



# ASPIRE

Celebrating success 2021-22 July Edition



## Head First .....

In a term where the world seems to have reopened we have welcomed the opportunity to run as many of the school and wider community events as possible. At the time of writing our students are preparing for residential trips to Paris, Normandy and Germany and a raft of trips and experiences are planned for activities week.

We have held our Sports Day all together for the first time since 2019 and were able to welcome a large number of parents to the event which was a fantastic day for everyone involved. We held a Music Concert again where our students showcased their amazing talent and were able to get experience of performing in front of a live audience again. The School Production of Animal Farm is imminent as well as our Music on the field event. There are many more events and activities which have taken place and are yet to but I hope this edition of ASPIRE gives you a flavour of the things happening in school.

As a school we have always been so keen for our students to gain experiences and enrichment from beyond the classroom and this is so important as we work with parents to help students develop into well rounded people ready to face the world beyond just their academic studies. Our students as ever are so keen to take as many opportunities as possible and this is a testament to their will to be an active part of the Debenham High School community and to make the most of the opportunities provided.

You will see the pictures from our Year 11 leavers Prom, it was a fantastic event to formally end the students time with us. The Year 11 have dealt with all the last few years have thrown at them with a maturity and good humour which belies their years. I am sure the summer results day will demonstrate their achievements which they so richly deserve but this is only a part of the measure of the amazing young people they are and all of the skills, qualities and characteristics they have developed in their time with us.

I wish everyone a lovely and hopefully sunny summer.

**Simon Martin**

**I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

**John 10:10**

## UKMT - Maths Challenge

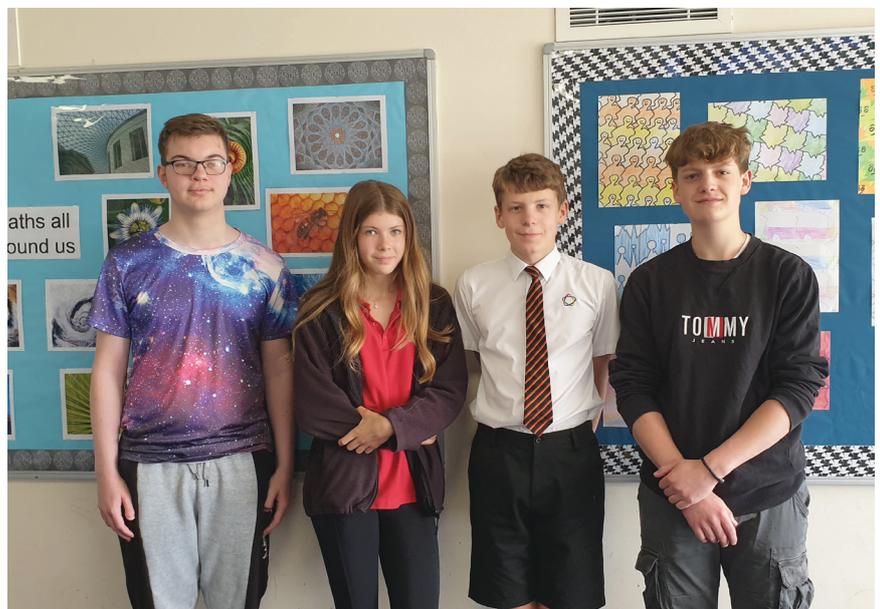


The best mathematicians in the school competed in the UKMT junior & intermediate Mathematics challenge this year. They were given 1 hour to complete a variety of complex Mathematical questions, testing their problem solving skills and lateral thinking. It was an impressive number of students who gained an award for their performance. 41 gained a bronze award, 29

a silver & 4 impressively won a gold award. 4 students also qualified to the next round of the competition, placing them amongst some of the greatest Mathematicians in their age group, in the country.

They were:

James Foreman – 11O  
Cameron Collins – 11D  
Theo Darrington – 9O  
Isabella Scurrall – 9A





# Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Then came the final Silver expedition. Exams had finished, Prom was over, early Saturday morning we headed off to North Norfolk.

One thing that was known for certain, it was going to be warmer than the Practice! However, this in itself brings other challenges. There were easier sections along the way, but also harder ones. The footpaths were well marked but the crops and grasses were



high. At least this time there were showers available, if they were wanted! Long days walking were followed by chilled out time (rest and recuperation) at the campsites. Lessons were again learnt from the Practice, in terms of weight of the bags and using sponges to assist the cushioning of the carry points. A jubilant 15 students finished on Monday, exhausted but delighted to have completed. Well done one and all.



