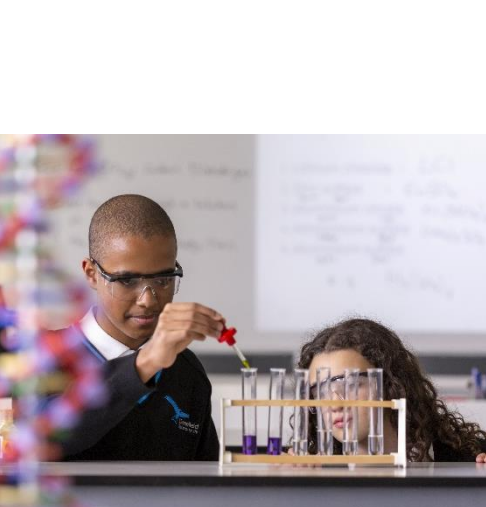


Celebrating Denefield Friday 1 April 2022





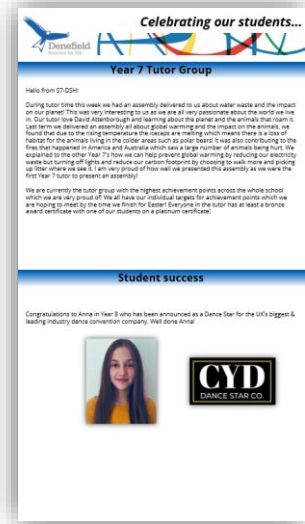
As I write on April Fool's Day, it certainly seems that the weather has been playing tricks on us. A week ago we were basking in 20 degree temperatures. This week, we have had Arctic winds, snow and hail! And as we move towards the Easter break, academic excellence and cultural enrichment are once more key themes at Denefield. Following on from the success of last week's school show 'Little Shop of Horrors,' today fifty students across different year groups are attending a production of Verdi's La Traviata at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Year 10 are preparing for their PPE or mock examinations after Easter, and parents/carers have been sent full details of these. Year 11 and Year 13 are now moving towards the final straight of their

preparations for GCSE and A-Level examinations, which begin in May. As part of our package of support, all Year 11 students will have a dedicated revision skills and strategies session on Wednesday 6 April, and we look forward to meeting Year 11 parents/carers that evening for their revision information evening.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Included in this edition...



Diary dates – academic year 2021 – 2022	
Tuesday 5 April	Year 8 online Parents Evening – ‘Y’ side
Wednesday 6 April	Year 11 revision information evening 6.00-6.45pm Main Hall
Thursday 7 April	End of term 12.00pm
Saturday 9 April to Tuesday 12 April	Visit – Sports Tour, Years 8, 9 and 10 (students selected by ballot)
Monday 25 April	Students return to school
Monday 25 April to Thursday 5 May	Year 10 PPEs
Wednesday 11 May	CHARACTER awards evening - details TBC



Year 7 Tutor Group

Hello from S7-DSH!

During tutor time this week we had an assembly delivered to us about water waste and the impact on our planet! This was very interesting to us as we are all very passionate about the world we live in. Our tutor love David Attenborough and learning about the planet and the animals that roam it. Last term we delivered an assembly all about global warming and the impact on the animals, we found that due to the rising temperature the icecaps are melting which means there is a loss of habitat for the animals living in the colder areas such as polar bears! It was also contributing to the fires that happened in America and Australia which saw a large number of animals being hurt. We explained to the other Year 7's how we can help prevent global warming by reducing our electricity waste but turning off lights and reduce our carbon footprint by choosing to walk more and picking up litter where we see it. I am very proud of how well we presented this assembly as we were the first Year 7 tutor to present an assembly!

We are currently the tutor group with the highest achievement points across the whole school which we are very proud of! We all have our individual targets for achievement points which we are hoping to meet by the time we finish for Easter! Everyone in the tutor has at least a bronze award certificate with one of our students on a platinum certificate!

Student success

Congratulations to Anna in Year 8 who has been announced as a Dance Star for the UK's biggest & leading industry dance convention company. Well done Anna!






Business and Travel and Tourism

The business and travel and tourism industries are still affected by the global pandemic and are trying to recover. We have been closely following the recent news from P&O in lessons across all of our subjects with students looking at the impact that this has on the 800 staff as well as the customers. With the A Level students we have been discussing about whether this is legal action and what the consequences for P&O could be.

Inflation has also been a topic discussed recently in lessons from the news looking at the impact that fuel prices and rising costs is having on living expenses and disposable incomes. We have been able to use the news to inform students about these key issues.



