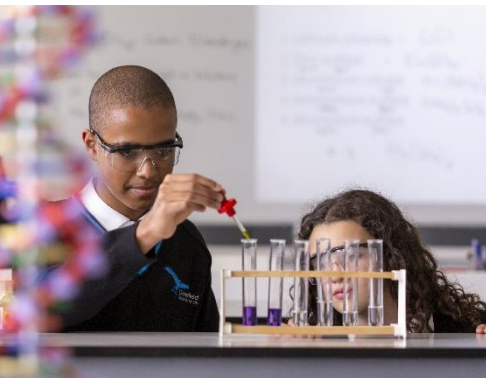


Celebrating Denefield Friday 25 March 2022



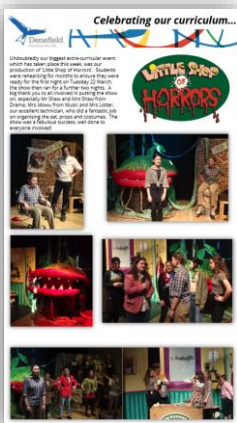


As Denefield's Headteacher I have many reasons to be proud every week. This week though, has been exceptional, as the incredible hard work of the last six months came to fruition, with the stunning performances of the school show 'Little Shop of Horrors.' A large cast, taken from all years but particularly featuring Years 7, 10 and 12, acted, sang and danced superbly. At times sombre, at times macabre, at times hugely funny, this was a performance not to be missed. I am passionate about the creative and performing arts, and am delighted that after two years of Covid-related restrictions, we were finally able to put on a live production once again. The show was performed four times in total, including a matinee performance to Year 6 students. We must not underestimate the hard work and rehearsal that goes into such events. But the teamwork, creativity and sense of wellbeing that live performances such as these create are priceless. A huge well done to the cast, technicians, and staff involved.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Included in this edition...



Diary dates – academic year 2021 – 2022

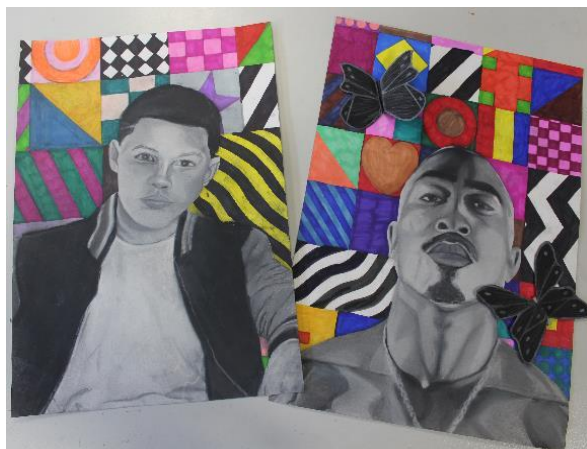
Thursday 31 March	Year 8 online Parents Evening – 'X' side
Friday 1 April	Visit – La Traviata, The Royal Opera House (students selected by ballot)
Tuesday 5 April	Year 8 online Parents Evening – 'Y' side
Thursday 7 April	End of term 12.00pm
Saturday 9 April to Tuesday 12 April	Visit – Sports Tour, Years 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

Creative and performing arts

The Creative Faculty is made up of four vibrant and successful subject areas: art, design & technology, music and drama, and as we approach the Easter break, there is a great deal going on. Our GCSE and A level students are working hard towards their final exams and coursework submissions. Last week we held a two day PPE exam for our GCSE Fine Art and GCSE Art, Craft and Design students. We were really pleased with the efforts of Year 11, many of whom produced outstanding works of art. Students now have until 9 May to complete their coursework submissions.

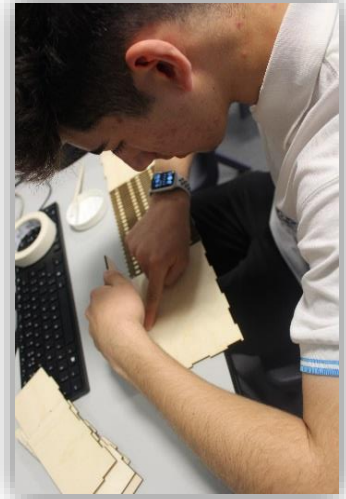


Some examples below of GCSE outcomes produced in the ten hour PPE





Elsewhere in the Faculty, Year 11 have recently completed their practical components in Level 2 Hospitality and Catering, where they designed and produced exciting menus for a number of different purposes. During the practical day, students made mouth-watering dishes, using the culinary skills they have learned on the course. In Design & Technology Year 11 students are currently creating prototypes (3-D models) for their controlled assessments, while in Music they are rehearsing for their GCSE performance evening on 29 March. In Drama they are practicing for their forth coming improvised performances, having recently completed their written PPE exam.



Extra-curricular activities, as ever, are a strong aspect of the faculty's work. We are currently running Year 7 Art Club, Architecture Club, GCSE Art Club, 3-D printing club, Year 9 D&T club, Fashion and Textiles club, Baking Club, Ukulele Club, and Junior Choir.



