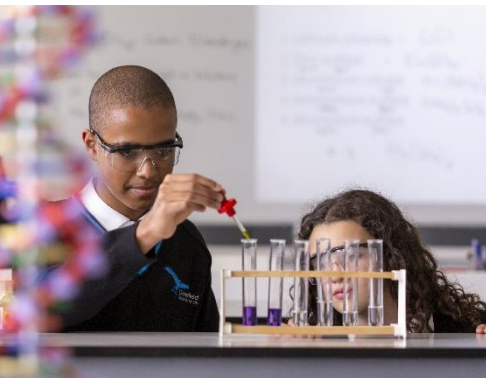


## **Celebrating Denefield Friday 8 July 2022**





As we enter the final weeks of the school year, the number of activities that develop students' CHARACTER values and prepare them for life is intensifying. The significant majority of students spent last week at the PGL camp in Boreatton Park, learning to climb, abseil, built rafts and all manner of other tough physical and social challenges. They enjoyed camping at night, and benefited significantly from being without their phones for the week, and developing their face to face communication skills instead.

While Year 7 were at Boreatton Park, Denefield held two CHARACTER days in school, plus a Race for Life event. The first CHARACTER day focused on the theme of diversity, with all students learning about race, gender, sexuality, disability and other protected characteristics. These sessions took place in mixed-aged groups, giving some students

their first taste of vertical tutoring, which will return to Denefield in September. The second CHARACTER day focused on student destinations, or what they will do once they leave school. Students heard from Newbury, Reading and Henley colleges, as well as from representatives of three different occupations: forensic science, hairdressing, football, along with information on how to get a placement year in industry while at university. In addition, students took part in interview writing and interview skills sessions, and thus left with a much better understanding of what is available when they leave school, and how to access it.



On the Friday, Denefield held its annual Race for Life event. All students had the opportunity to run or walk 5km around the school grounds, raising £3084 for Cancer Awareness.

I would like to thank all staff who led and participated in the PGL visit, as well as all those who planned and delivered sessions for the Diversity Day and the Destinations Day – in addition to those who set up and ran the Race for Life.

There will be one final newsletter this term, on Wednesday 20 July. In the meantime, as we have said to students, please enjoy the hot weather sensibly, with plenty of fluids and suncream!

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

## Diary dates – academic year 2021 – 2022

Monday 11 July and Wednesday 13 July	Sports Day
Thursday 14 July	Sixth Form summer ball
Wednesday 20 July	End of term for students 12.00pm
Thursday 18 August	A Level results day
Thursday 25 August	GCSE results day
Monday 5 September	Students return to school



## **Year 8 tutor group – Miss Colbourne**

We can't quite believe we are coming towards the end of the school year, finally a year where everything has been relatively back to normal. We are soon to be finishing Year 8 and moving onto a new adventure in Year 9! This year has seen plenty of action for N8-JCE, we delivered our first ever assembly on the Winter Olympics, we have taken part in the Spelling bee (Manuel) and Maths Challenge (Sian) and we have become experts at Blooket.

As a tutor we have gained 3084 achievement points, shout out to Oscar who has an expressive 255 and close second is Greg on 201! Every morning we take part in numerous session Mondays watching Newsround, Tuesday and Wednesday Success for Life session and Thursdays are reserved for Blooket. We are also avid watches of YouTube some highlights being catching up with live sports from the weekend and Britain's Got Talent.

As we look towards the end of the year we have are sights on Sports Day which are happening on 11 and 13 July where we are hoping for some wins! N8-JCE have continued to show great resilience and courage throughout this year and I wish them the best for Year 9, I know you will be brilliant.







## Greenpower

On Sunday 3 July the Greenpower team from Denefield went out into the local community to proudly display their cars. They attended the Berkshire motor show as part of the Craven motor clubs stand. They worked hard to explain what Greenpower was about and to try to raise money to get to the final at Goodwood in October. They worked hard as a team and managed to raise £110 which will help one of the cars get to the final. We also had a generous donation from Tilehurst loft conversions who matched what we raised and donated £110. Thank you so much!

Along with Craven motor club we also managed to win stand of the day. We would like to thank all those that have contributed to Greenpower, special mention to Phil Wallbank and the Craven motor club for their on going support and Wayland for the donation of the Gazebo that kept us dry and protected from the sun during the event on Sunday.

