

Celebrating Denefield Friday 23 September 2022





Over the past three weeks, students have settled impressively into school routines, and are working quietly and intensely in lessons. We are now turning our attention to extra-curricular activities. The social and personal benefits of being involved in a club or society are immense, and make a real contribution to students' success in life. We have three staff who oversee Extra-curricular activities – Mrs Davis, Miss Yates and Mr Mills, and this week they led assemblies explaining what was available and how to sign up. Our activities take place at lunch time and after school, and include music and drama clubs, games clubs, a journalism club, sports clubs and teams, a Pride club and a mock trial team. We also run Combined Cadet Force, Duke of Edinburgh and Greenpower, which involves building and racing electric racing cars. We are holding our Extra-curricular fair at lunchtime on Friday 30 September, and I strongly encourage students to attend and sign up for one or more activities.



Our newsletter this week takes on its more normal pattern. Each week, we will share information on a subject area – this week the focus is on English and Media. In addition, we will share information on one form group – this time it is L-EGH. The L stands for Langley and EGH are Mrs Gough's teaching initials. This information is designed to ensure parents/carers really understand how the school works and what their children are learning.

A reminder that we have INSET day tomorrow, and school is closed to students.

With best wishes for the weekend

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Included in this edition...



Diary dates – academic year 2022 – 2023	
Friday 23 September 2022	INSET Day
Wednesday 28 September and Thursday 29 September 2022	Visit – Year 11 History visit Winchester
Tuesday 4 October and Wednesday 5 October 2022	Visit – Year 10 Geography visit Rushall Farm
Tuesday 4 October 2022	Visit – Sixth Form ‘Create your future’ event, Excel London
Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022	Half term
Monday 31 October 2022	Students return to school



Tutor – Miss Gough

Welcome to L-EGH! We have been the lucky tutor group chosen for the school newsletter this week and just wanted to introduce ourselves and wish you all the very best for the academic year. Our new vertical tutor group has been working hard to get organised with their equipment and settling into routines here at Denefield, introducing our Year 7 students. We have been getting to know each other day by day and it has been interesting to find out that many of the members of L-EGH participate in extracurricular activities such as gymnastics, rugby, football, ice skating and taekwondo. The students have demonstrated that they have confidence courage in speaking to new people and shown support in guiding the new Year 7 students around the school. Well done to everyone for a great start to the year!

Greenpower success

Over the last two weekends, the Greenpower team have been in action at Castle Combe and Dunsford race tracks.

On the 11 September they travelled to Castle Combe. Denefield Racing car 2 had already qualified for the final so they all worked hard as a team hoping that Denefield Racing car 1 could qualify for the race.

Both teams started off well and with Denefield Racing Car 2 keeping with the pace and finishing in 20th position out of 67 cars. Unfortunately, Denefield Racing car 1 had a bad pit stop and a problem with the chain meant that they finished down in 25th position so their place in the final was still not guaranteed.

On 18 September at Dunsford ,Top Gear track was a better for Denefield racing car 1 . The pit changing issue had been solved and the team really came together to get 13th overall place finish and this meant an 8th place in the kit class. The following students from Year 8 should be applauded for their efforts. Jacob D, Matty P, Oliver S, Connor W, Leo G and River M. Unfortunately due to technical issues with the steering in Denefield Racing car 2 they ended up in 35th place overall although they did work hard to fix the problem on their own and re join the Race. Special mention to Jack R and Taylor B for fixing the car and Anton H for making great headway through the pack to make up more than 10 space in the last 15 minuets of the race.

We are now all waiting to see if Denefield Racing car 1 has made the final at Goodwood on the 9 October. Hopefully we will find out later in the week.

We would also like to thank our volunteers for both weekends Mrs Herbage, Mr Hayton, Mr Dixon, Miss Pullen Clarke and finally Mr Wallbank for all his help throughout the season.

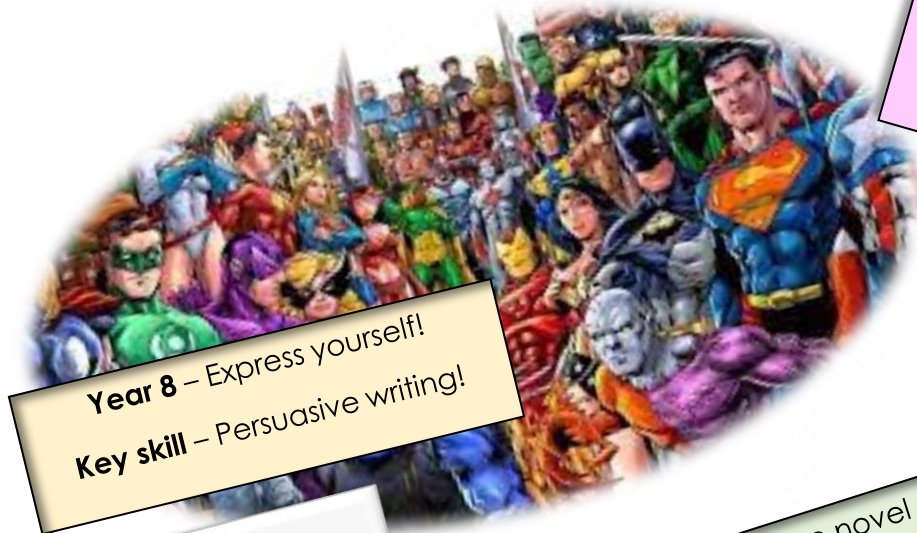
Another mention needs to go to any of the companies that have donated over the last few months. Craven motor club, Waylands, Dixon heating and Plumbing limited and Tilehurst Loft Conversions.