Currently in Year 10 business students are preparing for their theme 1 PPE after the Easter holidays which will focus on small businesses and factors that affect them.

Year 11 have now finished all of their learning for the GCSE course and are now working on revising the topics from the pre-released topic list for their examinations in May.

In Year 10 travel and tourism students are preparing for the component 2 examination in May which looks at global destinations and the factors that affect them.

Year 12 BTEC Business have been learning about personal and business finance for their examination in May. They have been learning about the financial sector as well as how businesses create balance sheets, profit and loss accounts, cash flow forecasts and break-even charts.

Year 13 BTEC Business are currently working on the recruitment and selection assignments where they are planning interviews for candidates which will take place before Easter.

Year 12 A Level Business are currently investigating operations in business and business finance.

Year 13 A Level Business have now finished their learning and we are focussing on the preparations needed for their examinations in May and July.

Year 12 BTEC Travel and Tourism are currently preparing for their examination in May which will be on global destinations.

Year 13 BTEC Travel and Tourism are finishing their final assignments on tourist attractions.



The Enterprise club have started the preparations for the Tenner challenge run by Young Enterprise. They will be given £10 each and asked to create a business either on their own or as a group which will be used to make as much money as possible. The theme for this year's challenge is sustainable business. Our current members are at the planning stage creating a business plan to be submitted for approval. New members are always welcome and will still be able to start the tenner challenge joining the existing team or starting a new one. Miss Lamport and Miss Pavanel encourage anyone who would like to have a go at running their own business to come along to the lunchtime club.

Enterprise Club

Tuesday lunchtime

A304

Throughout the courses we encourage students to widen their business and travel knowledge through the use of documentaries. Our recommended business and travel documentaries to watch over the next term are:

The world's most expensive hotels – Channel 5

Dragons den – BBC1

Coastal Britain – Channel 5

Inside the superbrands – Channel 4

Inside the factory - BBC2

Martin Lewis money show – ITV

Behind the attraction – Disney+



Business Travel and Tourism Heroes

Year 10

Lauren F
Kade T
Holly A
Isobel P
Will P
Euan S
Martin S
Harlen L
Anya P
Evelyn L

Year 11

Dan C
Warren C
Sophie W
Jack S
Holly S
Elise R
Jenaiya B
Joanna R

Year 12

Jasria S
Caitlyn H
Charlie F
Emily P
Kyra M
Luke M
Erin S
Georgia C

Year 13

Ella B
Lewis H
Oliver B
Keira B
Lauren L
Jess N
Toby B
Ben C
Sam J
Alex R

What topics are we going to be learning about next?

Year 10 Business – Theme 2 continuing with learning about how businesses build and the external factors that affect them.

Year 10 Travel and Tourism – Will be returning to their component 1 coursework and then looking at the world and destinations that we travel to.

Year 11 Business – Will be continuing to prepare for their examinations.

Year 12 BTEC Business – Preparing for the finance examination in May.

Year 13 BTEC Business – Will be completing their final pieces of coursework.

Year 12 A Level Business – Operations, finance and the business environment.

Year 13 A Level Business – Continuing with their preparations for their exam.

Year 12 BTEC Travel and Tourism – preparing for their global destinations examination in May and then working on the knowledge for the marketing unit.

Year 13 BTEC Travel and Tourism – Completing their final pieces of coursework.



In Business students have been researching how businesses use enterprise and innovation to be successful to then create an analysis for their coursework. Well done to this student for producing a good piece of work using their research on Samsung as reflected in this excerpt.

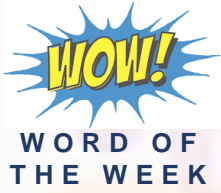
SAMSUNG

Samsung has innovated a huge amount over the years (especially recently due to their new product line-up). The business has overcome significant negative impacts as a result of innovation, but they have also had successful innovations within the technology industry. Taking risks (entrepreneurship) has enabled Samsung to become extremely successful by selling innovative products to contribute to achieving set aims and objectives in the changing market and environment regardless of their failures along the way.

