

Little Shop of Horrors



Cast

Tom Marshall
 Emma Huband
 Evie Marsh
 Maisy Ward-Jackson
 Nami Jackson
 Rhianna Melton
 Polly Cox
 Eva Mills
 Ella Bedford
 Nicholas van Ek

'Skid Row Chorus'

Amelia Adams
 Anna Cook
 Imogen Ellis
 Aidan Fleet
 James Foreman
 Layla Jackson
 Jasmine Love

Seymour
 Mushnik
 Audrey
 Crystal
 Diamond
 Ronette
 Chiffon
 Liberty
 Orin
 Audrey II

Phoebe Clarke
 Emily Cross
 Sam Ferrier
 Keira Fleming
 Izzie Frosdick
 Paige Johnson
 Pippa Redstall

Layla Jackson
 Jasmine Love
 Harry Rogerson
 Edith Smith

Musicians

Will Botwright
 Martha Hitt
 Matt Langley
 Joseph Perry
 Mollie Richardson
 Daisy Rockett
 Alex Shore

Abigail Woodhouse

Backstage Crew

Sam Ferrier
Sound and Lighting
 Lighting Manager
 Sound Manager

Paige Johnson
 Pippa Redstall
 Iona Scales
 Daniel Woodley

Emma Burley
 Suzie Knock
 Alexander Pascalides
 Esther Pyett
 Jay Rochford
 Poppy Simpson
 Charly Shore

Daniel Woodley

George Rogers
 Joshua Hawkins



Little Shop of Horrors



You could be forgiven for hearing the storyline for Little Shop of Horrors and being somewhat concerned for this as our school production but the students staged an amazing performance of this musical classic.

Meek flower shop assistant Seymour pines for co-worker Audrey. During a total eclipse, he discovers an unusual plant he names Audrey II, which feeds only on human flesh and blood. The story unfolds, as Audrey II grows!

Congratulations to all cast and crew for pulling off such an ambitious production.



Book Mastermind

Each year Debenham High School takes part in the County Book Mastermind competition. Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 compete to answer questions on their favourite book. Prizes are given to the runners up as well as the winner, who goes on to represent the school in the Area Book Mastermind finals.

This month we held our In-school Heats of the Book Mastermind Competition. Twenty students competed. After a closely fought competition, the winner was Edith Smith (7D). Edith's chosen book was Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan. Edith scored 39 points out of a possible 40 points. Our First Runner Up was Tirian Axtell (8G). Our Second Runner Up was Anna Cook (8D).

Each student received book vouchers to spend at our Christmas Book Fair. Edith will now go on to represent the school in the Area Finals in March, where she will need to choose a different book of over 250 pages to read. Edith will also need to answer ten general knowledge questions. We wish Edith the best of luck.

Mrs Foord-Johnson



Avenue of Oaks

I wanted to take the opportunity of saying a very heartfelt thank you on behalf of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils to students and staff from the High School, especially Kia Gridley and Ewan Campbell who led readings at the Planting of the Oaks event on Friday 9 November at the Meadows in Debenham to mark the Armistice Commemoration for WW1. It was great to involve pupils from the High School and to see them present their banner with pride and dignity.

Mrs Clements, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council



Chris Priestly, Author Visit



On Monday 3 December, award winning author and illustrator Chris Priestley, visited Debenham High School. Chris was primarily in school to run workshop sessions with Year 7 students. He spoke about how he began his career as a cartoonist for The Economist and other high profile publications before moving on to writing books.

Chris' first book 'Dog Magic' was published in 2000 and since then he has written around twenty books, also illustrating a good deal of these. Chris talked about his love of gothic horror, which is reflected in many of his books including, Mr Creecher, the Tales of Terror Series and Maudlin Towers – Curse of the Werewolf Boy. After the workshops Chris spent time meeting students and signing copies of his books. We have several of Chris' books in the Learning Resource Centre for you to borrow, including The Last of the Spirits, which is in essence a Christmas story, based around Charles Dickens', A Christmas Carol, definitely one for the stocking.

Year 11 Netball

It has been an exciting term for the Year 11 Netball team. They competed in the Northern Area tournament in October, where they won their pool, beating Denes 17- 0, Benjamin Britten 25 – 0, Thomas Mills 9 – 0, Sir John Lemman 12 – 1 and Bungay 11- 1 in the semi-final. They lost to Framlingham College in the final, but finishing runners up earned them a place in the County Finals.

