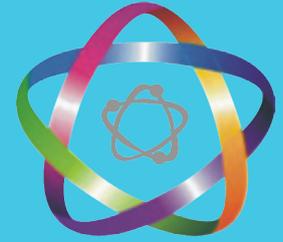


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## Head's Up

It must be the start of the examination season: the sun is shining and the temperature has risen! As Year 11 and 10 students have started their GCSE examinations we have been focused on revision and preparation within the Key Stage 4 curriculum. That does not mean that we have stood still elsewhere, from the French Exchange to the Skip trip there is much to report in this edition of our newsletter.

From individual to collective success there is again much to champion. Whether your passion is the outdoors and you are inspired by the Duke of Edinburgh Award or you have a love of things more cultural, there has been something for everyone. We hope that you enjoy reading about what we have been up to.

Julia Upton

## Duke of Edinburgh

What do you get if you mix twenty three Year 10 students, six members of staff, an assortment of maps, compasses, stoves, tents and rucksacks and set them off for 20 miles in the Suffolk Countryside?

The 2014 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition! We also had some minor "detours", a couple of blisters, some burnt fingers, a lot of really bad singing, but a whole load of smiles and giggles too.



# On the slopes

Once again our students took to the slopes in Mayerhofen, Austria for the school ski trip. Incredible to think of such chilly climes when we have been baking in sunshine here!





## French Exchange

Our French Exchange partners came on their return visit just before half-term. Year 9 students hosted their partners from Arras, in northern France. During their visit they took a trip to some local and national sights, including above a walk around Debenham on a very sunny Thursday afternoon! During their stay they took part in school life, completely submerging themselves in English culture while staying with their pen-pals.

Never one to say no to a challenge we decided that we would teach them some culinary skills while they were here. Mrs Thomas, along with some Year 9 experts, gave a lesson in making scones. Let's hope they enjoyed the fruits of their labour with some traditional jam and cream.



## Theatre trips

Year 10 Drama students took the chance to see Blood Brothers at the Theatre Royal in Norwich, whilst Year 9 students went to the West End as part of their ASDAN course to see the remarkable theatre production Warhorse. War Horse, based on the beloved novel by Michael Morpurgo, is a powerfully moving and imaginative drama, filled with stirring music and magnificent artistry. South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company brings breathing, galloping, full-scale horses to life on the stage — their flanks, hides and sinews built of steel, leather and aircraft cables. This is how one Year 9 described it:

*The play was about a drunken man who bought a horse. His son looked after it and bought it up and his father made a bet with his brother that they could get the horse to plough. If he didn't he would have to give the horse to his brother. The horse was called Joey and the man's son was called Albert. So Albert had to get Joey to plough and he did. Then he made his father promise not to get rid of him. Then a few years later the father gave Joey to the war for 100 guineas. Then Albert ran away to join the war a little while later, so he could be reunited with Joey.....*

# Year 7: Sizewell Hall



As you will know, as a Church of England academy, that time out to consider students' personal and spiritual development, is an important part of what we do at Debenham High School. We believe that it is important to give students time to reflect on who they are, where they have come from and who they want to be. That is why RE is a core part of our curriculum and our Year 7 trip to Sizewell Hall is an important part of our calendar. Students learned about the history of Sizewell Hall and its use by the Christian community today. The sun shone at the the right time for the outdoor activities and the tour of the grounds. Year 7 students behaved impeccably during the day. The manager of Sizewell Hall described them as "a credit to the school."



# Musical success

Our students display a incredible array of musical talents. This month we celebrate all those students who have passed their grade examinations in music. Whatever level, this achievement requires determination and commitment. Congratulations to you all.