A massive thank you to all but also to all staff that have assisted on the training days and expeditions.

# The Hoot Trail

The Hoot trail is now on in Ipswich!

As you know, we have painted an owl for the Big Hoot this year. All of the students have put their fingerprint onto the owl and the feathers created by students in form and drawn designs of the owls in AD&T lessons were used in the final design. Our dedicated team of Year 10 Art students together with some of our AD&T Year 8 Ambassadors painted the owl to the highest quality. Our naming competition saw our owl named as Gracie – Our theme was kindness and this name was suggested to suggest both the



grace of God and the name of Gracechurch Street. We have raised money for St Elizabeth Hospice through naming the owl, selling roses and cupcakes and an upcoming non-school uniform day.



After our fabulous mini hoot trail around Debenham in the Easter holidays showcasing our clay owls made by Year 7 & 8 students, we are delighted that Gracie is now in Ipswich. She has been doing the rounds and after being spotted by students at the Suffolk show, she is now in Ipswich in a shop window. Can you find her and send your photo in to us on Teams? We will display the photos around school. Good luck on your trail!

# Peer Mentors



I am delighted to say the following students have been successful in their interview's and will be taking on the role of Peer Mentors in September -

Freya Saunders, Imogen Foreman, Mia Salmon, Sam Way, Alice Rutland, Erin Davis, Hayley Terry, Sophie Moody, Evie Foster, Max Uttley, Sofie Matta, Jed Bates, Molly-Mae Reed, Lucy Kirk, Ella Mitson, Evlyn Bosworth, Rosie Davis, Ed Cook, Olly Good, Will Riley, Connie Flatman, Sofia Ciuksyte, Molly Dorsett, Macey Hawkins, Ella Townsend, Jared Reeve, Sky Bayes, Evie Morris, Lois Keough, Ilias Houshmand-Howell.

# Spring Music Concert



On Thursday 5th May the school hosted its first music concert in 2½ years. Students and their instrumental teachers worked incredibly hard to practice and prepare for the evening, with a mixture of solos and ensembles from across the musical spectrum of styles.

Our students performed admirably and a huge thank you to them for their hard work and their families and friends for their support.



# Year 11 Prom



Thursday 23rd June saw the Year 11 students celebrating the end of their GCSEs in style with their prom at Fynn Valley Golf Club.

The processional arrival incorporated an armada of amazing vehicles including a fire engine, banger racer, squad of motorbikes, helicopter and a horse box bigger than the school buses. Mr Cobbold's daughter Amelie, 4, came to see the splendid dresses and was certainly not disappointed; the students all looked the smartest we have ever seen them and there were too many stylish outfits to give shout-outs to any one of them in particular. All the staff and families watching were thoroughly awed and impressed. The venue was equally as beautiful and the students made the most of sitting in the sumptuous dining room together before Lucas Brittain gave a speech and DJ Mr Finegan did an amazing job in keeping the dancefloor full of revellers – when they weren't crowding the photobooth for one last selfie.

Thanks to all of the staff of the school and Fynn Valley who helped make the event possible and gave the Year 11's the fantastic send-off that they richly deserve.



# Year 11 Prom



# Book Mastermind County Final

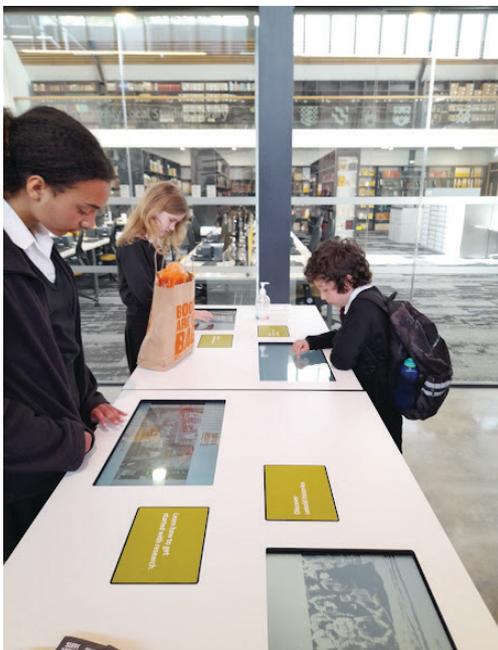
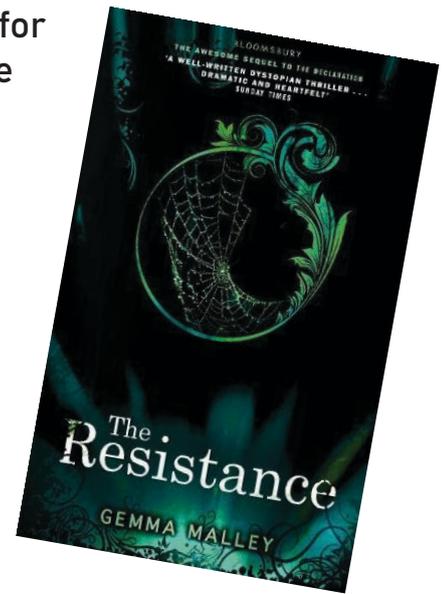
As you may remember from a previous Aspire Article, Lucy West (7C) won the in school heats of our Book Mastermind Competition held in February. Lucy went on to represent the school at the County Final at the University of Suffolk on Friday, 6th May. Lucy was supported by our first runner up, Frank Gongora Wright (7A)