At the County Finals in November, they lost to Ipswich School 10 – 2 and Culford School 8 – 5 but managed a very respectable 5th place overall. The girls are looking forward to a trip to the Copperbox, London in January, to watch some international netball, New Zealand v South Africa and England v Australia.



Christmas Tree Festival



Our application was successful to decorate a tree for the Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival. The theme for this year is 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. Ornaments and decorations for our tree were designed and created by Year 7, 8 and 9 Art and Textiles Clubs and Year 11 pupils studying Visual Communication. The after-school Cookery Club made their debut this year creating some fabulous iced biscuits to adorn the tree. Our tree can be seen in Stowmarket Library until 5 January 2019.



Textiles

Year 10 GCSE Textiles students have taken inspiration from our visit to The Fashioned by Nature Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. The pupils have designed their own unique fabric prints from which they are creating insulated lunch and bottle bags. So next year, be it incredibly hot or cold, our lunches will be the perfect temperature. We look forward to showing you the final outcomes in the next issue.



Artists in Amsterdam



Year 10 and Year 11 students spent four days in Amsterdam over the October half-term. We took our sketchbooks and cameras to capture an incredible whistle-stop tour of the city. The students were inspired by the variety and richness of the museums and we were able to view an eclectic mix of art works. We went to the Stedelijk Museum for modern art, the Moco Museum to see the Banksy collection and Rembrandt's House to see where he lived and worked. We went to the Van Gogh Museum, The Rijksmuseum and also went on a graffiti tour with a local graffiti artist and university lecturer. Students loved the hotel and the chocolate sprinkles at breakfast and we even managed to fit in some art workshops on the canal and back at the hotel in the evening. Students said the trip was creative, exciting and inspirational and they just wish we were there for longer. A fantastic way to spend a few days. **Mrs Carr**



Anti-bullying Week

You will recall from our last half-term, some Year 9 and 10 students attended workshops at The Royal Hospital School, to become anti-bullying ambassadors. During the first week after half-term these students led the school in remembering how important it is to live by our schools motto "To treat others as we would want to be treated", with particular reference to how we interact with each other online. The ambassadors conducted workshops in Year 7 tutor groups, created a resource for tutor time for the whole school and led activities in the new covered way.



Suffolk Skills Show

In October, Year 9 attended the Suffolk Skills Show at Trinity Park. The students had the chance to meet a wide range of employers from across the county and also people from numerous colleges and universities. The "have a go activities" were very popular with the tractor driving simulator being very realistic. A number of Debenham alumni were at the event representing colleges and business and they were very happy to speak to current students about what they have done since leaving the school.



Year 8 and 9 Charity Week

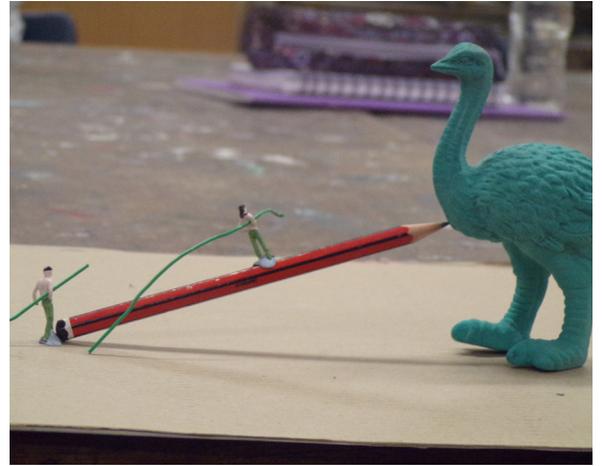
Year 8 and 9 Student Leaders took charge of the first Charity Week of the year, as students supported The Mix, a youth based charity in Stowmarket, and McMillan Cancer Research. From Dodgeball to staff busking in the covered way, there was plenty going on to mark the week, raising some money for two very worthy causes and having fun at the same time. A very grateful mention once more to Mrs Armstrong-Williams whose cakes constantly amaze us (@FantasyFancies). An impressive £975.30 was raised - thank you all for your support.



