

Celebrating Denefield Friday 18 February 2022





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Included in this edition...

Diary dates – academic year 2021 – 2022

Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February	Half term
Saturday 26 February	Visit – Year 10 & 11 Music students – Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, The Hexagon
Monday 28 February	Students return to school
Tuesday 1 March	Year 9 'X' Parents Evening
Friday 4 March to Sunday 6 March	Visit - Sixth Form Geography Field Trip
Monday 7 March	Year 9 Deadline for option choices
Tuesday 22 March to Thursday 24 March	School show – Little shop of horrors



English

This week's curriculum update is from our English department. What are our students currently learning in English

Year 7 - Persuasion



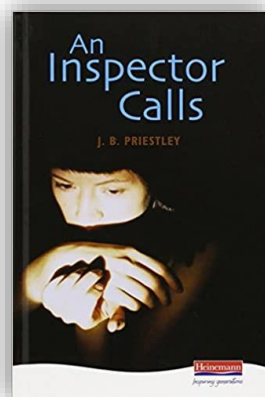
Year 8 - Gothic literature and creative writing



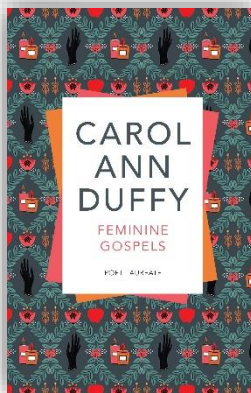
Year 9 - Persuasive writing

A FOREST	
A	ALLITERATION
F	FACTS
O	OPINIONS
R	REPETITION/ RHETORICAL QUESTION
E	EMOTIVE WORDS
S	STATISTICS
T	TRIPLES (RULE OF THREE)

Year 10 - Language: Paper 1 Skills
Literature: Macbeth



Year 11 - Literature Revision



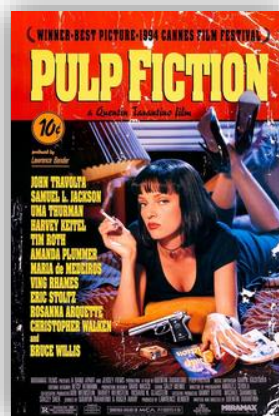
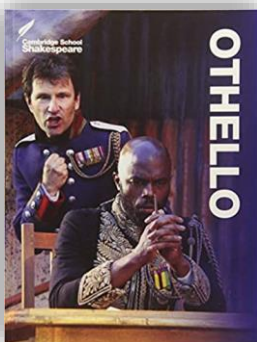
Year 12 - Literature – Feminine Gospels Poetry

Film – Documentary - Amy



Year 13 - Literature – Revision

Film – Pulp Fiction and Silent Cinema





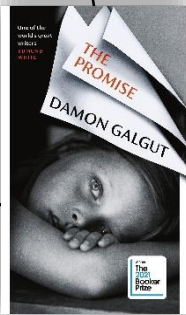
E-fit of armed robber - released
Chinnoham Police



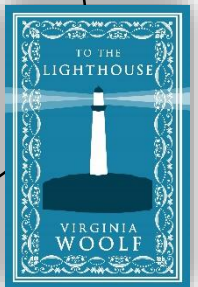
What are the English teachers reading at the moment?



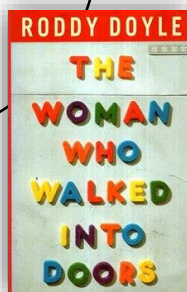
Mrs Tarrant: I'm reading *The Promise* by Damon Galgut, which won the Booker prize in 2021. It's set in South Africa and is about a deathbed promise and the consequences of it being broken. I'm loving the way the author enters the minds of all his characters so you can really see the layers of the complex family at the heart of the story.



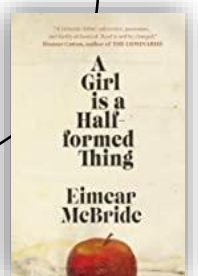
Mr Mundell: I'm reading *To The Lighthouse* which is a 1927 novel by Virginia Woolf. The novel centres on the Ramsay family and their visits to the Isle of Skye in Scotland between 1910 and 1920. Woolf's rhapsodic study of human nature was an innovation in English Literature on its publication in 1927 and remains an undeniable masterpiece.



