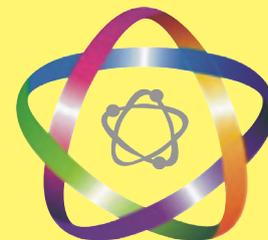


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2013-14 Easter edition



Head's Up

It has been another jam-packed half-term with some stunning achievements by so many students. Some of you may know that my secret aim is that every student is mentioned in Aspire at least once in their time with us. We aim to recognise and celebrate the achievements of all students, in and out of the classroom. Just last week our Year 10 students competed in the Young Enterprise competition at Adastral Park in Ipswich. Ours was the only school with a Year 10 team (all other schools offer this activity as a Year 12 option for students). Our team, QWURK, pitted their entrepreneurial skills against Year 12 teams from Woodbridge School, Farlingaye, Northgate, Thomas Mills and Ipswich Girls to name but a few. QWURK stole the show, winning six different categories and the overall winners award. This is a remarkable achievement, representing their hard work and commitment. Read about this and so much more inside this Easter edition.

As I approach the second anniversary of my arrival at Debenham High School I feel extremely proud to lead a school with so many talented and dedicated students and teachers. In this edition I hope to share with you some of the many reasons that make me smile on my way to work every day.

Julia Upton



Sarah Hotchkiss

Students entered our photography competition this year under the theme of COLLABORATION. There were lots of impressive entries but the three winners were: 1st place - Sarah Hotchkiss; 2nd place - Calvin Coe; 3rd place - Annie Voller.



Annie Voller



Calvin Coe

Mathematical Mastery

Students have been flexing their brain-power once again in a range of national competitions which test their logic and mathematical reasoning. Students from Debenham High School have been competing in the team and individual elements of the competition and have had some amazing results. Firstly in the individual competition, 600,000 students across the country entered the first round of the UK Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. Our winners were:

Gold (top 7% of all entrants)

Year 11 - Calvin Coe, William Seccombe; Year 10 - Giles Sohi; Year 9 - Aidan Coe

Silver (top 8 to 14% of entrants)

Year 11 - Andrew Corrigan, Careenza Miles, Cameron Hogg, Sophie Hutchinson, Christian Sherman, Alice Eddy, Freddie Wiltshire

Year 10 - Elizabeth Barrell, Blayn Bosworth, Jack Nelson, Matthew Cross, Willoughby Axtell

Year 9 - Poppy Fawkner, Ellen Heath, Hannah Champion, Jamilla Simpson

Bronze (top 15 to 40% of entrants)

Year 11 - Stephanie McAuley, Jack Millar, Anna Kinge

Year 10 - Suzanne Davison, William Everitt, Megan Williams, Joseph Ferrier, Hannah Lockwood, Megan Bridges, Philip Pinn

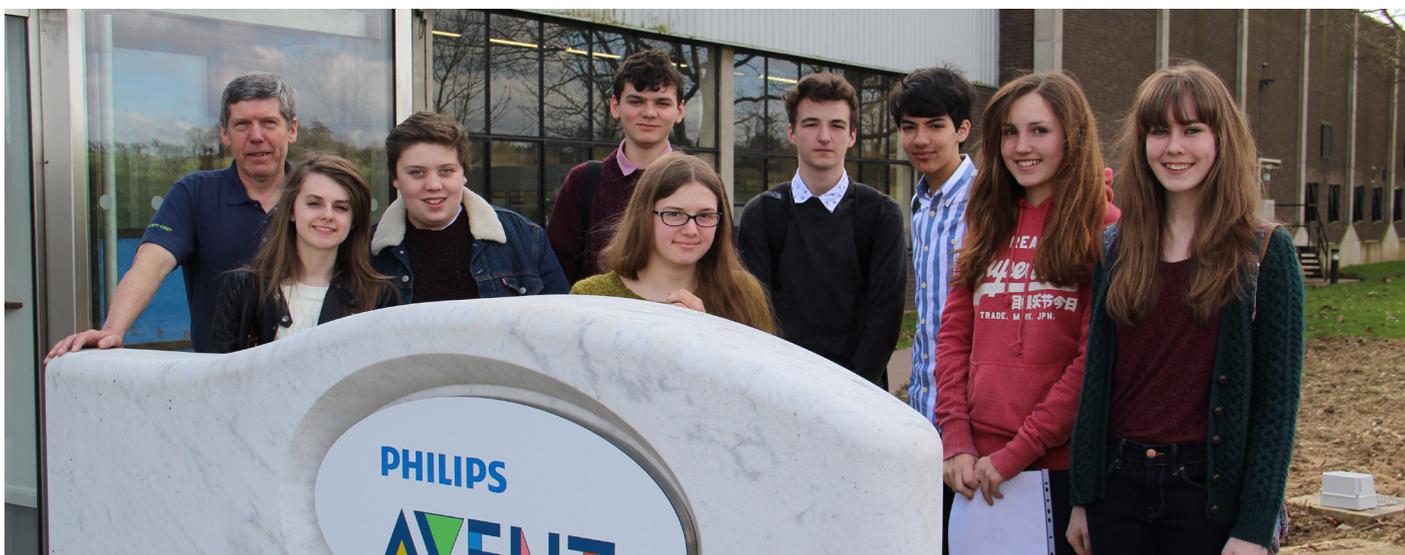
Year 9 - Bethan Barrett, Emily Walczak, Harry Fawkner, Callum Gorham, Charlie Boast, Jessica Hazelwood

