



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23 October 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for this half term, and what a half term it has been! From welcoming our new students to dealing with the lack of water, launching new reading programmes and everything in between, this has been a fantastic term.

We are delighted to report to you the provisional results for the school as released by the Department for Education on Thursday. The results show that students at this school secure grades in every GCSE that are three-quarters of a grade above the average school in England and at least half a grade per subject better than any other school in the Forest of Dean. This means that we are on a par with the grammar schools in our county and in the top 3.5% of schools in the country for progress. This matters to us because it shows that students can achieve whatever they wish to when their attitude is good and when they are supported by exceptional teachers and parents. It also enables our students to compete for

the best post-16 options should they wish to. This week we also held our annual careers fayre and many students in Year 11 have begun visiting post-16 providers as they decide on the courses that will best suit them when they leave us. Our legacy of excellent results and supporting personal success means that employers and educators are keen to attract our students. This is a message that we have shared with our current Year 11 students as they enter their exam season this week. We wish them success.

Throughout the newsletter you will see lots of other evidence of our commitment to the personal success of the students here at Five Acres High School. We feel it is important for students to have excellent academic and personal opportunities and look forward to many more of these being on offer next term.

It has also been a pleasure this week to present a cheque to the British Heart Foundation following the amazing fundraising efforts of Elizabeth as part of her



Enterprise Academy project. As a school we are always delighted when students go out of their way to support those in need. We will be supporting the following charities this year through other fundraising efforts - they are Great Western Air Ambulance, Children in Need and the Forest Foodbank. We will share with you details of how we plan to support these deserving charities throughout the year.

As we approach the half term holiday, please be reminded that students will be expected to attend school from Tuesday 7 November. We hope that you all enjoy a restful holiday.

ENTERPRISE ACADEMY FUNDRAISING PRESENTATION

Year 10 student Elizabeth recently met with Gareth, the manager of the British Heart Foundation shop in Monmouth, to present the money that she raised via our Enterprise Academy. Elizabeth raised £240 from making sweet cones and selling sweet treats to students, family and friends. Gareth shared with her what that fantastic amount could pay for including supporting the cost of laboratory space and further research into 3D printing materials for heart transplants. Please look out for further updates on the latest round of Enterprise Academy projects as more students have signed up to take part this term.



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ACADEMIES & SOCIETIES

Staff have been busy working on the timetable for our extensive extra-curricular academies and societies programme. We have shared the most up to date versions of the timetables as we get them, but due to staff commitments there are times where they are subject to change. We encourage students to check in regularly with the academy and society leads and the student notice boards.

Academies and Societies - Sept to Dec 2023

| | Lunchtime | Who? | Where? | After school | Who? | Where? |
|------------------|---|------------------------|---------|--|------|---------|
| Monday | Chess | All | 30 | <p>Please see the PE and Performance timetables for all music, drama and sporting academies and societies.</p>  <p>Aim high. Work hard. Be kind.</p> | | |
| | French Interventions (invited YR11 students only) | YR11 | 44 | | | |
| | YR7 book club | YR7 | 36 | | | |
| Tuesday | Eco Society | All | 22 | | | |
| | YR9 book club | YR9 | Library | | | |
| | Cipher Challenge | All | 33 | | | |
| Wednesday | Further Maths | YR11 | 30 | | | |
| | Maths Academy | All | 33 | | | |
| | Art Leadership | Art leaders only | 5 | | | |
| | YR8 book club | YR8 | Library | | | |
| Thursday | Board Game Society | All | 33 | | | |
| | Enterprise | All | 27 | | | |
| | KS3 and KS4 Art | All | 5 | | | |
| | YR10 book club | YR10 | Library | | | |
| Friday | GCSE Art | GCSE Art students only | 5 | Lego Academy - all | All | Library |

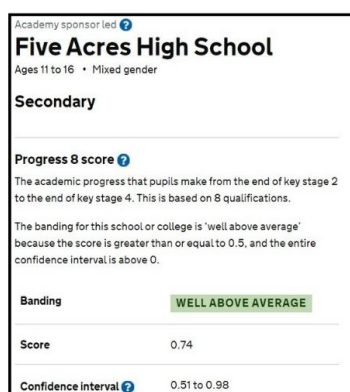
DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION PROVISIONAL PROGRESS DATA

We are delighted that the publication of the Department for Education provisional progress data recognises the continued success of Five Acres High School. The data places our Year 11 leavers and our school in the top 250 (out of 6951) schools in the country and in the top 6 within Gloucestershire. For more information, you can visit <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/>

Every day is an open day at Five so whether you're a prospective parent or carer or interested in seeing our school in action, please book a tour via our school office. Please email admin@5acreshighschool.co.uk and our student ambassadors will show you around.