If you feel that you would like to be part of the team and able to make a donation to Greenpower then please contact Miss Simpson at [smp@denefield.org.uk](mailto:smp@denefield.org.uk) to find out more.





## Royal Holloway Psychology competition

Congratulations to our exceptional Year 12 Psychology students who not only competed in the national Psychology competition at Royal Holloway, University of London, but also won the audience favourite and £75 book voucher for the school to spend on Psychology textbooks.



Both groups of five students performed so well. They presented their posters to university judges, lecturers and students & teachers from other schools. Our Psychologists excelled in their subject knowledge and with passion explained audience their proposed ways of how Psychology can solve societal and global problems.






## **Business, Travel and Tourism**

This week's curriculum entry is from our Business, Travel and Tourism department.

The businesses and industries in the UK are currently trying to continue to recover from the pandemic and also cope with the rising prices that have been affected by inflation. In lessons we have been discussing how prices of holidays, essential items, fuel and raw materials have been affecting us and also looking at the dilemmas faced by businesses at a time when their costs are rising and revenue may be falling.



Currently in Year 10 business students are working on mini projects which cover the topics that they have been learning. Mr Raw's classes are looking at human resources related to Ben and Jerry's and Mr Fuller's classes are investigating the different types of businesses in the local area.

In Year 10 travel and tourism students have been finishing their component 1 assignments and are also working on a global destinations project, looking at the different options available to tourists in each continent of the world.

Year 11 completed their examinations in May and June and we wish them well for when they receive their results.

Year 12 BTEC Business are working on their first piece of coursework looking at the different for-profit and not-for profit businesses in the UK.

Year 12 BTEC Travel and Tourism are now working on their first piece of coursework looking at how a range of organisations use marketing and customer service to entice potential customers to buy their product or use their service.

Year 12 A Level Business have just recently completed their PPEs and are now looking at strategic planning in businesses.

Year 13 BTEC completed their course in May and June and we wish them well for when they receive their results.

Year 13 A Level Business completed their examinations in May and June and we wish them well for when they receive their results.

Year 13 BTEC Travel and Tourism completed their course in May and June and we wish them well for when they receive their results.

Throughout the courses we encourage students to widen their business and travel knowledge through the use of documentaries and wider reading.

Our recommended business and travel documentaries to watch over the summer holidays are:

Dragon's Den – BBC

Inside series - Channel 5

featuring documentaries on Nando's, Hamleys, Harrods and Rolls Royce

The Savoy – ITV

The QE2 Dubai: World's most luxurious hotel – Channel 5

Behind the attraction – Disney+

Our recommended business and travel books and magazines for reading over the summer holidays are:

Lonely Planet magazine

The Green Traveller by Richard Hammond

How to become a professional travel writer by Mark Everleigh and Narina Exelby

The Metaverse: and how it will revolutionize everything by Matthew Ball

Emotion by design: Creative leadership lessons from a life at Nike by Greg Hoffman

See, Solve, Scale by Danny Warshay

## **Business, Travel and Tourism heroes**

### **Year 10**

Lucy M	Harvey M
Noah E	Aiden W
Alex M	Holly A
Evelyn L	Raoul J
Harvey M	Olivia G
Euan S	Anya P
Lauren F	Latasha P
Charlotte R	Freddie C

### **Year 12**

Erin S	Emily P
Charlotte C	Kyra M
Luke M	Mya H
Jasria S	Caitlyn H
Adam K	Charlie F
Georgia C	Sophie C
Jess H	Eve R

### **Enterprise Club**

Rosie T    Maisie T

## **What topics are we going to be learning about next year?**

When we return in September our current students will be learning about the following:

Year 11 GCSE Business – will be looking at human resources and the role of the workforce in contributing to the success of a business.

Year 13 BTEC Business – will be completing their coursework on a variety of businesses, how they are organised, the impact of internal and external factors and how they can be entrepreneurial and innovative.

Year 13 A Level Business – will be continuing to look at strategies and how internal and external factors influence decisions made by businesses.

Year 13 BTEC Travel and Tourism – will be completing their coursework on the use of marketing in travel and tourism organisations as well as creating a marketing plan.

We also look forward to welcoming our new Year 10 and 12 Business students as well as our new Year 10 and 12 BTEC Travel and Tourism students in September.

