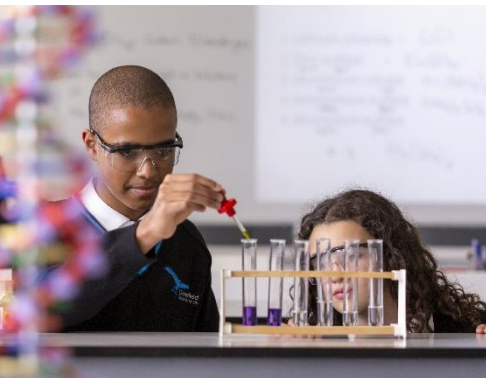


## **Celebrating Denefield Friday 6 May 2022**





Firstly, thank you to all parents/carers – and their children – for engaging in the consultation about proposed trial changes to the school day. Mrs McHugh, Mr Simpson and I met with parents/Carers of Year 7 to 12 students yesterday evening, and before that met with parents/carers of Year 6 students who are joining us in September. There were many excellent questions and comments, which we will take into account when deciding upon our next steps. The closing date for responding to the electronic survey is Tuesday 10 May. Full details of the proposals, with links to the survey, can be found [here](#).

I am delighted with the continued progress of students in lessons and in extra-curricular activities. Well done to Year 10 on completing their

PPEs, or mock exams, to Year 11 students who have taken their French, German and Spanish oral examinations, and to Year 13 students who have had Art and Photography practical examinations. In addition, we have been trialling an alternative use of Year 11 tutor time, which involves spending the first half an hour of the day engaged in interactive and competitive quizzes in English, Maths and Science, as preparation for their GCSE examinations. This has proven to be a popular and effective way of students improving both their knowledge recall and their confidence in these subjects.

Have a very good weekend – summer appears to be on the way!

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## Diary dates – academic year 2021 – 2022

Wednesday 11 May

CHARACTER awards evening

Monday 16 May to Wednesday 29 June

GCSE and A Level Exam season

Tuesday 24 May

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Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June

Half term

Monday 6 June

Students return to school



## **Year 7 Tutor – Mr Clare**

Dearest reader, N7-JCR are without doubt the BEST tutor group in the whole of the school, never mind just Year 7! Every single member of the tutor group has grown massively in their confidence, resilience and the maturity since joining Denefield in September and I am very proud of each and every one of them.

On a day to day basis, as a tutor group, we discuss the relevant topics that are going on in the world right now, such as the Ukraine crisis or what it means to be British. A lot of tutees enjoy sharing their opinions in a respectful and mature way and always listen to others.

As well as this, we have recently delivered our tutor assembly, where we looked at the issue of mental wellbeing in teenagers and ways of improving mental wellbeing such as participating in new activities, spending time with friends and avoiding social media during certain times of the day.

Other activities we love doing are things such as the Worlde of the day, Foodle, Globle and Waffle, which are all games accessed online. This develops the students' knowledge, articulacy and resilience and are games we would recommend to anyone!!

We are always near the top in terms of our achievement points, attendance and punctuality and love being competitive with the other tutor groups across Year 7. We are very much looking forward to the rest of the year and moving into Year 8 and the challenges and experiences this will bring us.



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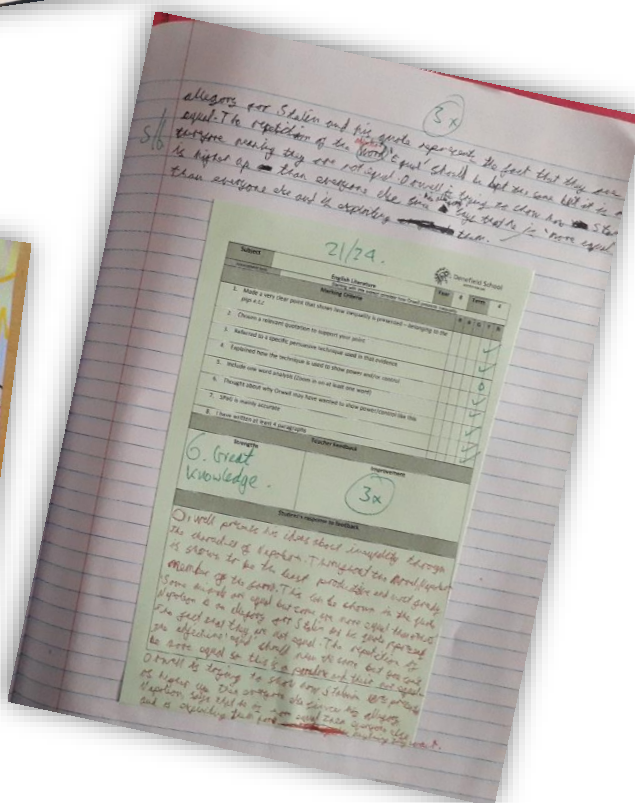