English and Media

What students are learning in English and Film Studies this term



Year 7 – Heroes and villains!
Key skill – creative writing!

Year 8 – Express yourself!
Key skill – Persuasive writing!



Year 9 – 'Heroes' the novel
Key skill – analysing narrative and language



Year 10 Lang – English GCSE
Key skill – Non-fiction; author perspective



Year 10 lit – 'A Christmas Carol' Charles Dickens
Key skill – Analysing Victorian literature



Year 11 – English GCSE
Key skill – Revision for May GCSEs!



Year 10 Film – Attack the Block
Key skill – analysing film form



National Poetry Day is on Thursday 6 October 2022. Here are the English teachers' favourite lines of poetry.



Mr Mundell:

'We are not now that strength which in old
days
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are,
we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.'

'Ulysses' by Tennyson

Mrs Tarrant:

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may tread me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

'Rise' by Maya Angelou

Miss Doyle:

"If I've killed one man, I've
killed two——
The vampire who said he was
you
And drank my blood for a year"

'Daddy' by Sylvia Plath.

Mr Mills:

What dire offense from amorous causes springs,
What mighty contests rise from trivial things.

'The Rape of the Lock' by Alexander Pope

Mrs Buckley:

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies
Or being hated, don't give way to hating
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too
wise

If by Rudyard Kipling

Mrs Williams:

Ah, sweet mystery
Come to break the frozen lake in me,
Shaking the foundations of the very trees
within me,
Come to let me know
That the earth is the earth is the earth

'Hurricane Hits England' by Grace Nichols

Mr Neale:

When tomorrow starts without me
and I'm not there to see
if the sun should rise and find your eyes
all filled with tears for me

'When tomorrow starts without me' by
David Romano

Miss Meyer:

On the ning-nang-nong
where the cows go bong
and the monkeys all say boo!

'On The Ning Nang Nong' by Spike
Milligan

Mr Simpson:

Let us Go then, you and I
When the evening is spread out against the sky
Like a patient etherized upon a table

'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock' by T. S. Eliot

Work on creating a believable character

She lives with her husband, Fred. He is a lot older than her and spends most of his day ~~at~~ sat down in the living room, watching the news and reading books. He reminded her of her father, David, who had also enjoyed the noise.

• "There's a red box cays on my head and i tilt the cap forward"

• "I wear a Scarf that covers the lower part of my face"

• "I keep a bandage on the place where my nose used to be"

• "I am wearing my old army fatigues jacket"

• "So i am well covered up face and body"

My production for the rest of the book is the man gets to summer and a fragile secret happens.

Some Superhuman
use of scene setting
skill

Written Task Three: Choose one of your five and set the scene for your very own superhero novel – writing 1 paragraph, what will the scene look like?

1 The night was cold. ^{Beautiful} was there any
2 points in living ~~that~~ he sky talked to
3 me as I sat ~~by~~ the window listening
4 to the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ I imagined as the ~~the~~ light
5 ~~strides~~ it was as if the weather was
6 relating to me. My heart thumped as I
7 thought about the day that I had
8 was this it? The sky roared at me
9 like I was giving me answers but
10 I couldn't understand. I started to yell
11 was this really it? I can't believe it
12 I won't believe it. On the roof of the
13 other building I saw a little ~~garden~~ ^{lovely detail!}
14 and white pigeon. He sat alone on
15 the cold dark roof. ~~I was as if he~~
16 ~~was~~ all my emotions wrapped up
17 in a little bird. I love all the my
18 feet started to work. I he building
19 was shaking at we Germans ~~who were~~
20 BANG! ^{crack upon}
21 ^{crack!}
22 lovely detail. Rise!

