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2011-12 Summer edition



Head first

It has been a busy seven weeks since our last edition - it is certainly a myth that schools slow down in the Summer Term. With external examinations for Year 9, 10 and 11 students, Activities Week, Work Experience and the Autumn Term to prepare for, there is so much to fit in. The fact that we have had to make this edition a bumper eight page spread demonstrates just how much has been going on - we just couldn't fit it all into four pages! Our annual Sports Day exemplified the sense of community at Debenham High School and the manner in which the whole school can pull together in a single event. Read more about the day inside and our other achievements in the last few weeks. We wish all our readers a relaxing (and hopefully warm and sunny) summer holiday.

Julia Upton



Supporting each other

Over the last four years our Peer Mentoring programme has grown significantly. Our Christian ethos and consideration for others underpins the values of the programme. Mentors from Year 9 and 10 work alongside Year 7 and 8 students, helping them to settle into their new school and cope with the trials and tribulations of growing up. The mentors take on a number of roles: some students work with form groups and organise activities to help Year 7 students get to know each other; other mentors work with individual students, helping with homework or just providing a supportive ear. The programme is organised and supported by our Pastoral Assistant - Mrs J Gridley. This term has seen applications from an overwhelming seventy-eight Year 8 students for the twenty places available on the programme. Students were interviewed by Mrs Gridley and some current mentors before being selected. Congratulations to all our new Peer Mentors for 2012-13:

Year 9: Xavier Valentine, Alice Eddy

Year 8: Alex Warnes, Holly Brett, Lottie Kissick-Jones, Lella Ralph, Louis Stephenson, Harry Ellis Suzanne Davidson, Faye Gooch, Bethany Feeney-Howells, Joseph Ferrier, Jamian Stephan Chloe Burrows, Jack Nelson, Indy Mason Kidd, Mia Allard, Millie Palmer, Eva Nunn, Will Magnall Elizabeth Griew and Alexander Lee.

Music for a summer's evening

It was a pleasure to listen to the musical talents of students in our Summer Concert last week. The diversity of musicality on show was stunning, from ensemble to solo performances. Congratulations to all who took part:

Cello ensemble: Joshua Mellor, Olivia Da Costa, Rhodri Durie, Benjamin Denton-Cardew, Niall Thomas, Sarah Manto, Eva Nunn, Poppie Jones, Lottie Kissick-Jones, Alicia Zagni, Eleanor Roberts

Piano ensemble: Audrey McBride, Nick Harrison, Giles Sohi, Ele Williamson, Abi Magnall, Anna Kinge

Brass ensemble: Georgia Dawson, Louis Stephenson, Sam Wyllie, Will Bagnall, Jake Aldis, Philip Pinn

Flute ensemble: Alice Eddy, Anna Kinge, Anna Weir, Hannah Burgess, Eleana Norman, Charlotte Leggett, Rebecca Stephenson, Louise Davy

Wind band: Louis Stephenson, Aidan Coe, Alice Eddy, Rosie Voller, Rebecca Stephenson, Lauren Williams, Eleana Norman, Rhodri Durie, Joe Eddy, Jamilla Simpson, Nathan Locke, Hannah Marriott, Georgia Dawson, Naomi Sharpe, Lucy Allen, Anna Weir, Catherine Mole, William Bagnall, Erin Mann

Choir: Rosie Voller, Faye Gooch, Erin Mann, Charlie Boast, Steph McAuley, Alice Eddy, Anna Kinge, Hannah Marriott, Clarissa Vingoe, Cassie Scotting, Annie Voller, Freya Paternoster, Eloise Skyman, Georgia Dawson, Zoe Smurthwaite, Hannah Biddescombe, Skye Millar, Eleana Norman, Lottie Kissick-Jones, Lousie Davy, Eve Martin, Alexia Thomlinson-Blount, Eleanor Roberts, Katie Harling-Challis

Clarinet quintet: Rhodri Durie, Hannah Marriott, Jessica Payne, Lucy Allen, Miss Downes

Samba band: Henry Bullock, Ed Bullock, Sam Rockett, Toby Sharpe, Poppy Fawkner, Elsie Griew, Sean Chadwick, Calvin Coe, Alex Herman, Aidan Coe