and our second runner up Ayla Hamflett (7O).

Lucy competed against six other Suffolk Schools - her chosen book for the final was *The Resistance* by Gemma Malley.

After the competition, Lucy, Frank and Ayla took part in a workshop and tour of the archives and exhibits at The Hold building, which

recently opened on Ipswich waterfront. The Hold houses Suffolk's national and international archives. Its free and well worth a visit if you get the opportunity to go this summer.



# Year 10 Trip to Walton on the Naze



Year 10 Geography, as part of their GCSE studies, went to Walton on the Naze shortly after the Easter holidays. The trip was designed to provide students with some 'hands-on' Geography as well as provided a case study example required for their final GCSE Exams. The rapidly eroding coastline, caused by the Red Crag geological mix of soft sands, clays and soils, provided a stark image of the realities of erosion around the East Anglian coast looking, at points, quite dramatic and dangerous! Amongst other activities, students collected data on the effectiveness of the coastal defences applied along some parts of the coastline, alongside their condition, through a bi-polar environmental assessment; they also measured the depth and the angle of the beach, indicating the quantity of erosion and the destructive capacity of the waves; and assessed the use of groynes, measuring the level of sediment on either side to enable an understanding of how it is being transported around our coastline. The realisation that only some parts of the coastline were deemed valuable enough to protect with expensive sea defences was an indication as to how our coast is likely to change shape over the next few decades and that the sediment that protects and re-plenishes some parts of the coastline are often reliant on letting others recede!



# Festival of Suffolk - Technology Day



Our Year 10 GCSE Computer Science Group visited BT Aadastral Park on the 21st of June to attend the "Festival of Suffolk – Technology Day". It was a full day of different exhibits and lectures.

The day started with a talk on "What is Artificial Intelligence (AI) and what does it mean for me?". We were then taken to an exhibit of telecommunication technologies of the past. The exhibit definitely brought back some fond memories. Our students willingly tried the different devices on display which were still in perfect working condition.

We then had the opportunity to understand how OpenReach is rolling out ultrafast full-fibre broadband across the UK and how they use robots and drones to solve real-world problems. Jayden and Louis both took part in a fibre optic demonstration. The engineer was very impressed with the skills demonstrated by our two students.

Our last stop was visiting the new Robotics & Drones Lab, where we had the opportunity to see the underground and overhead test-bed facilities being used by BT. It was also interesting to see some wonderful prototype robot devices.

Before we left BT, we went to the last lecture of the day on the topic "Are Immersive Technologies the future of human interactions". The lecture looked at immersive technologies (Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality) and discussed current and future trends, including data and privacy, ethics, and the possible impact of immersive technologies on society.

The two lectures allowed our students to listen to two experts talk about how technology can impact our lives. It will give us plenty to discuss when we cover the unit on 'Ethical, Legal, Cultural and Environmental Impact of Technology' in September.



# Senior Prefect Team 2022/23

We are delighted to introduce our Senior Prefect Team for 2022/23

Head Girl: Abi Woodhouse  
Deputy Head Girl: Lottie Bewley  
Head Boy: Gethin Harries  
Deputy Head Boy: Toby Townsend

Senior Prefects:

Alice Blackburn  
Emmy Cooper  
Alanna Demicoli-Keeling  
Todd Dyer  
Evan Hearn  
Ellie Hall  
Barney Hubert  
Fern Keough  
Naomi Nyandebvu  
George Smith



The team of fourteen Year 10 students were nominated by staff and their peers and have already proved themselves to be excellent student leaders in school. Candidates for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl underwent a formal interview process for their roles and were hugely impressive in their conduct, maturity and creative ideas for developing the school – it certainly was a very hard decision to make.

