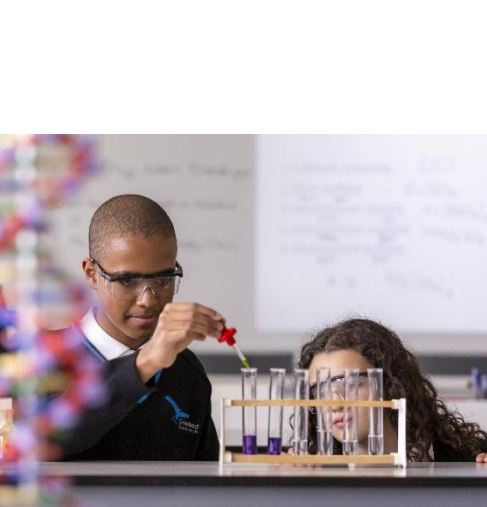


# Celebrating Denefield Thursday 20 July 2023





It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. The last week has been amazing. Thank you to all the staff, students, parents/carers and trustees who made the diversity event last Friday such a success. The music, food, clothes and activities were all wonderful, and it was a superb opportunity to celebrate Denefield's diversity and the differences that make us, as a community, so strong. Well done to everyone who participated in sports day this Tuesday. It was great to see the skill, determination and resilience of participants as well as the support and encouragement students gave to fellow house members. Many records were broken; congratulations to Norcot who literally ran out as overall winners. It was also heart-warming this Wednesday to see literally every member of the school community participating in Race for Life, and raising an incredible £3925 for cancer research in the process. These are things that make a school great, and bring all the members of the school community together.



There are a number of staff who we say goodbye to today. I would like to thank them for their outstanding service, for their care and dedication to students and for all they have done to make Denefield the positive and vibrant community that it is today. Our thanks go to

Mrs Perry (Art)  
Ms Breakenridge (Maths)  
Mrs Turner (Biology)  
Mr Beaver (Science)  
Mr Fuller (Business)  
Ms Euillet (French and German)  
Mrs McDonald (Geography)  
Mr Boys (literacy support)  
Mrs Hockley (administrator)



We have a number of new staff joining Denefield and I will introduce them in the first edition of the newsletter in September.

I would like to close by saying thank you to you as parents /carers. Thank you for sending your children to Denefield, thank you for supporting them as they develop from children to young adults, and thank you for your support of the school. I wish you all a very pleasant summer, and I look forward to seeing students back in school on 4 or 5 September 2023.

With best wishes

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

## Diary dates – academic year 2022 – 2023

Thursday 20 July 2023	End of term 12.40pm
Thursday 17 August 2023	A Level results day
Thursday 24 August 2023	GCSE results day
Monday 4 September 2023	Following students return to school Year 7 – 8.28am Year 10 – 8.58am Year 12 - 9.30am
Tuesday 5 September 2023	Years 7 to 11 arrive for 8.28am Year 12 arrive for 9.40am Year 13 arrive for 8.28am





## Year 7 residential 2023

110 students across Year 7 visited Kingswood Green Park last week for the 2023 instalment of the Year 7 Residential. Testing their nerves and resilience to the limit, students participated in activities such as abseiling and climbing up and down a 40ft wall. Comments such as 'I hate heights' and 'I am not going up there', quickly turned into 'that was so amazing, let's do that again' as students repeatedly put themselves out of their comfort zone and overcame some of their biggest fears. There was even time for the staff to go up there, with Mr Raw being quoted as saying 'I'm old and if I can do it, so can you', whilst being serenaded to the Mission Impossible soundtrack.

Other activities such as Nightline and Problem Solving required the students to work more collectively as a team, as they had to either navigate an obstacle course whilst being blindfolded, or work together to move through and around different tasks and problems. Students were then required to put their best duelling foot forward and do their best Zoro impression as fencing was also on our list of activities. Learning moves such as a thrust, lunge and repost, the students swished and flicked their way to learning new skills. Their final activities also required them to test their survival skills as they had to build their own shelters using an A Frame, or to start their own fires using a flint. Some fires were more successful than others and burned brightly for 20 minutes, whilst others did not have much success and could not get it past lighting the cotton wool. Despite this, the students showed a lot of resilience and kept trying for the full hour. To round off both trips, the students were sat around a large campfire singing songs based on Boa Constrictors, White Polar Bears and visits to a manners museum.

