

Easter Newsletter 2016



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Message from the Head

We hope you enjoy this seasonal Easter edition of our newsletter. We are proud to celebrate our pupils' achievements in sport and the arts. Many of our teams have achieved success in local leagues and our pupils have done equally well in music and the arts. I was impressed by the quality of each performance in our Young Musician competition on Wednesday 16 March and by the good humoured competitive spirit of our pupils during our events for Sport Relief on Friday 18 March. Pupils participating in the BBC's School Report on Thursday 10 March did an excellent job and chose to feature Denzil, our 'pilot' school dog, who, in his own way, has made a significant impression on the community of the school.

Pupils in Year 11 will be bringing home their final school reports. I trust they will reflect on these 'Records of Achievement' and take the next steps their teachers recommend. These, and well structured and conscientiously executed revision plans, will ensure our candidates are ready for their exams which begin with IGCSE English on 3 May. While this may seem daunting, all pupils in Key Stage 4 taking exams this year are reminded that this short term investment in time and exercise in self discipline will lead to long term gains and potentially very positive dividends! I am grateful to our teachers who are actively supporting our pupils in lessons, providing additional sessions and signposting relevant and effective

revision strategies and websites.

We say goodbye to several colleagues who will be sorely missed: Judy Abbott will be leaving us at the end of April after 27 years of sterling service, originally in our library and, subsequently, in our Finance team; Eileen Havill, our Catering Manager, who has worked tirelessly to meet our pupils' tastes and satisfy their appetites, retires this term after 14 years; teaching assistant Susie Newman-Turner is leaving us to pursue further work within her family's design company and Emily Pearman, Head of English, commences her maternity leave. We wish them all every happiness and success.

As an outward facing school we value the opportunities we have to work in partnership with others. In February, our conference delegates took part in a model United Nations debate at Alfrink College in The Netherlands. We are also preparing for our forthcoming exchange trips to Cadiz and Rome and volunteering experience in Ghana in 2017. We are also working much closer to home. We are in conversation with other schools about the development of multi-academy trusts and these discussions have been brought more sharply into focus following the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcements last week and the publication of an Education White Paper. More information will follow next term.

Chiquita Henson

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New School Website

Still at www.deerparkschool.net, our new website has a 'responsive design', which means that it will display differently depending on whether you are viewing it on a desktop, laptop, tablet or phone. The menu too will change depending on what technology you are using - you will either see the traditional horizontal menu system with drop down menus or a MENU icon top right. We remind you that pupils can access iDeer directly through www.ideer.deerparkschool.net

Access **WisePay** (parents), **iDeer** (staff and pupils) and **Webmail** (staff and pupils) either via the Quick Links at the top right of the screen or via the MENU icon top right.



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News from Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4

Uniform

Following our review of the School Standards, we have updated the information sheet regarding uniform and what is, and what is not, acceptable in school. The changes are minor, but provide clarification of our expectations regarding uniform and other related items including jewellery, hair and makeup. Your support in ensuring that your son/daughter is dressed appropriately for school each day would be much appreciated. The new document is on our website's [Uniform page](#).

Year 11

Well done Year 11 for your efforts and dedication through the recent Art and Textile real exams and the Mock exams in English, Maths and Science. Take a well-earned break over the Easter weekend. The Easter holidays are a critical time for revision. We only have 16 school days after we return until the first English Language exam on Tuesday 3 May. Take the advice from your Year 11 report and make the most of the fortnight break to do some vital work.

The vast majority of Year 11 have organised and applied for their post 16 courses and this term many of you have had College interviews. Don't panic if you have applied and have not had an interview yet – they have a lot of processing to do. If you still have not finalised or want to apply to more than one place, some Colleges still have open deadlines:

- Cirencester College deadline is 8 April
- Hartpury, Stroud and Swindon Colleges all have ongoing deadlines but applying now is advisable
- Swindon College (not New College) has Open Days on Thursday 21 April and Thursday 12 May 5-7pm
- South Glos & Stroud College Open Days are Saturday 16 April 10am-1pm and Thursday 9 June 5.30-8pm.

Sixth Forms & Colleges

[Farmor's Sixth Form](#)
[Bourneside Sixth Form](#)
[Balcarras 6th Form](#)
[Stroud College](#)
[Hartpury College](#)
[Swindon College](#)

[Cirencester College](#)
[Gloucestershire College](#)
[Pate's Sixth Form](#)
[New Swindon College](#)
[Gloucestershire College](#)
[Stroud High](#) and [Marling](#)

Pastoral Teams

Following the recent departure of Mrs Bowen, Key Stage 4 Pastoral Manager, we confirm that Mrs Stubbs is working with the Key Stage 4 Pastoral team as Year 11 Pastoral Manager, working alongside Mrs Burfoot, our Year 10 Pastoral Manager who has replaced Mrs Cowell. As a result of this move we are pleased to welcome Miss Stevens who has been appointed to the role of Pastoral Assistant and will be working with the Key Stage 3 Pastoral team. Please check the [Staff page on our website](#) if you are in any doubt about who to contact.

As Year 11 moves inexorably towards its end, we have started preparing Leavers' events. [Prints & Threads](#) in Ashcroft Road will be printing our Leavers Hoodies. All ordering is through them and they have samples that can be tried for size and colour. £17 for a standard hoody, £20 if a name/nickname is added to the back. The order deadline is Friday 22 April.

We have started the Leavers' Book. If we order 100 copies, they will be £10 per copy. More information will follow after Easter.

A reminder that pupils can use their Vivos towards their Leavers' Ball ticket.

Key Dates:

- Wednesday 20 April— Year 11 Leaver's Photograph
- Friday 22 April – Leavers Hoodies Order Deadline
- Tuesday 3 May – Start of the Exams
- Friday 27 May – Leavers' Assembly
- Monday 27 June – Last Exam
- Friday 1 July – Leavers' Ball
- Thursday 25 August—GCSE Results

Year 10

Remember that the RP and Statistics exams are coming up after Easter. Make use of this time. Make a note that the RP Revision morning is on Saturday 14 May.

English Faculty

KS4 High Achievers

John Pitt, a member of the English Department at Cirencester College came in to school on Thursday 11 February to give a talk for English High Achievers in Years 10 and 11. He explained the difference between the A Level courses available and then did some high level analysis work on a poem by Philip Larkin. Our pupils impressed him with the way they approached the text and one Year 11 pupil, Saskia May, suggested an idea he had never thought of in all his years of teaching the poem to A level students. We are pleased that John is able to visit again on 21 April to run a further session on preparing for the Unseen Poetry exam for Year 11 pupils hoping to achieve an A or A* grade in this summer's GCSE English Literature exam. Selected pupils will receive an invitation after Easter.

Spine Chillers

Earlier this academic year, as part of 'English Faculty in Focus 2015' all pupils in Years 7-10 wrote a 'Spine Chillers' mini saga for the most recent 'Young Writers' competition. Established 25 years ago, Young Writers aims to encourage young people to engage in creative writing by inviting schools to participate in national poetry and creative writing competitions. A mini saga is only 100 words long and our pupils were challenged to focus on their choice of vocabulary, in addition to structuring a whole story in few words.