Orchestra: Katie Harling-Challis, Annie Voller, Kack Millar, Sarah Reade, Rebecca Stephenson, Hannah Marriott, Jake Aldis, Lousie Davy, Phillip Pinn, Anna Kinge, Rhodri Durie, Rachel Saxby, Alexia Thomlinson-Blount, Poppie Jones, Rhiannon Jones, Eleanor Roberts, Naomi Sharpe, Alice Eddy, Lauren Williams, Sam Rockett, Benjamin Denton-Cardew, Adam Johnson, Anna Weir, Rosie Voller, Olivia Da Costa, Jessica Payne, Lottie Kiswick-Jones, Jessica Thomlinson-Blount, Georgia Dawson, Louis Stephenson, Lucy Allen, William Bagnall, Erin Mann, Ele Williamson, Isabella Ralph, Ella Marsden, Alicia Zagni

Soloists: Hannah Marriott, Lauren Williams, Sarah Reade, Robert Ormond, Olivia Da Costa, Erin Mann



Many of our students are performing in national groups and orchestras during the summer. Good luck to: Olivia Da Costa - playing with Suffolk Youth Orchestra, touring Italy and playing a concert at Snape Maltings on 5th August; Sam Rockett and Jack Norton - playing with Suffolk Youth Wind Band and touring Germany (Dusseldorf area); Rhodri Durie and Eleanor Roberts - playing with Suffolk Young Strings. Catch them all at the Gala Concert at Snape Maltings on 9th September

Extraordinary Art and Design

Our Art and Design exhibition showcased the work of our Year 11 students in the disciplines of Art, Textiles, Resistant Materials, Graphic Products and Food Technology. Creative ideas were explored through thorough design development and realised in high quality finished products. It has certainly given our Year 7 to 10 students who visited the exhibition something to aspire to.



Science Olympiad winners

Four teams of students from Y7-10 went to UEA in Norwich to take part in the annual Norwich Olympiad. They were competing against mainly Norfolk schools, carrying out a range of investigations. The Year 10 and 9 teams both came first winning gold medals. The Year 7 and 8 teams also acquitted themselves well, with all students enjoying the experience. Team members, pictured below, were:

Year 7: Phillip Ouku, Leah Golding, Henry Bullock, Bethan Barrett

Year 8: Megan Williams, Alex Warnes, Sid Griffiths, Lily Raven

Year 9: Zoe Smurthwaite, Ewan Ralph, Andrew Corrigan, Charlotte Lee

Year 10: Rebecca Evans, Nick Harrison, Julie Su, Cameron Smith

Puzzle Corner

Word games

Agelast - does it mean?

- a) a composite rock created by a volcanic eruption
- b) a person who discriminates others because of their age
- c) a person who never laughs

Maths mayhem

How many minutes will elapse between 20:12 today and 21:02 tomorrow?

- a) 50 b) 770 c) 1250 d) 1490 e) 2450

It's all Japanese to me!

These "triples" of words all translate into the same word in English. Can you translate them?

	(French)	(Spanish)	(Italian)
Word 1	étagère	estante	scaffale
Word 2	couvercle	tapa	coperchio
Word 3	feuille	hoja	foglia



Sports Day 2012

A day to remember



From start to finish students gave their all for their house on Sports Day. Austen House were the eventual winners, led by Hamish and Emily, but every student contributed to the success of the day. On the track, in the field or with moral support for their team mates, it truly was a whole school event. The opening ceremony, readings of the Olympic oath and barbeque at lunchtime all contributed to the special atmosphere. Well done to all the House Captains for taking the lead on such a great day:
Austen: Hamish Harvey & Emily Rutherford
Curie: Georgina Pearson & Henry Stephenson
Da Vinci: Ellie Brock & Josh Palmer
Nelson: Katie Elliott & Jamie Lawrence
Owens: Ben Johnson & Annie Monaghan



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Commendations galore

Students gain recognition throughout the year for the work they do in class. This year an unprecedented number of students have achieved the "gold standard" by gaining over 50 commendations. All students who received a GOLD award will enter into a draw for an iPod shuffle. Well done to all:

Year 7 - Gold	<i>Hailstone, Katelynd</i>	<i>Scott, Alexander</i>	<i>Wilkins, Olivia</i>	<i>Mowles, Isabelle</i>	<i>Lewis, Annie</i>
<i>Amass, Summer</i>	<i>Hammond, Jasmine</i>	<i>Scott, Callum</i>	<i>Zagni, Chiara</i>	<i>Nelson, Jack</i>	<i>Manto, Ibrahim</i>
<i>Bamford, Rhian</i>	<i>Hazelwood, Jessica</i>	<i>Scott, Ellysha</i>	Year 8 - Gold	<i>Nunn, Eva</i>	Year 10 - Gold
<i>Barnes, Bethany</i>	<i>Herman, Alexander</i>	<i>Sharpe, Toby</i>	<i>Billington, George</i>	<i>Owers, Sarah</i>	<i>Apps, Billy</i>
<i>Barrett, Bethan</i>	<i>Hobbs, Megan</i>	<i>Shaw, Bethany</i>	<i>Bosworth, Blayn</i>	<i>Pinn, Philip</i>	<i>Brown, Bethany</i>
<i>Barrett, Harry</i>	<i>Hooper, Molly</i>	<i>Shenfield, Amber</i>	<i>Brett, Holly</i>	<i>Ralph, Isabella</i>	<i>Buono, Charlotte</i>
<i>Bird, Emma</i>	<i>Hughes, Patrick</i>	<i>Silverton, Francesca</i>	<i>Bridges, Lois</i>	<i>Rowe, Amy</i>	<i>Giles, Sophie</i>
<i>Boast, Charlie</i>	<i>Hunt, Rachael</i>	<i>Smith, Joshua</i>	<i>Burgess, Zachary</i>	<i>Saunders, Katie</i>	<i>Harvey, Hamish</i>
<i>Bridges, Ryan</i>	<i>Keeble, Anna</i>	<i>Spurling, Guy</i>	<i>Crane, Melissa</i>	<i>Scotting, Harry</i>	<i>Lloyd, Gwylim</i>
<i>Bullock, Henry</i>	<i>Keeble, Erin</i>	<i>Spurling, Samuel</i>	<i>Davison, Suzanne</i>	<i>Tuley, Laura</i>	<i>Mellor, Joshua</i>
<i>Chadwick, Sean</i>	<i>Lawson, Alec</i>	<i>Squirrell, Oliver</i>	<i>Davy, Louise</i>	<i>Warren, Alexander</i>	<i>Newlove, Mary</i>
<i>Chenery, Lauren</i>	<i>Lloyd, Iwan</i>	<i>Stanley, Max</i>	<i>Emerick, Freya</i>	<i>Whayman, James</i>	<i>Quilliam, Ewan</i>
<i>Coe, Aidan</i>	<i>Lock, Nathan</i>	<i>Stevenson, Lucy</i>	<i>Feeney-Howells, Bethan</i>	<i>Whayman, Lewis</i>	<i>Williamson, Ele</i>
<i>Dennis, Ryan</i>	<i>Manto, Sarah</i>	<i>Tapscott, Carys</i>	<i>Gooch, Faye</i>	Year 9 - Gold	
<i>Eade, Harry</i>	<i>Matta, Chesca</i>	<i>Terry, Gus</i>	<i>Gooding, Mayzee</i>	<i>Ager, Alice</i>	
<i>Etchingham, Rohan</i>	<i>Mills, Charlie</i>	<i>Thomas, Niall</i>	<i>Graham, Joseph</i>	<i>Biddiscombe, Hannah</i>	
<i>Evans, Kathleen</i>	<i>Mole, Catherine</i>	<i>Thomlinson-Blount, Alexia</i>	<i>Johnson, Mary</i>	<i>Coe, Calvin</i>	
<i>Fawkner, Harry</i>	<i>Moore, Aaron</i>	<i>Turmel, Lucy</i>	<i>Kissick-Jones, Charlotte</i>	<i>Da Costa, Olivia</i>	
<i>Fawkner, Poppy</i>	<i>Morris, Emily</i>	<i>Turner, Kaitlin</i>	<i>Mead, Erin</i>	<i>Dawson, Georgia</i>	
<i>Flinton, Francesca</i>	<i>Norman, Eleana</i>	<i>Vaughan, Madison</i>	<i>Morris, Benjamin</i>	<i>Eddy, Alice</i>	
<i>Ford, Beth</i>	<i>Palmer, Maisy</i>	<i>Voller, Annie</i>	<i>Moulton, Joseph</i>	<i>Hogg, Cameron</i>	
<i>Gardiner, Jade</i>	<i>Pipe, Chloe</i>	<i>Walczak, Emily</i>		<i>Lander, Emma</i>	
	<i>Robertson, Joseph</i>				