Both trips were hugely successful with the students being a credit to the school and their parents/carers back home. The Kingswood staff even commented that the students were some of the best they had ever had there and that we would be welcome back anytime. A lot of the pictures are available to view on our Denefield PE Twitter page which can be found at [Denefield\\_PE](#).

A massive thank you to Miss Yates, Mr Raw, Miss Plumpton, Mrs Holley, Mr Wright, Miss Pavey, Mr Burrows and Miss Ivory-Castille for making the trip possible. Where to next year...?  
Mr Clare



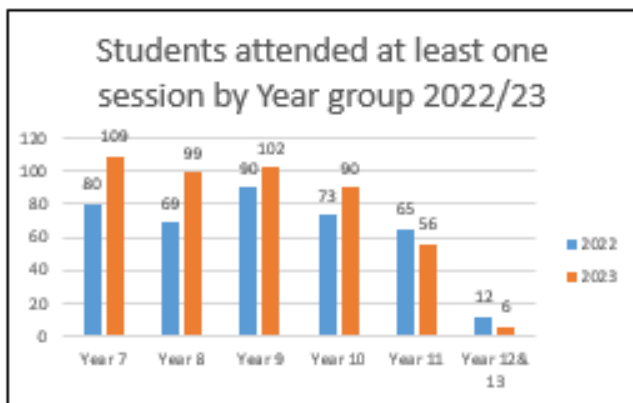


## Denefield extra-curricular 2022-23



This year Denefield has been able to offer a variety of extra-curricular activities with an average of 20 per term. Clubs on offer have included 3D printing, Architecture, Athletics, Baking, Boxing, CCF, Chess, Cricket, Design Technology, Drama, Enterprise, Feminism, Pride, Gardening, Green Power, KS3 Chess. Students have been able to participate in these at either at lunchtimes and afterschool. This year we have seen an increase in attendance in most year groups and the provision of what we offer continues to grow. Currently more boys are attending clubs than females. 473 students have attended an extra-curricular club during the year. The House with the best attendance was

**Kentwood.**



### The Kite Awards

For students that have attended two different clubs for 10 weeks or more will have received their Kite Award. This was a new programme set up last year to encourage students to participate in extra-curricular activities, through Adventure, Enthusiasm and Discovery. Students are encouraged to participate in new activities and challenges across their time in school across all years. There is no progression – but completion of all 5 awards in 5 years would result a significant achievement. Awards can be completed at any time. This accounts for seasonally activities and this award is achievable by anyone. Here are the numbers of those that have achieved the award in its second year.



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12/13
Orange	Purple	Teal	Bronze	Silver	Gold
13	20	8	13	0	6

### The Denefield Extra-Curricular Kite Award

In connection with the above, we have an overall Extra-Curricular Award for the student who has attend and participated in clubs regularly each week. This year we have decided to present the award to Tilly C



This student has attended over 86 sessions although I am positive this could be more!. She has been to 3D Printing, Board Games, Gardening, Knitting, Manga, Warhammer, DT and Architecture Club.

Tilly's dedication and commitment to extra-curricular activities has been amazing. Well done Tilly!





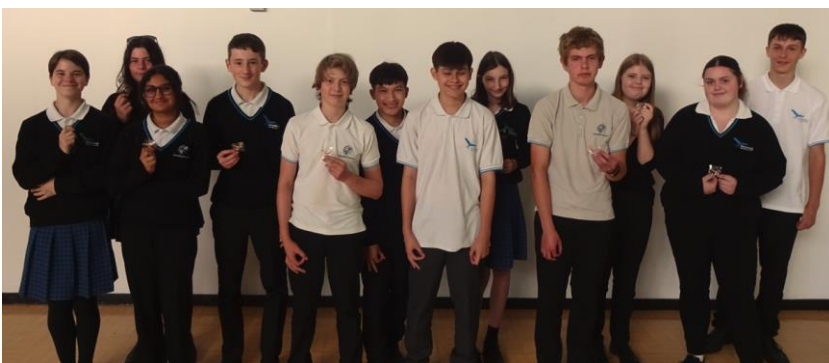


Thank you

A big thank you must be mentioned to all staff who have run a club this year. Teacher's who have facilitated a club have a special blue kite badge.



	Best attendance to clubs by House			
	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10
Kentwood	Freddie Chothia Braine	Rebecca Green	Alara Hanson	Cea Chothia Braine
Langley	Tilly Carr	Rory Handley-Archer	Alba del Prado	Christopher Lawrence
Sulham	Macy Field	River Millar	Micah Burke	Jake & Luke Archer
Norcot	Maham Yaqoob	Maise Hall	Greg Dahroug	Rosie Thornhill





## Duke of Edinburgh

On Monday 17 July, we were able to present our Year 10 with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Certificate and Badges. Having started the award at the beginning of Year 9, it was real significant achievement.



