



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14 July 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. As you will see there has been a great deal to celebrate this fortnight to ensure that all students have a better chance of personal and academic success.

Academically, Year 10s have completed their first round of PPEs, the preparation for which will stand them in good stead for the transition to Year 11 and their final exams next year. Results from these and Key Stage 3 assessments will be shared with parents before the end of term.

We have also been pleased to offer a number of additional opportunities. 11 Year 7 students who participate in the Brilliant Club programme visited Oxford recently where their ambition and determination were recognised. Our school production of We Will Rock You was really well received by over 200 people who came to see it. The hugely creative and talented students were given the opportunity to reach a wider audience through their performance

at the Coleford Music Festival too. Our art exhibition, showcasing the work of KS3 and Year 11 students, had great feedback from all who came along, including local artist Doug Eaton.

Teams from all year groups have participated in fantastic sporting events over the last two weeks, from cricket, the recent Green-shaw Learning Trust Rounders tournament and this Tuesday's GLT Athletics Tournament, where we brought home the winning trophy for the third year running! Due to the poor weather we made the decision to postpone the second of our sports days, the athletics events, which weather dependent will take place on Friday 21 July.

On Friday 7 July, Year 11 students celebrated their prom at the Speech House Hotel. This was another brilliant opportunity for them to catch up with classmates following the end of their exam season and celebrate their time at Five Acres High School.



This week we were excited to welcome parents of Year 5 students to our taster afternoons, where they could spend time with subject teachers and see the school ahead of our Open Events in September. It was great to see so many engaging with staff and looking forward to deciding their next steps in education.

As the term and academic year draws to a close, Five Acres High School continues to celebrate students of all talents and abilities. We look forward to sharing more on our celebrations with you in our final edition of the year.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This summer, why not take part in our Five Acres High School reading challenge! All you have to do is take a picture of yourself reading a book in an unusual place and email the picture to Miss Phelps (kphelps@5acreshighschool.co.uk) to be in for a prize. Will it be a daring (but safe) snap or one which features your favourite furry reading partner? Get reading and get snapping!



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SPORTING SUCCESS

We've had a very strong week of sport again here at Five Acres High School. Firstly, our Year 7 and Year 8 cricketers were involved in a tournament hosted by Holmleigh Park. The team were up against two teams from Holmleigh as well as St Peter's. Some excellent batting and bowling performances led to the team being unbeaten in the tournament.

The Greenshaw Athletics Tournament, an event we organise and is run at the Prince of Wales Stadium in Cheltenham, took place on Tuesday 11 July. We had a fantastic event and became Greenshaw Athletics Champions for the third time in a row! We dominated the field events in particular. Our shot, discus, javelin and long jump technique really set us apart from the other schools and gave us a great lead.

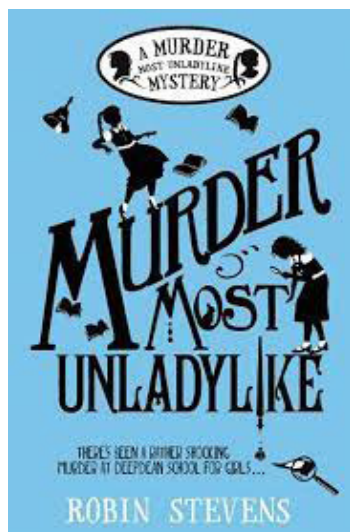
The event is broken down into four teams and an overall score is given. Y8 boys came first, Y8 girls came second (losing out by just 1pt), Y10 boys came first and Y10 girls came joint first. The results were impressive given that there were five schools competing. The overall results were Five Acres High School first, Yate Academy second, Holmleigh Park third, Gloucester Academy fourth and Henley Bank High School fifth. Well done to all of our superb athletes.

We were due our two days of Sports Days but unfortunately have had to postpone the Athletics portion due to the forecast of poor weather. We aim to complete this event next week. We did manage a full day of Summer Team Sports. All students (other than a couple of injured students) took part in this event and have therefore contributed to their houses. The scores for the team sports are as follows: First - Kestrels, Second - Peregrines Third - Owls, Fourth - Hawks.



READING RECOMMENDATIONS

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



Murder Most Unladylike
by Robin Stevens

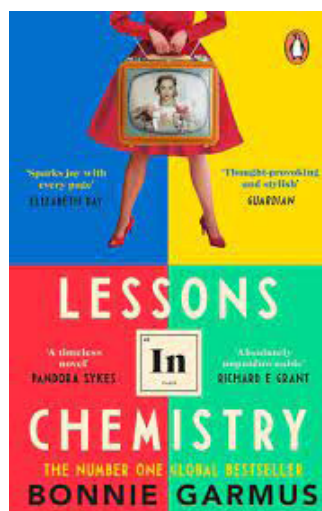
A Murder Most Unladylike is from a collection of stories by Robin Stevens. They are a collection of stories that follow two schoolgirls in the 1930s in England to solve their first murder mystery.

When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.)

Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She assumes it was a

terrible accident – but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.

Determined to get to the bottom of the crime before the killer strikes again (and before the police can get there first, naturally), Hazel and Daisy must hunt for evidence, spy on their suspects and use all the cunning and intuition they can muster. But will they succeed? And can their friendship stand the test?