Last month, we were delighted to hear that the work of 52 of our pupils has been selected for publication in the latest 'Young Writers' book 'Spine Chillers'. Their writing was selected out of thousands of entries nationally, on the basis of its perception, imagination, expression and creativity. The English Faculty are eagerly awaiting the publication of 'Spine Chillers' on 30 April. Following this, pupils whose work has been selected can look forward to receiving their invitation to an exciting 'Spine Chillers' Book Launch.

Word of the Week

To encourage pupils to expand their vocabulary we have introduced a new feature in school: Word of the Week.

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hyperbole

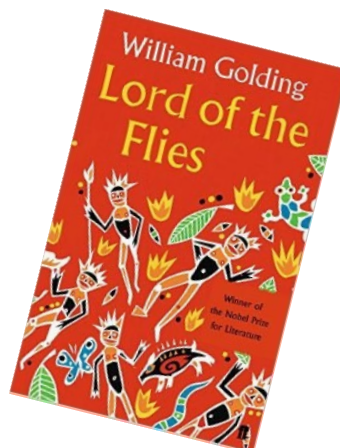
oxymoron

Do you know what these words mean? Can you use them? Why not ask your child and see who can come up with the best sentences!



Year 10 Theatre Trip

Many of our Year 10 pupils have been studying William Golding's novel 'Lord of the Flies' for the Modern Texts section of their GCSE English Literature examination. On Thursday 14 January 63 pupils, accompanied by five members of staff, travelled to the Theatre Royal Bath, to watch a production by the Regents Park Theatre company. This production has been described as "Unmissable...nothing less than a triumph" and the pupils weren't disappointed.



Following the trip, they discussed their reactions to the novel's adaptation for the stage, particularly its updating from the 1950s for a modern audience. Maddy said "I thought it was amazing and the actors were all very talented. I liked the fact that it was accurately based on the novel". Jade commented "It was fast paced and kept you engaged from the beginning."

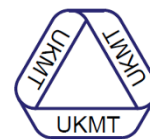
BBC News School Report

Cirencester Deer Park School made the news on Thursday 10 March by taking part in BBC News School Report Day. Alongside hundreds of other participating schools across the country, our 22 dedicated reporters spent the day researching, writing and producing their very own stories. Exploring national, local and school news, our reporters were busy interviewing staff and pupils about the range of issues they were tackling.

As part of the experience, we were lucky enough to have Hannah Olsson, a reporter from the BBC come in to work with three members of the team helping them produce a radio report about Denzil our school dog! This was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to see the different stages in planning and presenting a real story.

The day turned out to be a great success, all deadlines were met and stories were published live on our BBC News Page; a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the process. The team are already coming up with ideas for next year and excited about meeting up again after Easter. [Read more...](#)





Maths Faculty

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

UK INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

"The Maths Challenge asks a series of multiple choice questions in quite an abstract way. They require thinking outside of the box as you need to eliminate all but one answer which can be tricky. You also need to beware as wrong answers to the questions at the end of the paper count against your score so it can be better to not answer them at all unless you are sure you are correct. That said, it was demanding, I enjoyed it and I hope to do even better next year." Oli, Year 10.

Back at the beginning of February, 65 pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 volunteered to compete against other pupils from across the country for the much coveted Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates awarded by the UK Mathematics Trust in recognition of problem solving excellence. After an hour of chewing pencils and furrowing brows, the scripts were sent off to be marked electronically; and after what seemed like an endless wait, the results were returned amid scenes of barely contained delirium (amongst the Maths teachers anyway). This year's entrants didn't disappoint, with 23 certificates being awarded of varying hues. The overall best in school was awarded to Isabelle C in Year 11 and she also achieved a Gold. Year 10 was topped by Oliver P and in Year 9 Elliot T not only beat the other members of his year group, he also qualified for the next round of the competition.



Congratulations to all who took part. Could you answer the questions our pupils faced? Have a look at the questions below.

Mr Green

16. How many of the following positive integers are divisible by 24?

$$2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7^3$$

$$2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5^3 \times 7^2$$

$$2^2 \times 3^3 \times 5^2 \times 7^2$$

$$2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7^2$$

A 0

B 1

C 2

D 3

E 4

20. Two semicircles are drawn in a rectangle as shown.
What is the width of the overlap of the two semicircles?

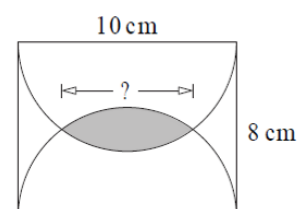
A 3 cm

B 4 cm

C 5 cm

D 6 cm

E 7 cm



Infographics

In Maths we like numbers in all sorts of forms.

[Go Figure: The Week in Numbers](#) A really interesting BBC website which takes a look at stories of the past week in numbers and images.

[If the World were 100 people](#) You may have seen this on Facebook or other social media but if not it is well worth watching: If the world's population was shrunk down to just 100.....what would it look like?

Expressive Arts

Deer Park Young Musician of the Year

On Wednesday 16 March, 25 pupils took part in an evening of music from a range of genres, in the hope of winning the title of Young Musician of the Year 2016. The evening started at 7pm and the acts were judged by Mr Johnson, Mrs Lang, Mr Cook and Miss Townsend. There were so many good quality acts, with many instruments represented at the evening. The atmosphere was very supportive and pupils conducted themselves in a very professional manner. After much deliberation, the title for Key Stage 4 was awarded to Beth Hiatt with her stunning performance of a Mozart clarinet concerto, with special mentions given to Kate McGrath on Flute and Oliver Pennington on Guitar. The title for Key Stage 3 went to Lottie Williams, who played a delicate piece Allegro non tanto by Dussek, and special mentions were given to Jake Newman-Turner on Guitar, Amy Palmer on Cello and Emilie Townsend on Piano. Well done to all pupils involved, and particular thanks to all of the instrumental teachers for supporting our young musicians in their learning and practice.



Showcase

Make a note in your diary.
Our Expressive Arts Showcase will take place on **Thursday 28 April**. The various ensembles have already started practicing. Come along to see pieces from Drama Club, Dance Club, Steel Band, DP Players, DP Singers, as well as individual items.



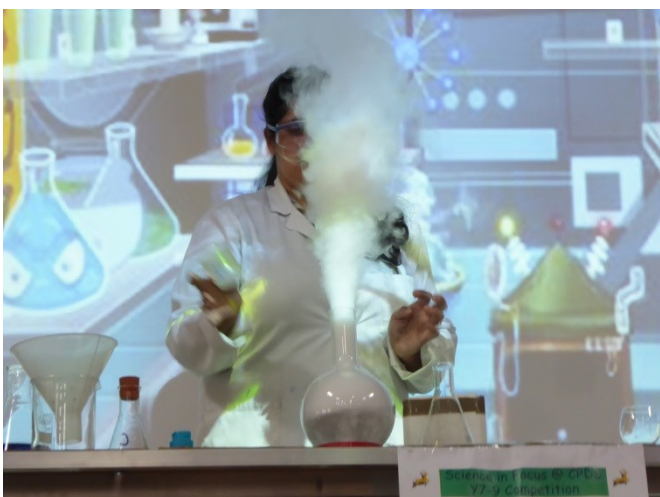
Band of Steel

Following the success of last year's Cotswold Caribbean Carnival, the *Band of Steel* (the Deer Park School Steel Band) was invited to perform at this year's event on Saturday 19 March at Painswick Golf Club. Performing alongside us were two other steel bands: the resident community based *Pantastic* and *Panache* from Bristol. The evening started with a hot buffet of Caribbean food followed by the entertainment in the form of each Steel Band performing individually, after which it was time for the big 'Finale' involving all 3 bands performing together. James Bay's hit *Hold Back the River* was chosen as our joint performing venture! A full report will be posted on the Latest News area of our website www.deerparkschool.net.