Red Pen
improvements
trying to show the
reader an emotion
without telling
them

Whilst an ^{reflective} army of thoughts rushed swiftly through his mind, the lone man tapped his fingers gently on key. The angelic voice of the piano ^{calm} echoed through the dark hall, ^{personification} laughing at his misery in ^{personification} cruel tones. Chords cackled wickedly, the stiff keys growling as memories apparate around him. ^{personification} ^{personification} (zoomorphism)

WWW: many uses of techniques
EBT, write a new paragraph with a different emotion

His salty blue eyes ^{glistened} ~~flowed~~ through his aging head along to the majestic tune, letting the smile crack on his draught-like lips mirror his tranquility. His tears, The soft humming of his wife floated like heatwaves through his ears, her voice, sent from the heavens, whispering sweet melodies to him, cradling him. Engulfing him, in a sudden warmth, like a mother cradling a child. Her lips were cold against his bear-like skin, the once red lips turned cold, frosting over, sending him into shivers that made him tremble. He opened his eyes for the first time, the howling in his little bubble of safety. Only to realise she was gone forever.



GCSE Film Studies




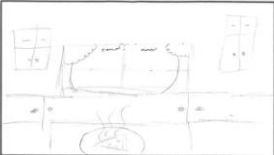


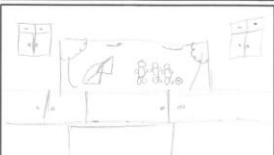

Thanks to the success of our A Level Film Studies offering, Mr Neale has introduced our very first GCSE class with our new Year 10 cohort!

Across the year, students will be learning about the history, importance and craft of film-making, before having a go at their own short films before the Summer!

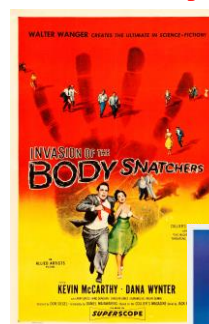
We even offer an incredibly exciting trip to learn cinematography from industry experts!



We've already been discussing how important editing is if we want to change the meaning of a scene!
Check out a storyboard of Reiss's work and how he changes a man who's hungry, into something more sinister!

Scene: 1	Scene: 2	Scene: 3
		
Man in kitchen - focusing on something	Shot of a pizza slice of pizza	Man licks his lips to show he is hungry
Scene: 1	Scene:	Scene: 3
		
SAME shot of man in kitchen	Focus now changed to people playing football outside	Man licks his lips - this time he comes across in a <u>creaky/sinister</u> way.

Texts we study!



Bake Off

Calling all bakers! Please see below for details of the upcoming Denefield Bake Off 2022!



**THE GREAT DENEFIELD
BAKE OFF
2022**

Round 1: The Signature Challenge
Bake and decorate *six cupcakes, with a theme of
harvest/autumn* to bring to the Design and Technology Office (next to M106) on:
Wednesday 5th October

Round 2: The Showstopper
Winners of the Signature Challenge will bake at school on Monday 17th October, 3 – 5 pm-
You will be notified if you have made it to the final.

Extra curricular

On Friday 30 September students will have the opportunity to explore the many Extra-curricular activities on offer at Denefield this year. At lunchtime on Friday 30 September in Da Vinci, students can sign up to a wide array of clubs including chess, gardening, 3D printing and manga. Please look out for details!

Please see below for details of our PE Extra Curricular activities

After School	Staff	When	Where	Years
Monday				
Tuesday				
Girls Football	Miss Wheeler/Miss Colbourne/Miss Angell	3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	All
Wednesday				
Year 9 Rugby	Mr Clare	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Year 9
Girls Netball	Miss Wheeler/Miss Colbourne/Miss Angell		Courts	All
Thursday				
Year 7/8 Rugby	Mr Wright/Sixth Form	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	Years 7/8
Year 10/11 Rugby	Mr Clare/Mr Clarke			Years 10/11
Friday				
GCSE Badminton		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports Hall	

All Yours



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and complete the form to tell us what you need.

We will send out what you need in a free All Yours box.

You can request a box for yourself and your family members and we offer a range of products to suit as many preferences and circumstances as possible.

We offer disposable products like period pads and tampons but we can also provide reusable products for those people who would like a long-term alternative to disposable period products.

If you have any questions about which reusable product to request, please just ask us using the form.

Boxes of period pads are also available for collection from Newbury, Thatcham, Hungerford, Pangbourne, Theale, Lambourn, Mortimer and Burghfield Common public libraries. Just ask a member of staff for an All Yours Box.

All requests are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

If you have any questions, please email
allyoursmothly@gmail.com

For more information on the All Yours community project, please visit
periodbox.uk

Spotlight UK



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We are very aware that the need for support this year at Christmas is rising fast and we here at Spotlight UK want to be able to do our Christmas toy appeal and also continue to provide the fun activities that create new memories for children as well as the emotional and practical support we offer for families.

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Whether that is by donating Christmas presents,
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or through your companies signing up for the local community lottery as part of a syndicate to help support Spotlight UK.

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