The Senior Prefect Team have come up with some fantastic ideas for activities and groups to involve students in all year groups to make a positive contribution to the school community. They will be supported by a superb prefect team who were again nominated for the roles by staff and their peers. Congratulations to the Prefect Team:

Rubens Lindley, Peter Hudson, Thomas Godson, Alexia Foster, Alexander Pascalides, Esther Pyett, Oliver Rogers, William Rutland, Audrey Bedford, Mia Walker, Emily Woodley, Raquel Jackson, Heather Whitehead, Harry Cantwell, Bella Roshier, Austen Hewitt, Elliot Whayman, Edith Smith, Alice Blackburn, Max Deeley, Hannah Reynolds, Joseph Tapscott, Layla Jackson, Ella Wright, Sharon Terry, Tristan Sharp, Oliver Dean, Isabelle Anderson, Sophie Wooldridge, Sam Adams, Finn Booth, Alice Scoresby, Charlotte Ciuksyte, Sebastian Touman, Toby Ramsden, Ethan Crane, Oscar Goodman, Keira Fleming, Camilla Easton, Charley Spofforth.

Next year we look forward to the Senior Prefects heading up some exciting groups and activities in school which will add to our extracurricular offer and continue to make Debenham a warm and welcoming place for our students. The Senior Prefects and Prefects will be supporting younger students during social times; leading on Green Team initiatives and community and charity projects; running house quizzes and competitions; promoting the creative arts; working with the Sport Leaders to raise the profile of fitness and team sports in school and having a hand in the school's social media presence – all of which were ideas that came from the students themselves in their interviews. We look forward to seeing what this fantastic team of enthusiastic and committed students achieve next year.

# Year 8 Trip to Southwold



During two sunny June days, Year 8 undertook their Geography fieldwork in Southwold. A location that many of them were already familiar with (especially the number and range of food options available) Southwold provided the perfect location to inspect the changing shape of our coastline and how it affects the lives on those living along it, and visiting it. Students focussed their attention on three parts of the coast: an unprotected section of sandstone cliffs which are receding rapidly (and providing plenty of fresh sand); the main, valuable part of Southwold which is heavily protected by engineered structures; and the dunes to the South of the town, offering a more natural defence against the destructive capacity of the waves. Students undertook a range of measures to enable them to understand how each of these protections work, and how effective they were, to conclude if Southwold and its surrounds are safe from continuing wave action. Designed to help prepare students for some of the GCSE Geography requirements, the trip also provided an excellent opportunity, at the end of a long academic year, to have some fun, in the sun and, for a few...to enjoy a battered sausage ..... or two.



# STEMFest at Royal Hospital School

Year 8 ADT ambassadors were fortunate enough to attend a collaborative Engineering event at the Royal Hospital school, Holbrook. In conjunction with Royal Academy of Engineering and the Regional engineering network students were able to participate in engineering based activities using a range of resources while competing against other local school.

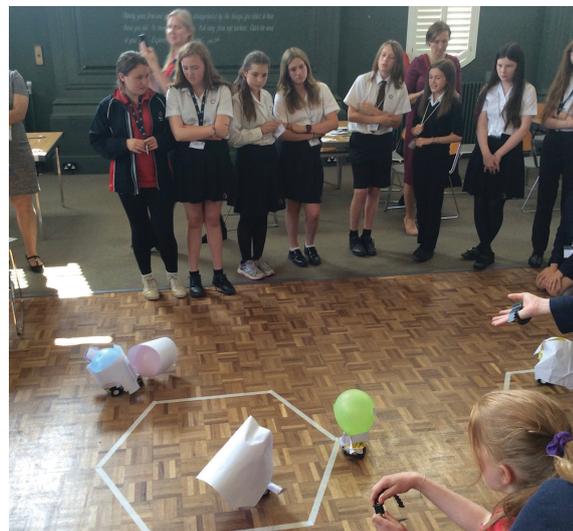
The students were split into 3 groups and attended Workshops which all had an Engineering and Design Technology link.

Workshop 1 was linked to the evolution and development of rockets. This discussed their primitive origins right through the modern day version that are used in combat or sent into space. The session looked at examples of gunpowder as a propellant and how this has evolved into a more sophisticated system of launching over time. There was also discussions around the new materials that have changed the way rockets are designed and used. Students had an opportunity to take part in a Q+A session at the end of the lecture and demonstrations.