In Travel and Tourism students have been researching the attractions and facilities at a destinations of their choice to then successfully create an analysis for their coursework. Well done to this student for producing a good piece of work using their research on Edinburgh as reflected in this excerpt.

### **Section 1- Introduction**

Edinburgh is Scotland's cultural and historical capital and is known for its famous medieval old town. Edinburgh has a population of around 550,000 people and in 2019 over 5 million tourists visited Edinburgh. Edinburgh has everything you need from shopping centres to theatres and football stadiums to underground bars and even treks to adventure and explore across. It is in the South-east of Scotland and is a 1-and-a-half-hour flight from London. Many celebrities were born here like Sean Connery and Kirsty Gallacher. J.K Rowling thought of her first book of Harry Potter in the Elephant House Cafe and finished the last Harry Potter book in the Balmoral Hotel. This information pack will give you everything you need to know about advising someone to visit Edinburgh.





## **Section 2- Main features**

### **2a- Geographical feature and natural attractions**

Edinburgh is found in the southeast of Scotland and the northeast of the UK. The city includes a variety of different towns and cultures. Its medieval town is over 1,000 years old, and is situated in the centre of Edinburgh, whereas Edinburgh new town is quite recent and has some amazing architecture – it is found in the heart of the city. Edinburgh also has many rivers, lakes, hills, and beaches for people to explore and experience. People can hike their way up to Arthur's Seat to experience the amazingly picturesque views of Edinburgh on a sunny day. It is also famous for many attractions and lies on an ancient and extinct volcano, an example is Edinburgh castle was built on an extinct volcano.

Another example of a natural attraction people can visit is Calton Hill. Calton Hill has views across Edinburgh, bars, and the Nelson monument is free to go up and hike to the top.

Visitors want to visit Edinburgh's natural attractions as it shows that despite the increase in tourists Edinburgh has kept nature and is built around it, they venture up Arthur's Seat to explore and discover the nature outside of the urban city: but to get amazing views of Edinburgh's skyline.



## Sports Day 2022

Sports day is over two days this year on Monday 11 July and Wednesday 13 July. It is supposed to be very hot during the week, so please ensure students have plenty of water, sun cream and a hat. Students will come down to PE during their allocated period and get changed. House colours are welcomed!

The timetable of events is below:

**Monday** - field events and 1000m+

P2 - Year 8  
P3 - Year 7  
P4 - Year 9  
P5 - Year 10



**Wednesday** - track events

P2 - Year 10  
P3 - Year 8  
P4 - Year 7  
P5 - Year 9

## 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





## Email issues

We've been advised by our communications provider, IRIS Reach, that there are issues with some parents/carers not receiving school emails. Unfortunately, some providers may be preventing the delivery of some messages from us because their filters identify them as Spam or Junk. On investigation by our provider this appears to be relating mainly to BT internet email addresses which they are now in the process of resolving. In the meantime, please see the steps below you can take to help resolve this

- 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.



## 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>				

## Harrisons catering vacancy

Harrison Catering have a vacancy and are looking for a catering assistant:

Monday to Friday 12.00-2.00pm  
Term time only plus INSET days

To join friendly, hardworking catering team. Assisting with lunch time service, till operation and end of day cleaning.

Please email your CV and covering letter to Tom Ellison if you are interested -  
[denefield@harrisoncatering.co.uk](mailto:denefield@harrisoncatering.co.uk)

## Kooth

### Summer is here - and so is Kooth, all through the summer holidays!

There are lots of positive mental health impacts associated with summer: being out enjoying the warm, sunny weather can increase your vitamin D to raise energy levels and improve your mood; there are more opportunities to get out and about to connect with others and nature; having time to exercise can have positive physical and mental health benefits; and often during the school holidays, we have time to relax a little and invest in self-care whether that is time to read a book, learn a new skill, or reassess our personal goals.

However, for some people, the summer period can also be a challenging one: increased feelings of loneliness from being away from friends; a lack of routine leading to increased feelings of anxiety; low mood possibly exasperated by all the Instagram perfect lives being shared on social media which may not reflect our reality; or difficulties maintaining healthy sleep habits due to the longer, lighter evenings.

However, your young people are feeling, Kooth is here; either as a community to reach out and engage with or as somewhere to find further support. Visit [kooth.com](https://kooth.com).

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