"An amazing evening with such talent and community spirit. The Band of Steel were incredible and worked as a team all the way though. They looked the part too! An asset to the school and led by such enthusiasm and dedication." Parent

Science



The Big Bang Fair 2016

On Wednesday 16 March 29 Year 10 pupils interested in STEM careers headed to the Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair in Birmingham. The largest celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) for young people in the UK, the event aims to show young people the exciting and rewarding opportunities out there for them with the right experience and qualifications.

Bringing classroom learning to life, pupils had access to a wide range of workshops and activities, from witnessing a live heart dissection and racing world class athletes through an accelerator tunnel, to assembling models of JCBs at speed and auditioning to be weather or sports presenters in the BBC tent. Also on display at the event was a full size model of The Bloodhound car, designed to reach speeds of up to 1000mph.

"I learnt a lot about different sciences and how they affect the world. I particularly enjoyed the JCB workshop" - Jamie

"I enjoyed the Big Bang Fair because there was a wide variety of activities and experiments you could do or watch" - Jak

"The shows they put on were very good. The trip was great. I enjoyed seeing the robots dance!" - Mary

Mrs Russell expressed how "incredibly proud" she was of the pupils: "They fully engaged with all the hands on activities and demonstrated outstanding team work in order to win competitions against other schools." She was joined by Mr David and Mrs Thomas to compete in the staff team challenge to build a Rolls Royce engine in the fastest time.

[The Big Bang 2016: mid-way highlights](#)

Science Faculty in Focus

At the beginning of March our Key Stage 3 pupils were challenged by our mobile Science team to discover something new. In assemblies the team carried out various experiments to show how new substances can be made. The sessions were packed full of exciting experiments, some explosive and others just totally awesome! Well done to everyone who entered the KS3 Science competition. The winners are Gaby Reeves in Year 7 and Kenneth Da Cruz in Year 8. Well done—Mrs Sarna will be awarding your prizes in assemblies after Easter.

We also asked, what is British astronaut Tim Peake doing in space? [Read more...](#)

Horticulture

Polli:Nation

With the Spring Equinox having passed, with birds busy looking for nesting sites, with the days warming up, it means Spring is here and no doubt you will be thinking about getting into the garden during the Easter break. 2016 will see Cirencester Deer Park School embarking on a 3 year project with local primary schools Chesterton, Powells and Stratton. This journey will see the four schools working together to create spaces within our school grounds to encourage pollinators. [Read more](#) about the Polli:Nation programme which will be transforming outdoor spaces to become pollinator-friendly habitats, with the support of the national school grounds charity, Learning through Landscapes.

If you are out in the garden think of the bees and use our handy guide to select easy growing plants that would benefit pollinators.



POLLI:NATION



Knapweeds and cornflowers (Centaurea species): Both rich in nectar and are visited by a range of different bee species, including the red-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus lapidarius*). Wild plant varieties include common Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*), greater Knapweed (*Centaurea scabiosa*) and the blue cornflower (*Centaurea cyanus*), all of which can be grown easily from seed. There are also several garden varieties, such as the perennial cornflower (*Centaurea Montana*).



Scabious: Several different plants are collectively referred to as scabious; field scabious (*Knautia arvensis*), devil's bit scabious (*Succisa pratensis*) and small scabious (*Scabiosa columbaria*). All of which are freely worked by a range of different bee species for both nectar and pollen. The nectar in the flower of scabious plants is protected from rain by hairs in the flower tube.



Viper's bugloss (Echium vulgare): Nectar is produced very freely and is protected inside the flower, from evaporation (when it's hot) or being flushing away (when it rains). A range of different bumblebee species will visit Viper's bugloss plants as well as some of the larger solitary bee species, such as the flower bee (*Anthophora* species) and leaf-cutter bee (*Megachile* species).



Foxgloves (Digitalis purpurea): Foxgloves are loved by bumblebees, particularly long-tongued bumblebees such as the garden bumblebee (*Bombus hortorum*) and common carder bee (*Bombus pascuorum*). Interestingly foxglove flowers start off male (pollen producing) and become female (nectar producing), flowering starts from the bottom of the flower spike and moves upwards. Thus bees can collect nectar from the bottom of the flower spike and pollen from the top as they work the plant from bottom to top.



Speedwell (Veronica species): Garden speedwell (*Veronica longifolia*) has long flower spikes and is in flower for a long time. Its flowers never fail to attract honeybees and bumblebees in large numbers. No bee garden should be without this plant. If you have a pond, water speedwell (*Veronica anagallis-aquatica*) is a welcome bee friendly addition.



Lungwort (Pulmonaria species): Lungwort is a very good early source of nectar for long-tongued bees and queen bumblebees, as well as the hairy-footed flower bee (*Anthophora plumipes*). Female hairy-footed flower bees, which are all black, can be seen darting around the flowers in spring. Lungwort flowers change from red to blue when they have been pollinated.



Borage (Borago officinalis) Although Borage is an introduced species, it has been grown in the British Isles for many centuries. The plant is easy to grow and succeeds in most soils. The nodding flowers yield nectar freely over a long flowering season. Owing to the inverted position of the flower the nectar is not easily washed out by rain. Bumblebees will hang underneath the flowers and buzz the anthers using buzz pollination, producing a cloud of pollen.

Bellflowers (Campanula species): Bellflowers are visited for nectar and pollen by a range of different bee species. Sheep's bit scabious (*Jasione Montana*) is not, despite the name, closely related to other scabious species, but is in the same family as the bellflower.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

35 Year 10 pupils received their DofE Bronze Award on Thursday 10 March. They should be rightly be proud of their achievements and they are great ambassadors for this unique experience which opens doors to education and employment opportunities. Well done all of you!



The current Year 9 participants are busy completing their Volunteering, Physical and Skills activities. During the Training Day in May they will be off timetable to learn first aid, equipment, cooking, tent erecting, orienteering and map reading in preparation for their Expedition. They will begin to plot their routes for the forthcoming practice Expedition during Enrichment Week. DofE candidates will need to prove their mettle in order to qualify for the final expedition in September.

