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#TEAM DEYES NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term - December 2025





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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Dear Parents, Carers, Students, and Deyes High School Community,



As we reach the end of an incredible autumn term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements across our school. From outstanding academic success and inspiring Awards Evening recognitions to the creativity shown in enterprise challenges, performances, and community projects, our students have truly embodied resilience, ambition, and teamwork.

Highlights such as our Careers Festival, Open Evening, and festive Carol Concert have showcased the talent and spirit that make Deyes High so special.

I am immensely proud of the progress we've made together — not only in learning outcomes but in building a culture of respect, inclusion, and aspiration. Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and, most importantly, our students for making this term such a success.

As we look ahead to 2026, we remain committed to providing exceptional opportunities and preparing every student for a bright future. There is so much to be excited about in the new year, and I can't wait to see what we achieve next.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School

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Awards Celebrate Student Excellence



In October, we hosted our annual Awards Evening, celebrating the achievements of students across all year groups. Over 130 awards recognised academic excellence and contributions to the wider school community through Pastoral and Subject Awards.

Head of School Mrs. Beaney commented, “This evening is about recognising the determination, resilience, and positive impact our students have in every lesson and beyond the classroom.”

A student said, “Receiving this award made me feel that all my hard work this year has really been noticed - it’s so motivating.” Another added, “It’s inspiring to see so many students celebrated tonight. It pushes me to keep challenging myself academically and personally.”

We also celebrated last year’s Year 11 students for their impressive results and welcomed back our Year 13 leavers, many now progressing with confidence at universities across the country. Their success sets a powerful example for current students aiming high and planning their next steps.

Congratulations to all students and thanks to families for supporting our evening of celebration, pride, and inspiration.

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Open Evening Inspires Future Students



Our Year 6 Open Evening was a fantastic success, with over 1,000 primary students, families, and carers visiting to explore our new school building and see learning in action.

Visitors enjoyed a wide range of activities, including sports challenges, a chocolate taste test, Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery, live music, collaborative printmaking mural, practical cooking demonstrations and exciting science experiments with bangs and explosions.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. One parent said, "Thank you for an amazing experience. We really enjoyed the tour, meeting teachers, and finding out about enrichment opportunities. The new facilities are excellent." A student added, "I loved the sports challenges and can't wait to come to Deyes."

Thank you to all staff and students who made the evening so welcoming and engaging.

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New Building Delivering Real Impact



A year after opening, Deyes High School has become a benchmark for modern education design. Delivered by Kier for the Department for Education and Lydiate Learning Trust, the 10,000 sqm school has quickly established itself as a high-performing, future-ready environment, improving outcomes, behaviour, and community connections.

In its first year, the school used just 67% of the DfE's energy target, making it highly efficient. Solar panels generated over 478,000 kWh of clean electricity — enough to power more than 66,000 LED lightbulbs continuously for a month. Features like hybrid ventilation, a BioSolar roof, heat pumps, and improved insulation ensure classrooms are consistently comfortable, energy-efficient, and cost-effective. Students have also gained hands-on experience learning about construction careers and sustainable building practices, connecting classroom lessons to real-world applications.

The educational impact is clear. Attendance and attitudes to learning have improved, and low-level disruption has reduced. Classrooms feel calmer and more focused, supported by stable temperatures and strong acoustic control.

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Head of School Vickie Beaney said: “Over the past year, we’ve seen a real difference across the school — students are more engaged, focused, and enjoying their learning, while staff report fewer behavioural issues and more collaborative support between pupils. Our new building has quietly transformed the day-to-day environment. Deyes is built on family values, and our partnership with Kier has helped shape not just the school’s spaces, but the culture that makes this community thrive.”

Parent and carer engagement has increased, and the building’s efficient layout is delivering tangible gains — students now gain up to seven extra minutes of learning time per lesson.

The school’s wider role has grown too. Over the past year, community groups have increasingly used the facilities for sports, classes, meetings, and events. Staff morale is strong, and students report improved wellbeing, reinforcing the link between thoughtful design and a positive school culture.

