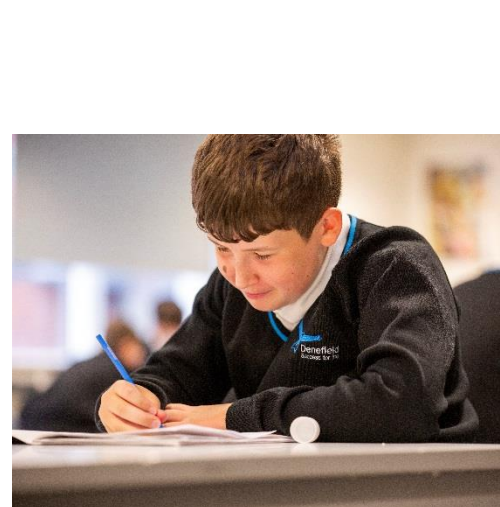
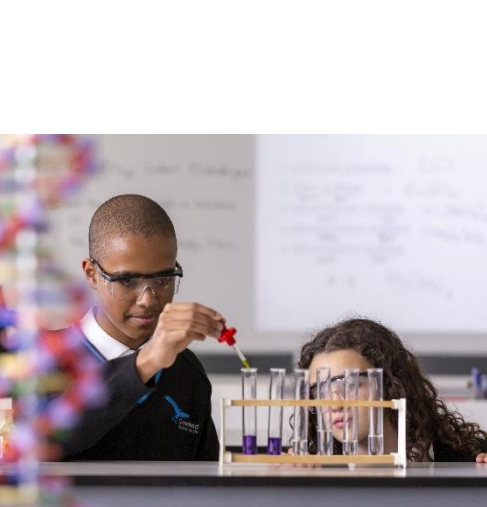


# Celebrating Denefield Friday 7 July 2023





Life at Denefield continues to be active and fulfilling as we enter the final weeks of the summer term. Of the many events that took place this week, the most significant perhaps was the Sports Awards ceremony that took place on Tuesday. Well over a hundred students, parents/carers attended to witness the presentation of a variety of athletics, football, rugby and netball awards. Our guest speaker was Mikki Austin, elite netball player and Director of Netball, Head Coach and player for Vitality Super League team, Surrey Storm. Mikki's talk, full of warmth and anecdote, focused on the power of sport, the ability to overcome setbacks and the importance of recognising those who support you on the way, including, crucially, parents/carers. Denefield is fortunate to have excellent sports facilities, staff and students. There is no doubt that while winning can be an important in sport, the determination to do well and to find your personal best also matters, as well as contributing



to a team, and reaping the physical and mental health benefits of sport and exercise. The school is extremely grateful to Miss Colbourne, head of PE and Health, and to her team, for all the work they do enthusing students in sport, and for organising such an excellent evening.

Next week it will feel a little quieter in school, with half of Year 7 out on their residential from Monday to Wednesday and the other half from Wednesday to Friday. We then have the Diverse Denefield event from 5.00 to 7.00pm on Friday 14 July - I warmly encourage as many parents/carers to attend.

With best wishes for an enjoyable weekend

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher



Diary dates – academic year 2022 – 2023	
Monday 10 July to Wednesday 12 July 2023	Year 7 residential visit Kingswood Greenpark–Y side
Wednesday 12 July to Friday 14 July 2023	Year 7 residential visit Kingswood Greenpark–X side
Friday 14 July 2023	Diverse Denefield event 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Tuesday 18 July 2023	Sports Day
Wednesday 19 July 2023	Race for life
Thursday 20 July 2023	End of term 12.40pm





