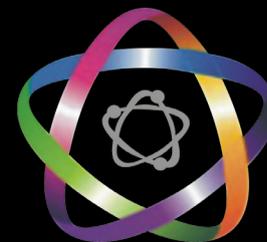


# Aspire



2014-15 Autumn edition

## Head first

Welcome to our first 2014-15 edition of Aspire, our half-termly celebratory magazine. We hope through Aspire to share with you the success of our students within and beyond the classroom and even in this edition bring you news of those who have passed through these gates and gone on to the next stage of their career.

We like to keep in touch with former students and along with our website and twitter feed, we have recently launched Debenham High School Facebook page, intended for former students, staff, parents and carers who wish to keep in touch with what is going on at the school. This year we celebrate the school's Jubilee Anniversary, having first opened our gates on 5 September 1964. On the afternoon of Friday 7 November, we will be holding a whole school assembly, with invited guests followed by an opportunity for former parents, students and staff of the school to go on a tour, share in some photographic memories and join us for a cream tea. If you would be interested in joining us on this afternoon, please contact us on [jubilee@debenhamhigh.co.uk](mailto:jubilee@debenhamhigh.co.uk).

For now please enjoy what we have been up to so far in 2014-15.

Julia Upton



Our Year 11 prefects take on roles of considerable responsibility, leading their peers with duties throughout the week and through representation at key events. They are selected after voting by both staff and students. Congratulations to all who were chosen this year.

**Senior prefects are:** Alexander Lee, Joseph Graham, Elle Eglington, Eleanor Roberts, Hannah Lockwood, Jack Nelson, Victoria Huband, Nathaniel Brown, Megan Williams, Suzanne Davison, Sara Owers, Faye Gooch, Moses Adams, Elizabeth Barrell, Jamian Stephan, Rachel Saxby, Charlotte Kissick-Jones, Isabella Ralph, Giles Sohi and Philip Pinn.

**Prefects are:** Poppy Valentine, Ella Marsden, George Billington, Millie Palmer, Alice Hill, Ewan McDonald, Beth Jacobs, Lilly Raven, Ellie Sanders, Lena Hardwick, Emily Gayfer, Hettie Ralph, Bethany Feeney-Howells, Victoria Saberton, Megan Bridges, Blayn Bosworth, Matthew Cross, Joseph Ferrier, Thomas Godfrey, William Everitt, William Dalby, Ben Morris, Eleanor Howard, Katie Morris, Max Williams, Adam Whayman, Charlie Machin and Holly Brett.

# Dress a girl around the world

*'Imagine a world where every little girl owned at least one dress'*

This term in Textiles Club we are taking part in the project which is to ensure girls, particularly orphans are able to cover their bodies to maintain their dignity, show that they are looked after and to feel and look good wearing well-made dresses that fit them and will last.

We meet every Tuesday lunchtime to make the dresses from good quality, non-see-through printed cotton fabrics. We have to ensure that the dresses will last lots of wear and washing, so we are being very careful with the quality of our sewing and finish.

If you would like to help by donating printed, good quality 100% cotton lengths (as little as one metre) we will gladly use them. If you are able to help please, contact Mrs Cubitt at the school.



# Food and Farming



*At the end of the Summer a number of Year 8 students (now of course Year 9) attended a Food and Farming event at Hollow Trees Farm, Semer. They considered the range of professions associated with this industry.*

# Media magic!



The creative talents of Debenham High School students have been utilised to their full potential in this year's GCSE Media Studies practical projects. For their film project, students have to produce the opening three minutes of a film in the horror genre and the quality of these pieces of work is a real source of pride for all involved. The successes this year are two fold, not only from behind the camera with excellent film-making skills producing some genuinely scary work, but also with the acting talents of friends and family starring in these mini-masterpieces. Huge thanks go to all involved, especially those parents who have been ferrying stars and production crews around various locations. The screen shots give a flavour of the work but only touch the surface of the effort involved.