Year 9 Art: Surrealism

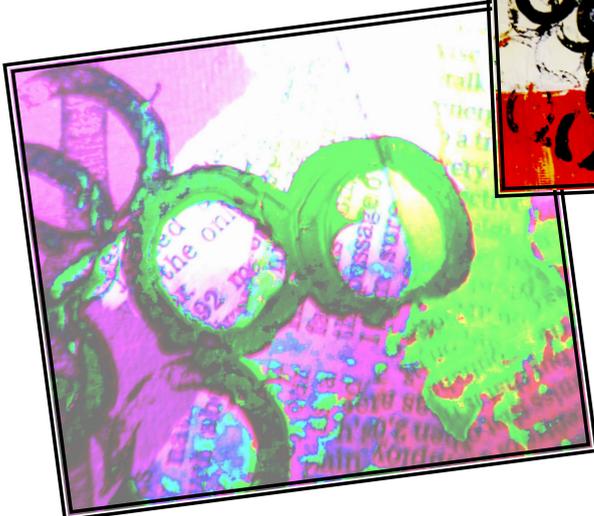
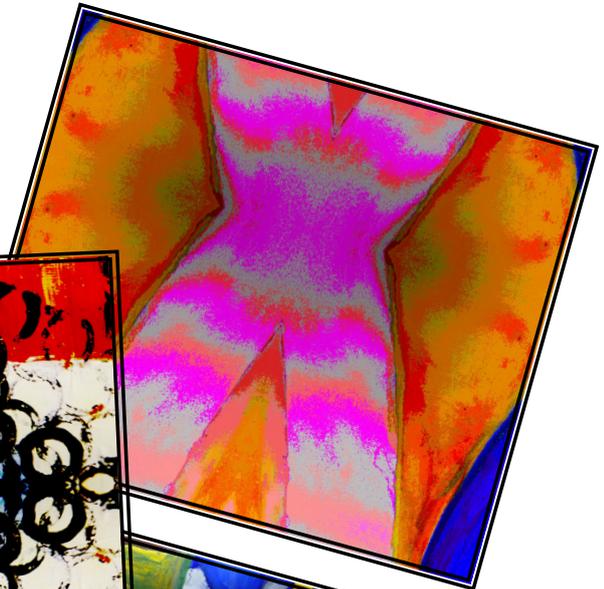
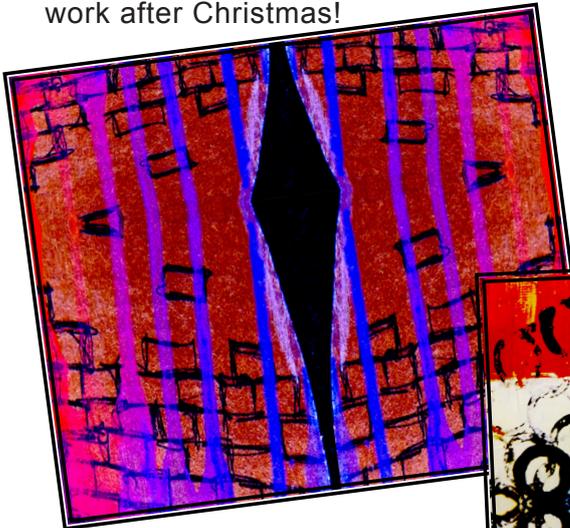


Under the theme of Surrealism Year 9 have looked at scale through photography, using Photoshop.