Kier Senior Project Manager Andy Brayne added: “Delivering Deyes High School was about creating an environment that drives educational excellence and sustainability. This project sets a benchmark for future schools, combining energy efficiency with spaces that inspire learning and community engagement.”



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Primary Pupils Experience Deyes



Pupils from Green Park and Summerhill Primary Schools spent an exciting day at Deyes High School, taking part in a full timetable of lessons designed to give them a real feel for secondary school life.

The day began with a welcome assembly before students rotated through practical subjects including Food Technology, Design Technology, Drama and PE.

Mrs Beaney, Headteacher at Deyes High School, said: "This transition event helps pupils see that high school is a welcoming, engaging place where learning is hands-on and confidence grows quickly."

Mr Patten, Head of Transition at Deyes High School, added: "Our aim is to make the move to secondary school seamless. It's brilliant to see pupils so engaged and already building relationships with staff and each other."

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Primary staff were equally enthusiastic. A Year 6 Teacher at Green Park Primary, commented: “Our pupils loved every minute — especially the practical lessons. They left buzzing about what’s ahead next year.”

Students agreed. One pupil from Summerhill said: “I really liked the drama lesson and how everyone joined in — it felt like we were already part of the school.”

Another from Green Park added: “The teachers were really friendly, and I can’t wait to come back when I start in Year 7.”

At the end of the day, pupils received certificates of participation before heading back to their schools — a fitting end to a day full of learning, fun and excitement about the next stage of their education.



CAREERS NEWS

Careers Festival Inspires Students



Deyes High School's annual Careers Festival 2025 brought together hundreds of students, employers, and education providers for a day focused on future pathways, ambition, and opportunity. The event showcased more than 40 exhibitors from employers, further and higher education, and public services.

Students from all year groups explored a diverse range of career routes — from healthcare, engineering, and law to creative industries, apprenticeships, and university study. Workshops, talks, and one-to-one conversations gave students the chance to ask practical questions about entry routes, skills, and real-world job experiences.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School, commented: "Our focus is on preparing students for life beyond school. Events like this connect learning with real opportunity and show our young people what's possible when they aim high and stay curious."

Ryan from Year 13 commented: "Talking to universities about courses and entry requirements has been amazing as I'd love a career in Musical Theatre."

Harrison from Year 11 added: "Discussions with various providers have opened my mind to degree subjects; I plan to pursue computer science and game development."

The Deyes High School Careers Festival is a key part of the school's careers programme, which includes mock interviews, employer visits, 'Meet the Professional' talks, work experience and personalised guidance for every student.

A huge thank you to all the employers, colleges, and organisations who supported this year's festival and helped inspire the next generation.

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Young Entrepreneurs Shine



Year 7 and Year 8 students took centre stage recently in the KD Enterprise Challenge, putting their creativity, teamwork, and business acumen to the test.

Throughout the day, students developed innovative business ideas and shared them in confident mini pitches with their peers and staff. Their concepts covered an impressive range — from dental care products and children's support services to finance education apps and much more — showcasing fresh thinking and a strong entrepreneurial spirit.

Kirsty Doyle, fashion designer and founder of the KD Enterprise programme, said: "Seeing young people bring their ideas to life with such passion and confidence is exactly why I started this programme. Their creativity today was outstanding."

Year 7 student Ben added: "I loved working with my team and seeing our idea come to life. It felt amazing to share it with everyone."

Year 8 student Ava commented: "It was challenging but exciting. I learned so much about teamwork and pitching ideas clearly."

Well done to everyone who took part and embraced the challenge — a fantastic display of initiative and ambition from our future innovators.

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Students Launch Maghull Youth Council



Representatives from our Student Council visited Bootle Town Hall, where they explored how local government works and met with community leaders to kick off their journey as part of the Maghull Youth Council.

At the historic Grade II listed Town Hall, the students learned first-hand about the responsibilities of the Mayor and the importance of local leadership.