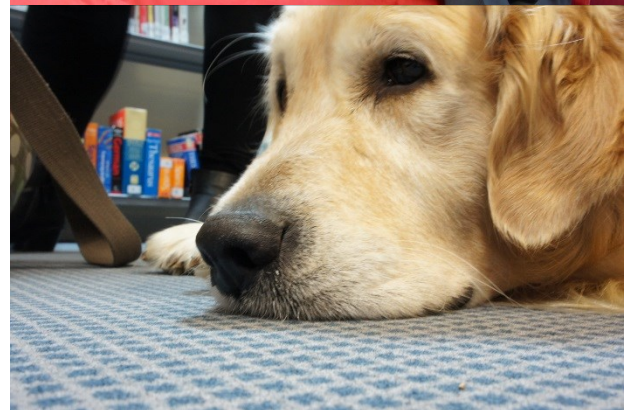
60 Years of DofE

Millions of young people across the globe, from all backgrounds and circumstances, have gained their DofE Award over the last 60 years. As part of the DofE Diamond Anniversary celebrations Ellen Foster and Simon Crew in Year 10, who both recently received their Bronze Awards, had the privilege of performing at a private champagne reception for HRH Prince Edward on Wednesday 16 March at Bath Priory Hotel. They played as part of a guitar quartet from the Corinium Players for an hour to approximately 18 guests. Before going into dinner HRH Prince Edward stayed and chatted to Ellen and Simon about their Bronze Award achievements and how they used their musical skills as part of the award—They used musical skills as progress in preparing for exams and Music Festivals as well as performing for Corinium Players.



Our Radio Star Denzil

In advance of BBC News School Report day on Thursday 10 March, BBC reporter Hannah Olsson came to Deer Park to meet with some of our young reporters and to plan and record a piece. [Listen to the piece on our website.](#)



An International School

In the first three months of 2016 we have had pupils travelling to Holland for MUNA, a Key Stage 4 History/German trip to Berlin and confirmation of a trip to Ghana in 2017. Further multicultural connections will be taking place in the Summer Term with the first stage of the Spanish Exchange and trips to Paris, Holland and Iceland in Enrichment Week. International contacts open windows into different cultures and countries, preparing our pupils for life in a global society.

Ghana 2017

Twenty seven pupils in Year 9 are signed up for an exciting trip to Ghana in April 2017 with African Adventures.

'We were delighted to receive so many applications, but this is only the beginning. Our group is well balanced but we need to develop a stronger sense of team and learn to work alongside and support each other over the next 12 months. We had originally planned to take a team of twenty pupils but fortunately African Adventures could accommodate all of us so we didn't have to disappoint anyone.' Ms Henson.

'I am doing this to help others who need it and to experience what life can be like in other countries. I am also doing it for myself because I think it will be a life changing experience that can help me see the world from a whole new view.' Jessica

Over 13 days, the team will be based in Woe and pupils will have the opportunity to volunteer as 'teachers', teaching assistants, sports leaders and construction 'workers'.

'I am enjoying this adventure so far. I like the fact that I will be helping others that need it. I can see how I am going to impact their lives. This will be an experience that I won't forget.' Kate.

To prepare for their trip, members of the team have been set targets to achieve and the activities they will be leading need to be carefully planned to

MUNA Conference

In February fourteen pupils from Year 10 and 11 made the journey to Zoetermeer in Holland for the 11th annual Model United Nations (MUNA) at Alfrink College.

[Read more...](#)



ensure they meet the needs of the community in Ghana. They have actively engaged in research and many have already shown an impressive commitment to raising funds to support their involvement in this project. The team has been divided into the three smaller groups each led by a member of staff and they have already raised over £500 collectively by holding a series of cakes sales at our parents' evenings and to mark Ghana's Independence Day.

'I am surprised that the cake sale made so much. This money will help us a lot.' Robin.

We were very excited to learn recently that we will be working in two schools in Abutia: Dedzidi Community School and Rema Abutia.

'The reason why I am taking part in the Ghana trip is so that I can help out children less fortunate than me and who live in very poor conditions. I am also taking part to experience a little bit of what life and the type education they have, as I think it will be a huge eye opener.' Sam.

The team will be organising a number of fund raising events and if you feel you can offer something in support of our endeavours such as a 'promise' for an auction in the Autumn term, please contact Ms Henson, Miss Bluett or Mr Broussine. Thank you.



Languages Faculty

Spanish Flying Theatre

On Thursday 28 January pupils learning Spanish in Year 8 and Year 9 were treated to a performance called 'Viva España' by the highly energetic Flying Theatre Company. With lots of interaction, plus audience participation from pupils and teachers, our pupils listened, laughed and joined in as the Flying Theatre Company discussed the weather, food and drink, and directions. Pupils commented 'I thought it was a really fun way to do Spanish and would like to do it again'. 'Great show. I could understand a lot of it and also learned a lot'. 'I thought it was very entertaining, enjoyable and educational'. The action-packed hour was a great example of how learning Languages can be fun! Buen fin de semana a todos, ¡a pesar del tiempo malo!



Languages at University



University of the
West of England

On Thursday 14 January, fourteen of our Year 8 Languages pupils attended a Subject Enrichment Day at UWE, University of the West of England in Bristol. We attended a lecture on studying languages, had tours of the campus by student ambassadors, language sessions in Spanish, French and German and a taster workshop in Russian! After lunch we had opportunities to speak to university students about student life, their courses and to gain career advice. It was an excellent opportunity to exchange experiences with university students, to raise aspiration to Higher Education and to attend lectures on the importance of multicultural awareness. Reflecting on the day, Year 8 pupils commented: "This has been a brilliant opportunity and I think everybody should have a chance to do languages. I only wish I could study more." "Learning languages is a great way to get more knowledge of the world." "An amazing taster and introduction into uni life and taking languages further - a great opportunity." Ms Wright from our Languages Faculty commented that "this was a fantastic day and our pupils gained a real insight into life as a student in higher education."

Exchange Trip

14 pupils in Years 8/9 have signed up to our Spanish Exchange with our partner school Colegio Argantonio in Cádiz. In June pupils from Spain will be coming to Cirencester and our pupils will travel back to Cádiz in the Autumn term. This will be the second year we have run the exchange, although we have had a relationship with colleagues at Colegio Argantonio for 3 years. Last October Evie, in Year 9, returned from Cádiz saying "This week in one word was ESTUPENDO!"



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Frohe Ostern
Feliz Pascua
Joyeux Pâques



Charities News

Sport Relief

On Friday 18 March pupils at Cirencester Deer Park School took part in the national Sport Relief day.

PE teacher, Fay Smith, who ran the day said: "It is always a pleasure to organise Sport Relief at Deer Park School. The pupils really engaged in doing something for others and were really enthused by the day's events. It was a pleasure to see the school unite for this special day raising money and awareness for sports relief."

During this special Sports Relief week all pupils had an assembly which raised awareness of the Sport Relief charity event and encouraged them to do something to help others later in the week. On Thursday 17 March over 250 pupils took part in the Inter Tutor Football Tournament – giving donations to Sports Relief. The tournament was played in beautiful sunshine and this created a great atmosphere to kick start the Sport Relief events on Friday 18 March.