## DofE

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

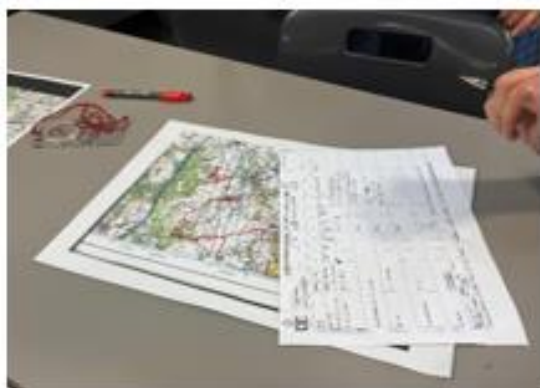


Let's begin with a few facts and figures. After 25 hours training, three expeditions, three nights camping, just over 150 miles driving to checkpoints our Year 11, Year 10 and Year 9 groups (91 students) have all completed their Bronze Expedition. It has been a challenge to complete this in the last 10 months but we have made it! Here are the numbers.

Year Group	Number of Students
Year 11	24
Year 10	36
Year 9	31 - To complete in September

#### Year 10 - Training

On the 13 September the Year 10 had their training day to prepare for the expedition. Unfortunately, they were not able to go on their expedition due to us requiring more staff with the qualification so it was reschedule. They therefore completed a refresher session on Thursday 22 June where they re-planned the route, planned their evening meal, and got the tents ready.



Routes and maps ready to go along with the organised store cupboard!

## Year 10 - Expedition

So the groups set off to complete their Bronze Expedition walking from Denefield School to Rushall Park Farm on Day 1 and from Rushall Farm to finish at The Rowbarge Pub near Woolhampton on Day 2. The Year 10 had mixed weather ranging from hot spells of sunshine to drizzly rain. Some teams were exceptional and others has several navigational issues but once again, the teams worked well together. Highlights on the menu were steak and burgers but the traditional pasta dishes do seem to go down well.



Very pleased the season is now over... the yellow high viz jackets, which were donated to us by the Duke of Edinburgh, have all been washed and store away ready for next year. Watch this space for more info.





## Psychology competition

### National Psychology Competition at Royal Holloway

On the 28 June our students took part in a national Psychology competition at Royal Holloway that allowed our Year 12 Psychology students to pitch their psychology skills against students from across the UK.

To enter the competition, our students had to answer the competition question with a two-minute video and a corresponding poster, which they presented at the on-campus event.

This year's competition question was: How can psychology be used to understand the misinformation epidemic?

Our students approached this question from race and ethnicity point of view. They looked at findings from psychological studies and thought about the implications of a psychological theory in an eye-opening and provoking way. They truly showcased their understanding of Psychology and made Denefield very proud!





## Design and Technology

This week's update is from our Design and Technology department

KS3

All students have been working hard to complete products in the limited time that they have left this term. Year 7 have been making pizzas in cooking and nutrition and in product design they have been making desk tidy's.

In Year 8 they have been working on their chair prototypes and their laminated boxes and some students have been stretching their skills by adding extra compartments and designs. See how creative they have been.



Rebecca



Vinnie

Students have been creating some food fusion by designing and making their own burgers. Sweet and sour burger, cornflake chicken Peri Peri burger, Katsu Curry burger, Jerk chicken. Some even went for unusual burger like cookie burger with marshmallow fluff.



Bray



Ella



Lola





Year 10 KS4 Hospitality and Catering have been demonstrating their culinary skills and designing their own dishes inspired by cuisine from around the world. Here are some of the examples that they have produced.



Crème catalana – Elizabeth



Chocolate fondant – Katie

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Spanish Omelette – Oliver

KS5 and 4 and the Da Vinci Award With A level product design this year our students were able to display their work at the Da Vinci awards. Here is examples of the work that they have produced, showing Charlie's interactive table and Josh's croquet mini golf.



Other examples of work from KS4 was also displayed.





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## Extra-curricular activities

### Baking Club

Baking club has been running all year as part of Denefield extra-curricular activities. The students enjoy being creative and making the recipes their own. It is one of the most popular clubs run school with students from all years wanting to be part of the club.