Lessons In Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus

This book is a national New York Times best seller and is set in the 1960s in California. It follows the singular female voice of Elizabeth Zott as she tries to make her way in a male dominated world. Smart, funny, joyous and powerful, Garmus' 60s set debut featuring an

unconventional female scientist with a quiet game-plan to change the world has won the hearts and minds of our booksellers and was undoubtedly one of 2022's most gloriously enjoyable debuts.

It is the early 1960s and Elizabeth Zott's all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with - of all things - her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ('combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride') proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

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Miss Phelps' choices, you
can buy books and support
the school through our
partnership with
Rossiter Books
- <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

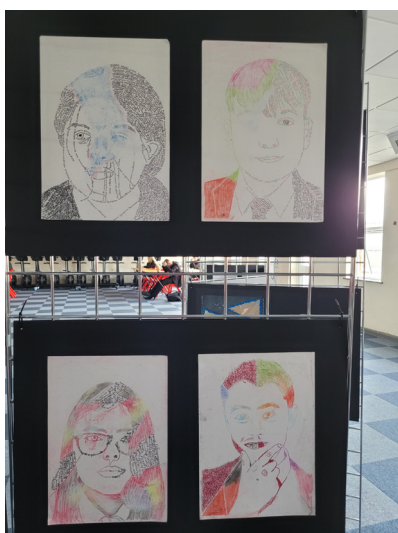
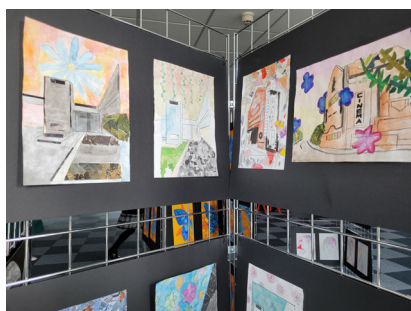
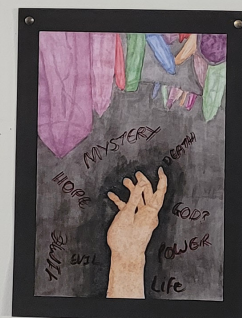
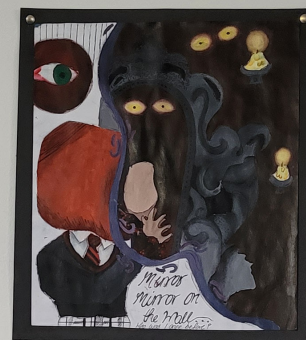
KARATE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 10 students Jess and Maddie who recently took part in their Karate Summer Camp. Jess has done so well, she skipped a belt to be awarded with her yellow belt and won a gold medal for her sparring. After an intense week with over 20 hours training Maddie went out and gave it her all to achieve her black belt. Maddie teaches karate four days a week at Forest Dojo in Cinderford. Well done both!



ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to all who attended the Art Exhibition on Wednesday evening. A special mention to local artist Doug Eaton who popped in - unbeknownst to him, our Year 7 students looked at his semi-abstract landscapes for their local landscapes project. It was wonderful to see so many people appreciating and talking about the incredible and amazing artists we nurture at this school.



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YEAR 11 PROM

On Friday 7 July Year 11 students celebrated their prom at Speech House Hotel. It was a fantastic evening and staff and students had an amazing time celebrating the end of their Five Acres High School journey.

The photos of students arriving at the venue and all those taken by our photographer will be available to view and download from the school website shortly.



YEAR 8 ENRICHMENT

As part of their enrichment lessons, some of our Year 8 students have been studying the violin. They were able to perform together and show the progress they have made throughout the term.



HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL TRUST VISIT

Year 9 History students had a really interesting visit from Miss E Phelps from the Holocaust Educational Trust. Miss Phelps told the stories of three Holocaust survivors who now reside in the UK. Students were told how the Nazis introduced the Nuremberg Laws and how Jewish people and others were treated from 1933-1945.



KEY DATES

Sunday 16 -
Monday 31 July
Borneo expedition
Tuesday 18 July
Sports Awards
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

STAR STUDENTS

Joshua (10BRS) has been absolutely brilliant in regard to taking a keen interest in Character Education lately, and finding out what he can do to improve his portfolio. As well as being a polite and kind student, he's shown a great attitude to school lately.

All the Year 7 students who successfully completed the Brilliant Club - they all carried out a piece of research following weekly tutorials with a tutor from Cardiff University, they each wrote a report which was then marked and the tutor said that their writing was GCSE standard!

CHARACTER EDUCATION SHIELD PRESENTATION

Students have been continuing to work hard to achieve their Character Education awards this term. Congratulations to Year 10 student Tia who was presented with her Confidence shield and certificate this week.



WE WILL ROCK YOU SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our school production of We Will Rock You last week. The students were amazing and really impressed with their talent. After their two-night run of the show, they performed on the Youth Performance Stage at the Coleford Music Festival.



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Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools & Colleges

Coming this September to

The Forest of Dean

Coming this September to Cinderford, will be a face-to-face taught course in the Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools & Colleges.

This qualification is an **introduction to the knowledge and understanding needed to work in a school or college environment.**

The WEA are a national adult education charity who brings adult learning into communities, and we are pleased to say **that this course will be taught during school hours.**

You may also be entitled to this **course for free**, if you are on certain benefits or on a low income.

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