On Friday 18 March over 500 pupils ran a mile or more, some in PE lessons and some at lunchtime—some in both. We collected donations for lunchtime miles. Many pupils were very creative. Some completed the course 3 legged, blindfolded, backwards or in fancy dress. The PE team gave out awards to the fastest pupils around the mile as well as the best fancy dress and most sponsorships gained. Pupils showed great character during the mile run and worked with superb teamwork to encourage one another over the

finish line. Every pupil over the line received a "BE PROUD" certificate. This was the whole ethos of the day to encourage pupils to be proud of themselves for helping others. Tom, in Year 11, said "It's not every day you get to race the teachers over a mile and it's even better when you beat them – a great atmosphere and a fun day."

Another highlight was the tug of war at breaktime. Pupils paid to enter a team and challenge each other. One Year 7 pupil Jessica Owens reflected on this saying "The tug of war was fun because I could do it with my friends. It was also nice for the whole school to be involved in something altogether." I think the pictures definitely show the fun the pupils and staff had doing tug of war.

Libby Messenger (Year 9) was a helper during the day and reflected, "I am a Young Leader at Deer Park School and helped to prepare the day's events as well as motivating the younger pupils on the mile run. It was awesome to see the teamwork and support pupils gave each other. It also gave me a chance to develop my leadership skills"

Overall, once we add the total from the non-school uniform day, we will have raised over £700 for the charity.

"I congratulate our pupils and staff on their sporting endeavours. It was good to see the whole community of the school engage in a national event with such good humour and competitive spirit! My thanks go to Fay Smith and the team." Chiquita Henson, Head.



The Deer Park Sport Relief Bake Off was held on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 March with more than 40 pupils from all year groups taking part. Pupils had been challenged to bake and decorate cakes at home with a sporting theme. The support was overwhelming. We had a whole host of entries including three tier cakes, red velvet cupcakes, biscuits, chocolate brownie muffins and a cake in the shape of a trainer. Equestrian and aquatic sports were popular themes. Mrs Wood in Maths thoroughly enjoyed tasting and judging the baked goods, which were then sold at break time by Year 7, 8 and 11 helpers to raise nearly £150. Prizes and certificates will be awarded after Easter. The winners in each category were:

KS4: Callum McE.

Year 9: Izzy K, Emily S and Martha K.

Year 8 Individual: Millie W. Year 8 Group: Lily J and Emilia McA.

Year 7 Individual: Amelia S-L. Year 7 Group: Jodie S and Cerys B.

Charities News

Vivos



As a school we support different charities each term and choose one local, one national and one international charity. Pupils have been donating their Vivos to our supported charities since January and on Friday 18 March we also held a Non Uniform Day to raise money for [DEKI](#), [Sport Relief](#) and [Gloucestershire Nightstop](#) - proceeds from ticket sales were split between these 3 charities. Thank you everyone.



DEKI



Readathon

54 pupils in Years 7-10 spent a day reading in the PLC earlier this month to raise money for the [Readathon](#) charity, which supports children in hospital. For children in hospital, books are incredibly important - they comfort, distract, reassure and entertain. We hope to raise over £1,000 for Readathon and £200 worth of book vouchers for the PLC. Well done all of you!



Refugee Aid

[RefugeeAid-Stroud](#) and [One Nation](#) are working in partnership to collect enough items to send a 40ft container of food aid to Syria – that's 1,000 family food boxes! One Nation is funding the container and shipping and RefugeeAid-Stroud is supplying the aid with the help of the local community in Stroud and beyond.

They are asking for specific items ONLY, which must have a minimum of a 6 month shelf life. We will be collecting food items in school, so if you would like to help, please bring items to Reception by Friday 15 April or take them to one of the drop off points in Stroud. RAS will be buying items in bulk as well as collecting donations so, if you would rather make a financial contribution, you can find details on [their website](#).

Food required: rice, bulgur, dried red lentils, dried green lentils, dried chickpeas, pasta, tomato paste/purée, cooking oil, salt, spices (sumac, za'atar, paprika), nuts, biscuits, noodles, dried fruit (apricots, dates), jam, sugar, halva, long life full fat milk (good for babies), chocolate/sweets (no gelatin). Thank you!



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One big heart

News From The PLC

Author Visit

We have been extremely busy in the PLC and just before half term the author **Joffre White** visited our Year 7 pupils and spoke to them about creative writing and reading for pleasure. We have been really pleased with the positive feedback – staff and pupils all found the presentation and informal lunchtime chats enjoyable and interesting. “Joffrey's visit was really great and since then I have read one of his books. I thought his talk was very entertaining. I really enjoyed it and would love for something like that to happen again!” Finn 7Fr. “He has this way of engaging the children, and adults, and keeping their attention and interest with lots of little stories and you can’t help listening and laughing.” Mrs Bond, Librarian. “Joffre was brilliant! I really enjoyed his style of delivery and he certainly engaged all the pupils. He gave them a positive feeling of self-belief through his own role modelling; he helped them to realise that if they wanted to write a book, they could do it!” Mrs Sinden, Senior English TA.



Accelerated Reader

We now have 3 avid readers who have passed the 2 million words mark. A huge well done to Finn Parrish, Ella Kempster and Monty Pope in Year 7. Congratulations too to Michael Nolan, Max Snowball, Jake Young, Maya Tocknell and Gareth Cowell who have all become AR Millionaires.



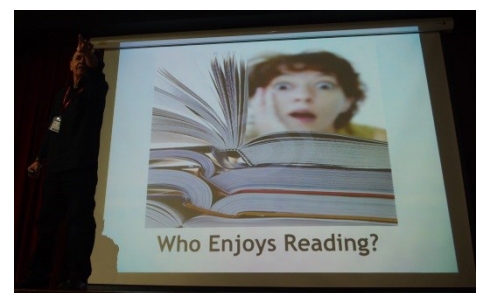
Readathon

The PLC, was closed to normal usage on Thursday 3 March (World Book Day) and Friday 4 March for two fundraising Readathons involving Years 7 and 8 and Years 9 and 10 respectively. The 54 **Readathon** participants spent the whole day reading, sustained by hot chocolate and biscuits and were great role models for the rest of the school, as we are always trying to promote reading in a positive way. From Michael Morpurgo to James Dashner and Zoe Sugg to William Golding, pupils read a wide range of books to raise money for the [Readathon](#) charity, which supports children in hospital. If you have not collected all your sponsorship money, please do so over the Easter holiday and bring it in to the PLC when we come back to school on Monday 11 April.



Lunchtime Reading and AR Club

We have continued to run the lunchtime AR Club and Year 8 readers have joined in (more hot chocolate and biscuits - bit of a theme developing here....!) Year 7 pupils should still be reading for 20 minutes a day as part of their AR/English homework. We will carry on next term but with better weather (fingers crossed!) we know that numbers may dwindle. We have been really pleased with how well the AR Club has developed and will definitely build on the idea with next year’s Year 7 pupils.



Spring Reading Recommendations

Spring-time recommendations from Octavia of Octavia's Bookshop in Cirencester are as follows:

**OCTAVIA'S
BOOKSHOP**

All the Bright Places

by Jennifer Niven

For all fans of 'The Fault in our Stars' this book is ideal. Theodore and Violet meet on the ledge of the school tower both questioning the meaning of life; little do they know they may save one another.

