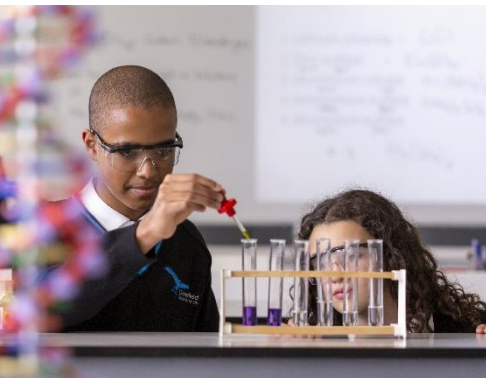


Celebrating Denefield Friday 17 June 2022





Despite the intense heat, it has been another extremely productive week at Denefield. Year 11 and 13 students are nearing the end of their exams. Year 11 are looking forward to their end of term Leavers' Breakfast next Friday, to be followed by their Prom the Monday afterwards. Year 13 have their Leavers' Assembly a week Tuesday. Other year groups are continuing their studies, PPEs or mocks for several year groups taking place shortly, and with CHARACTER days and the Year 7 residential visit also taking place this term.

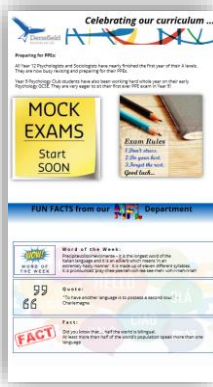
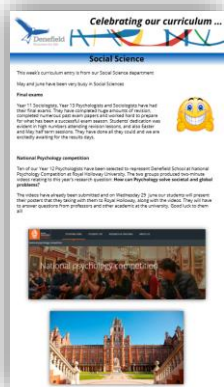
We are also preparing for September. Many parents /carers have asked whether and when the school will return to vertical tutoring. This is where each tutor group consists of students from Years 7 to 11, with

younger students learning from their older peers, and with older students acting as guides and mentors. This is something that has not been possible during Covid restrictions. I am very pleased to confirm that we will be returning to vertical tutoring in September. Students will therefore have new tutors in September, who will in general remain with the same tutor group as students progress through the school.

With best wishes

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Included in this edition...



Diary dates – academic year 2021 – 2022

Monday 16 May to Wednesday 29 June	GCSE and A Level Exam season
Tuesday 21 June	Da Vinci awards – by invitation
Wednesday 22 June	Sports Award Evening – by invitation
Friday 24 June	Year 11 Leavers breakfast
Monday 27 June	INSET DAY for STUDENTS Year 7 residential visit meeting – 5.30-6.30pm in Main Hall Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 28 June	Year 9 immunisations Year 13 Leavers assembly
Monday 4 July to Friday 8 July	Year 7 Residential visit – Boreatton Park, Shropshire



Social Science

This week's curriculum entry is from our Social Science department

May and June have been very busy in Social Sciences

Final exams

Year 11 Sociologists, Year 13 Psychologists and Sociologists have had their final exams. They have completed huge amounts of revision, completed numerous past exam papers and worked hard to prepare for what has been a successful exam season. Students' dedication was evident in high numbers attending revision lessons, and also Easter and May half term sessions. They have done all they could and we are excitedly awaiting for the results days.



National Psychology competition

Ten of our Year 12 Psychologists have been selected to represent Denefield School at National Psychology Competition at Royal Holloway University. The two groups produced two-minute videos relating to this year's research question: **How can Psychology solve societal and global problems?**

The videos have already been submitted and on Wednesday 29 June our students will present their posters that they taking with them to Royal Holloway, along with the videos. They will have to answer questions from professors and other academic at the university. Good luck to them all!

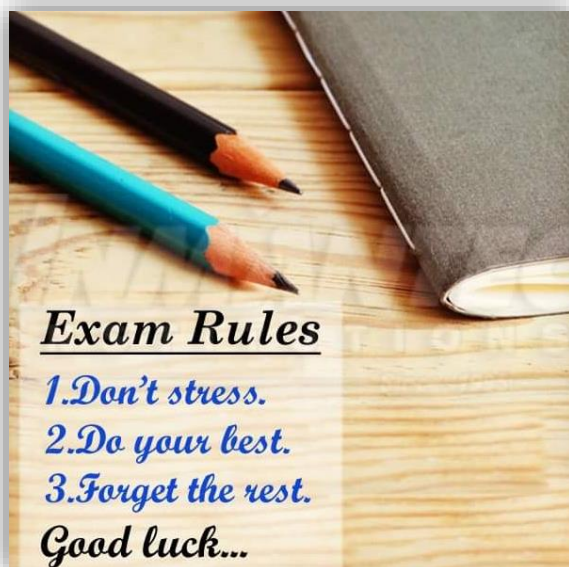




Preparing for PPEs:

All Year 12 Psychologists and Sociologists have nearly finished the first year of their A levels. They are now busy revising and preparing for their PPEs.

