

13<sup>th</sup> September 2021



After the first full week of school for our students it is amazing how quickly we all fall back into familiar routines. Students have enjoyed being able to use all of the social areas of the school without outside restrictions and the opportunity to use the dining hall by all students has been very well taken up.

As I said last week it has been great to get a number of clubs running again and seeing students taking part in wider activities. This is such an important part of the development of young people and something that Debenham has always valued by developing them into well rounded and confident young people ready to face the world.

As you may have seen, we have had a small number of positive Covid cases in the first week back and I wanted to thank all parents for their pragmatic and understanding response when we have been in touch. We are taking a cautious approach to returning to normal but without detriment to the student offer in school.

We had a visit from our local MP Dr. Poulter last week, where students had the opportunity to talk to and question Dr. Poulter. As we have become used to seeing our students asked some probing, relevant questions with good grace and a willingness to listen, a few journalists could learn a thing or two! He spoke about Covid, the National Insurance increase and wider issues and our students were able to knowledgeable and sagely be part of the conversation.

This week sees our first trip of the year depart, a Year 10 Art trip and these once normal events demonstrate the return to a more normal offer for our students.

With Warmest Wishes

Simon Martin

But I came to give life, life in all its fullness.

John 10:10