# Congratulations

Keiandra Allen	Daniel Fox	William Green	Natalya Hinds-Bonner
Katie Callender	Sam Hill	Matthew Hawkins	Phoebe Hudson
Elisha Canolle-Forkin	Max Marsden	Lily Punter	Amelia Irwin
Amare Chawama	Zoya Mirza	Jimmy Rolfe	Krists Killo
Cea Chothia-Braine	Emily Page	Charlotte Gadsdon	Anya Hilton-Jones
Yuvleen Sandhu	Caitlin Thom	Rosie Thornhill	Aiden Tough
Max Wood	Evelyn Pavey	Sophie Kerhardy	Sophie Hickman

I want to reiterate how truly impressive and inspiring their achievements have been this year, and how well everyone has done to get back to some kind of normality. Over the past year, the DofE team has had the pleasure of recruiting, supporting, and guiding students in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 as they have kicked off/completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Our students have showed great resilience and determination and I'm proud to say that the majority succeeded in gaining their full Bronze DofE Award.

Many past DofE students have said that this has been a life changing experience for them. Personally, I hope that they will continue their growth in the increasingly challenging Silver award, coming soon. While overcoming the challenges of this past DofE year, these students have embodied Denefield's core values.

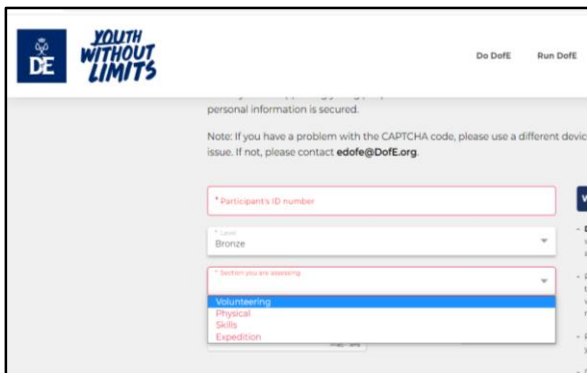
## Note to current Year 9 DofE

All sections must now be completed! These are skills, physical and volunteering. The only way these can be signed off is by sending the assessor the following link with your ID number. If you do not know what this is then please see Miss Yates. The earliest Year 9 can complete this by 1 September is if they started their six months section on the 1 March. Students should aim to have their Bronze completed by 20 October.

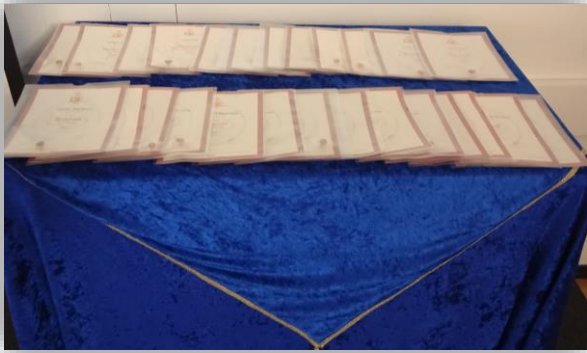
Please send your assessors this link - <https://www.dofe.org/assessor/>

## Season 23/24

In the first term, we will be letting you know about out plans for the next season. This will include Bronze for our new Year 9 students and a Silver. This takes a lot of co-ordinating so please be patient and watch this space.



The screenshot shows the DofE website interface. At the top, there's a header with the DofE logo and 'YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS' text. Below the header, a message states 'personal information is secured.' and provides a note about CAPTCHA codes. The main form area contains several input fields: a text box for 'Participant's ID number', a dropdown menu for 'Level' (currently showing 'Bronze'), and another dropdown menu for 'Section you are assessing' (with options like 'Volunteering', 'Physical', 'Skills', and 'Expedition' visible). The 'Volunteering' option is currently selected and highlighted in blue.







## Sports awards

It has been a great year of sport at Denefield, and on Wednesday 5 July we were lucky to be celebrating all of the brilliant students that have represented us throughout the year. This year we have taken part in 148 fixtures including: football, rugby, netball, badminton, athletics, rounders' and cricket. Reaching six finals, five athletes representing West Berkshire and six athletes representing Berkshire.

