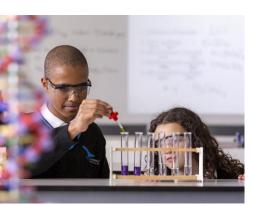


# Celebrating Denefield Friday 18 November 2022















I'd like to start by inviting all Year 11 parents/carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 24 November from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. The Denefield Sixth Form is exciting, offering a wide range of A Level subjects alongside several key vocational subjects. Students are taught by expert teachers in small groups and are well cared for by the Head and Deputy Heads of Sixth Form, and the Post-16 Student Manager. They contribute to the life of the school through their Sixth Form Leadership activities and take up high-level apprenticeships or go to university when they leave. Naturally, Sixth Form results are incredibly strong – our A\*-C rate increased by 31% from 2019-2022 for example – when nationally the increase was just 7%. We would love to see Year 11 and their parents/ carers on Thursday.



It has been Anti-Bullying Week this week. Bullying – which is when one

person or a group of people repeatedly do something to hurt or upset another person or another group of people – is never acceptable. It's not acceptable in the workplace, in politics, in social spaces, or in schools. Denefield has a clear anti-bullying policy, which we are currently working with students to update. The focus of Success for Life lessons this week has been on anti-bullying. I teach several Year 7 classes, for example, and we focused on how to always being kind, and of the importance of reporting bullying to a parent /carer or teacher. We used the following short, animated film from Pixar as a think-piece, which can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Although like all Pixar films it's very funny, it is a really rich film and has a powerful message. I would encourage parents/carers to watch it and to show it to any children in your family. It's also suitable for primary age children.

Finally, thank you to all students and their parents/carers for their generous donations to Children in Need. The difficult economic circumstances today, combined with the horror in Ukraine and elsewhere, means that the level of need amongst children has never been greater. To date, the school has raised £1837 with money still coming in.

With best wishes for the weekend

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

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Thursday 24 November 2022	Sixth Form Open Evening 6.00pm to 8.00pm			
Monday 5 December 2022	Year 7, 8 and 9 Flu Immunisations			
Thursday 15 December 2022	Sixth Form parents evening online 4.00pm to 8.00pm			
Friday 16 December 2022	End of term			



## Celebrating our curriculum...

### **Social Science**

Denefield Sixth Former students take part in climate negotiations in mock COP27 conference



The Climate Conference took place on Friday 11 November 2022 where our students, together with other five secondary schools, came to *show their passion for the environment and tackling climate change*. The conference was organised to emulate the real-life COP27 – running from 6 to 18 November in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. The Reading Schools' Climate Conference was organised by charity InterClimate Network and hosted in the Council Chamber in the Reading Borough Council Civic offices.

The students formed teams representing a diverse mix of 15 developed and developing countries attending COP27. Our students represented the UK and Bangladesh.

Putting forward policy positions using carefully chosen arguments in a conference debate model that mirrors the UN negotiations, the students agreed on a set of resolutions on key environmental themes.

Our students also brought the issues close to home in a **'Climate Question Time'** were they posed questions to a panel made up of local decision makers, a local businesses and environmental organisations. The conference ended with pledges for actions, including ways to make the most difference in our school.





We left the conference informed, inspired and empowered to make a positive changes, acting locally, within our school and our community, but thinking globally; being acutely aware that Climate Emergency is everybody's responsibility.



## Reading Football Club's 2nd School and Grassroots Fixtures of 2022-23

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 2nd School and Grassroots fixture of 2022-23!

#### When?

Reading vs Coventry City Saturday 10 December, 3pm **Where?** Select Car Leasing Stadium

#### How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

Thank you for being part of our first School and Grassroots fixture of the season when we hosted Huddersfield Town on Saturday 1 October.

Over 5,000 tickets were sold for local children, parents, teachers and coaches. As our manager Paul Ince said after the match: "We won't always win games. But I hope these kids keep coming again and again and that we see them here again for the years to come!"

With that in mind, we would be delighted if you could join us for our 2nd schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1 17 and Under: £3 18 to 24: £5 65 and over: £5 Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <a href="https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk">https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk</a> and enter the following unique coupon code: #DenefieldSchool in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

#### How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

**Important!** This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.



## **Library news**

The library is open at break, lunch and after school until 4pm for all students to use the computers for homework and to read and borrow books. Please note that no food is allowed in the library.

The library clubs are filling up but there are still spaces if you want to join, just drop in! All library clubs take place in the library after school from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. At book club, we introduced the Information Book Award as part of non-fiction November and the Juniper Book Award for the first time. We will be taking our time to read and share these books for the rest of this term.

In January we will have the opportunity to take part in a book trailer animation virtual workshop! All library club members will be invited to take part in this workshop in January.









## **Extra-curricular**

Please see below details of our extra-curricular activities which take place during lunch times and after school.

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Lunchtime	When	Room	Years
Monday			
Learn a language	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A301	All
Ukulele club	12.20pm to 1.00pm	M117	All
Tuesday			
Choir	12.20pm to 1.00pm	M118	Years 8 to 13
KS3 Maths Boost	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A104	KS3
Pride Club	12.30pm to 1.00pm	A201	All
Wednesday			
Enterprise	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A304	All
Fashion	12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
Thursday			
Choir - Year 7	12.20pm to 1.00pm	M118	Year 7
DofE drop in	12.20pm to 1.00pm	M119	Year 9, 10, 11
Gardening	12.20pm to 1.00pm		All
3D printing	12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
KS4 Maths Boost	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A104	KS4
Friday			
Chess Club	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A204	All
Feminism Club	12.20pm to 1.00pm	A201	All

After School		When	Room	Years	
Monday	_				
Manga		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All	
Tuesday			•	•	
Baking club		3.00pm to 4.30pm	P206	All	
Books		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All	
Boxing		3.00pm to 4.00pm	PE	All	
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Wednesday					
Denefield Discusses		3.00pm to 4.00pm	A206	All	
Podcast					
Warhammer		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All	
Thursday			•	•	
Board games		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All	
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CCF		3.00pm to 4.45pm	College	11	
Architecture		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Art studio	All	
Friday					
Aim high		3.00pm to 4.00pm	A203	All	
Greenpower		3.00pm to 4.00pm	M106	All	



## PE Extra-curricular

After School PE	When	Where	Years		
Monday					
No PE clubs/activities					
Tuesday	Tuesday				
Girls Football	3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	All		
KS4 Basketball	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	Year 10 and 11		
Wednesday	_	•			
Girls Netball	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Courts	Year 8 and 9		
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Football	3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	Year 10 and 11		
GCSE Badminton	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	Year 10 and 11		
Thursday	•				
Netball	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Courts	Year 7		
Badminton	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	All		
Football	3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	Year 7 and 8		
Football	3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	Year 9		
Friday					
No PE clubs/activities					