Innovation means to come up with new or improve existing products or services. Samsung has proven that they are extremely innovative since they entered the technology market. As well as this, in order for Samsung to be innovative, they have also been entrepreneurial. The majority of Samsung's flagship smartphones (for example the Fold 3) as well as other devices, have managed to increase revenue and help Samsung to gain even more market share despite the uncertain environment (especially due to the pandemic). As a result of this, it can be justified that the business is continuing to succeed with innovation even though the competition is changing the market with other ideas, concepts and innovations being shown to the public everyday. As well as this, new releases made by Samsung also proved that innovation and entrepreneurship enabled Samsung to grow even more (gain a larger market share) in recent years, despite the unforeseen circumstances such as the Covid-19 pandemic (which mostly negatively impacted the environment in which Samsung saw a considerable decline in sales although in comparison to competition, this amount of revenue was still very impressive). Therefore, Samsung's performance during the pandemic is enough to currently justify the use of innovation and enterprise for their business.

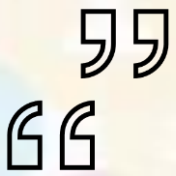
More than twenty years ago when Apple released their first generation iPhone, Samsung saw an opportunity to gain a large amount of revenue from the emerging market. Unlike Apple, Samsung released smartphones more frequently and as a result of this, the business was able to rapidly innovate and offer new features quicker than Apple. Rather unsurprisingly, the business has become the market leader in the smartphone market due to the risks they have taken in the past. The leap in innovation to touchscreens was the first major example of the rapidly changing market due to the new technology that was considered to be revolutionary over two decades ago. Consequently, by Samsung releasing multiple smartphones per year, it has enabled the business to become very successful. This can be proven by the fact they have become and stayed market leader for multiple years and therefore the use of innovation and enterprise can be justified as it helped the company stand out from the market. Also, when Apple released the first 'smartphone' it changed the environment by changing customers desires and so that is primarily the reason why Samsung had to launch a successful smartphone to stop the dominance of Apple and so that is why the business' use of innovation and enterprise was necessary for the company over twenty years ago and has enabled Samsung to build a great brand image and a successful technology company.

FUN FACTS from our Department



Word of the Week:

Ostern – Easter in German



Quote:

'Anfangen ist leicht, Beharren eine Kunst –

'Starting is easy, persistence is an art.'



Fact:

In Germany they hang painted eggs from branches / small trees in their houses and gardens. For more information click [here](#)

School communications

At the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic we reinstated the use of text messages only to ensure parents/carers received all school communications. This is an extra expense to the school therefore we are looking to revert to App messages again after Easter.

Please download the free MyEd App and ensure you enable notifications, to guarantee you do not miss any future school communications.



Year 11 Prom

As we enter the 'business end' of the school year for many Year 11 students, thoughts turn to the hard work of revision for their upcoming GCSEs but also of the excitement that our annual prom brings.

A reminder to all Year 11 parents/carers that this year's prom takes place at Trunkwell House on **Monday 27 June 2022**. Tickets remain on sale until 7 April so if your child would like to attend please ensure payment is made by this date.

We are currently in the midst of a fundraising push to support the prom. Last week all students were offered the opportunity to buy a Krispy Kreme doughnut, which will be delivered during the final week of term. In addition, the Langley house team with the aid of some amazing Year 11 students from each of the houses have been attending assemblies and tutor groups to promote our Easter hampers, which have been lovingly prepared by Mrs Hill.



Students can win one of the two hampers through purchasing a raffle ticket from our Year 11 helpers over the course of the next week. Raffle tickets cost 50p a strip. We would be very grateful for any support you and our students can give. The lucky winners will be announced in the end of term celebration assembly.



End of term arrangements

A reminder that students finish at 12.00pm on Thursday 7 April for the Easter break, returning on Monday 25 April.

Support staff vacancies

We are currently looking to recruit a number of Exam Invigilators to assist in the smooth running of exams. Exams take place periodically throughout the year and are overseen by a dedicated team of invigilators, under the supervisor of the Exams Officer. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in applying please see our advert and apply directly via the TES [here](#).