Here are just some of the sweet treats that the students have been making in Baking Club:

Carrot cake

Rice crispy squares

Samosas

Pizza scones

Fairy cakes

Smarties cookies

Pancakes

Chocolate topped flapjacks

Chocolate shortbread



## Design and Technology club

Some very enthusiastic students have been working on storage picture boxes. They have worked hard on the finish and added their own engraved designs to personalise them.







## Greenpower

During this term we have been working hard to improve the cars ready for the next race in September. Both cars have been making sure that they can make the car more aerodynamic and preparing and changing the body work.



Ethan and Connor making wheel covers



Millie and Layla adding design to the body work

Greenpower is fully funded by donations so we have also been out in the community raising funds for the Greenpower races. Here are the students at the Berkshire car show at Prospect Park on the 2 July where they raised £68. Thank you to Craven Motor Club for their on-going support and allowing us to be part of their stand.



We are now looking forward to the last two races of the season in September. Thank you to all who have helped us this year especially Mr Phil Wallbank and Mr Dixon for giving up their time to support the students after school. Also I would like to thank our donators this year Craven Motor club and G S Property Developments.

We are always looking for sponsors and donations. If you feel you could donate to our cause please contact [smp@denefield.org.uk](mailto:smp@denefield.org.uk).



## The Wellbeing Hub

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**Wellbeing  
Hub**  
— from Teen Tips —



Coming Up in The Wellbeing Hub this Week, July 10th ...

July's Theme: **Family Dynamics**

**Podcast:** How to have a good divorce with Annabel Andreou, Lawyer at Debenhams Ottaway LLP.

**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, *Register on our Events page***

## Library news

Calling all creative writers! Would you like to be in with a chance of having your story published and winning £100 in book tokens?

Write a Christmas themed story in 500 words or less, you have until 30 August. All information and details on how to enter are online at: [Good Housekeeping's young writer's competition](#) | [National Literacy Trust](#) Good luck!



## 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
Knitting		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M111	All
<b>Thursday</b>				
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
<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	Pangbourne College	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



## 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

## Diverse Denefield event

To celebrate the multicultural nature of Denefield, we are inviting our school community to take part in, 'Diverse Denefield' on Friday 14 July from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. This event will be an opportunity to experience the food, culture, music and festivities of the differing ethnicities and cultures of students at Denefield. Weather dependent, this will be an outside event, for all to enjoy.

We are looking for parents/carers and families to support this occasion, willing to share cultural food and drink, run cooking demonstrations, share performances - dance, music and song that reflect your multicultural roots and fashion, or simply want to share knowledge and information in our community to enable a greater understanding of one another.

Can you support us by producing an event to share the wonderful diversity we have at the school?

If you would like to be involved please complete the form - [click here](#)





## Youth Club



  
**Waterside Centre**  
Berkshire Youth

# SUMMER YOUTH CLUB

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**4:00PM – 8:00PM** **FREE**

**TUESDAY 1 AUGUST – FRIDAY 4 AUGUST**  
**TUESDAY 8 AUGUST – FRIDAY 11 AUGUST**  
**TUESDAY 15 AUGUST – FRIDAY 18 AUGUST**  
**TUESDAY 22 AUGUST – FRIDAY 25 AUGUST**

**SPORTS, GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND  
PADDLING ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY  
OPTIONAL HOT MEAL**

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**[HTTPS://WIDGET.EOLA.CO/RH365](https://widget.eola.co/rh365)**

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**Waterside Centre, Waldegrave Place  
31 Northbrook Street, Newbury, RG14 1DS**

**Waterside@berkshireyouth.co.uk  
01635 018500**

## Harrisons catering vacancy

Please see below for details of a vacancy with Denefield catering team

Catering Assistant  
Hours 12.30pm to 2.30pm  
Term time only  
Duties – serving food, till operation, general cleaning. Some food prep may be required.

Please contact the Catering Manager via email [denefield@harrisoncatering.co.uk](mailto:denefield@harrisoncatering.co.uk)  
or Philip Stockwell, Area Manager- [philip.stockwell@harrisoncatering.co.uk](mailto:philip.stockwell@harrisoncatering.co.uk)