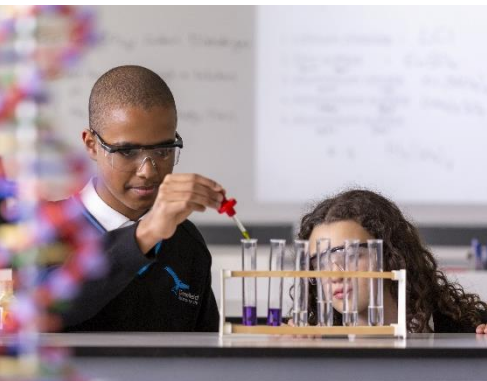


## Celebrating Denefield Friday 1 July 2022





This has been a very poignant and uplifting week at Denefield. We have now said our official goodbyes to this year's Year 11, who looked fabulous at their Prom at Trunkwell House on Monday, and also to Year 13, who had their Leavers' Barbecue in school the following day. Then from Wednesday to Friday we saw many familiar faces, as this year's Year 11 in fact returned to school, for their three days of Sixth Form induction.

In addition, we have welcomed the Year 6 students who will be joining us in September, for their induction activities. Many thanks to all the student ambassadors for their help with these events, along with Mrs Holley and Mr Binnington, our directors of Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 5 respectively, for their organisational prowess – as well as to Mr Beard and Mrs Hill, for organising the Year 11 prom.

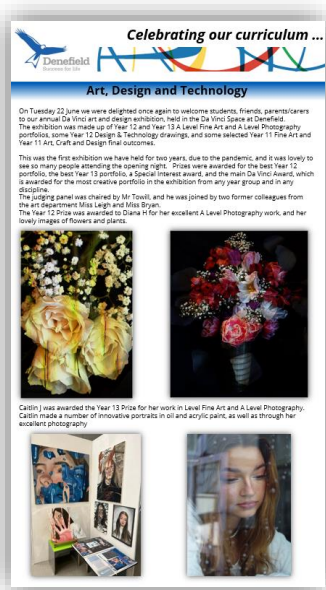


Next week is all about CHARACTER, with Year 7 engaging in character-building activities on their end of year residential, and other year groups benefiting from three days of CHARACTER activities, culminating in the Race for Life on Friday 8 July.

With best wishes

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Included in this edition...



## Diary dates – academic year 2021 – 2022

Monday 4 July to Friday 8 July

Year 7 Residential visit – Boreatton Park, Shropshire

Friday 8 July

Race for life

Thursday 14 July

Sixth Form summer ball

Wednesday 20 July

End of term for students 12.00pm



## **Year 7 tutor group – Mr Clarke**

It is my pleasure to write this entry about my wonderful tutor group, L7-JCK. A group that started the year very timidly has now blossomed into a wonderful group of confident, enthusiastic and motivated young people. As a tutor group, we have, and continue, to accumulate a huge amount of achievement points with one very special student, gaining over 400 already this year, and for that I am exceptionally proud. Not only have we accumulated this vast amount of achievement points but we have a group of students that help out in the library, have helped organise events at Denefield, and as I write this, are showing Year 6 students around the school. This shows extreme maturity for such young individuals and once again I am immensely proud.

Every week all students in L7-JCK are challenged through our 'Nations League' competition by which students are promoted and relegated each week based on their achievement points. All students push exceptionally hard to be the best in their group and the friendly competition is thoroughly enjoyed. As a group we have a keen interest in Wordle, Globle and Semantle which we play every day to some extent and we all enjoy listening to the wonderful David Attenborough during our Friday rewards tutor time.

We are very much looking forward to the Year 7 residential trip which takes place next week from 4 to 8 July but also for our first Denefield sports day during the following week. I as a tutor am extremely excited to see my tutees develop here at Denefield and know they can all achieve whatever they want to in life







## Sports Awards

It was great to be back doing sports awards after three years. For two years we were unable to participate in fixtures, so it has been brilliant to be able to return to normality with fixtures returning at the start of this academic year.

This year we have taken part in 160 fixtures including: football, rugby, netball, basketball, dodgeball, athletics, rounders and cricket. Reaching 11 finals, 8 athletes representing West Berkshire and 4 athletes representing Berkshire.

We ran a successful sports tour to Millfield's in Somerset where the students enjoyed fixtures against other clubs, watching Bristol City FC and Bath netball. We hope to be returning to Spain in 2023, look out for the email to register your interest!

The football programme at Sixth Form have had a successful season in the tactics league where they have finished a credible third place. It has been brilliant to see them playing competitively again and we look forward to building on this success next year with Virtu Academy. We also had 15 students to gain their Level 1 football coaching award.

