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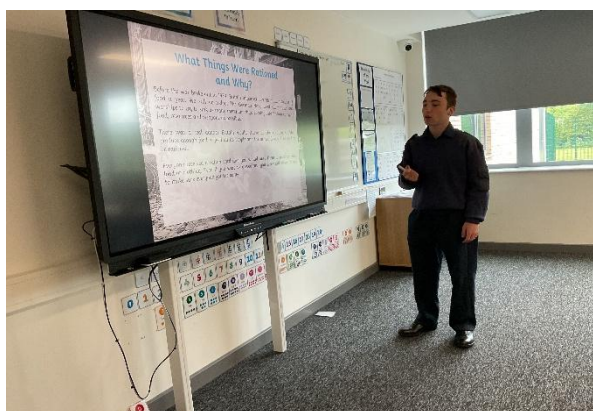
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Dear All,

### **Victory of Europe Day Celebrations**

As we celebrate VE Day, our school community member from the cadets shared with us the important message of working together for peace and kindness recognising the value of community. We were grateful and reflected with a 2-minute silence.



### **Attendance Highlight-Week 2**

We are celebrating another successful week of our 19 Day Attendance Challenge. Most students received their 5-day challenge gifts on Monday afternoon building up to their big rewards on the 19<sup>th</sup> day. We are finishing this week with over 70% overall attendance. We need to get 90% and counting on you to help us reach our target. Please keep supporting us by making sure your child attends school.

### **Hartpury College Golf Competition (Golf Sixes League)**

Congratulations to our students who took part in a golf competition today at Hartpury College. We came 3<sup>rd</sup> and here are photos of our celebration.



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### **Extra-Curricular Activities on Friday**

We have reviewed our Friday Enrichment Programme and made it more purposeful in line with Personal Development. Below are the images of what it looks like on a Friday afternoon.



### **Uniform**

Thank you for your support with uniforms this term. Please continue to make sure your child attends school with the appropriate uniform as we continue to embrace the warm weather. Where possible please also make sure they have a sun cream on. We have stock of new uniforms, and you can contact the office to make a purchase.

### **Swimming-New Group 7A**

**Class 7A had their first swimming session on Monday. Please make sure they come to school on the dates with their swimming kit for the activity.**

**-Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April-Done**

**-Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**-Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**-Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**-Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Assessment/Exams in Term 5**

We have been successful again this week with Year 10/11 Assessments. The students have done well again, and the rest of the school community have been supportive and respectful of their older peers. Assessments will continue next week and for the rest of the term. Please make sure they attend school every day.



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### **Term 5 Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

**Bank Holidays-Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 School Closed**

**School is open on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 as normal.**

### **Concerns/Social Media**

I am pleased to share that your support has enabled us to manage social media concerns effectively and have now received a significantly low record of concerns. This is great and thank you for your help. Please keep sharing concerns with us.

### **Teacher/TA Adverts/Update**

We have appointed a new Teaching Assistant Ms Laura Davis and welcomed Ms Jade Frank as our new class Teacher in 8B. Both colleagues have enormous experience in SEN and will be helping us to grow as a school community.

The recruitment process continues with our growth, and I share the link below for you to share in our community please.

The link to the vacancy on Eteach is:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/brookacademy/job/class-teacher-1481874>

The link to the vacancy on Diversity Jobs is:

<https://www.lgbtjobs.co.uk/job/class-teacher-16>

### **Academy Council Vacancy/Parent Councillor**

We are in the process of recruiting a parent councillor and would welcome your application and contribution to the school community. All the information for the process will be sent with this newsletter. Please contact us if you have any further questions.

### **Nut Free School and other allergies!**

We are reviewing our risk assessments for allergies and would like to remind you all that our school community is a NUT Free School. Please make sure your child does not attend school with any snack containing nuts. We also check our spice intolerant for cooking and would like to know if your child has an allergy to enable us to avoid reaction during their cooking session.

### **Food Bank**

Food Bank is open, and we will encourage you to contact us if you need any support. Below is also information from the Local Authority about Food Vouchers.



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## **Title: Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers**

As you may be aware, Free School Meals are arranged directly with Gloucestershire County Council. Please find detailed below an email from GCC advising that they are offering a voucher for the May half term to all students entitled to free school meals and providing details regarding eligibility and the application process.

Unfortunately, we are unable to process a claim or application on your behalf, but we did want to bring it to your attention for you to make a claim.

### **Email from Gloucester County Council**

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire. We hope that you will be able to pass these messages on to families within your schools.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the May Half Term 2025 will be open from midday 29 April until midday on 13 May. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 19 May. Please encourage families to check their junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 26 May, please encourage them to submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This May Half Term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child for one week.**

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

**Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the May Half Term holiday vouchers - they will already have been included.**

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Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals](#) page. If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the link above.

**Using vouchers** – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

**For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please ask them to submit an update existing details request via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) so we can update their account, as details are not automatically updated.**

Enjoy your weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kay Sarpong'.



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