

Celebrating Denefield Friday 30 June 2023





It has been an incredible week of pride tinged with a little sadness at Denefield. Let me explain why. A week ago, Year 11 students finished their exams, and on Monday they had their prom at Trunkwell House. It was a real honour to attend and to see how the nervous children they were five years ago have turned into fine young adults today. Yesterday, Thursday, a very large number of the same students plus many others from local schools attended the Denefield Sixth Form induction day. They learnt about the many opportunities the Sixth Form provides and took part in a series of Year 12 lessons. Today, Friday, it was Year 13's turn to bid farewell. After a leavers' breakfast and a series of nostalgic activities and speeches a number of Year 13 students were given awards for their achievements while at Denefield. We wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 leavers every success in their future lives. We will miss them!



Meanwhile, we welcomed next year's Year 7 cohort for their induction on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They met with heads of house and participated in a series of Year 7 lessons. They already appear to be an outstanding year group and we are looking forward to formally welcoming them in September.

There have been several other notable events this week. Many congratulations to our Year 8 athletics team, who came first out of 26 teams in the regional finals held at Palmer Park in Reading on Tuesday. And congratulations also to all the students in years 10 to 13 whose work was presented at the remarkable art and photography exhibition in the Da Vinci space on Thursday – details and images to follow.

There are many further cultural, sporting and educational events taking place before the end of term, including the Year 7 residential to Kingswood, an after-school diversity event, and the annual Race for Life event to raise funds for Cancer Research. Further details to follow!

With best wishes for an enjoyable weekend

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Diary dates – academic year 2022 – 2023	
Monday 3 July 2023	Sixth Form summer ball
Wednesday 5 July 2023	Planned industrial action – see email for details of student arrangements Sports Awards – by invitation
Friday 7 July 2023	Planned industrial action – see email for details of student arrangements
Monday 10 July to Wednesday 12 July 2023	Year 7 residential visit – Y side
Wednesday 12 July to Friday 14 July 2023	Year 7 residential visit – X side
Friday 14 July 2023	Diverse Denefield event 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday 19 July 2023	Race for life
Thursday 20 July 2023	End of term







Sports Tour April 2023

During May half term the PE department took 100 students to Barcelona for the annual Sports Tour. It started off with a very earlier coach journey to Gatwick airport at 5.00am! We then arrived in Lloret De Mar, Spain at around 3.00pm where we checked in and took the students for a tour of the town. On the Monday and Tuesday of tour the footballers had training sessions with Norwich City coaches and the netball Elite Netball coaches, the students were great in their engagement and energy levels!

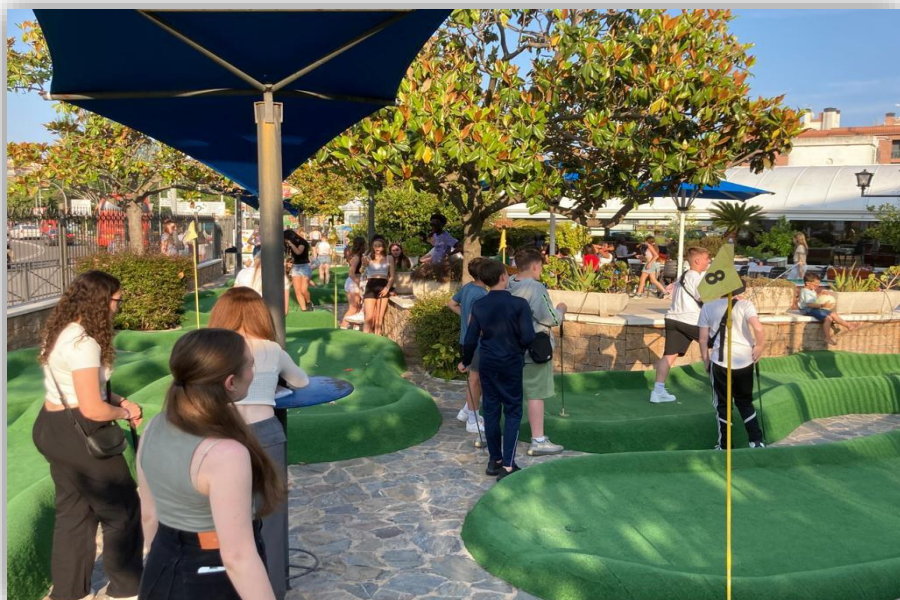




In the afternoons they played matches against other English schools as part of a tournament and there were excellent wins by all of the teams but especially the U15 Football and Netball and the U14 Football. The students had a blast and showed great resilience in the heat and showed incredible camaraderie.



During downtime students were able to explore the town, spend time in the swimming pool, arcades, a day at Water World, bowling, mini-golf, a tour of Espanyol stadium.





We are already looking forward to Sports tour 2024!!!



Chess tournament

Last week, Denefield chess players did themselves very proud in an inter-school tournament between us, Kendrick School, Reading Boys and Blessed Hugh Farringdon. We narrowly came fourth place, but throughout showcased our Happiness and Ambition to compete, particularly our younger players. Oliver S, Benny C, Nathan M and Daniel P all excelled, challenging and defeating some very strong opponents from established chess clubs. Nathan and Benny were among the top five performers of the entire tournament and deserve immense credit for honing their skills every Friday lunchtime.

Well done to all the players: Tyler A, Micah B, Benny C, Greg D, Lucy D, Jonah D, Rory H-A, Zachary J, Nathan M, Daniel P, Markos S and Oliver S.





The Wellbeing Hub

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Coming Up in The Wellbeing Hub this Week, July 3rd ...

July's Theme: **Family Dynamics**

Blog: What number are you? And does it matter? by Dr Tamara Scully,
Clinical Psychologist & Expert in The Wellbeing Hub.

Don't forget to sign up for this month's webinar: Common challenges
in blended families with Professor Lisa Doodson, a Chartered Psychologist
specialising in stepfamily dynamics.

Wednesday 19th July at 6:30pm.

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
Monday				
Learn a language		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A301	All
Ukulele club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M117	All
Tuesday				
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
Wednesday				
Enterprise		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A304	All
Fashion		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
Knitting		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M111	All
Thursday				
3D printing – Years 9 to 11		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
DofE drop in		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M119	Year 9, 10, 11
KS4 Maths Boost		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A104	KS4
Gardening		12.20pm to 1.00pm		All
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		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
Wednesday				
Warhammer		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
Thursday				
Architecture		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Art studio	All
Board games		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
CCF		3.45pm to 6.00pm	Pangbourne College	Year 10 and 11
Science Crest award		3.15pm to 4.15pm	P205	All
Friday				
Aim high		3.00pm to 4.00pm	A203	All



PE Extra-curricular

After School PE		When	Where	Years
Monday				
No PE clubs/activities				
Tuesday				
Cricket		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	All
Wednesday				
Athletics		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	All
Thursday				
Rounders		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	All
Friday				
No PE clubs/activities				

School uniform



Price & Buckland have asked us to remind parents/carers to place any uniform orders by 1 August 2023 to ensure your order arrives with you in time for the start of the September 2023 Term.

Into school deliveries are not available during the summer holidays and will be switched back on in September 2023



Swim school



Summer Crash Course!

7-11 August @ 2-3pm Rookwood House And Gardens
@ The Downs School, Compton 10-12pm



For More Information
Please Contact
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£50 For 4 Lessons Of 30 Minuets
Diving Sessions Available
Fantastic opportunity for complete beginners
to become more water confidence.