This evening was about celebrating the students who have shown great commitment and dedication to sport at Denefield. We had a guest speaker, Shandon Baptiste, who himself was a student at Denefield school and has successfully worked his way to playing in the premiership with Brentford FC.

Below are the winners from the evening:

U12 Rugby – Ellis J	
U13 Rugby – Reuben P	
U14 Rugby – Jaime A-R	Sports Personality of the year KS3 Boy - Liam H
U15 Rugby – James S	
U12 Football- Jacob B	Sports Personality of the year KS3 Girl - Phoebe M
U13 Football – Jack E	
U14 Football – Reiss B	
U15 Football – Raoul J	Sports Personality of the year KS4 Boy - Noah E
U16 Football – Jude J	
U18 football – Ben C	
U12 Cricket – Will P	Sports Personality of the year KS4 Girl - Fleur W
U13 Cricket – N	
U14 Cricket – Dan F	
U13 Athlete – Ash G	Sportsman of the year KS3 – Reiss B
U14 Athlete – John-James P	
U16 Athlete – Andy C	
U12 Rugby – Kaitlin G	Sportswoman of the year KS3 – Grace H
U13 Rugby – Evie B	
U14 Rugby – Siri B	
U15 Rugby – Caitlin B	Sportsman of the year KS4 – Raoul J
U12 Netball – Lilly W	
U13 Netball – Beth C	Sportswoman of the year KS4 – Phoebe E
U14 Netball – Freya P	
U15 Netball – Hannah C	
U16 Netball – Lauren P	Bald Eagle – Zac M
U13 Athlete – Ava M	
U14 Athlete – Ella P	Sue Lambrigsten- Dan C
U16 Athlete – Kaya S	
U12 Football – Evie G	Lisa Downey – Joe C
U13 Football – Grace H	
U14 Football – Cydney L	Michael Jeffery – Tom B
U15 Football – Neve J	
U16 Football – Jessie B	Shandon Baptiste – Evie C
U12 Rounders – Darcey B	
U13 Rounders – Frankie J	
U14 Rounders – Phoebe H	
Team of the Year – Year 7 girls Football	



## Sports Awards







## **Art, Design and Technology**

On Tuesday 22 June we were delighted once again to welcome students, friends, parents/carers to our annual Da Vinci art and design exhibition, held in the Da Vinci Space at Denefield. The exhibition was made up of Year 12 and Year 13 A Level Fine Art and A Level Photography portfolios, some Year 12 Design & Technology drawings, and some selected Year 11 Fine Art and Year 11 Art, Craft and Design final outcomes.

This was the first exhibition we have held for two years, due to the pandemic, and it was lovely to see so many people attending the opening night. Prizes were awarded for the best Year 12 portfolio, the best Year 13 portfolio, a Special Interest award, and the main Da Vinci Award, which is awarded for the most creative portfolio in the exhibition from any year group and in any discipline.

The judging panel was chaired by Mr Towill, and he was joined by two former colleagues from the art department Miss Leigh and Miss Bryan.

The Year 12 Prize was awarded to Diana H for her excellent A Level Photography work, and her lovely images of flowers and plants.



Caitlin J was awarded the Year 13 Prize for her work in Level Fine Art and A Level Photography. Caitlin made a number of innovative portraits in oil and acrylic paint, as well as through her excellent photography





Maddie H in Year 13 was awarded the main Da Vinci Prize for Creativity for her outstanding A level Fine Art work



Ethan J in Year 12 was awarded the Special Interest Award for his innovative work in A Level Fine Art



Special mention in Mr Towill's speech went to Katie G and Julia D in Year 11 for their outstanding GCSE Fine Art coursework. Katie is an excellent painter, while Julia excels in digital art



