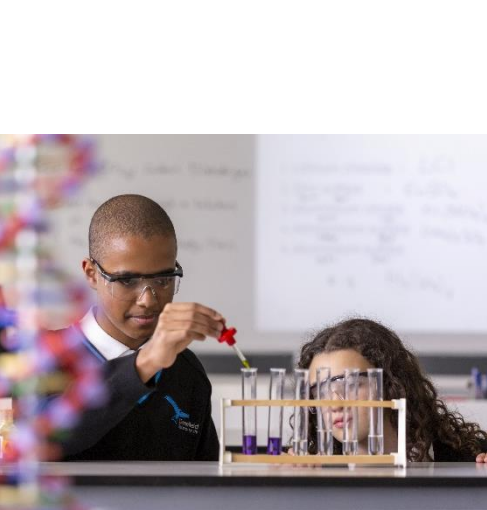


## Celebrating Denefield Friday 9 June 2023





It has been a whirlwind start back to Denefield after the half term break. During half term itself, precisely 100 students attended the school sports tour to Barcelona. While there, they trained with professional coaches from Norwich football club and had similar-level netball training, before participating in a series of highly competitive tournaments. There was time for cultural and leisure activities too, including a tour of FC Espanyol's stadium, a visit to Barcelona city centre and time spent at a water park and bowling alley. The attitude and conduct of the students was exemplary, showing fierce competitive spirit and teamwork on the football pitch and netball court, showing kindness and respect to everyone they came in contact with, a generally being a really fun and enjoyable group to be with. There was only one injury on the trip which I mentioned in my assemblies this week – ask your child about that!



The PE department have been kept very busy this week too. On Thursday Denefield's top athletes competed against their Reading and West Berkshire peers at Palmer Park and as a result some have been chosen to represent their county at the regional finals – I will share further details with you in due course. And on Thursday and Friday a number of Year 9 students completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition, walking and camping at Rushall Farm, and then on to Woolbridge. For many students this marks the final part of their bronze award; others have finishing touches to put to other aspects, such as volunteering, developing a skill or participating in a sport or physical activities.

I always take assemblies on the first week back. This week I took as my theme two remarkable heroes. The first is Rob Burrow, a Leeds Rhinos rugby league star who contracted motor neurone disease in 2019. The second is Kevin Sinfield, Rob's captain at Leeds Rhinos. Rob has dedicated the last four years to raising awareness of motor neurone disease and raising nearly £10m to fund research – at present life expectancy there is no cure for motor neurone disease and life expectancy is 3-5 years. My question to students during the assemblies was which of Rob and Kevin have shown more courage. To me, both are extraordinary heroes. My assembly can be found [here](#)

I would like to repeat my congratulations to Year 11 and Year 13, who continue to prepare hard and conduct themselves in an exemplary manner in their final examinations.

Finally, congratulations to Ms Meyer and Mr Clare, whose wedding took place over half term. On behalf of the school community I wish them every happiness.

With best wishes for a pleasant weekend

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
Monday 26 June 2023	INSET day
Tuesday 27 June 2023	Year 11 Prom
Monday 3 July 2023	Sixth Form summer ball
Thursday 20 July 2023	End of term for students

## Summer Duolingo Challenge

When learning a language, it is essential to invest time outside the classroom practising the target language. This can be done watching videos in YouTube, reading a short story or developing your vocabulary with a language app such as Duolingo. To encourage students to have fun learning a language while expanding their vocabulary, we're launching the Summer Duolingo Challenge on Friday 9 June.

To take part in this, students have to create an account – if they didn't have one already. They have to choose one of the modern foreign languages they study at Denefield. Then, they have to take a photo of the points they had on the 9 June and complete as many tasks as they can during the following month. The challenge deadline is on Sunday 9 July, when students will have to send a photo of the total points they achieve by that time. They will need to send the photos to [gfo@denefield.org.uk](mailto:gfo@denefield.org.uk)

We hope all students enjoy this challenge and excel in learning a modern foreign language. Good luck to everyone! Viel Glück! Bonne chance! ¡Buena suerte!