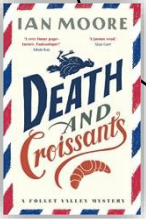
Miss Doyle: I'm reading Roddy Doyle's *The Woman Who Walked into Doors*. The novel, set in Dublin, tells the compelling story of Paula Spencer, a mother of four who tries to escape from an abusive relationship. I am enjoying the protagonist's fearless personality and hope the story has a happy ending!



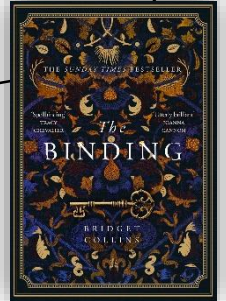
Mr Mills: I'm re-reading *A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing* by Eimar McBride. I first read this book in 2013 and was brought back to it by a question a student asked me: 'Sir, why aren't novels written the way we actually think?'. For me, McBride's brave attempt at verisimilitude of the 'voice in our head' is a challenging and rewarding read.



Miss Meyer: "Death and Croissants - Ian Moore - it was a bit of a rogue choice but having decided I have a newfound love for crime and comedy novels, I thought I would give it a whirl! So far I have not been disappointed! Plus, I love reading it and pretending I am in France."



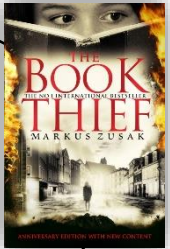
Mrs Buckley: I am reading The Binding by Bridget Collins. It is a book set in the Victorian era and has a real gothic feel to it, which is my most favourite type of story. It is truly 'spellbinding'.



Mrs Williams: I am reading a collection of Late Victorian Gothic Tales. We've been studying this topic in my Year 8 class and each year I try to read some new material as I enjoy the disturbing Gothic genre - as well as imagining what it would be like to have heard those stories in the past without the benefit of electric lights to stop you being too scared!



Mr Neale: My favourite book at the moment is something I'm actually reading alongside my Year 8 class! We're reading The Book Thief and it's a captivating story about a young girl trying to navigate her childhood under the oppression of Nazi Germany... I'm excited to see what happens as we approach the end of our story in school!



English Extra Curricular

ENGLISH: EXTRA CURRICULAR

I run the Denefield Podcast - we are currently editing the first ever edition and cannot wait for you all to hear! We meet every Wednesday after school in A206



We run the Book Club! Every Wednesday after school we meet in the Library for biscuits and reading time, what a great way to relax!

I run Chess Club - we meet every Friday Lunch time to battle it out on the board in A204

I facilitate KS4 Feminist Club: Sleighting the patriarchy one meeting at a time! We meet every Friday in A201

We deliver: The Aim High Club. We meet on a Friday after school. It's an academic club designed to extend the learning of Year 11 students.



Year 10 Hi Tech Horizons

This week, Year 10 were able to take part in an online careers event called Hi Tech Horizons. During a Science lesson, they met a volunteer from the Rosalind Franklin Institute, a medical research facility in Oxford. They learnt about why medical research is important and about some exciting projects including a technologically ground-breaking camera which can look deep into tissue. They were set two different tasks, one about cells in the body and one about the business side, to decide which of three projects they would fund. It was exciting for them to be involved in something where they could see the application of some of the subjects they do.

Year 9 will get the same opportunity after half term! Thank you to the Education Business Partnership for arranging this for us.



Covid-19 Vaccinations

Vaccination opportunities for 12-15-year olds during Spring half-term

Any parents/carers that wish to take their children for their Covid-19 vaccination during the Spring half term have a number of clinic options available to them - these are listed below for the local area.

Parents/carers will need to use the National Booking System to make an appointment for their child at one of these vaccination centres.