Looking for JJ

by Anne Cassidy

This is a startlingly original book about a girl who must become someone else so that she can hide the horrors of her past. A compassionately told teen crime story.

The Midnight Zoo

by Sonya Hartnett

When two brothers escape their war ravaged village having lost all their family, apart from their baby sister, they find themselves alone in the world with only the will to survive. Alone that is until they find the zoo. With all the people gone and the animals trapped in their cages they must learn to help each other.

Zoo

by James Patterson

A fast paced thriller about a global meltdown where animals have turned on mankind.

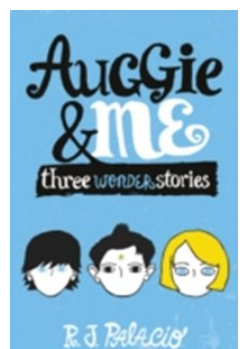
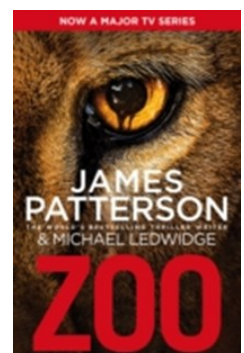
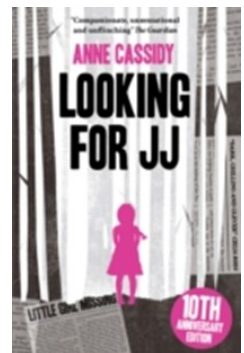
Auggie and Me

by R.J. Palacio

For all those who fell in love with Auggie in the brilliant book 'Wonder', we now hear how Julian Christopher and Charlotte's lives were changed by him forever too.

*If the old bell had been hanging in
the steeple it would have rung to
announce midnight, twelve
solemn iron klongs which would
have woken the villagers from
their sleep and startled any small
creature new to the village and
unaccustomed to the noise.*
THE MIDNIGHT ZOO

*Is today a good day to die? This
is something I ask myself in the
morning when I wake up. In
third period when I'm trying to
keep my eyes open while Mr
Schroeder drones on and on. At
the supper table as I am passing
the green beans.*
ALL THE BRIGHT PLACES



Sports News

It has been a busy season with both the hockey and football teams trying to fit in all their fixtures into a very short two terms. We have had some great successes and our congratulations to all the pupils involved this term.

Hockey

Year 7 Played 5, Won 5. **League Champions 2016!** This has been a fantastic season for the Year 7 Hockey team. They are dedicated and talented squad of girls who have trained hard and as a result have a fantastic set of results. The season started with a win against Rednock of 8-0 in a friendly match. In the league the girls only conceded 1 goal which showed excellent defending and team work. The results are as follows: SHS 1-0, Farmors 6-0, TK 9-0 and Archway 4-1. The victorious squad are Amie R, Tilly B, Katie B, Jodie S, Grace P, Gabby R, Tamsin B and Zinny H. Player of the match was Aimee for the first 3 league games and Zinny for the final game. Congratulations and well done to all the girls.



Year 9 Played 3, Won 3. **League Champions!** They won 5-0 against SWR, 4-1 against Farmors and 3-0 against Archway. The team have adapted well to the full pitch game and have shown great dedication and skill in their games. Congratulations to Freya (captain), Mia, Lily, Mia, Libby, Charlie, Evie, Emily, Neve, Georgia, Martha, Lauren, Amy and Kaitlin.



U16 Congratulations to our U16 Girls Hockey team for **winning the U16 District Hockey League**. They won three of the four matches (beating Farmors 4-0, SWR 12-0 and TK 11-1). Despite losing 3-1 to SHS, other results meant that we won on goal difference. Well done to all. Special mention to the three Year 11 players - Nicole, Emma and Gemma – a fitting end for all their commitment and dedication to school sport. They were supported well by our Year 10 squad of Amelia, Charlotte, Honor, Abbie, Abi, Izzy, Hannah, Dyana, Ella and Becca.



Indoor Rowing

Our U13 boys team finished 1st at the District competition after competing against SWR and Kingshill. The team then finished 3rd overall at the County final. Congratulations to Jim P, Luke P, Matthew W, Ollie W and Ollie G!

Football

This has been a great season which is still continuing and we could end up with three teams being District winners.

Year 7 In the East District final Year 7 won 2 and drew 2 to become champions for 2016! In the overall District final they lost in the semi-final 2-0 and won the 3rd place play off 2-0.

Year 8 Played 4: won 3, lost 1. Finished 3rd in the league.

Year 9 Played 4: won 2, lost 2. Finished 3rd in the league.

Year 10 Played 6: won 3, lost 3. Finished 3rd in the league.

Year 11 Played 4: won 2, lost 2. Finished 3rd in the league.

Congratulations to Jack Tyson and Jed Ainsley Bridger in Year 10 who were selected to join the U15 District squad.



Cross Country



From Year 7 to Year 11—County runners Tanwen and Tom.



Dedication to the cause as Tom battles the mud in Cheltenham

Girls Football

Our U14 girls finished 2nd in the District when competing against Kingshill and Cotswold School. This qualified the team for the County final on Wednesday 16 March where they finished 3rd in their group of 5 teams, with 2 losses and 2 wins. Congratulations to Libby (captain), Mia, Neve, Emily, Charlie, Lauren, Evie T, Evie B, Bex, Amy, Alice and Eve.

Primary Sports

Since January we have hosted three very successful Primary Sport events. The first was the District Gym Festival on 28 January which took place in our Sports Hall. This involved the best gymnastic talent from the local area at Primary level and the competition included both vaulting and floor routines. The Young Leaders were used in numerous different roles including administration, officiating and coaching roles. All our Young Leaders did an excellent job, acting in a mature and responsible manner.

The second event was Cross Country, on 29 February, again involving pupils from Years 3-6 coming to Deer Park. This was the best attended event, with more spectators and pupils taking part than in previous years. Our Young Leaders performed to a very high standard, completing roles including results, course marshals and hares.

The final event was High 5 Netball on 8 March involving Year 5 and Year 6 pupils from our local primary cluster. This highly competitive event saw Kemble running out winners for 2016. Young Leaders again demonstrated excellent leadership skills especially as the event had to be adapted to go indoors due to the weather.



Twickenham Trip

Fifteen Year 8 boys and girls went to Twickenham on Wednesday 16 March as a reward for their consistent hard work over two years in PE lessons, Extra Curricular PE and Gifted & Talented Club. At the home of English Rugby our pupils had the pleasure of watching both the U18 and U15 Natwest Schools Cup finals.

The NatWest Schools Cup is the largest tournament for schoolboy rugby, where school teams compete regionally and then nationally for the chance to play at Twickenham and win the trophy. We enter this annual tournament in the U15 (Year 10) category but were unfortunately knocked out in the early rounds this year. Seeing the unbelievable skill level, size, teamwork and accuracy of the finalists was truly remarkable.