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To join the challenge

1. Create an account on Duolingo
2. Take a photo of your points on the 9th June
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4. Take another photo on the 9th July

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# The Wellbeing Hub

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**Wellbeing  
Hub**  
—from Teen Tips—



Coming Up in The Wellbeing Hub this Week, June 5th ...

June's Theme: Hormones

Blog: The impact of nutrition on hormones by Tina Lond-Caulk  
BSc, Nutritionist, Author and Speaker

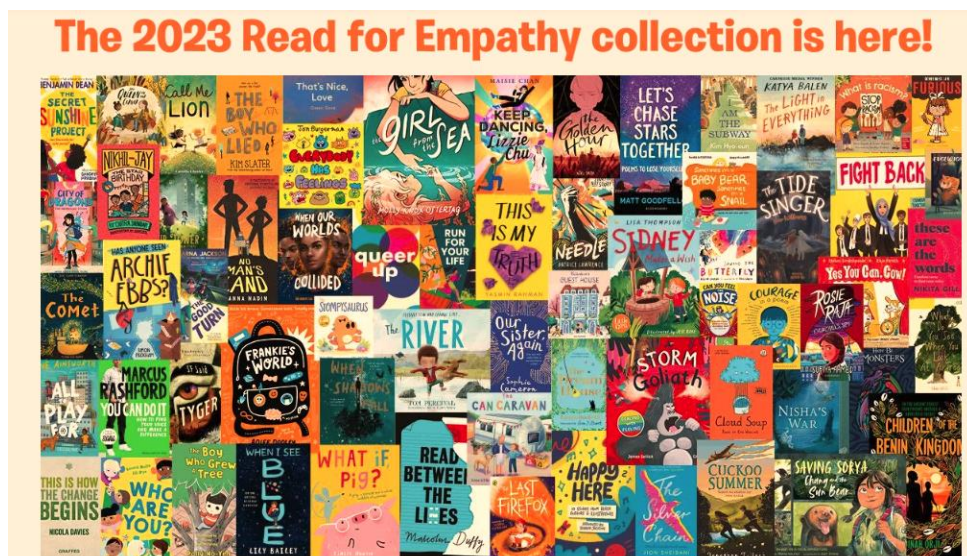
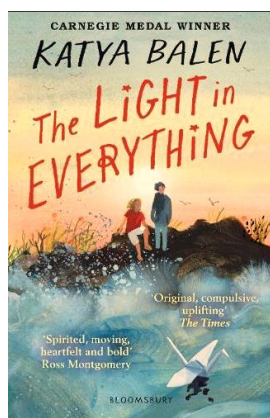
Live Parenting Q&A with Alicia Drummond on Tuesday 6th  
June, Register through the Q&A Link on the Homepage.

Bonus Webinar Tuesday 6th June, 6:30pm: Strengths-based Parenting,  
with Helen Day, Teacher, Facilitator, Coach, and Researcher.  
Register at The Wellbeing Hub on the Events Page.  
(All Webinars are free to attend, you can watch/listen on catch up for 2  
weeks after the event, find them in the Resources Section).

# Library news

This week Book Club went on a very successful trip to Kennet school to take part in the Carnegie Conference. This was a wonderful day where students had the opportunity to work with other students from local schools creating innovative presentations on their favourite book from the Carnegie Book Award shortlist, including origami, knitting, rapping, and lots of drama! We also heard from one of the official Carnegie judges about the process of the book award. The winning author will be announced on 21 June 2023. All the shortlisted books are available to borrow from the library and on Sora App. Our personal favourite is *The Light In Everything*.

This week was also Empathy Day and we had lots of activities available in the library at break and lunch time. If you would like to take part at home, you can watch author videos and download your family pack [here](#):





## 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				






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