Workshop 2 allowed students to work with a robot that responds to a movement sensor. Each Robot had a balloon attached and students had to develop and build a sophisticated structure that not only protected their own balloon but could also pop that of other teams. This involved them using designs strategies and testing and trialing ideas before completing their final structure. Students then competed in an arena against the other schools in a Robot wars style event until the last balloon was left unpopped. Some fared better than others and we managed to defeat some robots but unfortunately our balloon was popped before the end of the battle.

Workshop 3 encouraged students to build a programmable crumble based robot from a kit of components. Once completed they then had to connect it to a laptop and write their own program to get the robot to move. There was a specific track that the robot had to be programmed to navigate with a range of sharp turns and differing obstacles. Students had to test and trial their program until they reached a point where the robot could complete the whole course without any intervention. Once at this point the robot had the program written onto it and was set off at the start and navigated the course on its own.

These workshops gave the students a very valuable and hands on insight into STEM subjects in different contexts.



# Sports Awards Assembly

Nico with Respect  
Award winners



Nico with Lucy  
Daly and  
Megan Green



Nico with Team  
Debenham winners



On Thursday 30th June we welcomed back the annual Sports Awards Assembly. It was our 17th celebration of sporting achievements and with this in mind, we focussed on what the number 17 symbolises - self discipline, compassion, responsibility, spiritual awareness and wisdom. It also symbolises people who are soft and strong at the same time. These people are also very independent and, usually, hardworking.

This number and what it symbolises was also a good description of our guest of honour for the evening – Nico Valentine, a former student of ours and now an Ipswich Town footballer. Nico was on hand to give out all of the awards to the winners including the Simon Crofts Award to Sports Personality of the Year.

This year also marks the beginning of a new award – The Nico Valentine Award for Outstanding Contribution to School Sport. We celebrated the success of our first recipients of the Award, Megan Green and Lucy Daly.



# Young Enterprise Company 2022/23



Meet our Young Enterprise company of 2022/23. Young Enterprise is a national charity that empowers young people to harness their personal and business skills. We offered the opportunity to Year 9 to be part of the one company that we would run over the next academic year. We had 56 applications from budding entrepreneurs. After a rigorous panel interview process, our company of 20 was selected. The photograph above shows our board of directors. They will soon be selling shares to raise capital and have already begun discussions on

what product/service they will offer. This team will be attending street fairs and entering the National Young Enterprise competition to find the best UK company. You will be hearing more from them in the next edition of *Aspire*.

**Congratulations to:**

**Managing Director -  
Company Secretary -  
Finance Director -  
Marketing Director -  
Sales Director -  
Operations Director -  
Purchasing Director -  
Human Resources Director -  
Digital & Technology Director  
Sustainability Director**

**Noah Besley  
Emily Hall  
Jude Nightingale  
Elsey Woollard  
Oliver Leech  
Zac Newman  
William Rosten  
Mollie Simpson  
George West  
Nia Feeney Howells**

**Deputy Managing Director -  
Employee Relations Director -  
Deputy Finance Director -  
Deputy Marketing Director -  
Deputy Sales Director -  
Innovation Director -  
Quality Assurance Director -  
Deputy HR Director -  
Deputy D&T Director  
Deputy Sustainability Director**

**Daniel Taylor  
Isabelle Checketts  
Darcey Green  
Ellie Collins  
Rocco Goduti  
Betty Burrows  
Imogen Osborn  
Jamie Donnelly  
Rory Palmer  
Sophia Berkley**

Mrs Wilson and Mr Finegan are excited about working with this talented team of young people.

## Reflection .....



Here we are at the ending of another academic year - an academic year that has been much more 'normal' than the two previous years. I always think it is important to end well - by that I mean that it is important to recognise and mark an ending, a change, a transition, in order to move on well to whatever is next.

So many young people didn't get to end well in 2020 and 2021 - whether that was leaving primary school or high school, transitioning from lower to upper school, or marking other changes in their lives. I am so glad that year 11's could have their prom and various leaving traditions could be observed this year.

Of course there is change coming for all pupils at Debenham High school - starting in their new year in September. So may I encourage your family to take some time to look over the last year - rediscover your favourite times and remember the difficult times - in order that you may move well into the next academic year and all that lies ahead. This is a bit like the Christian discipline of praying the Examen at the end of every day. This is a spiritual exercise when you look over your day and see where you felt God's presence or absence paying particular attention to your feelings. You then reflect on what God may be telling you and what you might learn from God.