There were 8 schools from all round the country in the finals, with a huge fan base which created a passionate and energetic atmosphere. One of the schools, Sir Thomas Rich's in Gloucester, is local to us but they narrowly lost unfortunately. All matches were contested with real pride and competitive spirit and there were wild celebrations during victory, which was optimised when Northampton School for Boys won the U18 Vase match. A great advert for school rugby and school sport.

Overall, this was a truly inspiring trip. Our pupils were totally enthused and behaved impeccably. A perfect day!

"I was so impressed with the respect shown on the field of play and the quality of the sport on show." Luke

"I had an amazing day and the Gifted and Talented program has enhanced my performance so much." Sam

"I had an amazing experience in an unbelievable venue. The courage of the players was incredible." Eve

"It was an amazing to see the national stadium and watch such a high standard of rugby. This has inspired me to work even harder to be the best I can be." Ella

Inter Tutor Group Tournaments

On Wednesday 3 February our Key Stage 3 Inter Tutor Group Mixed Hockey Tournament took place after school. All tutor groups in Year 7 and 9 were represented, along with all but one in Year 8. It was a really competitive tournament with plenty of smiling faces! Our thanks to the pupils who gave up their time to umpire the matches. Year 7 1st 7JE, 2nd 7FR, 3rd 7LI. Year 8 1st 8NI, 2nd 8DE, 3rd 8JE. Year 9 1st 9DE, 2nd 9NI 3rd 9TU.

We were pleased to see so many players and supporters at our Key Stage 3 Inter Tutor Group Mixed Football Tournament on Thursday 17 March. All bar one tutor group in Year 7 took part and the beautiful sunny afternoon made a welcome change. Year 9 1st 9TU, 2nd 9FR, 3rd 9NI. Year 8 1st 8JE, 2nd 8TU, 3rd 8FR. Year 7 1st 7FR, 2nd 7DO, 3rd 7DU. Thank you to everyone involved, whether playing, officiating or collecting donations for Sport Relief.



Well done to everyone who participated in Sport this term. We are looking forward to the Summer Term and new sports opportunities in Athletics, Rounders, Cricket and Tennis. Look out for clubs and practices after the holidays.



Humanities

Humanities in Focus

In February the theme of our Humanities in Focus week was the role of global ambassadors. Global ambassadors represent their own country both at home and abroad and we are keen to promote the idea that everyone has the potential to be a positive global ambassador. Assemblies and activities challenged pupils to consider their place, purpose and responsibilities in an increasingly connected global community.

Assemblies for all year groups commemorated and raised awareness of the Holocaust. This is still a powerful topic which has allowed us to reflect on the atrocities of the past as well as the steps taken since then with the creation of the UN to tackle a variety of issues confronting humanity today.

During the week tutor groups guessed 'Where in the World are the Deer Park Staff?' 15 members of staff have shared their holiday snaps from around the World and were been disguised for pupils to identify who they are and where they are. Staff and pupils were also challenged to test their global knowledge with a quiz to see how many countries they could name in a limited space of time. Both activities aimed to broaden horizons and inspire an interest in the wider world. The challenges prompted a number of conversations about the diversity of global landscapes, cultures and lifestyles.

Across the department and school as a whole a number of trips will reinforce this theme. The MUNA trip to the Netherlands, opportunities to visit Berlin and Iceland this year as well as a planned trip to Ghana during Easter 2017 for example will all expand pupils' knowledge of the world outside the classroom. In all of these locations pupils will be able to implement their understanding of what it is to be a Global Ambassador and a positive force for change in the World.

Did you know...

There are 18,000 islands in Finland. That's one for about every 30 people in the country?

More people have been to the moon than the bottom of the ocean?

Builders of Japan's Nijo castle created squeaky floors to stop intruders sneaking in?

Some ancient Romans paid their taxes in honey?

Every day there are more iPhones sold than there are babies born?

Nepal is the only country that doesn't have a rectangular flag?



Deer Park pupils join students from Beijing and Calcutta at a sculpture representing the heart being ripped out of Rotterdam during the Second World War

Berlin Trip

On Friday 19 February a group of our Key Stage 4 pupils travelled to Berlin for a 4 day trip aimed at deepening their understanding of the city's Nazi past in preparation for the GCSE History examination and for GCSE German students to develop their skills and confidence in speaking the language. [Read more...](#)

Holocaust Survivor

On Friday 4 March 80 pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 had the incredible opportunity of hearing a testimony from Holocaust survivor Joanna Millan. Joanna gave an all-encompassing talk beginning with the Nuremburg laws and Nazi methods, setting the scene for her own story. [Read more...](#)

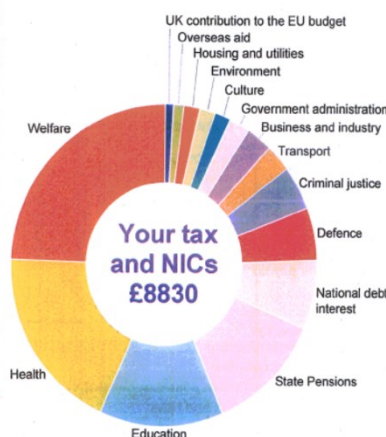
Financial Awareness

On Monday 8 February, all pupils in Year 9 had their timetable suspended for the day to enable them to take part in the Financial Awareness Conference. Pupils spent the day in their tutor groups and received a series of sessions delivered by a Deer Park teacher accompanied by staff from St James's Place Wealth Management. Pupils were led through five sessions: What is Money Worth? Wants vs Needs, Budgeting, Understanding Debt and Personal Aspirations. After the build-up from the first two sessions pupils were each given a family scenario where they were exposed to the cost of living. Pupils had to calculate the difference between gross and net pay and then tax. Pupils were really surprised at the stoppages. They were shown a graph to clarify how taxation is spent (see below).

How your tax contributed to public spending

Your contribution	
Welfare	£2165
Health	£1666
Education	£1161
State Pensions	£1070
National debt interest	£618
Defence	£489
Criminal justice	£389
Transport	£260
Business & industry	£242
Government administration	£181
Culture eg sports, libraries, museums	£149
Environment	£147
Housing & utilities eg street lights	£145
Overseas aid	£102
UK contribution to the EU Budget	£66
Total	£8830

All figures are rounded to the nearest pound.



Then, pupils examined the subject of debt. They were shocked at the difference in interest charged by the various lenders. All were aware of the interest-free credit from television advertisements such as DFS but were rather taken aback by store cards, for example Top Shop. Pupils were made aware of organisations that could help them should they ever find themselves in financial difficulties, for example The Money Advice Service.

Pupils were able to make links throughout the day to the importance of saving. From the evaluations at the end of the day pupils both recognised the value of the day in preparing them for the future and were much more financially savvy!

