredibly proud of all of the girls who represented us this week.



## WE WILL ROCK YOU

Tickets are still on sale for the school's production of We Will Rock You, see the poster below for details on how to get your tickets.

**FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL**  
*presents*  
**WE WILL ROCK YOU**  
**SCHOOL EDITION**  
2023  
**5th - 6th July only!**

**MAIN HALL**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM  
SHOW STARTS 7.00PM

**TICKET PRICE:** £5 FOR OVER 18's  
£3 FOR UNDER 18's  
BUY ON LINE OR CASH AT RECEPTION

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk>



## SPARX MATHS

Two million correct maths questions have been completed by Five Acres High School students so far this academic year, the first Greenshaw Learning Trust school to hit two million!



## KEY DATES

**W/C Monday 3 July**  
Year 6 Welcome Days  
**Tuesday 4 July**  
New Year 7 Parents Information Evening  
**Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 July**  
We Will Rock You school production  
**Friday 7 July**  
Year 9 Dip/MenACWY vaccinations  
**Friday 7 July**  
Year 11 Prom  
**Tuesday 11 July**  
Greenshaw Learning Trust Athletics Tournament  
**Thursday 13 and Friday 14 July**  
Sports Days  
**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 and Tuesday 5 September**  
INSET Days  
**Wednesday 6 September**  
Students return to school  
**Tuesday 3 October**  
New Y7 and Y11 school photos





Thank you to everyone who left a 'thank you' message for our teachers, TAs and support staff. It really did make their day!

## FISH IN SCHOOL HERO COOKERY CLUB

With the Fish in School Hero Cookery Club well underway, take a look at two dishes that have now been completed by students: Thai Green Curry mussels and Hake Goujons, Wedges served with home-made mayonnaise. Next on the menu is Calamari with Marinara sauce whereby the students will learn how to clean and prepare squid, make a marinara sauce and safely operate the deep fat fryer (under supervision!).



## ART LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Art Leadership Team has been working with St John's Primary School this week (Year 6). We are supporting the school in creating a piece for their Key Stage 1 play area. We absolutely love working with our local community!



## YEAR 11 DT PROJECTS

While are Year 11 students have now completed their exams and coursework, below is a selection of some their GCSE Design Technology projects. Mr Thomas is very impressed with the ambition and creativity that they have shown.



Revision Card Storage  
Christian



Drop down writing surface with mirror  
Poppy



Desk organiser with integrate phone  
charger and wireless keyboard  
Lola



Desk organiser and file storage  
Harriet



Adjustable laptop stand  
Archie



Fold away student desk with  
storage  
Beth

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 7 student Alyssa who placed fifth in basic strut in her age category at the recent SWBT baton twirling competition. Well done!



## STAR STUDENT

Chloe (10AWS) has been really proactive with her revision. I know that she has been printing off her own past papers, completing them, and taking them to her teachers for feedback. This shows great determination to try her best in this first round of mock exams, and Chloe's tutor, Miss Williams is looking forward to hearing about her results.



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## MOUNTAIN BIKING

It's been a busy month for Year 10 student Billy, starting with the Bike Park Wales Redbull Vanta Jam event, which he got an invite to attend again this year and ride alongside some of the top pros in the country. In true Billy form, not only was he the first rider down the huge jump line, but he also led out the finale train which had all pros following him down.

The following morning Billy was back in the van and the road trip to Germany was underway to race in the IXS Dirtmasters downhill event held in Winterberg. Here he met up with his Global YT Mob teammates and spent the weekend getting grips with larger European events and how to adapt to a much bigger race environment. Billy was super pleased to come away with second place and some great experience.

Billy also recently took part in the Welsh National, held in Llangollen, North Wales. It was a great weekend spent with some of his British Cycling Youth Development teammates and two solid days of riding/racing, with Billy managing to retain his Welsh title, and take the win in the Youth category.



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