The trip marked a formal beginning to their involvement in the Maghull Youth Council, a body dedicated to amplifying young people's voices in local decision-making. The Maghull Town Council supports this work, as part of its broader commitment to youth engagement.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School said: "This is the beginning of a real opportunity — our students are stepping up to make a positive impact in their community. We couldn't be prouder of their ambition, dedication and readiness to serve."

Florence from Year 9 added: "Seeing how the Mayor and councillors work made me realise that youth voices can truly shape our town. I feel excited that we have a chance to push for what matters to us."

COLLEGE@DEYES NEWS

FutureFest 2025: Unlock Your Future



College@Deyes welcomed students and families to FutureFest 2025, showcasing Sixth Form life and 14 new courses for 2026. Deyes Year 11 students attended a special event 2-4pm after which the event opened to parents and students from the local community. Visitors explored the Curriculum Marketplace, took part in hands-on activities, and spoke with staff and students.

Year 11 student Milly said: "Visiting FutureFest really opened my eyes to the courses available. Speaking to teachers and current students helped me plan my next steps with confidence and it's great so many new subjects are on offer based on our feedback." Zac added "I enjoyed seeing all the options for Sixth Form and getting hands-on with the activities. It's helped me to decide I will definitely study at College @ Deyes and which subjects I want to take."

A parent commented: "FutureFest gave us a real insight into College@Deyes. Seeing staff and students so engaged made it clear this is a supportive and inspiring environment."

Applications are now open for 2026 - [click here for more information](#).

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Festive Christmas Carol Concert



Our Carol Concert was a wonderful celebration of music, community, and collaboration, featuring students from Deyes High School, Summerhill Primary School, and Melling Primary School performing a vibrant mix of dance, drama, instrumental pieces, and singing.

Mrs. Byrne, Head of Expressive & Performing Arts said: "Watching the primary students perform with such confidence alongside our students was truly inspiring and a perfect start to the festive season."

Zac, Deyes Year 10 student and event compere added: "It was amazing watching the performances and seeing all of the Deyes and primary students come together. The concert was magical, and I'm so proud of what we achieved." Primary student Chloe added: "I loved performing on such a big stage. Singing with the Deyes students gave me a real boost, and it felt exciting to be part of something this special."

Thank you to everyone who performed and attended — this event perfectly showcased the creativity, teamwork, and festive spirit of our school community.

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Anti-Bullying Week at Deyes



Students at Deyes marked Anti-Bullying Week with a range of activities highlighting the importance of respect. The week focused on helping students recognise, prevent, and address bullying, while promoting our school values of respect and diversity.

Highlights included 'Odd Socks Day', with Year 7 student Ingrid winning the prize for the best socks. The event raised £150 for Children in Need. The Power for Good Poetry Competition showcased student voices, with Florence from Year 9 taking home this year's award.

Year 7 and 8 Student Council members also participated in a day of silence for Children in Need, raising £270 so far. If you'd like to sponsor them, [click here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Students Celebrate Power for Good



Deyes High School students proudly took part in this year's Anti-Bullying Schools Project Celebration at St George's Hall, Liverpool, marking the project's fifth anniversary during national Anti-Bullying Week.

The theme, "Power for Good", reflected Deyes' No to Negativity campaign, promoting kindness, empathy and respect across the school. The event brought together over 100 schools, celebrating inclusion through music and British Sign Language performances led by Knotty Ash Primary School.

Deyes students performed songs such as This Is Me and Step Into Your Power, uniting hearing and Deaf students while sharing an important anti-bullying message.

Head of School Mrs. Beaney said: "We are extremely proud of our students. The Anti-Bullying Schools Project reminds us that everyone has a role in creating a positive community. Our students showed real passion, confidence and empathy."

