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2011-12 Whitsun edition



Head first

Welcome to the first edition of our magazine celebrating student achievement. Each half-term we will celebrate the wide range of talents of Debenham High School students inside and outside the classroom. We see students as individuals and endeavour to recognise all their triumphs.

My first term has certainly not been a slow one. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have been preparing for external examinations yet this has not stopped a wide range of activities beyond the classroom. We know that students continue to develop valuable skills of communication in these different environments: working as part of a team; learning time management. It is with pride that I am able to write to you with news of all their achievements. I hope that you enjoy reading about them.

Julia Upton



Alfie Fawceter
Head Boy

Ele Williamson
Head Girl

Nicholas Harrison
Deputy Head Boy

Audrey McBride
Deputy Head Girl

Taking a lead

This half-term has seen the changing of the guard as we have selected a new cohort of prefects and student leaders. The selection process was extremely rigorous. Nominations were collected and counted from staff and Year 10 students. From the forty-eight students selected as prefects eight were then chosen to progress to the interview stage for Head Girl and Boy. The interview panel was made up of four students from Years 7 to 9, Mr Martin, Mr Yaroslaw and Miss Upton. All students provided thoughtful and confident answers to a range of questions on how they were suited to the role and they should all be very proud of how they performed. The high calibre of candidates made it a very difficult decision.

Prefects for 2012-13 are:

10C: Olivia Bullock, Joel Dench, Annabel Davies, Tara Schug, Kit Townley, Annabelle Schug, Mary Newlove, Kathleen Johnson, Bradley Goodchild, Sahira Suleyman.

10E: Emily Rutherford, Jessica Payne, George Ager, Edward Bullock, Rachel Pearce, Charlotte Buono, William Hudson.

10G: Lucy Allen, Bethany Brown, Georgia Pearson, Hannah Gudde, Andrew Herman, Vincent Su, Thomas Pigeon, Henry Stephenson, Natalia Petersen.

10D: Annie Monaghan, Adam Lee, Henrietta Sohi, Samuel Rockett, Julie Su, Louisa Robinson, Sarah Reade, Ella Macey

10F: George Hutchinson, Katie Elliott, Molly Hazelwood, Laura Frampton, Jamie Lawrence, Henry Mole, Joss Knowland-Barker, Eleanor Piggott, Abigail Morris



Cakes for kit

The Debenham High School Equestrian Team have been raising money to support buying new team kit. They regularly compete against other schools and won the County event last year. Their baking didn't help our waistslines but their efforts raised over £200. Some of the team and helpers are pictured above.

Members of the team: Isabella Stagg, Lilly Raven, Maisy Palmer, Francesca Flinton, Lella Ralph & Gus Terry

Willing helpers: Lois Bridges, Freya Emerick, Hettie Ralph, Tullula Frances

Earning their stripes

The students truly earned their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award as they braved the elements on the final expedition. After torrential rain in their qualifying walk, they were faced with storms on the coast as they completed the assessed overnight hike. They certainly look like they had fun, despite the weather! Well done to:

Bethany Brown, Olivia Bullock, Annabel Davies, Katie Elliott, Alfred Griew, Hannah Gudde, Ben Heath, William Heffer, Joss Knowland-Parker, Jamie Lawrence, Adam Lee, James Lee, Matthew Lee, Audrey McBride, Henry Mole, Abi Morris, William Parker, Jack Partridge, Jessica Payne, Rachel Pearce, Georgia Pearson, Chelsie Prentice, Lewis Rickards, Sam Rockett, Tara Schug, Cameron Smith, Richard Smith, Jessica Thomlinson-Blount, Honey Willson and George Wiltshire.



Art Attack

Year 10 students took part in a study day for their Art GCSE. Using famous works of art focusing on landscapes students are now working collaboratively on pieces to be displayed around the school. We look forward to seeing what *Alfie, Becky, George, Sophie, Nick, Megan, Esther, Emily, Cameron, Richard, Kai, Jessica, Norton, Lucy, Ellie, Ellie, Sophie, Jacob, Katie, Adam, James, Matthew, Henry, Annie, Abigail, Mary, Ellie, Alice, Annabelle, Sahira, Honey and Ciara* produce.

Star attenders

The following students have not missed a day of school all year.

Brilliant!