We ran a successful sports tour to Barcelona in Spain where the students enjoyed fixtures against other schools, a tour of Espanyol stadium and spent a day at Water World. Next year we are off to Holland in the Easter holidays!

The Virtu football programme at Sixth Form, have had a successful season in the tactics league. It has been brilliant to see them playing and we look forward to building on this success next year. This evening was about celebrating the students who have shown great commitment and dedication to sport at Denefield. We had Mikki Austin as our guest speaker for evening. She is a successful netballer for Surrey Storm who play in the Super League.

Below are the winners from the evening:

U13 Rugby - Sergio Alonso-Ruano

U14 Rugby - Darion Barry

U15 Rugby - Lucas Venter

U16 Rugby - Thomas Bisoffi

U12 Football - Adam Preston

U13 Football - Max Harman

U14 Football - Dexter Gower

U15 Football - Jimmy Rolfe

U16 Football - Alex Brommell

U18 football - Zak Barnett

U13 Athlete - Victor Richards-Gitierrez

U14 Athlete - Ellis Jalland

U16 Athlete - Andy Crerar

U12 Netball - Mya Punter

U13 Netball - Kaitlin Gorejena

U14 Netball - Alba del Prado Trujilo

U15 Netball - Chloe Pyke

U16 Netball - Ella Watts

U13 Athlete - Samaria Crerar

U14 Athlete - Darcy Burgess

U16 Athlete - Ella Palmer

U12 Football - Lacey Bailey

U13 Football - Charlotte Watson

U14 Football - Freya Taylor

U15 Football - Alisha Butt

U16 Football - Fleur Williams

U12 Rounders - Bella Pavey

U13 Rounders - Lilly-Mae Basden

U14 Rounders - Evie Barrett

U15 Rounders - Alicia Farmer

Team of the Year - U16 Girls Football

Sports Personality of the year KS3 Boy - Joe Barnett

Sports Personality of the year KS3 Girl - Kiera Frankum

Sports Personality of the year KS4 Boy - Alfie Palmer

Sports Personality of the year KS4 Girl - Evelyn Pavey

Sportsman of the year KS3- Jacob Belcher

Sportswoman of the year KS3 - Lilly Walls

Sportsman of the year KS4 - Harlen Lewis

Sportswoman of the year KS4- Ellie Manners

Bald Eagle - Sasha Wood

Sue Lambrigsten cup - Andy Crerar

Lisa Downey cup - Benny Crockford

Michael Jeffery award - Caitlin Burden

Shandon Baptiste cup - Leon Japher



Please click [here](#) for more photos from the evening





## Competition announcement

This year our School Health Promotion Council in Year 9 has been working very hard to consider big issues in relation to relationships and sex education. As a result of these meetings and a subsequent development of a Student Led Marketing Group, Year 9 have decided they wish to focus on educating our community about sexual harassment. They are determined to ensure that nobody is subjected to or experiences sexual harassment in our community - and to kick off their campaign they have come up with the logo 'The Big No...' this encapsulates the idea that there is no room for sexual harassment - it is the most important no.

This is where we need you... we are launching a competition for a logo design for 'The Big No'....this is open to all students from Years 7 to Year 13, and parents/carers too are invited to help with the design as we wish to help stimulate conversation about this topic at home. *The deadline is Friday 15 September.*

Please submit your logo designs to [LMY@denefield.org.uk](mailto:LMY@denefield.org.uk) and the council and marketing group will decide on the best entry.

The winner will have their logo printed on all marketing materials around this topic from then on and receive a t-shirt with the logo printed on it.

Best of luck!!! We can't wait to see your entries.

Please see below for a write up from one of our students

'Over the last part of the school year, I've really enjoyed working on the council. I like some of the ideas we came up with as well as the fact that we all felt comfortable enough to share our thoughts with the group. We all already knew each other which helped when it came to talking as a group, plus the fact that we all volunteered instead of being chosen gave the feeling that we all wanted to be there to make a difference.

Next year, I hope we can start to make more of a difference as we have a lot more time. I think a good starting point would be to advertise 'The Big NO' around the school using some of the ideas we came up with in our last meeting such as competitions and posters. Once we have started next year, I'm sure we'll get a better understanding of what direction we want to head in and what we want to do with 'The Big NO'.

Have a nice summer!' - Max

## 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

## Uniform donations

If anyone has any school uniform, new logo, they no longer need we would be grateful for any donations. Please can students bring any donations to student reception.

## 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 preparation 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)

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