

# **Celebrating Denefield Friday 25 November 2022**





It was fantastic to see so many Year 11s and their parents/carers at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, along with many students from nearby schools. Denefield is rightly proud of its exciting Sixth Form, with expert teaching, small class sizes and fantastic extra-curricular and leadership opportunities. Denefield Sixth Form students get great results – 82% of them gained grades A\*-C last year – and continue on to impressive destinations, including Oxbridge and Russell Group universities, and to top-level apprenticeships. We have already started receiving our first applications for Sixth Form places for September 2023; our Sixth Form prospectus will be available on our website shortly.



Our assemblies this week have been led by Mrs Williams, who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Williams focused on staying safe online, in particular knowing who it is that you are in contact with, never sharing personal information, and never meeting in person someone you only know online. Mrs Williams was clear that when in any doubt students should talk to their parents/carers. There are always adults in school able to help, including form tutors, Heads and Deputy Heads of House, and the Designated Safeguarding Leads. Additionally, students or staff can also report any concerns via [listening@denefield.org.uk](mailto:listening@denefield.org.uk). Mrs Williams' presentation can be found [here](#).

With best wishes for the weekend ahead

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Included in this edition...



## Diary dates – academic year 2022 – 2023

Monday 5 December 2022

Year 7, 8 and 9 Flu Immunisations

Thursday 8 December 2022

Christmas concert 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Thursday 15 December 2022

Sixth Form parents evening online 4.00pm to 8.00pm

Friday 16 December 2022

End of term

## **Tutor group – Mr Clarke**

Christmas is fast approaching now and there are many signs; the weather is getting very cold and wet, the nights are well and truly upon us at early hours of the day and L-JCK take that little longer to take their coats off in the mornings as the radiators are hard at work.

However, despite the recent need to ask one more time than I should need to regarding the removal of coats, what a fantastic tutor group I have. A quiet group but who show their colours during our Friday rewards morning where we often play, Wordle, Globle, Hangman and Pictionary.

An obviously creative group who recently produced some wonderful poppy designs for remembrance day and a few students taking it that stage further with some 3D designs.

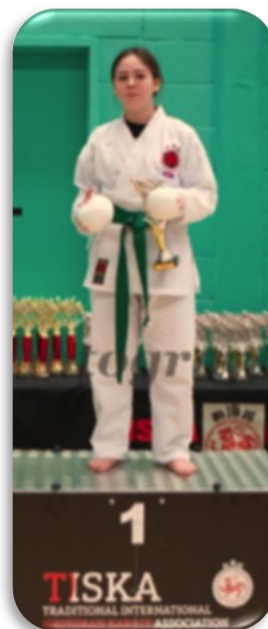
We have reading for pleasure twice a week and students are reading a vast variety of books. Not only are the benefits seen educationally from reading, but it has clearly instilled a calm environment to L-JCK and is a routine that has sets all student up for learning.

I continually look forward to developing my relationship with my tutor group and supporting all students across all ages in our vertical tutor group. It is also fantastic to see the support shown to the younger students by the elders, they have made a real effort to help our new Year 7 students and it has been appreciated by all.



## **Sporting success**

Well done to Lilly K in Year 9 who took part in the TISKA National Championships (Karate) on 13 November at the University of Hertfordshire. Lily was placed first in her Kumite (fighting) Division! Well done Lilly!





### Christmas concert

Denefield will be holding their Christmas concert on Thursday 8 December from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. A musical evening for all the family, including Christmas favourites and carols for all. Come along and enjoy performances from the choir, band and solos from students in Years 7 to 13.

Tea, coffee, mince pies and other refreshments will be on sale before the show and during the interval. Tickets are £4 each and can be booked via the following link - [www.trybooking.co.uk](http://www.trybooking.co.uk)



### Local school consultations

When a local school makes any changes to their admission policy, we are asked to share with staff and parent/carers. There are currently two local West Berks Schools who have shared consultation documents with us, which are attached for your information, should you wish to reply directly to the schools:

Theale Green regarding their Autism Resource Centre, closing date 16 December 2022. Please click [here](#) for details.

Little Heath who are consulting on their Looked after Children criteria and their Appeals process, their deadline is Monday 20 December 2022. For details please click [here](#).



## Extra-curricular

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

Lunchtime		When	Room	Years
<b>Monday</b>				
Learn a language		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A301	All
Ukulele club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M117	All
<b>Tuesday</b>				
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
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Enterprise		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A304	All
Fashion		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
<b>Thursday</b>				
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
<b>Friday</b>				
Chess Club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A204	All
Feminism Club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A201	All

After School		When	Room	Years
<b>Monday</b>				
Manga		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
<b>Tuesday</b>				
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
DT		3.00pm to 4.00pm	M106	All
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Denefield Discusses Podcast		3.00pm to 4.00pm	A206	All
Warhammer		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
<b>Thursday</b>				
Board games		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
CCF		3.00pm to 4.45pm	Pangbourne College	Year 10 and 11
Architecture		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Art studio	All
<b>Friday</b>				
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
<b>Monday</b>				
No PE clubs/activities				
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Girls Football		3.15pm to 4.15pm	3G Pitch	All
KS4 Basketball		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	Year 10 and 11
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Girls Netball		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Courts	Year 8 and 9
Girls Netball		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Courts	Year 10 and 11
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
<b>Thursday</b>				
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
<b>Friday</b>				
No PE clubs/activities				