Year 7

Aidan Coe
Rohan Etchingam
Adam Johnson
Bethany Shaw
Annie Voller

Year 8

William Apps
Joseph Bullock
Bethan Feeney-Howells
Thomas Godfrey
Sidney Griffiths
Edward Lacey
Erin Mead
Jade Norman
Mark Norman
Eleanor Roberts
Louis Stephenson
Poppy Valentine

Year 9

Alex Bright
James Clark
Calvin Coe
Alice Eddy
James Evans
George Fowler
James Gilgan
Mungo Harvey
Christopher Lawrence
Charlotte Lee
Katie Moore
Xavier Valentine
Anna Weir

Year 10

Jay Alexander
Edward Bullock
Charlotte Buono
Rebecca Evans
Nicholas Harrison
Barton Hewett
Jos Knowland-Barker
James Lawrence
Adam Lee
Gwylim Lloyd
Ella Macey
Jessica Payne
Sarah Reade
Vincent Su

Year 11

Kyle Alexander
Jessica Baker
James Barrell
James Bensly
Carly Rose

Puzzling stuff

Year 9, 10 and 11 competed in the Annual National Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. If you fancy a go at one of the questions from the test, look at our Puzzle Corner on this page. The following students deserve a pat on the back for their awards:

Gold

Chloe Hopewell (best in school), Calvin Coe, Jessica Payne, Sam Harris

Silver

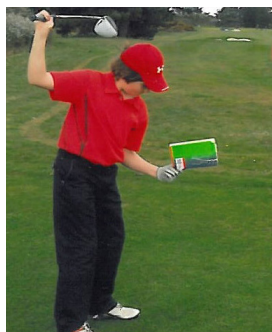
George Fowler, Sam Rockett, Harry Haigh, Emily Rutherford, Nick Harrison, Lucy Allen, Olivia Bullock, Alastair Lawrence, Alex Davy, Sam Darling, Josh Sherman, Sam Hill, Steph Sculpher, Andrew Stoner, Hannah Marriott, Katie Harling-Challis, Kyle Alexander

Bronze

Will Rockett, Will Seccombe, Georgia Dawson, Careenza Miles, Hannah Gudde, Hettie Sohi, Ele Williamson, Georgia Pearson, Will Wright, Andrew Herman, Will Battle, Annabel Davies, Jess Thomlinson, Alfie Fawkner, Henry Mole, Rebecca Saxby, Abi Magnall, Ben Jorge Luis, Megan Wyllie, Louisa Lander

Extreme Reading

To encourage the importance of reading for pleasure staff and students took up the challenge to have a photograph taken whilst reading in an unusual place. There were some inventive entries and these were voted as the top three:



Ben Morris



Lucy Stevenson and Carys Tapscott



Robert Leggett

Puzzle Corner

Word games

Idiosyncrasy - does it mean:

- Being rather foolish
- A personal characteristic or behaviour that is peculiar or out of the ordinary
- Dancing in time

Maths mayhem

Three positive integers are all different. Their sum is 7. What is their product?

- a) 12 b) 10 c) 9 d) 8 e) 5

It's all Japanese to me!

These "triples" of words mean the same thing in English. Can you translate them?

maintenant

ahora

adesso

lapin

conejo

coniglio

meme

abuela

nonna

(French)

(Spanish)

(Italian)

Sports Roundup



Blayn Bosworth, Will Everett, Paddy Hughes, Matt Bensly, Joe Ferrier, Poppy Fawkner, Mark Norman, Gus Terry, George Pinner, Harry Fawkner, Ryan Bridges, Freya Paternoster, Adam Johnson, Alice Eddy, Ellie Eglington, Matt Cross, Aiden Coe



Year 7 - Owens House
Summer Amass, Catherine Mole, Iwan Lloyd, Niall Thomas, Guy Spurling

It has been a busy half-term and despite being a small school we continue to excel and create a wide range of sporting opportunities for students. Here is a glimpse of what our students have achieved in the sports arena since Easter.

Archery

Debenham High School won the High Suffolk School Sport Partnership Under 18 Archery competition at Stradbroke High School. The team of Matt Lee, Adam Lee and Henry Mole excelled themselves.

Sports volunteers

Ten Year 10 students undertook training at Trinity Park in Ipswich in preparation for volunteering at the School Games in July. They met GB Beach Volleyball hopeful Jake Sheaf. I am sure the event will put their leadership skills to the test.

Hockey

Before Easter fifteen pupils had the chance to hone their skills with Olympian George Pinner. They have put these to good use in the Year 7 and 8 Inter-House hockey tournament. Eventual winners were Curie House in Year 7 and Curie House in Year 8. Thank you to Year 10 Jamie Lawrence for organising the competition and to David Johnson, Harry Haigh, Henry Stephenson and Alfie Fawkner for umpiring.

Judo

Congratulations to Gemma Moore in Year 11 for gaining a Bronze medal in a national judo competition.

Karting

In the Easter holiday Mattie Fayers, Harvey Keeble and Charlie Machin competed in the National finals at Daytona, Milton Keynes. The Debenham High School team ended 25th in the country - not bad for little Debenham! Good luck to Jack Partridge who is currently competing in the Super 1 British Karting Championship.

Squash

Lucy Turmel in Year 7 recently played Squash for England. She won all her matches and greatly helped the Under 13 team to a sweeping victory.



Mattie Fayers, Charlie Machin and Harvey Keeble



Jack Norton, Hamish Harvey, Ben Johnson, Nick Harrison, Jamie Lawrence, Henry Stephenson, Jake Sheaf, Hannah Gudde, Georgina Pearson, Ele Williamson, Katie Elliott