Covid-19 information

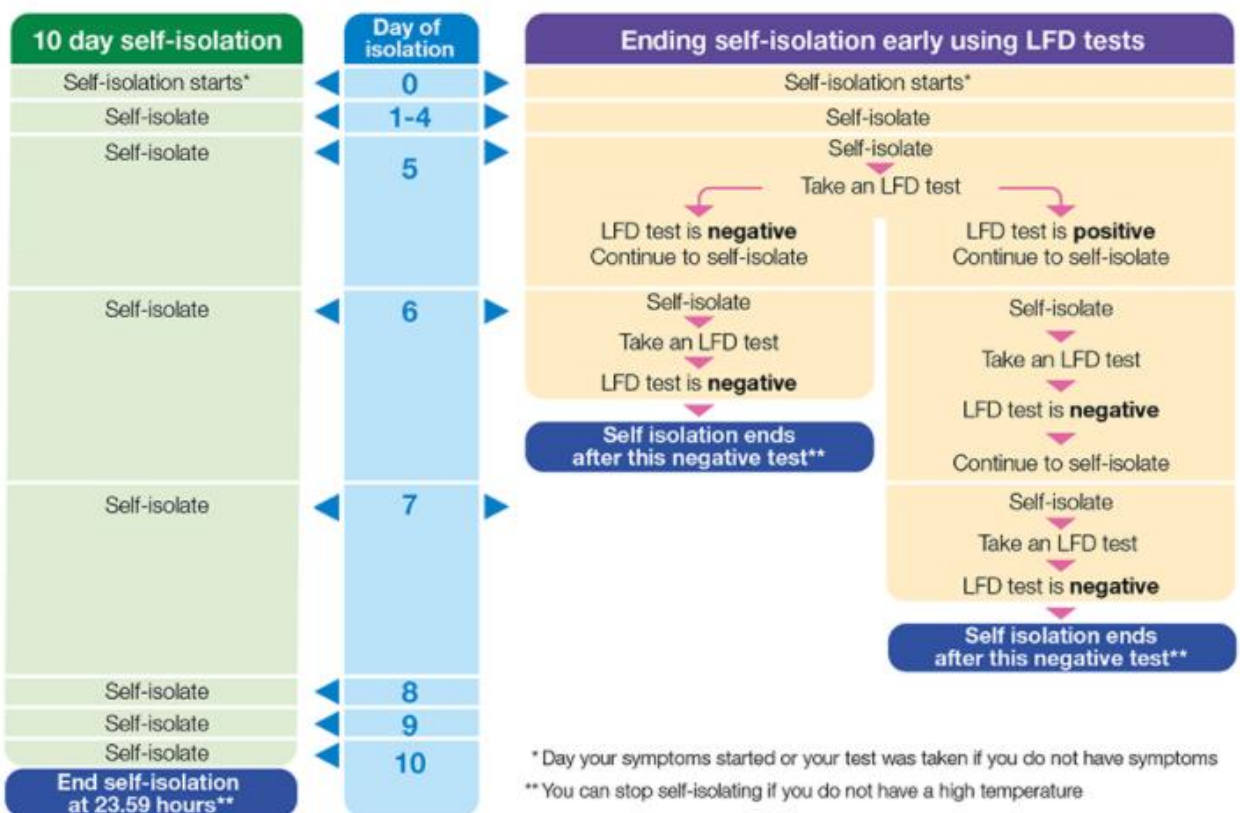
The government is now advising those who have any of the main Covid-19 symptoms or have tested positive for Covid-19 to isolate, rather than making this a legal requirement as previously. The main symptoms remain:
New and continuous cough;
High temperature or
Loss of, or change in, sense of taste or smell.

As a result, any student who has any of these main symptoms should:
take a PCR test and self-isolate unless the PCR test is negative;
take an LFD test on days 5 and 6 (where day 0 is the date of the onset of symptoms); if both LFD tests are negative then self-isolation may end;
if LFD tests continue to be positive, then self-isolation ends at the end of day 10.

The school reserves the right to ask a parent/carer whose child is presenting with Covid-19 symptoms to remove them from school until they test negative.

We have a small residual stock of LFD tests that can be made available for students who are self-isolating; LFD tests can also be ordered through www.gov.uk.

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



Further information can be found in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

