

Monday 23 January



This week Year 9 students face their examination week. This formal week of synoptic examinations helps to prepare students for the longer examinations that they will face in their GCSE years.

Examinations that cover a wide range of topics, that test knowledge as well as skills are the norm in the new GCSEs and we want to make sure that students develop these skills in their earlier years. Staff will then provide clear feedback on what students need to do to develop further, feedback that is at the core of assessment. If you wish to check the examination timetable please click **here**.

Well done the Year 10 and 11 student leaders who led a super charity week last week. They created a super atmosphere around school and raised money for two very worthy causes. Students got into the spirit of the theme on Friday as they wore sparkles and bright colours with the sensory room at HOPS in mind.

Last week we advertised to parents and carers a talk in our Diversity Week, by Dr Hazel Harrison, clinical lead psychologist from South Suffolk. See Dr Harrison here on in the EADT last week <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/Launch.aspx?pbid=84fc4db1-c5d2-4e32-a58c-8469874603d6>

Dr Harrison will be talking about “Surviving or thriving the teenage years”, with advice based on medical evidence that we can all benefit from when working with young people. **Click here** for information on the evening. The talk is free to parents and carers of students attending the High School or any of our primary feeder schools. Others are welcome to attend, at a small cost of £10 per person. So that we can manage numbers we ask that people contact our teaching school or the school office if they wish to attend, dhstsa@debenhamhigh.co.uk

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