May you all know God's peace, love and joy as this academic year comes to a close. Amen.

Rev'd Tracey

# Year 9 Trip to Ypres



Over fifty Year 9 students travelled to Belgium to go on a Battlefields Tour of Ypres. Monty Hills shares his views:

“This year I was one of the lucky students who were selected to go to the Belgium city of Ypres before the May Half Term. We got to go into real German trenches and visit Hill 60, a memorial and where there was extensive shelling. Here we learned about bomb and gas warfare. Then we went to two smaller war memorials before we went to Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is the largest cemetery in the world. There we saw the 11,965 graves of soldiers from all over the world.

Finally we headed to the city itself where we looked around the Flanders Field Museum before heading back to the Menin Gate we entered through to hold a small ceremony of our own because we were late to the one we were meant to attend given the bad weather at Hill 60 earlier in the day.

Overall it was a very fun and enjoyable trip; a great experience, but the weather was quite horrible early on and only cleared up nearer the end.

The best part had to be listening to Martin an ex-British soldier and Andy, the Guide who led the trip who told us of his experiences whilst serving.”

Monty Hills



# Year 9 Trip to Ypres



# Student Council

## Student Council Leads Community Work

The Student Council meets every half term to discuss issues within the school and surrounding community. We have worked on multiple projects in the past including charity events. The Reverse Advent Calendar allow donations to be given to help many in the area through the food banks during the Christmas season when people may need extra help.

Now we are turning our attention to other projects, including:

- Working with Debenham Green Team litter picking once a half term and also working towards a week of events for the Big Green Week from 24th September to 1st October 2022
- Selling raffle tickets for DebFest
- Joint project working with the Debenham Project
- Working with the Parish Council on a Citizen Science project in which water from the River Deben can be monitored
- Plans to work with the local primary school around sports and the Eco Warriors
- Sharing what is happening within the high school through student input in the Parish Magazine

William Margetson Year 10 Student Council Representative

Selling Raffle Tickets for DebFest 21st May 2022

**Our first Litter Pick with the Debenham Green Team on 24th June 2022**



# Friends of DHS

We had a very enjoyable time at DebFest at the beginning of June. We were very successful in offering our second hand uniform for sale and it was so lovely to be introduced to parents of pupils at the school and to new parents and pupils joining in September. We were delighted to make £425 at this event.



We are also pleased to announce that we have received our first £250 from Palmers & Partners estate agents. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Dine for mentioning Debenham High School at the point of instruction. Please don't forget to bookmark Amazon Smile (Amazon are doubling donations on all eligible purchases made with AmazonSmile 12-13th July) and Easy Fundraising so we can maximise donations through your online shopping.

The Friends of Debenham High School support the work of the school and are currently raising funds for a new mini bus. If you wish to join the committee or become a regular helper at any of our events then please drop us a line at [friends@debenhamhigh.co.uk](mailto:friends@debenhamhigh.co.uk). Our next meeting is **Thursday 27th September at 7.00pm** and we would be delighted to meet you and welcome the extra support.

As we near the end of term the Friends of Debenham High School would like to thank you for your continued support.

## Visit by Dr Daniel Poulter MP



We were delighted to welcome Dr Dan Poulter MP to school this half term. He met with a group of Year 10 students and talked about his role in politics and the work he had done for the local area as MP for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich.

As was to be expected our students had a number of challenging and exacting questions for Dr Poulter which he was very happy to answer with a clear rationale and a refreshing honesty. The questions

ranged from the expected leadership issues within the government, Ukraine, the cost of living and finally to "If you were an ice cream flavour what would it be and why?"

Dr Poulter has always been a very strong supporter of the school and we appreciated the time he took to visit the school and talk to the students.

# Megan Meets .....

Will Riley is an example of one of our school's enthusiastic sportspeople who has been an eager swimmer since a very young age. I spoke to him about his experiences and achievements in the sport.