'Young people face more advertising and opportunities to get into debt than ever before. By giving us the opportunity to work together and spend a day supporting all the Deer Park Year 9 students, we hope to have given those students more of the tools to help them make informed choices. Looking at life skills of budgeting, understanding loans, interest, tax while investigating issues around the morality of money and social value sparked debate and thought in students as they can already see these issues present in their own lives.' Alex Davies, CSR Manager. SJP

'For me, having the opportunity to deliver financial education to students is really important. I didn't understand the risks of store card debt and got into difficulties after school. I wish I'd had some more knowledge about how debt works and why businesses use these sales methods. Looking back it's obvious, but at 18 I just didn't think like that. I hope that by being able to talk to students about my experience while helping to deliver a course will help them to understand how the topics relate to the real world and the choices they will soon have.' Kirsty Brown, Associate Trainer – Personal Development. SJP

'For me the Financial Education course is a way for me to give something back to the community and help the students get a better understanding and gain knowledge on financial options that they may come across in the future. It's important to play my part to ensure everyone had some knowledge on the key subjects like budgeting and what debt is.

It is essential that everyone knows what debt is and how budgeting for day-to-day life and understanding the difference between your wants and needs can avoid you getting into tricky situations. It was also really beneficial for the students to get an understanding on the different methods of loans and what they are. As this course wasn't available when I was at school, I think it will really make the students think twice when they're old enough to get things such as credit cards, bank loans etc. because they now understand what they are and make decisions on what's best for them, especially as a few of the students in my class were considering University. This is knowledge that I didn't have but most certainly would have benefited from.' Lauren Waldron, Treasury Assistant – Finance. SJP

Religious Philosophy

Year 8 have recently been following a programme of study 'What it means to be a Christian?' Over the last few weeks all classes have had the opportunity to host Bob Morris from Cirencester Baptist Church. Pupils had to prepare questions to ask Bob in preparation for this experience.

Susan and Ellie want to share their experience of the visit and what they discovered: Today a special guest came into our school and talked to us about his religion (Christianity), about being a Christian and his view of God. We asked him many questions and he kindly answered them. Our questions included What does God think about atheists? If God is an omnipotent and omnibenevolent God why does he allow suffering to happen in the world? Bob gave us a better understanding of key Christian teachings about forgiveness and the idea of God. At the end of the hour our questions had been answered and everyone had fun whilst learning new things.

We will definitely look to get in other members of faith communities in to share their beliefs with the pupils as it leads to a deeper understanding of the religion.



Classical Reflection

Did you watch The Voice Series 4? Our Music Department was approached by Classical Reflection to provide a warm up act for an evening at Cirencester Holy Trinity Church. We were given the option to send solo act examples from our GCSE classes and Naomi and Hannah selected Year 11 Amelia H on Piano to play a piece by Einaudi and the Deer Park Singers to perform a Durufle piece in Latin. Find out more [on their website](#).



Athletics Fitness Classes Golf Netball Ninja Tots Outdoors Running Dance



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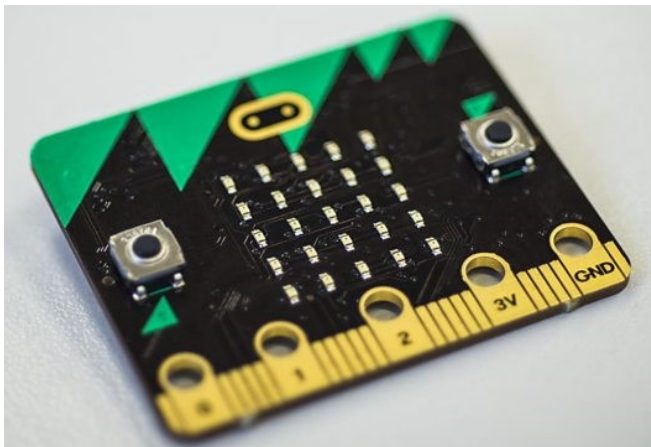
Deer Park School has been working with local photographer, Tanli Joy Photography, who has captured images from recent school events for our website and marketing. Tanli is a natural light family photographer and is based in Cirencester. She has a very relaxed and easy approach to photography and aspires to capture 'real connections' rather than just 'posed' photographs. You can find more of her work on www.tanlijoyphotography.com

BBC micro:bit

The [BBC micro:bit](#), a pocket-sized codeable computer with motion detection, a built-in compass and Bluetooth technology, is to be given free to a million Year 7 pupils in the UK. The ambition of this BBC education initiative is to inspire digital creativity and develop a new generation of tech pioneers, to encourage children to get actively involved in writing software for computers and building new things, rather than being consumers of media

Although there have been delays with the BBC micro:bit, we are eagerly anticipating the delivery of the mini computers just after the Easter break! [Watch this video](#) to find out more.

At Deer Park we have fully embraced the new computing curriculum, with pupils learning about programming techniques right from Year 7. All our Year 7s should receive a micro:bit and it is expected that pupils will be using the mini computers after half term, having completed the current unit on Scratch programming in their ICT lessons.



In preparation for this activity, our pupils can access the [MicroBit website](#) and start coding straight away using the emulator— we recommend that they start with the Microsoft Block Editor.

[Start Coding](#) (pupils)

[Guides and Resources](#) (parents)

[Seven outstanding micro:bit projects](#)

So, what happens to children who start Year 7 this coming September? Or pupils currently in Year 8 and upwards? There is talk of turning the micro:bit into a commercial product—we will have to wait and see.

Enrichment Week

A reminder that we encourage payments to be made via WisePay. Please use the Easter break to check that any payments due for Enrichment Week (4-8 July) are up to date. Look for the payment / basket icon on our website—either top right in the quick links icon menu or under the drop down MENU icon top right.



Do [contact the Finance Office](#) if you have any queries or need a reminder of your login details.

Stratton Buses

We have been advised by Gloucestershire County Council that with effect from Monday 11 April the **Pulhams Coaches** serving Stratton will no longer run. However, **Stagecoach** provide a **51A** service which GCC advises us will run as follows:

Morning - pupils could get the service 51A from Stratton, Overhill Road at 08:07. This gets to Chesterton, opposite the Cemetery at 08:25; this is a short walk from school using the underpass.

Afternoon - pupils could get the service 51A at 15:37 from opposite the Cemetery that would get back to Stratton, Overhill Road for 16:07. Alternatively they could walk into town and catch the 51 service from the Corn Hall @ 16:15, which will get them back to Stratton for 16:24.

The 51/51A service is for non-entitled pupils or those not holding a GCC ITU bus pass. The [full timetable for the 51/51A](#) can be viewed on the [Stagecoach website](#). The contact number for Stagecoach is 01793 521415.

Lost Property

As ever, please ensure that your child's uniform, PE kit and other belongings are clearly named—it makes reuniting items with their owners much quicker and easier for all concerned. If you do not have name tags, then a laundry pen or Sharpie is a quick and easy option! If your child has mislaid something, ask them to come to Lost Property in Reception to check.

Dates for your calendar

25th March - 8th April	Holiday
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
30th May - 3 June	Holiday
Monday 6th June	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
4th - 8th July	Enrichment & Work Experience Week
Friday 22nd July	Last day of 2015/16 academic year
Thursday 25th August	GCSE Results available
Monday 5th September	First day of 2016/17 academic year
24th - 28th October	Holiday
Friday 18th November	Inset Day (school closed to pupils). Year 11 pupils at Cirencester College
19th December - 2nd January 2017	Holiday
13th - 17th February 2017	Holiday
Friday 17th March 2017	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
10th - 21st April 2017	Holiday

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