

# Celebrating Denefield Friday 26 May 2023





It has been such an excellent end to this half term at Denefield. While Year 11 and Year 13 students have been focusing so well in their exams, students from other year groups have been receiving accolades and rewards for their hard work and their kindness. During this week's house assemblies students have been rewarded for having the highest number of achievement points, the best attendance and the best punctuality. One of the most popular rewards is a 'skip the queue' pass, allowing students to go to the front of the lunch queue. Students also received CHARACTER certificates as well as silver certificates for gaining 100 achievement points and gold certificates for receiving 200 achievement points. In addition, I had great pleasure in joining eight of our most articulate Year 7 students for tea (or squash) and cake. These eight – Maya, Samaria, Maya (#2), Samuel, Lucy, Maya (#3), Zac and Louis – have all given fantastic speeches to Year 5 students and their parents on four separate evenings and so were very deserving of their chocolatey reward.



I do hope you have a good half term with friends, family and sunshine.

With best wishes

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Diary dates – academic year 2022 – 2023	
Monday 15 May 2023 to Thursday 29 June 2023	GCSE and A-Level examinations
Sunday 28 May 2023 to Thursday 1 June 2023	Sports Tour
Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023	May half term
Monday 5 June 2023	Students return to school



## The Wellbeing Hub

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**Wellbeing  
Hub**  
— from Teen Tips —



Coming Up in The Wellbeing Hub this Week, May 29th ...

May's Theme: Managing Challenging Behaviour

Podcast: Emotional fitness with boys, with James Hawes.  
Find it on the Homepage or in Resources

Check out the Guide to "Be Real" on the Homepage. Are your children using it? Do you know what it is? Read all about the in the moment Be Real social media app.

Bonus Webinar Tuesday 6th June : Strengths-based Parenting, 6:30pm  
with Helen Day, Teacher, Facilitator, Coach, and Researcher.  
Register at The Wellbeing Hub on the Events Page  
(all Webinars are free to attend, and you can catch up for 2 weeks).



## Extra-curricular

Please see below details of our extra-curricular activities which take place during lunch times and after school. Details can also be found [here](#) on our website.

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>				
3D printing Years 7 & 8		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
Choir		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M118	Years 8 to 13
KS3 Maths Boost		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A104	KS3
KS4 & KS5 Debate Club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A204	KS4 & KS5
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>				
3D printing – Years 9 to 11		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
<a href="#">DofE</a> drop in		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M119	Year 9, 10, 11
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		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>				
Warhammer		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
<b>Thursday</b>				
Architecture		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Art studio	All
Board games		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
CCF		3.45pm to 6.00pm	<a href="#">Pangbourne College</a>	Year 10 and 11
Science Crest award		3.15pm to 4.15pm	P205	All
<b>Friday</b>				
Aim high		3.00pm to 4.00pm	A203	All
<a href="#">Greenpower</a>		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>				
<u>Rounders</u>		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	All
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Athletics		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	All
<b>Thursday</b>				
Cricket		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	All
<b>Friday</b>				
No PE clubs/activities				

## School uniform

The following information has been received from Price & Buckland regarding school uniform deliveries




**Price & Buckland**  
SCHOOLWEAR SINCE 1959

As you are aware, we currently deliver parent orders into school on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. However we suggest going forward, you let parents know that their orders will be available to collect on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

This is to allow for any orders which may be delayed due to circumstances beyond our control. We will still aim to get the deliveries to you by the Monday. However if this is not possible, they should be with you by Tuesday ready for collection on the Wednesday.




## Reading Buses Boost Fares




Boost tickets give cheaper travel for anyone aged 18 or under; also students at a number of colleges and universities, regardless of age.


Previously, as long as anyone satisfied those criteria Boost tickets could be bought without the need for ID.

However, from Wednesday 1 June 2023, we're introducing a verification process on our app to ensure only those entitled can use Boost tickets.





### introducing **BOOST** verification





**bus times & other info**  
[reading-buses.co.uk](http://reading-buses.co.uk)  
 0118 959 4000  
[customerservices@reading-buses.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@reading-buses.co.uk)



**Reading bus shop**  
 in Broad Street Mall  
 Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

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 buy mtickets, plan your journey & get live moving buses and times on your phone

from  
**Readingbuses**  
 Great Knollys Street  
 Reading RG1 7HH

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### what is **Boost verification?**

This is a way to prove you're 18 or under or studying at one of the educational establishments listed.

Before you can activate a Boost ticket on the app for the first time, you will need to verify your age or student status to prove your eligibility.

### why **is it necessary?**


Although most Boost tickets are bought and used genuinely, some people who are not eligible are buying and using them. So we're introducing this process to ensure that only those who qualify can use Boost.

### how **do I verify?**

You only need to do this once. It lasts until your 19th birthday, but students will need to renew each year of study.

Once you're verified, you can buy and use any Boost ticket without the need to carry any ID.

We use your photo to check against photo ID, but it's also on your ticket so the driver can verify it really is you. You won't be able to change your photo after it's been verified




### first, follow these simple steps

- 1 Create an account on the app in the mobile tickets section of the Reading Buses app (if you don't have one already).
- 2 Buy a ticket.

### now start the verification process

- 3 Upload a selfie or head and shoulders shot from your photo library. Treat this like a passport photo - no filters, shades, hair obscuring face etc, otherwise you may be rejected.
- 4 Upload a photo of your chosen ID - driving licence, passport, birth certificate, valid student/university identification card or PASS accredited card such as Citizencard.
- 5 Submit and then wait! Verifications can take up to 48 hours but are usually done within at least 24 hours and often much quicker.



### buying tickets as a gift

An adult can still buy a Boost ticket as a gift for a young person in the normal way.

However, the young person whose account you are gifting will need to verify their account before they can activate the ticket.

more information on verification  
[reading-buses.co.uk/boost-verification](http://reading-buses.co.uk/boost-verification)

### eligible local schools & colleges

- University of Reading
- University of West London
- Reading College
- UTC Reading
- Newbury College
- Bracknell & Wokingham College
- East Berkshire College
- Uxbridge College
- READ College

If your college isn't on this list and you are over 18, please ask your college to contact our customer service team.