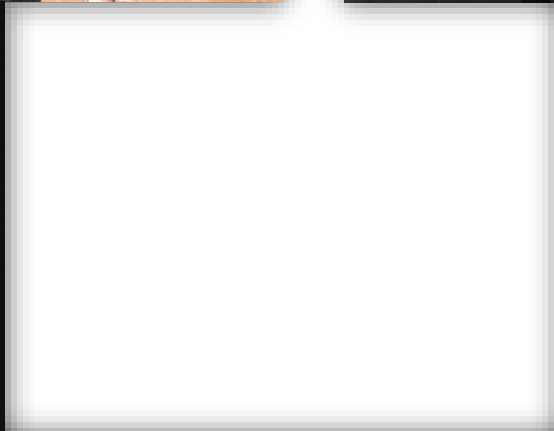
As well as these clubs, our Green Power racing team now with two cars, are working hard to prepare the cars for the new racing season. We are currently experimenting with a narrower wheel base so we can develop a more aerodynamic profile.

We have a full fixture list of races to look forward to, with the first happening on 8 May.



Undoubtedly our biggest extra-curricular event which has taken place this week, was our production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Students were rehearsing for months to ensure they were ready for the first night on Tuesday 22 March, the show then ran for a further two nights. A big thank you to all involved in putting the show on, especially Mr Shaw and Mrs Shaw from Drama, Mrs Idowu from Music and Mrs Lotter, our excellent technician, who did a fantastic job on organising the set, props and costumes. The show was a fabulous success, well done to everyone involved!





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				

Denefield Discusses Podcast

Welcome back to Denefield Discusses... This week's episode is a discussion about Russia and Ukraine, from a student's perspective. We have spent some tutor sessions educating our students on the conflict, and we felt it best to understand their honest feelings about the crisis via our podcast. As always, Mr Neale, as well as the entire staff, are incredibly proud of the work that's been put into this podcast, from sound choices, to editing, to sponsorships and questions for discussion - the students know how to put on a professional piece of media! A massive thank you to our speakers this week; Nick, Julian, Manuel, Frankie and Mr Wheeler!

Please feel free to listen alongside our students, where episodes can be accessed on our school YouTube channel or our school Twitter page (@denefieldschool). We'd love to hear from the parents of our school community who would be eager to send in some feedback to share with the students. Happy listening! Please follow the link to access the episodes; [youtube](#) and [twitter](#).



Covid-19 information

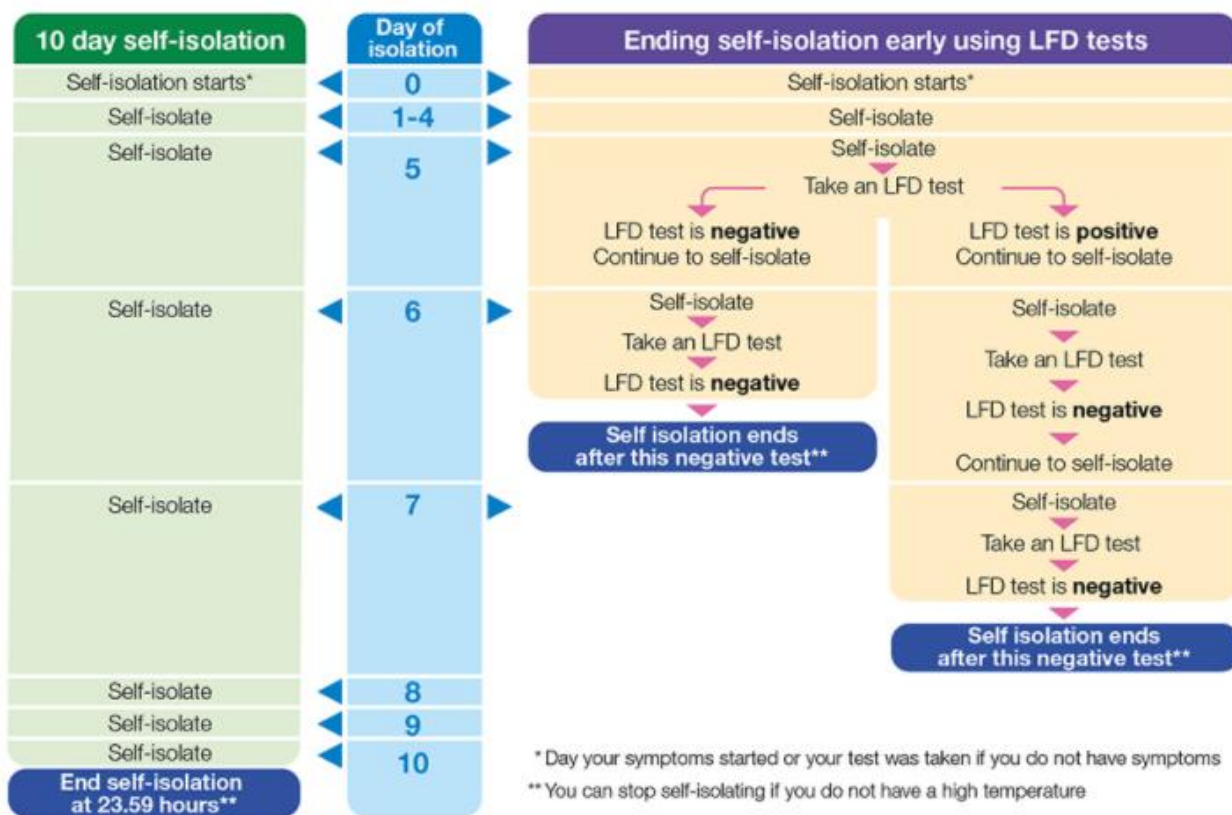
The government is now advising those who have any of the main Covid-19 symptoms or have tested positive for Covid-19 to isolate, rather than making this a legal requirement as previously. The main symptoms remain:
New and continuous cough;
High temperature or
Loss of, or change in, sense of taste or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