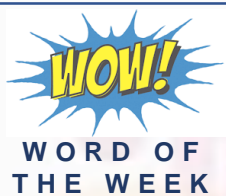
Year 9 Psychology Club students have also been working hard whole year on their early Psychology GCSE. They are very eager to sit their first ever PPE exam in Year 9!



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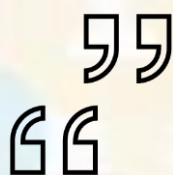


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Word of the Week:

Precipitevolissimevolmente – it is the longest word of the Italian language and it is an adverb which means 'in an extremely hasty manner'. It is made up of eleven different syllables. It is pronounced 'pray-chee-pee-teh-voh-lee-see-meh- voh-l-meh-n-teh'



Quote:

"To have another language is to possess a second soul." - Charlemagne



Fact:

Did you know that.... half the world is bilingual. At least more than half of the world's population speak more than one language

Mental health first aiders

This year Denefield has been focusing on positive mental health and some of our Sixth Formers trained as Mental health First Aiders earlier in the year.

As part of their roles five of the MHFAs have visited a number of our local primary schools and carried out an activity about coping with worries with the Year 5 students, designing and creating worry jars. This activity was very well received – here are some pictures of some of the Year 5 creations!



Canteen

Please see below for details of a Tex Mex style menu in the canteen on 21 June 2022.



Second hand uniform

We are very happy to accept donations from parent/carers of old school uniform that we can reuse, but we also wanted to make you aware that Denefield has now registered for parent/carers to use the online service provided by Old School Uniform.

Old School Uniform (OSU) was started in 2019 and was built to offer parents/carers and schools the opportunity to give away or sell their unwanted school uniform items free of charge.

There many benefits for using their site:

Helping the environment by recycling and not sending to landfill.

Users have the ability to view items without registering.

With their unbranded shop, parent/carers can pick up unbranded items from all across the country.

If parent/carers have registered, they can receive notification when items are added to their chosen school, so they are always up to date with what is happening on their school shop page. Parent/Carers can add additional schools to their account.

How it works

Parent/Carers would register for an account.

They would then activate their account.

Finally, login and start uploading unwanted items.

Parent/Carers will contact you via the messaging system when they want an item.

Parent/Carers can pay on collection or pay via a paypal account or similar. Some people do bank transfers, but the choice is solely down to the seller to arrange with the buyer.

Please [click here](#) for the link to our school shop page



Glass jars

Some of our lovely Sixth Formers are working on a project with our feeder primary schools and we need your glass jars please!

Please could you send any washed, empty glass jars to school. They can be handed in to reception, where they will be passed on to those doing the project.



Extra curricular

Please see below details of our extra curricular activities which take place during lunch times and after school. These will start after May half term

Lunchtime	When	Room	Years
Monday			
Tuesday			
3D Printing Club	12.20pm to 1.00pm	Technology	All
Enterprise Club	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A304	All
Gardening	12.20pm to 1.00pm	Garden	All
Chess KS3	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A204	KS3
Walking Club	12.30pm to 1.00pm	M119	All
Maths Drop In KS3	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A102	KS3
Wednesday			
Board Games	12.20pm to 1.00pm	M107	All
Boxing	12.20pm to 1.00pm	Gym	All
Thursday			
Pride Club	12.30pm to 1.00pm	A108	Years 8 to 13
Drama Club	12.20pm to 1.00pm	Drama studio	All
Friday			
Chess Club	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A201	All
Year 10 Feminism Club	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A201	Year 10

After School	When	Room	Years
Monday			
Baking club	3.00pm to 4.00pm	P206	All
Tuesday			
Design Technology Club	3.00pm to 4.00pm	M102	
Wednesday			
Denefield Discusses Podcast	3.00pm to 4.00pm	A206	All
Architecture Club	3.00pm to 4.00pm	M105	Year 9 to 13
Book Club	3.00pm to 4.00pm	A211	All
Boxing	3.00pm to 3.45pm	Gym	All
Thursday			
Boxing	3.00pm to 3.45pm	Gym	All
CCF	3.15pm to 5.00pm	Pangbourne College	Year 10
Friday			
Greenpower	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Technology	
DJ Club	3.05pm to 4.00pm	Drama Studio	

PE Extra curricular

After School	Staff	When	Where	Years
Monday				
Tuesday				
All Years boys cricket	Mr Clare/Mr Wright/Mr Lean	3.15pm to 4.15pm		All
Wednesday				
All Years girls <u>rounders</u>	Miss Wheeler/Miss Colbourne/Miss Smith	3.15pm to 4.15pm		All
Thursday				
Athletics	All PE staff	3.15pm to 4.15pm		Years 7 to 10
Friday				



Football

Calling all footballers

AFC Whitchurch are recruiting under 15 (Year 10 from September) footballers.



We play on Saturday mornings in the East Berks League and have a (non-mandatory) training session one evening a week (Wednesday).

We are a fun and inclusive group, so whatever your experience, if you are interested in joining us, even on an occasional basis, please contact:

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