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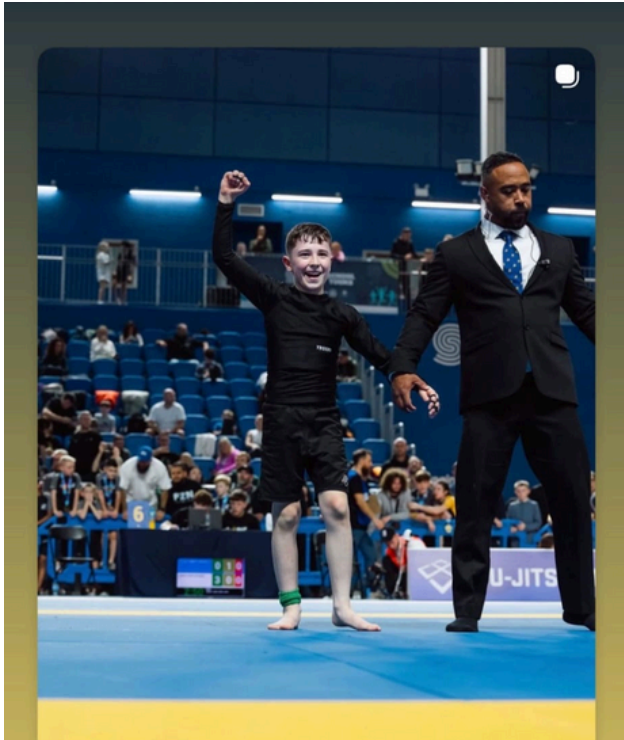
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Head of School Mrs. Beaney said: "We are extremely proud of our students. The Anti-Bullying Schools Project reminds us that everyone has a role in creating a positive community. Our students showed real passion, confidence and empathy." Mrs. Byrne, Head of Expressive and Performing Arts, added: "It was fantastic for our students to perform alongside others and see how creativity promotes inclusion and kindness. The event captured everything performing arts should be about – teamwork, expression and using your voice for good."

Ella, Year 8, said: "Performing in St George's Hall was amazing. Everyone came together to show that kindness really can make a difference." Ben, Year 9, added: "Learning sign language and performing with other schools showed me how powerful it is when everyone works together."



Elliot Dominates Global Jiu Jitsu Scene



Year 7 student Elliot D. continues to make waves in the world of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (BJJ), competing and medalling across the globe — from Brazil and the USA to Abu Dhabi and Europe.

Having trained for over four years, Elliot has already won more than 100 matches, earning top rankings with both major international bodies, IBJJF and AJP, where he's been ranked number 1 in the world.

This year alone, Elliot has competed in Spain, Italy, and the UK, bringing home four golds, one silver, and one bronze, including a Grand Slam Gold in Italy. In his most recent competition, he entered three categories — and won gold in all three!

Elliot now looks ahead to his next challenge — a “Super Fight” at the Olympia, Liverpool, on December 6th, a great chance for friends and supporters to see him in action on home soil.

Follow his journey on Instagram (@elliot_d_bjj) — just look for “The King” putting on his crown after victory!

Alexandros Claims Double World Title



Deyes is celebrating an exceptional international achievement after Year 10 student Alexandros returned from the 2025 WKU World Championships in Trier as a double world champion.

Competing against elite fighters from across the globe, Alexandros secured two WKU World Titles in Points Fighting and Light Contact, along with additional podium finishes that underline his consistency and competitive edge. His success reflects discipline, technical skill and a level of composure rarely seen at his age.

The championships are recognised as one of the most demanding events on the international kickboxing calendar. Earning even a single title is a major accomplishment — claiming two marks Alexandros out as an athlete with significant potential.

Alexandros has trained relentlessly for this season, balancing high-level sport with his academic commitments and maintaining the focus needed to compete on the world stage. His achievement sets a strong example for students across the school: ambition matched with hard work delivers results.

We look forward to following Alexandros's next steps as he continues to develop and compete at the highest level.

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Year 10 Work Experience Launched



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Year 10 Work Experience has now launched, marking an important milestone as students begin their first steps into the world of work.

Students are encouraged to complete their self-placement and submit their employer forms as soon as possible. Early action reduces stress and increases the chance of securing meaningful placements. The deadline for all paperwork is 26 January 2026.

"Work experience is a fantastic way for our students to explore careers, develop new skills, and build confidence," said Mrs. Beaney, Head of School. "We encourage all students to act quickly and make the most of this opportunity."

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