# Out and about in Aldeburgh

We know our geographers love their clipboards. This time the Year 9 Geography Field trip aimed to investigate the hypothesis: "Aldeburgh shows signs of being a honeypot site". In order to complete a study back in school, pupils were expected to collect primary data on land use, environmental quality, traffic and pedestrian numbers at specific locations and conduct questionnaires with the public. To begin with, they completed an orienteering activity/treasure hunt to identify some of Aldeburgh's key tourist attractions with a group prize of a free portion of chips - the things teachers will do to motivate and inspire! They then set off in groups and worked independently to collect their data.

*"We enjoyed our trip to Aldeburgh because we were in charge of the work we did and the surveys we filled out. We thought that being able to work by ourselves in groups in Aldeburgh gave us more responsibility. The best part was the treasure hunt at the start (even though we didn't win) because it was competitive and we found lots of key features which attract tourists."*  
Carrie Green and Nicole Rodwell, 9E



# A very puzzling day....



Puzzle day gave our Year 7 students a chance to use their mathematical, logical and problem solving skills in a variety of ways. Whether it was navigating around the school, solving clues along the way, trying to break their opponent's code or investigating how many multilink cubes their box could hold, we saw how thoughtful and ingenious our latest additions to the school are. The application and engagement by all students was wonderful to see, and great credit must go to each and every one of them for making the day such a rewarding experience for all involved. Special praise should also go to the Year 10 Mathematics Leaders who ran the activities and gave encouragement and support throughout the day.

# Bonjour à tous et bienvenue en langues!

Because she is our new Head of Modern Foreign Languages we thought we would allow Mrs Halford-Thompson to say a few words in this edition about what has been going on in the language department.

## WHO'S WHO ?

Madame Cook joined the MFL team this year, with her outstanding expertise in French and Spanish, she is also the full time form tutor of 7E and is responsible for the coaching of the Year 7 Girls' netball team!

Madame Delpy has joined Debenham as a Graduate intern who gives extra support to students and we are delighted to say that students and teachers have been making the most of her bilingual skills. A huge thank you to Madame Delpy who has been providing extra help to all students who have expressed the wish to do some extra practice at lunchtime. Madame Delpy has already been helping many Year 7 practise their first milestone conversation!

We are also delighted to welcome Mademoiselle Kerisac who will be staying with us until December 2014 on work experience all the way from France. Mademoiselle Kerisac is providing support to our students in lessons. We are very grateful for all the devoted help that Mademoiselle Kerisac has been providing!

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO IN LESSONS?

As well as learning about greetings, alphabet, basic pronunciation and classroom instructions, Year 7 have been enjoying preparing their conversations for their milestone assessment, performing in front of their peers and being recorded in the process.

In the context of self, family and hobbies, Year 8 have been embarking on a programme of intensive grammatical structures, including regular and irregular verbs, as well as looking at independent sentence building.

Year 9 are getting ready for their first FCSE assessment after half-term and have been issued with a vocabulary booklet each to help them prepare at home and become more independent with their language vocabulary learning.

Our Year 10 Spanish students have been enjoying discovering new sounds and are now swiftly moving onto sentence building! The pressure is on; keep up the hard work Year 10. In French, many have realised through their first milestone assessment that they can already perform at A\*, A, B, C in the Higher Reading exam papers! Congratulations to so many of them!

## COMING UP....

We look forward to watching "La Comédie d'erreurs", a play in French for Key Stage 3 performed by the company called Onatti on Friday 28th November. We will be preparing the students by looking at an extract from the script of the play. The actors are genuine French actors and are marvellous at making us laugh as well as interacting with their young audience! Students and teachers alike loved it last year, so we can't wait for this year's performance

## ON A FINAL NOTE....

A huge thank you to all the students who came to help out on Open Evening. We were very impressed by all and particularly by the way Ellie Faulkner and Will Aldis got the parents to ask for their cheese, baguette and wine in French! We felt very proud!