Please find the link to the booking system [here](#)

Region	Area	School Name \ Vaccination Site	Postcod
South East	Berkshire	Denefield School	RG31 6XY
South East	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West	Newdays Pharmacy - Coley Park	RG1 6DJ
South East	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West	Broad Street Mall Vaccination Centre	RG1 7QE
South East	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West	Newdays Pharmacy - Twyford	RG10 9EH
South East	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West	Boots - Newbury	RG14 1DJ
South East	Hampshire and the Isle of Wight	Jameson House	RG24 8AG
South East	Frimley Health and Care ICS	Waitrose Sports Hall	RG12 8FB
South East	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West	Marlow Longridge Activity Centre	SL7 1RE
South East	Frimley Health and Care ICS	Birch Hill Medical Practice	RG12 7WW
South East	Frimley Health and Care ICS	Maidenhead Town Hall	SL6 1RF
South East	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West	Wycombe Town Hall	HP11 1BG
South East	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West	Burnham Health Centre	SL1 7DE
South East	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West	Oxford Kassam Stadium	OX4 4XP
South East	Frimley Health and Care ICS	Windsor Yards	SL4 1TH
South East	Frimley Health and Care ICS	Salt Hill Activity Centre - Mass Vaccination Site	SL1 3SS
South East	Surrey Heartlands Health and Care Partnership	Glucox Pharmacy	GU3 2DX



PE Fixtures - Covid-19 requirements

For any students that are selected to take part in PE fixtures, we are requesting that a lateral flow device test is taken the night before or on the morning of the fixture. We will contact students if this is required prior to a fixture and will request that results are emailed to the member of staff organising that fixture.

Covid-19 information

Students should continue to test twice weekly at home and [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#) and to the school [here](#). Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate and follow the guidance below.

Temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education and childcare settings

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) has been temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January.

This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested (either at home or through ATS) and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms listed above, even if your symptoms are mild, stay at home and [arrange to have a PCR test](#).

There are several other symptoms linked with COVID-19. These symptoms may have another cause and are not on their own a reason to have a COVID-19 PCR test. If you are concerned about your symptoms, seek medical advice.

If you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine and have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or have received a positive LFD or PCR test result, you should still follow this guidance. This is because it is still possible to get COVID-19 and spread it to others, even if you are vaccinated.

Education and childcare settings are not expected to trace contacts of a positive case as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. Contact tracing is triggered once a positive LFD test is reported.

Stay at home and self-isolate

Stay at home and self-isolate if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have a positive LFD or PCR test result. Self-isolation will help protect your family, friends and the wider community by reducing the risk that you will pass the infection on to others.

Your self-isolation period starts immediately from when your symptoms started, or, if you do not have any symptoms, from when your positive LFD or PCR test was taken, whichever test was taken first. Your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days. It may be possible to end your self-isolation earlier (see below).

This means that if, for example, your symptoms started at any time on the 15th of the month (or if you did not have symptoms but your first positive COVID-19 test was taken on the 15th), your self-isolation period ends at 23:59hrs on the 25th of the month.



Covid-19 information

You can return to your normal routine and stop self-isolating after 10 full days if your symptoms have gone, or if the only symptoms you have are a cough or anosmia, which can last for several weeks. If you still have a high temperature after 10 days or are otherwise unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice.