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
Monday				
Ukulele Club	Mrs Idowu	MON	M118	All
GCSE Drama Booster	Mr Shaw	MON	Studio	KS4
Mixed Basketball	Mr Clarke	MON	PE	KS3
Tuesday				
Choir	Mrs Idowu & Mrs Bridger	TUE	M118	All
Maths Drop In KS3	Miss Pullen-Clarke	TUE	A102	KS3
History Club (debate)	Miss Plumpton	TUE	C202	Year 8
Enterprise Club	Mrs Lamport & Ms Pavanel	TUE	A304	All
Gardening (currently suspended for winter)	Mrs Kelly	TUE	A305	All
Mixed Badminton	Mr Clare	TUE	PE	KS4
Wednesday				
Maths Drop In KS5	Miss Pullen-Clarke	WED	A101	KS5
Surf #Stormriders	Mrs Breakenridge	WED	A106	Year 11
Fashion Club	Miss Simpson	WED	M105	All
African Culture	Mr Adango	WED	A215	All
Boxing	Mr Simpson (Only 12 spaces)	WED	PE	All
Mixed Basketball	Mr Wright	WED	PE	Year 10 and 11
Thursday				
Feminism	Miss Meyer	THU	A201	Year 7 to 9
Maths Drop In KS4	Miss Pullen-Clarke	THU	A102	KS4
3D Printing Club	Miss Simpson	THU	M106	KS3
International Film Club	Ms Netton, Ms Euillet, Mrs Bodsworth	THU	MFL	All
Year 7 Art Club	Mr Nicholls & Miss Unwin-Beharrell	THU	M111	Year 7
Pride Club	Miss Falahi	THU	A108	All
Gardening	Mrs Kelly	THU	A305	All
Duke of Edinburgh	Mrs Hinton	THU	P104	Year 9 to 13
Mixed Kinball	Miss Smith	THU	PE	All
Friday				
Feminism	Miss Meyer	FRI	A201	Year 10 and 11
Chess	Mr Mills	FRI	A204	All
Mixed Netball	Miss Colbourne	FRI	PE	Year 7 to 9

After School	Staff	When	Room	Years
Monday				
Baking Club - 10 wks only	Mrs Gough	MON	P206	KS3
Tuesday				
DT Club	Miss Newey	TUE	M102	Year 9
School Show Rehearsals	Mr Shaw	TUE	Drama	All
GCSE ART booster	Mr Nicholls	TUE	Art	Year 10 and 11
Wednesday				
Student Newspaper	Mr Neale	WED	A206	All
Architecture Club	Mrs Perry & Mr Nicholls	WED	M110	Year 9 to 13
Book Club	Mrs Buckley	WED	A211	All
Boxing	Mr Simpson	WED	PE	Year 7 to 9
School Show Rehearsals	Mr Shaw	WED	Drama	All
Thursday				
Band Practice	Mrs Idowu & Mrs Bridger	THU	M118	All
CCF	Mrs Saverton	THU	Pangbourne College	Year 10
STEM Club	Mr Lean & Mr Dawson	THU Wk A	P103	Year 9
Boxing	Mr Simpson	THU	PE	Year 9 to 13
Friday				
Music GCSE Catch Up	Mrs Idowu & Mrs Bridger	FRI	M118	KS4
Greenpower	Miss Simpson	FRI	M102	Year 7 and 8

PE Extra curricular

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

Lunchtime	Staff	When	Where	Years
Monday				
Year 9 and 10 handball	Mr Wright	MON	Sports hall	Years 9 and 10
Tuesday				
Girls indoor cricket	Mr Clare	TUES	Sports hall	All
Wednesday				
Years 7 and 8 handball	Miss Wheeler	WED	Sports hall	Year 7 and 8
Thursday				
Girls volleyball	Miss Smith	THU	Gym	All
Friday				
Basketball	Mr Clarke	FRI	Sports hall	Years 10 and 11
After School	Staff	When	Where	Years
Monday				
Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Football	External coach	3.00pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	Year 7 and 8
Tuesday				
Year 8 boys football	Mr Clare	3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	Year 8
Badminton	Miss Smith	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	All
Wednesday				
Year 9 girls netball	Miss Smith	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Netball courts	Year 9
Year 9 boys football	Mr Lean	3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	Year 9
GCSE Badminton	Miss Colbourne	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports Hall	Year 10 and 11
Thursday				
Year 7 girls netball	Miss Colbourne	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Netball courts	Year 7
Year 8 girls netball	Miss Colbourne	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Netball courts	Year 8
Year 7 boys football	Mr Wright	3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	Year 7
Year 10 boys football	Mr Clarke	3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	Year 10
Friday				

All Yours

If you need help with period products please visit

www.periodbox.uk/request-an-all-yours-box/

and complete the form to tell us what you need.

We will send out what you need in a free All Yours box.

You can request a box for yourself and your family members and we offer a range of products to suit as many preferences and circumstances as possible.

We offer disposable products like period pads and tampons but we can also provide a full cycle set of reusable pads or a menstrual cup for those people who would like a long-term alternative to disposable period products.

If you have any questions about which reusable product to request, please just ask us using the form.

Boxes of period pads are now available for collection from Newbury, Thatcham and Hungerford public libraries.

Just ask a member of staff for an All Yours Box.

All requests are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

If you have any questions, please email

allyoursmonthly@gmail.com

For more information on the All Yours community project, please visit periodbox.uk