Another big thank you to Mr and Mrs Salisbury, parents of Emily in 8G, who provided the best Suffolk Brie... dare I say better than the one from Normandy....!

Thank you to Miss Mortimer whose Latin club on a Thursday in Room 14 is proving more and more successful every week, with some fantastic talent already demonstrated by some of our students!

**MESSAGE TO ALL YEAR 11:** Room 14 (Mrs Halford-Thompson) is available to ALL Year 11 students for catch up/revision/support with your French every Thursday at 1.20.

**MESSAGE TO ALL:** There is a box of French magazines (aimed at French readers aged 8-16) at the back of Room 14. Please come and ask to borrow them, take them home, enjoy and return before taking another home, thank you.

## Year 8 lead the way

It was wonderful to see so many Year 8 students stand for the role of Year Leader. With four new students to be chosen, this is a super opportunity for students to take on some responsibility. After speaking in assembly, an election is held, followed by interviews with the Head of Year. Year 8 are first off the mark and we were delighted with the quantity and quality of all those who stood.



**Candidates were:** Front row (L to R): Carrie Chadwick, Emma Sharpe, Harry Hill, Anna Moore, Jess Gaitley, Kerry Self, Lauren Apps, Hannah Miles, Bradley Page  
Back row (L to R): Daniel Jones, Jake Philips, Stanley Anness, Millie Lenton, Emily Salisbury, William Chapman, Matthew Walzak, Alex Smale (not pictured: Joe Bagnall.)

## Author visit - Pete Johnson



As part of our promotion of the value and fun of reading, Year 7 students met author Pete Johnson. Pete told the students how he had started writing at their age and showed them a letter that he had received from Dodie Smith (author of 101 Dalmations and many more) when he was 11. Students enjoyed hearing about his own stories and writing techniques. You may need to watch out as many students took signed copies of his bestselling book "How to Train Your Parents"!

## Where are they now?

We love to hear about the success of former students. Last year Phil Robinson, former student and now veterinarian at Battersea Dogs and Cats Home in London (focus of the TV documentary, "For the Love of Dogs") was our guest speaker at the Year 12 Commemorative Assembly. This year we invite back Kieran Lyne to present the awards to our former Year 11 students. Kieran left us in 2007 and now at the age of 23 with his novel, 'The Last Confession of Sherlock Holmes', he is the youngest ever author to be endorsed by the Conan Doyle estate.

We are always delighted to hear news of former students. Congratulations to all the students below who have completed their A Level studies and are now off to University and further study.

Kyle Alexander	Computing	UEA
James Barrell	Architecture	Oxford Brookes University
James Bensly	Business Management	University of Surrey
George Biddiscombe	Philosophy	Anglia Ruskin University
Joshua Brett	Microbiology	University of Surrey
Rebecca Crumpton	Radiotherapy & Oncology	University Campus Suffolk
Siobhan Dinc	Textiles	Norwich University of the Arts
Megan Eglington	Built Environment	Oxford Brookes University
Isobel Everitt	English & Linguistics	Nottingham Trent University
Katie Harling-Challis	English Literature	Durham University
Jonathan Ives	Business Management	Essex University
Thomas Ives	Sports Science	Essex University
Christopher Lambert	Degree in Sports Coaching	Easton & Otley College
Louisa Lander	Pharmacy	University of Bath
Sophie Locke	Psychology	Essex University
Abigail Magnall	Chemistry	Bristol University
Hannah Marriott	Law	University of Nottingham
Eleanor McGuire	Medical Physiology	Middlesex University
Jason Mitchell	Actuarial Science	City University London
Robert Ormond	Economics	University of Surrey
James Payne	Product Design	Nottingham Trent University
Ella Pethybridge	Photography	Falmouth
Max Pivett	Law	De Montford University
Murray Quilliam	Engineering	De Montfort University
Charlotte Rowntree	Media Communications	Bath Spa University
Rebecca Saxby	Psychology	University of York
Eleanor Scott	Fine Art	Loughborough University
Christopher Sheehan	Civil Engineering	University of Plymouth
Joshua Sherman	Mathematics	University of Sheffield
Eloise Skayman	Drama	Roehampton
Andrew Stoner	Medicine	University of Leeds
Lydia Thorley	Geography	University of Exeter
Michael Thornton	History	University of Winchester
Eloise Tilbrook	Environmental Geography	University of York
Holly Tilbrook	Media & Communications	Goldsmiths London
Rosanna Tilbrook	Physics with Astrophysics	University of Sheffield
Chloe Tydeman	Social Work	University Campus Suffolk
Elliot Valentine	Business Management	University of Edinburgh
Lewis Walker	Marine Technology	University of Plymouth
Elisabeth Wilson	English & Politics	University of York
Megan Wylie	Marine Biology	Bangor University