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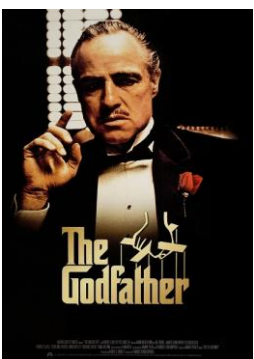
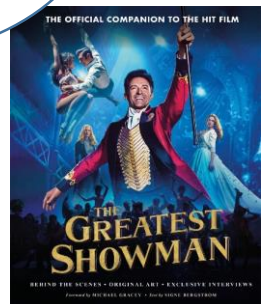
Miss Williams: I would like students to study 'The Color Purple' as it is a powerful and emotional depiction of the issues many people face - both historically and unfortunately sometimes still today. It prompts the viewer to reflect on acceptance, diversity and inclusion, values which are so important to us at Denefield.

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## Extra curricular

Please see below for a reminder of our extra curricular activities which take place during lunch times and after school

| Lunchtime         | Staff                    | When | Room       | Years   |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------|------------|---------|
| <b>Monday</b>     |                          |      |            |         |
|                   |                          |      |            |         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    |                          |      |            |         |
| 3D Printing Club  | Miss Simpson             | TUE  | Technology | All     |
| Enterprise Club   | Mrs Lamport & Ms Pavanel | TUE  | A304       | All     |
| Gardening         | Mrs Kelly                | TUE  |            | All     |
| Chess KS3         | Mr Mills                 | TUE  | A204       | KS3     |
| Choir             | Mrs Idowu & Mrs Bridger  | TUE  | M118       | All     |
| Maths Drop In KS3 | Miss Pullen-Clarke       | TUE  | A102       | KS3     |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  |                          |      |            |         |
| Surf #Stormriders | Mrs Breakenridge         | WED  | A106       | Year 11 |
| <b>Thursday</b>   |                          |      |            |         |
| Maths Drop In KS4 | Miss Pullen-Clarke       | THU  | A102       | KS4     |

| After School                | Staff                   | When | Room               | Years        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Monday</b>               |                         |      |                    |              |
|                             |                         |      |                    |              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>              |                         |      |                    |              |
|                             |                         |      |                    |              |
| <b>Wednesday</b>            |                         |      |                    |              |
| Denefield Discusses Podcast | Mr Neale                | WED  | A206               | All          |
| Architecture Club           | Mrs Perry & Mr Nicholls | WED  | M110               | Year 9 to 13 |
| Book Club                   | Mrs Buckley             | WED  | A211               | All          |
| Year 11 Maths revision      | Miss Breakenridge       | WED  | A106               | Year 11      |
| <b>Thursday</b>             |                         |      |                    |              |
| CCF                         | Mrs Saverton            | THU  | Pangbourne College | Year 10      |

## PE Extra curricular

| After School                | Staff   | When             | Where | Years          |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------|-------|----------------|
| <b>Monday</b>               |   |                  |       |                |
|                             |   |                  |       |                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>              |   |                  |       |                |
| Year 7 and 8 Rounders       | Miss Smith                                    | 3.15pm to 4.15pm |       | Years 7 and 8  |
| Year 9 boys cricket         | Mr Clare                                      | 3.15pm to 4.15pm |       | Year 9         |
| Year 10 boy cricket         | Mr Wright                                     | 3.15pm to 4.15pm |       | Year 10        |
| <b>Wednesday</b>            |   |                  |       |                |
| Year 7 boys cricket         | Mr Clarke                                     | 3.15pm to 4.15pm |       | Year 7         |
| Year 8 boys cricket         | Mr Lean                                       | 3.15pm to 4.15pm |       | Year 8         |
| Year 9 and Year 10 rounders | Miss Wheeler                                  | 3.15pm to 4.15pm |       | Years 9 and 10 |
| <b>Thursday</b>             |   |                  |       |                |
| Athletics                   | Mr Clark, Miss Wheeler, Miss Smith, Mr Wright | 3.15pm to 4.15pm |       |                |

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**School Years: 7 - 9**

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*Our role in the Community*

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**Christmas & Care Packs**

Last year, Spotlight UK provided over 3000 children with Christmas presents, 400 Christmas food hampers for families, 500 Christmas Stockings for elderly in care homes.


We also provided over 1500 mental health care packs to young and old who were struggling with their mental health as a way to give a pick me up/soothe pack to bring a smile on faces. This year we are in the process of doing it all over again making it bigger and better and we have already smashed this target supporting children who are struggling with their mental health and elderly who are feeling isolated and lonely.



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We offer many free to low-cost activities including trampolining sessions, Bowling, and dance and drama lessons.

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## How to sign-up!

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This then allows you to find Spotlight UK.

## How this helps us!

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