Results Success!



| school | Academy | of pupils entered in key stage 4 | Number of pupils included in the measure | Progress 8 score | WELL ABOVE AVERAGE |
|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|
| Thornhill Road High School | Academy | 154 | 137 | 1.04 | WELL ABOVE AVERAGE |
| Wendy Bank High School | Academy | 78 | 74 | 0.92 | WELL ABOVE AVERAGE |
| St Paul's Grammar School | Academy | 154 | 126 | 0.88 | WELL ABOVE AVERAGE |
| St Thomas Eick's School | Academy | 155 | 133 | 0.83 | WELL ABOVE AVERAGE |
| St Paul's High School | Academy | 158 | 149 | 0.77 | WELL ABOVE AVERAGE |
| Five Acres High School | Academy | 120 | 106 | 0.74 | WELL ABOVE AVERAGE |
| Salisbury School | Academy | 194 | 181 | 0.7 | WELL ABOVE AVERAGE |

Top 6 in Gloucestershire for progress

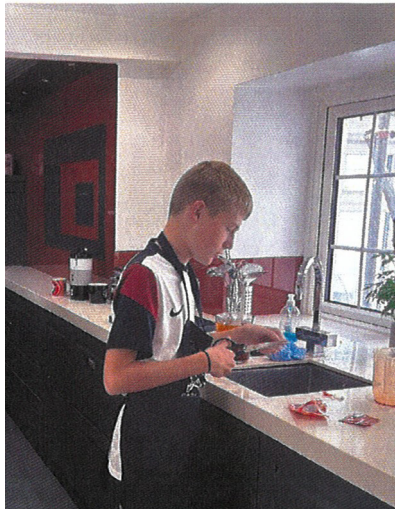
Top 3% in the country for progress

Aim High. Work Hard. Be Kind.

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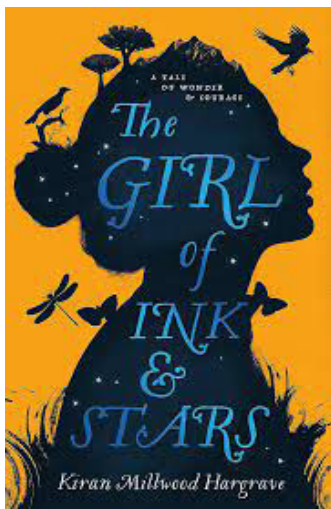
EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES - STUDENT RECIPES

More students have risen to the European Day of Languages cookery challenge, creating French and Spanish dishes to complete the Great Language Challenge - Spanish Omelettes and boeuf bourguignon. Muy bien! ¡Très bien!



READING RECOMMENDATIONS

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



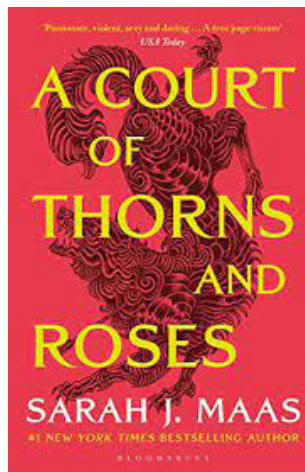
The Girl of Ink and Stars
by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Girl of Ink and Stars is a story of myth, magic and the power of friendship.

Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped. When a girl from the village disappears into the island's Forgotten Territory,

Isabella and her lifelong friend Pablo go in search of her.

Following her map and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers that deep beneath the dry rivers and smoky mountains, a fiery legend is stirring from its sleep.



A Court of Thorns and Roses
by Sarah J. Maas

As a huntress and her family's primary source of survival, nineteen-year-old Feyre stalks the bleak woods, a little farther from home than usual. Her family was once very wealthy, but they now live in poverty. Feyre's luck turns when she spots a deer. At the

same time, an enormous wolf appears out of nowhere. Feyre wonders if the wolf is a faerie in disguise. She hates faeries for all the harm they have done to humans. Feyre decides to use a precious ash arrow, a surefire method to kill a faerie, just in case. She fires the arrow as the wolf attacks the deer, killing the beast. The next evening, a golden beast bursts through the door of her family's rundown cottage. The beast reveals that the wolf was indeed a faerie named Andras. The beast demands payment for his death under the terms of the Treaty between the human and faerie realms. The beast gives Feyre a choice: he can kill her now, or she can follow him to the faerie realm of Prythian to live out the rest of her days. Feyre chooses to live.

