

15th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The penultimate week of the Autumn term has been another busy week as we gear up for the end of what seems a very long term! The students have maintained their resilience and ambition in their learning; popping in and out of lessons has been a joy watching them think and work hard right until the very end. Our DT students have excelled again this week; the canapés produced by our Y10 students were delicious – thank you for inviting all the staff over to enjoy.

Allow me to remind you all of the importance of sending your son/daughter into school each and every day, and that includes right up until the 22nd December. We acknowledge many schools in neighbouring counties are finishing early but we are committed to teaching and learning until the last moment where we will enjoy lessons, celebration assemblies and tutor parties to close 2023. We will also be rewarding our Advent Attendance Champions on this day.

Year 8 Christmas Science Lecture Trip

The Science team took a group of Year 8's to two spectacular Christmas Science Lectures at The Bacon Theatre, Cheltenham this week. Students listened and participated in two lectures exploring the world of science beyond the classroom. The first one was on Sound given by Ruth Perkins, from Science Made Simple and the second one on 'Space Medicine' delivered by Dr Dan and Dr Raph from CBBC's Operation Ouch! A number of our students were invited to the stage to take part and also dance! The trip was a resounding success, and the Science team are hoping to offer other opportunities later in the year for other year groups. Please keep an eye on your ParentMail notifications for upcoming trips.

Mrs Kim Winsor, Second in Science

Mathematics KS3 Poster Competition

Last month the Mathematics Faculty saw the return of their KS3 poster competition. The challenge this year was to design a poster about a famous mathematician. There were over 300 entries & the standard this year was exceptional, so choosing a winner was very difficult. Judging has now taken place & the winners have been announced in class. Well done to everyone that submitted a poster. The winning designs will be made into postcards. The top 2 for each year group are below.

Year 7 Winners

1st Lola T

2nd Martha R

Year 8 Winners

Robyn H

Josie E

Year 9 Winners

Izzy W

Isabelle G

Click [Famous Mathematicians poster comp 2023](#) to view the winning posters

Mrs C Stone, Second in Mathematics

Sports Update

Our Year 11 Rugby team lost 38-14 against Marling in a District Cup game. Mr Hamblin sends a huge thank you to all 23 boys who have regularly committed to attending training and matches this term.

Our Year 9 Sports Leers organised a Christmas Dodgeball competition across Year 7 tutor groups this week. The Sports Hall has been full every lunchtime with Santa's throwing, dodging and weaving. Much fun has been had by all involved. Photo link here: [Christmas Dodgeball](#)

Our Sports Leaders also welcomed over 70 pupils from local primary schools to Kingshill on Tuesday to take part in a Christmas Boccia, New Age Kurling and Archery event.

Our Sports Leaders and School Games Organiser, Mrs Pauling deserve a special mention as we head towards the end of term.

They have provided the opportunity for approximately 1150 primary children to take part in an activity this term. This number does not include the after school and before school clubs they have also run at the primary schools. We are very proud of the time, effort and patience they have given to provide these opportunities and to inspire others.

Mr P Hamblin, Head of PE

Festive Friday!!!

All students are invited to come festively dressed on the last day of term. This is not limited to a Christmas jumper – tinsel, baubles, santa hats, reindeer ears and the obligatory Christmas socks are all permissible. This is not a charity fundraising event, it is simply to celebrate the festive season and mark the end of a hugely successful term.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jo Lindley
Headteacher

Upcoming events

Monday 18 th December	Y11 Parents' Evening (in school), 4.00pm -7.00pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Y7 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th December	Y8 & Y9 Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 st December	Y10 & Y11 Christmas Lunch
	Y10/Y11 Cribbs Causeway Trip
Friday 22 nd December	12.20pm, School Ends for Christmas Break

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Monday 8 th January	Term 3 starts
Tuesday 9 th January	Year 11 Girls PE Leisure Centre visits start
Wednesday 10 th January	Year 9 Woman in Black Theatre trip

A417 Road Closure

On behalf of Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Highways will shortly be carrying out essential works at the above location to remove unsafe trees infected with Ash Dieback.

What: Temporary Traffic Order to **close the road** for essential Ash Dieback tree work.

Where: **A417 Cirencester to Fairford** (see overleaf for details of the exact location)

When: **8th – 12th January 2024 inclusive** (excluding weekends) **from 09.30 to 15.30 daily**

Full details and the FAQs can be viewed here:

[ADB letter - A417 Fairford 8th-12th January 2024](#)

[Ash Dieback Closure FAQ](#)