## Monday 16 October



It was a lovely to take part in the Annual Church Schools' Service at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral yesterday. With Debenham High School Big Band providing musical accompaniment to the service, along with the Pop Choir lending a hand with some pupils from local primary schools, it was a real celebration of the work that goes on in our Church Schools across the county. The theme of the service was The Way and the congregation took time to consider how Jesus shows us the Way, the Truth and the Life. Polly Cox and Dennis Dowsett proudly carried the banner for Debenham High School, a recognition of their excellent start in Year 9.

This week, on Thursday, we welcome Year 6 students to us, as they undertake their first Liaison morning. Please contact Mrs Norman if you would like any more details about this visit. All are welcome.

Also this week the Art Department lead us in BIG DRAW week. Last year we considered the interplay between Art and Science in the STEAM themed assemblies, projects and activities. Watch this space for this year's exciting theme to get us involved in Art in our local communities.

Finally, this week Year 9 will attend the Skills Show. This event exposes students to the wealth of different career pathways that exist and gets them to start to contemplate what might come next, as they pick GCSE options later in the year that start to shape their direction of travel.

Lastly, current parents and carers should be aware (through a previous letter sent out) that there is NOT a staff training day on Friday. This was moved last year and will now take place on 16 April 2018. Students are expected at school every day this week. Hence we break up for half-term on Friday 20 October.

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