## Pass

Aluric Humphrys	Grade 4	Clarinet
Joe Ferrier	Grade 5	Saxophone
Anna Weir	Grade 6	Flute
Toby Sharpe	Grade 2	Trumpet
Leigh Dennis	Grade 4	Clarinet
Tom Norton	Grade 2	Saxophone
Bailey Rockett	Grade 4	Flute
Rory Coe	Grade 1	Saxophone
Emily Tapscott	Grade 1	Singing
Philip Pinn	Grade 3	French Horn
Bailey Rockett	Grade 2	Saxophone
Emily Walczak	Grade 3	Clarinet
Jasmine Balaam	Grade 3	Flute
Emily Robbins	Grade 3	Saxophone
Rebecca Stephenson	Grade 5	Flute
Robyn Bosworth	Grade 4	Flute
Hannah Champion	Grade 4	Flute

## Distinction

Eleanor Roberts	Grade 6	Double Bass
Jodie Mitson	Grade 5	Baritone
Evie Paddon	Grade 1	Piano
Stephanie Rowe	Grade 1	Piano
Phoebe Frampton	Grade 3	Saxophone

## Merit

Anna Kinge	Grade 6	Flute
Alice Eddy	Grade 6	Flute
Evie Kilbourn	Grade 2	Singing
Molly Weir	Grade 3	Flute
Amber Pearce-Wright	Grade 3	Cello
Izzy Marsden	Grade 3	Flute
Loryn Bosworth	Grade 1	Singing
Ellie Billington	Grade 2	Singing
Carrie Chidwick	Grade 1	Singing
Emily Bower	Grade 1	Clarinet
Millie Lenton	Grade 4	Flute
Nerys Feeney-Howells	Grade 1	Saxophone
Gina McDonald	Grade 3	Saxophone
Lottie Lankester	Grade 2	Piano
Jodie Mitson	Grade 3	Flute
Emma Turner	Grade 3	Clarinet
Emilina Sunderland	Grade 3	Piano

# In brief



Well done to two students in particular this term for their personal successes this term.

**Left:** Sammy Roberts in Year 7 is celebrating winning the Suffolk Schools Chess Challenge Megafinal. We wish Sammy good luck for the national semi-finals in Manchester in July.

**Right:** Aidan Coe in Year 9 set himself in the top students in Europe for logic and problem solving as he achieved an incredible score of 106 in the European Kangaroo Maths Challenge. Only 2.6% of students are selected for this international competition so to achieve such a high result is remarkable.



# Year 9 Charity Week

Year 9 raised an impressive £376.26 for EACH (East Anglia Children's Hospice) during their charity week. As the examination season had started there was no non-uniform day, making this an even more impressive total. The year leaders co-ordinated events throughout the week, showing a maturity beyond their years. From cakes to a penalty shoot-out and mario-karts, well done to all involved!



# Year 10: Art Tea Party



In scenes reminiscent of Alice in Wonderland, Year 10 art students found inspiration in a weird and wonderful world during their art study day this month. This day forms an important part of the GCSE Art portfolio and the wackier the better as they demonstrate that they can think “outside of the box” and take creative risks. The president of National Society for Education in Art and Design said “This work is fresh, creative and stimulating”.



# In the spotlight

In this edition we celebrate the success of three individuals in the field of sporting endeavour. Left: Romilly Hughes plays both netball and hockey to county level. A member of the Suffolk Netball Development Academy and the Hockey Suffolk Junior Academy, she trains over thirteen hours a week. Right: Lucy Turmel recently represented England in the European Team Squash Championships. She had an amazing experience, won all her matches and her team brought back the Winners Cup. Middle: Ben Sculpher represented Debenham High School at the County Athletic Finals. In the hotly contested discipline of 100m and 200m Ben was victorious, making him the fastest young person on two legs in Suffolk!



## **Suffolk Schools Track & Field Championships**

Ben Sculpher 1st in the 100m and 200m Junior Boys events  
Connor Williams 4th in the 800m Junior Boys event  
Charlie Aldis jumped 1.45m in the Junior Boys High Jump event

## **Suffolk Tennis League**

Year 8 boys team beat Brandeston Hall 12-0 (2 points per rubber). Jake Phillips won 6-0, Josh Blunden won 6-0, Harvey Mills won 6-3, Joe Farrall won 6-0, Doubles 6-3 and 6-4.

## **Football**

Year 8 boys team beat Orwell  
Year 8 girls won an area tournament at Hartismere, winning all three games against Hartismere, Thomas Mills and Bungay.

## **Rounders**

Year 7 girls v Hartismere drew 9-9  
Year 8 girls v Hartismere lost 12-9