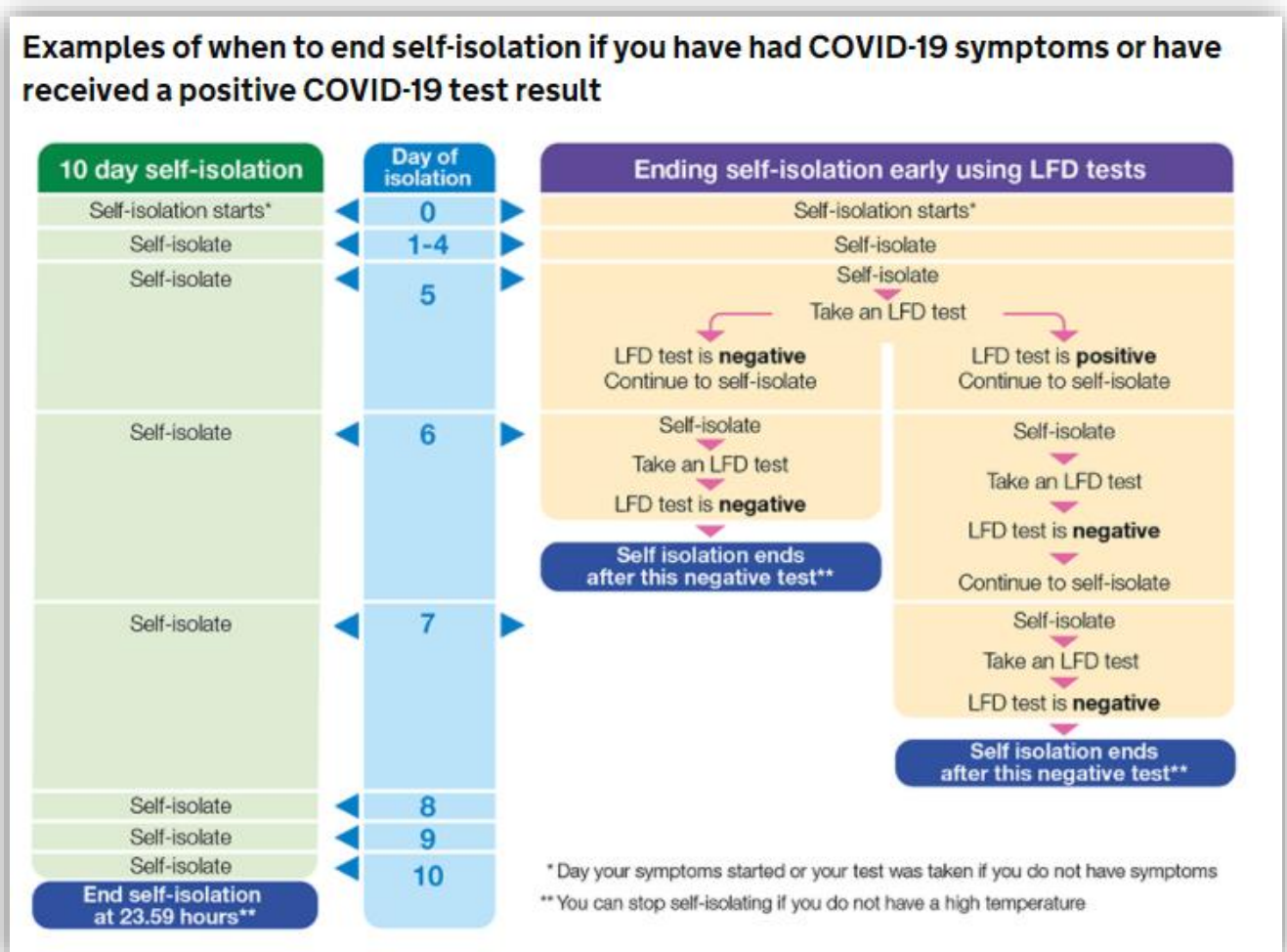
Ending your self-isolation early

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms). The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart.

[Report your LFD test results](#) after taking each test and to the school [here](#)

This guidance also applies to children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting.

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

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Lunchtime	Staff	When	Where	Years
Monday				
Year 7 basketball	Mr Clarke	MON	Sports hall	Year 7
Tuesday				
Year 10 and 11 basketball	Mr Clare	TUES	Sports hall	Years 10 and 11
Wednesday				
Year 8 and 9 basketball	Mr Wright	WED	Sports hall	Year 8 and 9
Thursday				
Year 7 to 9 Girls Dance	Miss Smith	THU	Gym	Years 7 to 9
Friday				
Girls badminton	Miss Colbourne/ Miss Wheeler	FRI	Sports hall	All year groups

After School	Staff	When	Where	Years
Monday				
Reading FC programme	Mr Wright and Mr Fuller	MON	As per fixture list	Years 10 to 13
Tuesday				
Year 8 boys football	Mr Clarke	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Year 8
Year 7 girls rugby	Miss Smith	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Year 7
Year 11 boys football	Mr Clare	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Year 11
Year 7 boys football	Mr Wright	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Year 7
Year 8 and 9 mixed badminton	Miss Wheeler	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	Years 8 and 9
Wednesday				
Year 9 boys football	Mr Lean	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Year 9
Year 10 and 11 girls netball	Miss Colbourne	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Netball courts	Year 10 and 11
Year 7 and 8 boys handball	Mr Clarke	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	Year 7 and 8
Year 8 and 9 girls hockey	Miss Wheeler	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Year 8 and 9
Thursday				
Year 7 and 8 girls football	Miss Colbourne	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Year 7 and 8
Years 10 and 11 GCSE mixed badminton	Mr Wright	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	Year 10 and 11
Year 10 boys football	Mr Clare	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Year 10
Friday				



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