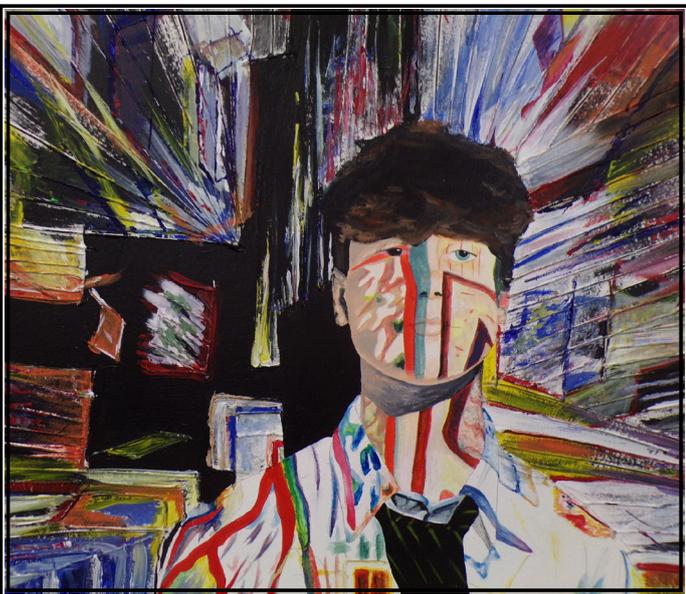
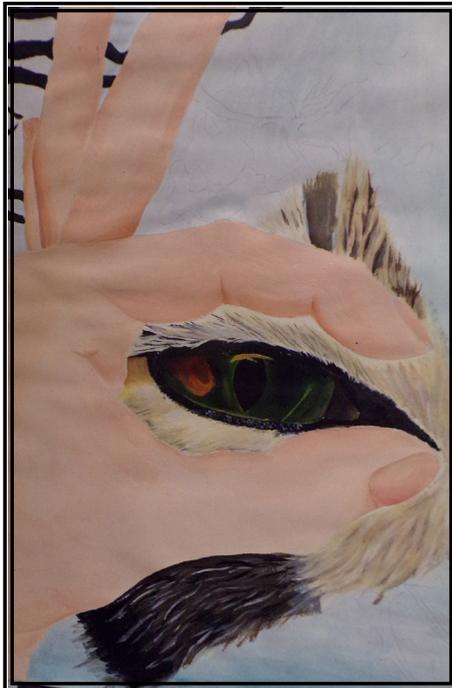
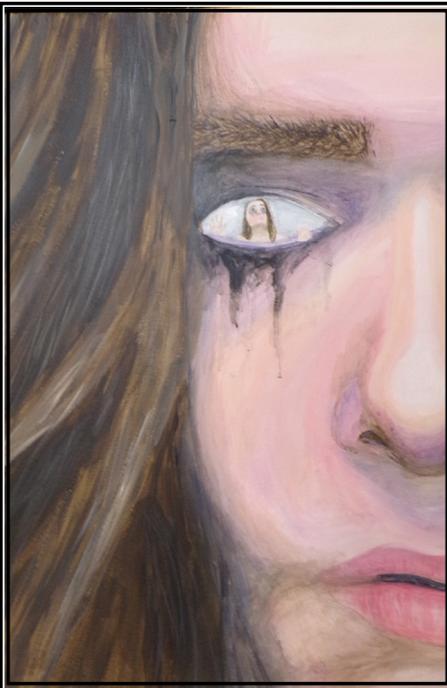
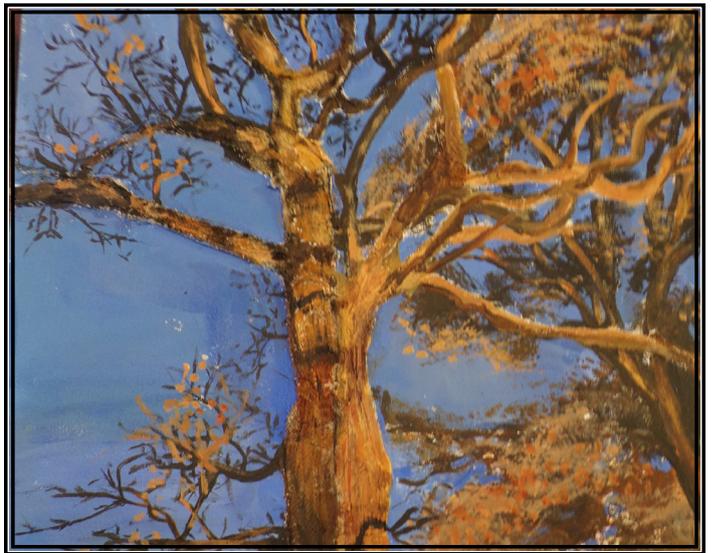


Year 10 Art

Year 10 students are enjoying working on their final pieces for the term. This term, as well as producing painted and collaged abstract canvases, they have also created dry point etches and used Photoshop to extend their work even further. As ever, we have been very impressed with the standard of work and the creativity the students have shown. We look forward to seeing their 3D work after Christmas!



Year 11 Art Mock Examination



Rising stars



Former Debenham High School student Lucy Turmel is leading the way in her sport. Lucy attended Debenham from 2011 to 2016 and during her time played for many sports teams including hockey, netball, athletics and rounders. Lucy was an exceptional sportswoman. She won School Sports Awards and, as one of the most natural sportswomen in her year group, was an asset to have in all our school teams.