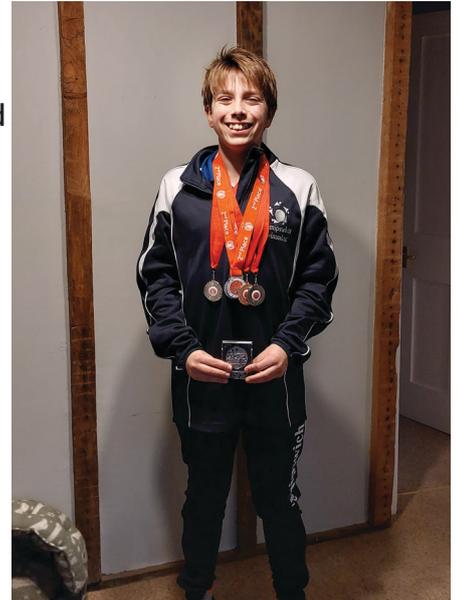
Will first started swimming at the age of 1, however was much older when he started competing. When he began to take swimming more seriously, he initially completed the beginner levels, then the bronze, silver, gold, and honours stages before finally gaining a place on Team Ipswich.

In order to ensure he remains fit enough for competitions, Will must train 5 times a week. These training sessions last around 2 hours each and take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings as well as Monday and Thursday evenings. This highlights his dedication to his sport and the enormous amounts of time effort he has put in to reach the stage he is at today.

Frequently, Will takes part in competitions, representing his team on a more competitive level all over the country. He has competitions every few weeks (at least once a month) which provides him with ample time to prepare for these events. According to him, his best achievement so far is completing the 50m Freestyle in under 30 seconds, which he attained a few months ago of which he should be incredibly proud.

His love of the sport was evident during the interview as he explained that one of his favourite aspects of swimming is "just being in the water" and also mentioned that this is what encouraged him to take up the sport competitively in the first place. Another aspect which he enjoys is the social side of the sport, describing the people he has met through swimming as some of his closest friends, and how he likes to share his experiences with them.

Despite his busy schedule, he also likes how the sport keeps him occupied throughout a typical week.



Whilst swimming is a very positive element of Will's

life, one thing he sees as more negative is how tiring it can be due to the early starts (as early as 4am) and the frequent training sessions however, with that being said, he also sees this as a nice way to prepare for the day.

We wish Will the best of luck both now and in future competitions, and hope he continues with his success!

Megan Green, Year 11

We would like to say a huge thank you to Megan for her contribution over the last few editions to Aspire Magazine, especially during her GCSE preparation and examinations. We wish her every success in her aspirations to become a Sports Journalist.

# Sports Roundup .....

The Summer term brings different sporting challenges for our pupils, and hopefully weather permitting, outside for the majority! Cricket, Athletics, Rounders and tennis are the main sports offered and competed in, the following round up gives a flavour of what we have achieved this term.

## Year 7 Boys Cricket/ Kwik Cricket

The Year 7 team played their first game of the season against Hartismere, in what was a very closely fought game, that ended as a draw.

In what was their first experience of games (for most of the team) they showed some good skills and understanding of how the game is played.



Following on from this first game, it was then great to take a squad of 10 students over to Bungay to play in the partnership Kwik Cricket tournament. For the majority of the team, this was only the second time that they had played cricket matches but they performed really well to win all of the games they played. This saw them crowned as the winners.

## U13 Cricket

A number of the u13 cricket team have been involved in U14 fixtures but they have had the chance to represent the school in some fixtures for their own age group. The first fixture of the year saw them play some good cricket to beat Stradbroke, in a friendly. Their main competition of the year though came in the group stage of the County Competition, which was held at Stowupland. In the semi-final game against the hosts, the team were unable to chase down the score that had been set for them. This meant they faced Westley in the 3rd/4th playoff. After restricting Westley to 24 in their 7 overs, they chased this down easily, in four overs, to finish 3rd overall.



# Sports Roundup

## U13 Girls Cricket

After getting a team together for an indoor competition earlier in the year, the majority of this team joined forces again to play in what was their first outdoor game. The opponents for this fixture were Stradbroke and a close game ensued before Stradbroke came out on top- only just though! It was though a great learning experience for the team.

## U14 Boys Cricket

In the group stages of the County cricket T18 Blast, Debenham played away fixtures against Hartismere and Thomas Mills. In the first game against Hartismere, the team bowled well to restrict Hartismere to a score of 103. The reply to this started well but after a flurry of wickets in the 50's, Hartismere ended up winning by forty runs.



In the second game, Debenham batted first and scored a competitive 105, which saw an excellent 30 (retired out) from Will Menzies. The team looked on course for victory but some strong batting in the last over saw Mills chase down the total off the last ball, in what proved to be a thrilling game!



## U15 Boys Cricket

The T20 Blast competition saw the U15 team drawn to play in the same group as Stowupland, Thurston and King Edwards. Unfortunately, Stowupland were unable to raise a team for the game so this just left two group games to be played. In the first of these, 50 by Toby Ramsden and then a good bowling display saw them beat King Edwards comfortably. Thurston though, in the second game, proved to be a lot harder and after scoring just over a 100 in their innings, Thurston chased this down with the loss of just four wickets. This result saw Thurston win the group and progress through to the next round.