***If you have been inspired
by our 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)***

UPDATES FROM HEADS OF KEY STAGES

MR HAYWARD - HEAD OF KEY STAGE 3



Our Year 7s are well into the swing of things and have settled in really well. They have gained the most celebratory tokens in comparison to other year groups and also currently have the best attendance. The final group of students have taken part in their Viney Hill Residential experience, and they have been a great success; some lifelong friendships will have been formed here. Year 7 students have also started to take part in fixtures and we have had some early successes, particularly in the boys 'a' side FA Cup football where we now comfortably

move on to Round 2.

Year 8 and 9 students continue to perform really well in terms of the tokens that they have been earning. Unfortunately, attendance has slipped behind Y7 and it is something that needs to improve. Y9 in particular will be picking options in the coming months; good attendance is the foundation of their success and they will want to be in a strong position academically when it comes to choosing their options for GCSE studies.

Linked in with performing academically, KS3 have their first round of assessments this year in the weeks beginning 20 November and 27 November.

As a reminder to students and parents the structure of the Pastoral side of the school in KS3 is as follows, I am Head of Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Head of PE and Mrs Toulson is the Pastoral Lead for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. Mrs Walters is Y7 Pastoral Support and is the second port of call for Y7 students after tutors as Mrs Walters has overseen the transitions from primary schools. Tutors remain the first point of contact for parents with pastoral concerns as the tutor will see your child the most so will be able to build an effective and supportive relationship.

CHARACTER EDUCATION PLATINUM CHAMPION ACCREDITATION

We are excited to announce the relaunch of our Platinum Character Accreditation for 2023, available to Year 9, 10 and 11 students. The aim of the accreditation is to enable you to work on developing your intrinsic values independently in a project-like fashion. This award has been created to recognise students' with exceptional levels of commitment and achievement in relation to character and to support your development as a flushing young person in preparation for the next steps you will take in education and the world of work.

To take part, students should apply via a form that they will have access to via the student dashboard or accessed by scanning the QR code below. Students can also ask for a paper application form from Miss Harris in the SLT office or from Ms Smith in Room 27.

There is no requirement for students to have a certain number of badges at a certain level, and it will run alongside our current programme.

Last week we also celebrated the awarding of our first Platinum Character Education award to Luke in Year 10 - it is amazing to see how his confidence has grown. Our vision is that children have a better chance of personal and academic success by attending this school; collectively and individually students are rising to the challenge.



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CAREERS EVENT

Thank you to everyone who attended our Careers event on Tuesday 17 Oct Our Year 10 and 11 students and their parents/carers had the opportunity to meet a number of employers and post-16 education providers. The responses from those who came to exhibit was really positive and highlighted how engaged our students were.



CONTACT US

To keep up to date with life at Five Acres High School, please follow us on Facebook (FiveAcresHighSchool), X (FiveAcresHigh) and Instagram (FiveAcresHighSchool).

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

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KEY DATES

Week Commencing 23 October

Year 11 PPEs Week 1

Wednesday 25 October

Open Mic Night

Thursday 26 October

Y7 Parents Evening

Friday 27-Tuesday 31 October

Sports Tour, Madrid

Monday 30 October -

Friday 3 November

Half term

Monday 6 November

INSET Day

Week Commencing 6 November

Year 11 PPEs Week 2

Friday 10 November

Greenshaw Games

Week Commencing

13 November

Year 11 PPE Week 3

Tuesday 14 November

Geography Field trip

Week Commencing

20 November

Year 7 & Year 9 Assessments

Thursday 23 November

KS4 Exam Concert

Tuesday 29 November

Governors Meeting

ACCXEL OPEN EVENING

OPEN EVENING WED 25TH OCTOBER

6PM - 7PM
ALL WELCOME!

Join AccXel for an evening dedicated to demonstrating our latest apprenticeship opportunities for 16+ year olds. You will be joined by first and second year students, industry experts and the AccXel team - who look forward to meeting you!

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CHARACTER EDUCATION SHIELD PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to Beatrice, Samuel, Holly, Elicia, Max and Elsie who received their Character Education shields and certificates this half term.



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SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We are happy to announce our six Duke of Edinburgh Silver students who have all successfully completed their qualifying expedition. Emma, Chloe, Elicia, Sarah, George and Matilda showed great determination over the three days of walking in the Cotswolds, completing their goal of photography and sketching as they travelled. It was lovely to see their sketches during the presentation recently, we are very proud of their achievements.



LIBRARIAN APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



The Library team is looking to recruit new librarians from Years 7 -10. For any students who are interested, please complete the Google form at this link - <https://forms.gle/s7iUSTyf8hPoQgej6> - explaining why you wish to be considered for the role and your favourite reads.