Currently ranked 55th in the world, at 19 Lucy has already won the British Under 19 Junior Championship twice. She has also won a PSA title at the Barcelona Open this year and was runner up the Simon Warder Memorial Open, Canada, in November. She is currently the youngest player on the PSA World Tour and won the Scottish Open in March. Another fantastic achievement was beating world number three Nadine Shahine in September to reach the semi-finals of the Open International de Squash de Nantes. She was recently named as one of the 100 most influential Women in Suffolk. We hope to see Lucy on an olympic stage some time soon.

Here is a selection of some of our brilliant sportswomen that could possibly follow in Lucy's footsteps.

Alanna Demicoli-Keeling

Alanna is in Year 7 and plays football for the School team as well as netball and hockey. Alanna has done very well this year in football. She currently plays for Stowupland Girls Under 13 and has done so for the last 4 years. She has changed positions from defender to midfield with ease. Last season her team competed in the League Cup Final for 2017/18 season, it was a brilliant match unfortunately they lost but Alanna scored their only goal and won Girl of the Match. Alanna is doing so well that she has caught the eye of Norwich City Football Club and is currently in the U12 Elite Team. She trains twice a week with them and has played friendly matches. Her first fixture for NCFC is in February half term. She will be getting the opportunity to go on a tour next year and the chance to play at St George's Park our National Teams training ground.



Jess Menzies

Jess is in Year 9 and plays for all our school sports teams, not just for Year 9, but for older year groups too. Although Jess is an all-round athlete, her main sport is hockey and she plays for Harleston Magpies. In the season 2017/18 the U14 team became Champions of Suffolk and the Eastern Area which saw them qualify for the National Finals at the Lee Valley Hockey centre in the Olympic Park. They performed well and finished 4th. She was also in the Norfolk U13 team that won the East of England U13 championships in April. She has also retained her spot in the U14 Norfolk squad and is now playing Ladies league hockey for Magpies every weekend.



Alice King

Alice is in Year 9 and plays for most of our schools teams including netball, hockey, rounders, athletics and swimming. She is a superb sportswoman and is so talented that she competes at County level in two sports! Alice is in the Suffolk Futures Netball Squad, which she trains with every week including gym work and netball skills. Her club team, Civil Service, are one of the best teams in Suffolk after winning the Suffolk Clubs Championships. She also competes for Suffolk at 800m (PB 2.30.23) and ran cross country for Suffolk last weekend in Oxford. She was the 4th finisher from Suffolk with a PB of 16.15 mins for 4k.



Hockey and Netball



U12 Girls Hockey lost to Thomas Mills 2-1

U13 Girls v Drew 0-0 v Hadleigh, Farlingaye & Copleston, lost 1-0 Felixstowe
U13 mixed v lost Hadleigh 1-0, Farlingaye 3-0, Northgate 1-0 & beat Copleston 1-0

U14 mixed v Thomas Mills won 6-2

U14 Girls v Hartismere won 2-0, Thomas Mills won 1-0

U14 Boys v Hartismere lost 2-0, Thomas Mills won 1-0

U15 mixed v Thomas Mills lost 8-2

U16 mixed v Thomas Mills lost 6-1



Netball

Year 8A lost to Stowmarket
33-3

Year 8B lost Stowmarket
6-0

Year 10 v Thomas Mills
Year 11 lost 16-10

Otley College Careers Fair



A small group of Year 9 students attended a Careers Fair held at Otley College which brought together a number of key local businesses and organisations with a focus on the exciting opportunities which the land-based industries can offer right here in Suffolk.

Commemorative Assembly : Year 12



It was lovely to see our former Year 11 students as they returned for their GCSE Awards Ceremony. Students were presented with their certificates and prizes by former student, Harriett Johnson, who has just completed her graduate management training at Muntons.



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This edition, in sport, we give thanks to all those who contributed to new kit for our teams at the end of the summer term. We were overwhelmed with the response to our request to buy new strips for some of our sports teams. As you can see, we were able to go further than the original new Football Team request. Students are so proud to be in their professional-looking, new strips.

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Year 8 Art

Year 8 students have been looking at Environmental issues and have had the opportunity to exhibit at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds and also in the Apex at Bury St Edmunds. The photo is from a recent EADT article and is taken in the Apex at Bury St Edmunds. Students collaged polar bears and penguins to join with other schools and youth groups to raise awareness about pollution and waste.



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