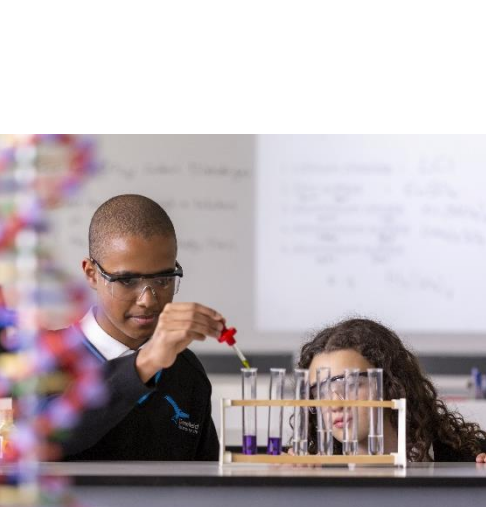


Celebrating Denefield Friday 7 January 2022





I hope you and your households had an excellent Christmas and New Year. We have had a smooth and successful return to school. In the past week we have tested 900 students in school. Of these, five tested positive, and will be isolating for the required period. We currently have two members of staff who are isolating because of positive Covid tests. These numbers are thankfully lower than many in the media have predicted. Of course, if Covid cases increase significantly, particularly among staff, then we will have to consider contingency plans, such as having one or more year groups moving to online learning at home. But that is not imminent at present.

It has been great to see students back in school and in lessons. Our visits programme continues next week, with a small group of Year 8 students visiting Rushall Farm on Wednesday. This is an important term for all year groups, with Years 11 and 13 continuing to prepare for their second series of PPEs or mock exams, and with Year 9 students making their GCSE choices. Fundamental to this will be the Year 9 parents' evenings and the Level 2 (GCSE) Options Evening, which take place later this term. Further details will be provided in due course.

Finally, I would like you to be aware of a very positive letter the school received from the Right Honourable Alok Sharma MP, which can be found [here](#). Denefield truly is an outstanding community, and all who are involved – students, staff, and parents/carers – should all be rightfully proud.

With best wishes

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Diary dates – academic year 2021 – 2022

Monday 17 January to Wednesday 2 February (moved from 5 January to 21 January)	Year 11 into Year 12 Interviews
Wednesday 19 January	Year 11 parents evening
Wednesday 26 January	Virtual drugs awareness workshop for parents 6pm
Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February	Half term
Monday 28 February	Students return to school

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 Plumptre	TUE	C202	Year 8
Enterprise Club	Mrs Lampert & 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 Falah	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

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 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				



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 you if this is required for your child prior to a fixture.

Covid-19 information

What to do if your child has Covid-19 symptoms, has a positive LFD test, or you have been notified they have been in close contact with a confirmed case.

Please note some of the guidance will change from next week

- If your child has a positive LFD test, then they should immediately self-isolate and take a PCR test. If this PCR test is positive, then they must continue to self-isolate; if it is negative then they may return to school.
- If your child has Covid-19 symptoms – a new and persistent cough, raised temperature or loss of taste or smell, then they should immediately self-isolate and take a PCR test (an LFD test is not suitable if you have symptoms). If this PCR test is positive, then they must continue to self-isolate; if it is negative then they may return to school once their symptoms have cleared.
- The school will no longer identify close contacts of positive cases and will no longer require students to self-isolate. Instead, if a person has a positive PCR test, NHS test and trace will identify close contacts and advise them what action to take according to the latest government guidance.