Developing students' spiritual awareness is an important part of life at Debenham High School. Development of a sense of self and their place in the world is important as they try to answer for themselves some of life's fundamental questions. This takes place throughout the curriculum but particularly within RE. We aim for students to gain the skills, qualities and attitudes they need to foster their own inner lives and non-material well-being. This half-term Year 7 have visited our local church and Year 10 went to London to learn about Jewish life.



Spiritual Development

# County Cross Country

Students from Years 7 to 11 joined the best in the county at The Royal Hospital School in Holbrook for the first round of the County Cross Country Championships. On an unusually mild October day there were some stunning results.



# Sports Round Up



Sport is a big part of many students' lives at Debenham High School. There are a wealth of clubs and teams to take part in. From Football to Fencing, Hockey to Handball. There is no excuse not to be active. Here we round up our successes so far this autumn season.

## **Year 9 Boys Football**

Won 9-2 vs Thomas Mills

Won 7-1 vs Hartismere

Second in a 6 a-side competition held at Stradbroke

Lost 3-1 to Northgate in the ESFA Schools Cup

## **Year 7 Boys Football**

Won 7-3 vs Hartismere

Won 10-3 vs Ormiston Endeavour Academy

Lost 6-2 vs East Bergholt

## **Netball**

Under 16 came 2nd in the HSSSP netball tournament, narrowly losing 4-3 in the final.

Under 14 came 4th in the same tournament.

## **Hockey**

Under 12 Girls lost to St. Joseph College 1-0 in their first game for DHS

Under 13 Girls lost 7-1 to St Joseph.

Under 14 Mixed team drew 5-5 with Thomas Mills



## **Rugby**

Our Under 13/14 joint squad played a game against Hartismere on Wednesday 1st October. Well done to Marcus McMyn who was player of the game.

The Under 15/16 joint squad also played against Hartismere. Well done to player of the game Adam Whayman.

The Under 15/16 joint squad were also involved in the first round of the Suffolk Schools competition. We played against Hartismere, Bungay and Thomas Mills. There were some excellent performances from the squad and we narrowly missed beating Hartismere. This was a vast improvement from any game we have played this season. Two outstanding players of the tournament were Billy Apps and Will Everitt.



Follow our sporting exploits on twitter with @DebenhamHigh



# Year 10 Boys Football

Year 10 faced tough opposition as they took on Bow School, a team from Tower Hamlets in the next round of their national cup match. With some strong tackling from the away team and an excellent goalkeeper they had to fight hard and give their all. They played with passion and commitment to win 3-0.



The Year 10 Boys Football team, victorious against tough opposition from Tower Hamlets.  
Top Row (L to R): Callum Scott, Ben Jepson, Connor Williams (C), Paddy Hughes, Harry Trott, Alex Scott, Matt Bensly, Philip Ouko  
Bottom Row (L to R): Sam Spurling, Connor Ellis, Will Aldis, George Carter, Alfie Maw, Ryan Bridges