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STAR STUDENTS

Year 11 students Katie R and Ellie C are really pushing themselves in English which was evident in their most recent class Macbeth essay. They are both working really hard to improve their academic style by developing their responses fully by expanding their language analysis and giving a range of developed points, including sophisticated vocabulary and really showing that they are reacting to teaching and making the most of their opportunities for deliberate practice. Well done!

Mrs Rontree Jones

Tommy-Lee (7LMS) is one of the kindest students I have ever met.

Mrs Morris

DISTRICT RUGBY



Congratulations to Rhys, Callum, Travis and Will who represented the Forest of Dean District in a tournament at Cheltenham Tigers' ground. It is an honour to represent your district, and these boys all represented to a high standard. They had a great win against Gloucester, which included St Peters players, and a good draw against Cheltenham which included Pates players. The boys then had some great performances against Bristol Bears and Stroud, but unfortunately narrowly lost these games.

CRICKET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Y9 student Jared who has successfully completed intense trials for Gloucestershire U14 Cricket Club. He also trialled for Glamorgan and was accepted, but his heart lies with Gloucestershire for the fourth consecutive year. The hard work, commitment, dedication and perseverance shown by Jared has proven that you get out what you put in. Well done!



FOOTBALL ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Jayden who made his debut recently for the County Football team, playing in goal for Gloucestershire against Shropshire. It is an honour to represent your county as only a select few manage it. Congratulations Jayden, all of your hard work and determination is paying off!





Forestry England

Beechenhurst Pumpkin Carving

Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 October 2023

Come and carve a spooky pumpkin with us at Beechenhurst this October half term!

Let your imagination go wild in a 45 minute carving slot. One pumpkin is included per booking and tools will be provided.

Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

Halloween fancy dress is optional, but encouraged!

Book your place:

<https://bit.ly/FODPumpkins>



or scan the QR code



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FOREST SPORTS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



Forest Sports Education is a specialist educational provider located in Lydney, Gloucestershire, with college and university students studying degrees and extended diploma courses in the sports sector.

Established in 2014, FSE has received 'outstanding progress' every year.

Courses offered:

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport

Units include: Developing Coaching Skills, Fitness Training, Anatomy & Physiology, Sports Development

BSc Honours Degree in Sports Coaching

Modules include: Sports Coaching Practice, Introduction to Sport and Exercise Psychology, Dissertation

Open Day dates:

Thursday 26th October 2023

Wednesday 7th February 2024



Work experience links with **prostars**



Forest Sports Education are proud to be in partnership with ProStars sports coaching company. Whilst students are studying on our programmes, they have the opportunity to gain paid work experience with the coaching company ProStars.

Whilst on work experience, students will be expected to plan and lead PE and after school sessions; support with the delivery of holiday camps and support the company in other areas such as: football tournaments, baseline assessments and enrichment days.

Career pathways include



Sports Coaching



Teaching



Sports development Officer



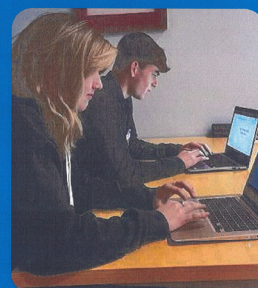
School Games Organiser



Physiotherapist



Sports Scientist



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LOST PROPERTY

We are working hard to reunite students with their items of lost property, and named items are available in the Key Stage 3 office for collection.

Parents can now view items of lost property via the school website, please go to the Parents tab > Communication > Lost Property to view the gallery. If you recognise an item belonging to your child, please collect it from Reception between 8am and 5pm, stating the number shown in the image.

To enable us to get items back to students as quick as possible, please ensure that items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

REAL MADRID SPORTS TOUR

On Friday 13 October students received their kit ahead of this year's Football Tour to Real Madrid. Over the past year students have been fundraising to help pay for this and as you can see the hard work has paid off! We look forward to sharing updates from the trip in future newsletters and our social media pages.





Gloucestershire
Engineering **Training**

GET Open Evening

Tuesday 21st November 2023

4:30pm to 6:30-pm

Are you interested in a career in Engineering?
Do you want to find out more about what's involved?
Then come along to our recruitment event.....

There will be a range of people available to support you, including:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Employers | - | to discuss their current apprenticeship vacancies |
| Delivery Staff | - | to discuss the programme content |
| Learner Services Staff | - | to explain the application and recruitment process |

**Please note booking is essential and
must be booked in advance using this link**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/get-open-evening-cinderford-tuesday-21st-november-2023-tickets-668767620957?aff=oddtcreator>

or using the QR code below



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