# Sports Roundup .....

## Alde Valley Relays

On the 19th May, students from across years 8-10, travelled to Alde Valley for a great athletics competition that, as the name suggests, is made up of relay races. It was a fiercely contested afternoon but the team ran superbly to come out as winners.



## Super 8'S Athletics

In what is one of the best and most enjoyable partnership competitions, Debenham took 8 teams and 64 students over to Thomas Mills to compete in the U13 and u15 Super 8's Athletics competition. In the U13 competition, held on Tuesday 14th June, some great running, jumping and throwing was on show and this saw both the boys and girls A teams come out on top.

For the U15 team, who went over the following night, the pressure was on to see if they could match this. And match they did, with both the boys and girls team being victorious again. In addition to the winning, it was great to see so many students represent the school in such a positive manner.



# Sports Roundup



## Arthur Holifield

On Tuesday 28th June, the athletics team had their final competition of the year, as they headed to Thomas Mills for the Arthur Holifield competition. Having won the Super 8's and the Alde Valley relays, the team were looking to make it a clean sweep and they didn't disappoint! After some fine running, jumping and throwing both the Junior and Senior teams came out on top in what was another very convincing performance.

## Year 8 Tchoukball

The local Schools Sport Partnership, in an attempt to broaden student involvement in school sport, ran a Tchoukball competition for students in Year 8. Many of the students that went to the event, hadn't played school sport before so it was great that they had the confidence to involve themselves in this event. Although no winners crowned, the team had a positive experience and this will hopefully give them the confidence to be more involved in school fixtures in the future.



**Year 9 Rounders team beat Alde Valley, Stradbroke and Thomas Mills, but drew with the eventual winners Hartismere in the HSSSP Tournament.**



**Year 8 Rounders team won all their games in the HSSSP tournament to be crowned Champions 2022**

# Sports Roundup .....



Years 7 & 10 rounders teams played in their HSSSP tournaments last night. Year 10's won (with only 6 players) scoring 24 rounders overall with only 5 against! Year 7 (after winning all their games) took on Thomas Mills in the decider and narrowly lost 6 1/2 - 9 1/2 in a superb game.

Year 11 mixed rounders team played their final game for the school and beat Stradbroke 18-14



Both boys and girls U13 handball teams won the HSSSP Handball tournaments. The U15 girls also won all of their games against Hartismere.



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## Tennis

For the first time ever, we entered all four of the County Division 2 leagues this year. All four teams had tough draws and matches, and although success was few and far between, good competitive matches were played, and for some the first time playing in a competitive format.

### U13 Girls

Emily Daynes, Ariene Few, Ashlee Banham, Sienna Crane and Lucy Kirk all played in the team, losing to Framlingham Prep school 12-0 and Thomas Mills by the same scoreline.

### U15 Girls

The team of Ellie Hall, Millie Courteen, Sophie Daynes and Emmy Cooper travelled to Bury to play both their group games on the same evening. They beat County Upper reasonably comfortably 8-4, but lost 12-0 to a very strong KEGS team, who progressed through to the finals.

### U13 Boys

The team travelled to Woodbridge school at the end of May to play both The hosts and Orwell Park. A long evening of matches saw the team lose both 10-2, but enjoyed the experience.

Edward Cook, Finn Dod, Finn Jarrold and Will Perkins were the team. With Isaac replacing Edward for the next game vs Framlingham, the boys were on the wrong end of a 12-0 loss.

### U15 Boys

The squad of Will Margetson, Rowan Mowles, George Smith and Charlie Spofforth played Finborough school, losing 10-2, and Hartismere, losing 12-0



# Sports Day

After an absence of 3 years, we were finally able to host a whole school sports day experience!

The weather was magnificent, played out in a competitive and incredibly sporting manner. A huge 14 records were broken over the three days, culminating in the track and field events on the Wednesday. Overall winners were Curie House, just pipping Nelson to the title. The Simon Crofts award winners were 3rd - Rocco Goduti, 2nd Georgina Bungard, and overall winner Moyo Ademuyiwa. A huge well done to every single athlete who took part, won certificates or individual events. You were all superb!



**Sports Day Results**  
Curie 1981 points  
Nelson—1974 points  
Austen—1851 points  
Owens—1655 points  
Da-Vinci—1612 points



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