Katie G

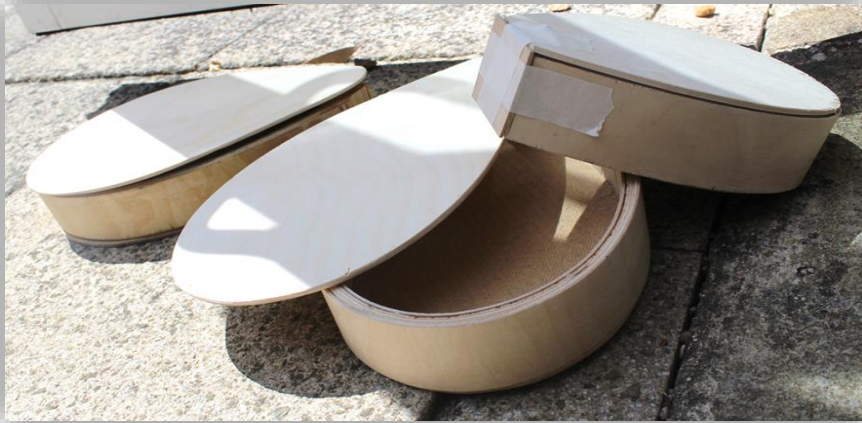




Julia D



In the art and design technology departments we are currently finishing off this year's projects. At the moment there is a lot of 3-D work being made, from beautiful Year 8 laminated wooden boxes in design technology, to Year 7 Australian animal clay tiles and Year 8 ceramic glazed fruit



Our last major event of the academic year will be Year 10 GCSE Fine Art and GCSE Art Craft and Design PPE. This will happen on Tuesday 12 July and Thursday 14 July, and the students will be working on their works of art and design for ten hours over the two days. An exciting way to end a successful academic year in art and design technology.





## Race for life

Welcome to our  
**Race for Life**



**Friday 8 July 2022**

We are really excited to announce that we will be holding our own race for life event on Friday 8 July in order to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. This will be one of the activities taking place during our CHARACTER days.

Students from all year groups (7-12) will have the opportunity to run, walk, dance, cartwheel their way around our 5km course.



This year there will be two races being run. Years 7 and 8 students will take part in their race together whilst later in the day Years 9 and 10 will come together to complete their race. Students will be informed closer to the day of the exact timings of their event. This is intended to be an opportunity for students to have fun, and do something really worth while in aid of a very deserving cause.

There is no pressure for students to race, but can be choose to be as competitive as they like.



In addition, we are encouraging students to consider fundraising for this event in the form of sponsorships, or any other creative ways they may come up with. However, we acknowledge that finances are being greatly squeezed for many and fundraising may not be possible for all therefore fundraising is complete voluntary. We do expect all students to take part in the event regardless.

To further support this event, school will be hosting a 'non-uniform' day with a suggested minimum contribution of £2 for the opportunity for students to wear non-school uniform. Students will be asked to consider wearing the colours of pink or blue (the colours of race for life).

As we will not be handling physical cash in school, should your child(ren) wish not to wear their school uniform please could all payments be made to the website provided below. All additional donations can also be made through this site. We know that this is a subject that has touched many lives of the school community and we thank you for your support.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/denefield-school-4>

## Email issues

We've been advised by our communications provider, IRIS Reach, that there are issues with some parents/carers not receiving school emails in their Outlook or Hotmail account. Unfortunately, Outlook and Hotmail may be preventing the delivery of some messages from us because their filters identify them as Spam or Junk.

There are a couple of things you can do to help you receive emails we've sent:

- Add @schools.ps-connect.cloud to your Safe Senders list in your email account
- Provide an email address that isn't Hotmail or Outlook if you have one
- If you are using the Hotmail or Outlook app, try using the web browser or desktop version
- Refrain from deleting emails from the school as Hotmail and Outlook algorithms could treat repeated deletes from the same email address as potential spam

Please contact us if you think you haven't received messages and we can check our records.

## 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



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## 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
<b>Monday</b>			
<b>Tuesday</b>			
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
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Board Games	12.20pm to 1.00pm	M107	All
Boxing	12.20pm to 1.00pm	Gym	All
<b>Thursday</b>			
Pride Club	12.30pm to 1.00pm	A108	Years 8 to 13
Drama Club	12.20pm to 1.00pm	Drama studio	All
<b>Friday</b>			
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
<b>Monday</b>			
Baking club	3.00pm to 4.00pm	P206	All
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Design Technology Club	3.00pm to 4.00pm	M102	
<b>Wednesday</b>			
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
<b>Thursday</b>			
Boxing	3.00pm to 3.45pm	Gym	All
CCF	3.15pm to 5.00pm	Pangbourne College	Year 10
<b>Friday</b>			
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
<b>Monday</b>				
<b>Tuesday</b>				
All Years boys cricket	Mr Clare/Mr Wright/Mr Lean	3.15pm to 4.15pm		All
<b>Wednesday</b>				
All Years girls <u>rounders</u>	Miss Wheeler/Miss Colbourne/Miss Smith	3.15pm to 4.15pm		All
<b>Thursday</b>				
Athletics	All PE staff	3.15pm to 4.15pm		Years 7 to 10
<b>Friday</b>				

## Boxing



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confidence

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