Year 11 Prom

Year 11 celebrated the end of examinations with one final evening together. The Prom, held at Manor Farm in Henley was one last chance to enjoy each other's company and celebrate their hard work in style. Don't they all look great!



As well as opportunities for extra-curricular enrichment there are a wide range of trips and activities that take work from lessons in school into a real-life context. Here are just a few of the activities that students have taken part in during the last few weeks.

Field trip frenzy

Year 7 and 8 embarked on their Geography field trip adventures into the wilderness. Year 7 braved the stinging nettles, chilly waters and Needham Lake ducks to examine the geographical features of the River Gipping. Year 8 enjoyed a rare sunny day and fish and chips in windswept Southwold. Both trips were a great success - students consolidated theoretical understanding learnt in the classroom and were prepared to apply this learning in project work based on the data collected on their return to school.



Frank Bright

Frank spoke to the whole of Year 9 about his experiences from the Second World War and in particular of the holocaust. Students listened to his personal account of a very traumatic time and then had the opportunity to ask Frank questions that gave them an even deeper understanding. Question such as “Do you ever have survivor’s guilt?”, “What were your first impressions of Auschwitz?” and “What is one key impact of having been in Auschwitz on your life?” showed the depth of knowledge that the students have gained through their History lessons and their desire to hear about a very personal account.



French Exchange Partners

In February eighteen students visited our partner school in Arras as the first part of our French Exchange. Students dealt with a mixture of nerves and excitement before the trip but after a week staying with their host family none of the students wanted to leave. Hence, they were delighted to greet their guests on the return leg of the trip in May. The exchange students visited Cambridge, London, Ipswich and Debenham and spent time with their partner families. Students were able to compare the experiences of school lessons in the two countries as well as the social, cultural and gastronomic differences. The trip to DHS ended with an incredible opportunity to play wheelchair basketball. As the French students packed their bags and approached the coach that would take them home, there were many who shed a tear, and found it difficult to say ‘au revoir’.

Participants in the exchange were:

Sophie Hutchinson, Lorna Robinson, Daisy Hewett, Hannah Burgess, Anna Kinge, Steph McAuley, Zilah Atfield, Rosie Voller, Charlotte Lee, Robyn Bosworth, Ibrahim Manto, Alex Kilbourn, Andrew Corrigan, Jack Potter, Mungo Harvey, Jack Millar, Christian Sherman, Freddie Wiltshire

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September comes

In September we will be tightening our uniform expectations in order to remain consistent and unambiguous to all students. We want students to take pride in all that they do at school, starting with their appearance. We are pleased with the quality of the garments from Marks and Spencer and hope that this ensures that students can maintain their smart appearance throughout the year. Thanks to our models Audrey McBride, Alfie Griew, Stephanie McCauley, George Fowler, Jack Nelson and Francesca Silverton - we think they look great!



Our Primary links

Links with our Primary Feeder Schools have been stronger than ever this term as we have welcomed Year 5 and 6 students to the last of the "Task Tacklers" events and our Year 5 Science Enrichment Day. These events give the primary students the chance to visit the school and work within different groups; moreover they give our students an opportunity to take a leading role.

Year 5 spent half of the morning in an inflatable planetarium where visiting astronomer Mr Peter Bassett gave a fascinating talk on our Solar System. After a break students moved on to the Science labs where they took part in a competition to make a paper rocket. This sounds simple but the rocket had to hit a target whilst the rocketeer was being spun on a chair. We love a challenge!

Thanks to Year 9 students Alex Kilbourn, Cameron Hogg, Ewan Ralph, Alice Eddy, Freya Paternoster, Steph McAuley, Ben Ford, Conor Smith and Liam Smith who worked alongside the primary students in these events.