To have so many winners is incredibly impressive. 5,500 students progress to the next stage of the competition - the European Kangaroo Round. Well done to:

Calvin Coe, Aidan Coe and Poppy Fawkner.

A group of Year 9 students also entered the team competition against all other schools in Suffolk. Our team of Matty Carter, Harry Fawkner, Aidan Coe and Sam Fowler were victorious and now progress to the regional stage of the competition.





Young Enterprise triumph again

On this occasion I am going to defer to the words of our business advisor, Mr Steven Phipps, congratulating the team after their incredible win at this year's competition.

Good Afternoon All 'QWURKS' Yes Indeed! You did win and you won well! You beat some stiff competition and you looked great. You managed to present yourselves as smart young professionals in a huge arena without losing your identity as a group of energetic Year 10s.

Your stage presence was entertaining and honest and crammed with professional detail, well done Lottie, Louise, Jack and Ewan and the unseen hero of the stage presentation - well done Suzie. To all of you, congratulations: Alex, Victoria, Ewan and team for persevering with the difficult experimentation working with silicone; Megan, your efforts on the Company Report should be well respected by all; Hannah, Zac and all who pulled the trade-stand together; Skye and others for developing such a powerful logo, brand and packaging; and Giles, the man in the counting house. It is impossible to select any one thing that makes a thing like this 'fly'. It is the 'whole' that creates the powerful impression of success. It is impossible to congratulate any one person in isolation. You all stood out yesterday. That overall impression that you presented to the business world, all the detail, all the organisation, all the positive attitude and that certain something that is hard to define made me very proud.

The team swept the boards at the competition winning the following trophies: Overall Winner, Best Trade Stand Award, Best Company Report, Communications Award, Product Development Award Skills and Understanding Award. You can visit Qwurk at the Framlingham Show on 12th and 13th April in the Young Entrepreneurs Tent and they will also be at the Suffolk Show in May.



Unsung Heroes

Just after half-term we took time out early one morning to recognise some of our unsung heroes across the school. Tutors were asked to nominate two students from each tutor group who exemplify what we value and stand for at Debenham High School. These students might not always get the glory as part of a winning team but day in, day out they work hard and give their all. As recognition of their achievements and thanks for all their hard work we invited them to breakfast one morning during registration. They chose from freshly baked croissants, bacon rolls and fresh juice to set them up for the day. Well done to all students who were selected, you are an asset to Debenham High School.

Year 7

James Parry and Isabelle Woodhouse
Megan Jack and Eddie Speight
Anna Mowles and Morgan Manly
Lottie Lankester and Ethan Wright
Emily Salisbury and Evie Paddon

Year 8

Victoria Crookes and Ryan Nixon
Scarlet Eade and Henry Haddon
Tom Irving and Rosie Halliday
Izzy Rutherford and Joe Farrall
Jodie Mitson and Mark Lee

Year 9

Ryan Bridges and Connor Williams
Joel Ryder and Beth Shaw
Chesca Matta and Sean Chadwick
Harriet Simpson and Harry Eade
Eleana Norman and Matt Bensley

Year 10

Poppy Valentine and Joseph Graham
Beth Jacobs and Nat Brown
Adam Whayman and Alex Warnes
Megan Bridges and Moses Adams
Sid Griffiths and Mark Norman

Year 11

Liam Smith and Zoe Smurthwaite
Jade Burnett and Matt Watts
James Johnson and Katie Moore
Harry Woollard and Aisling McGuire
Ollie Cook and Becca Palfrey



Year 7 Castles

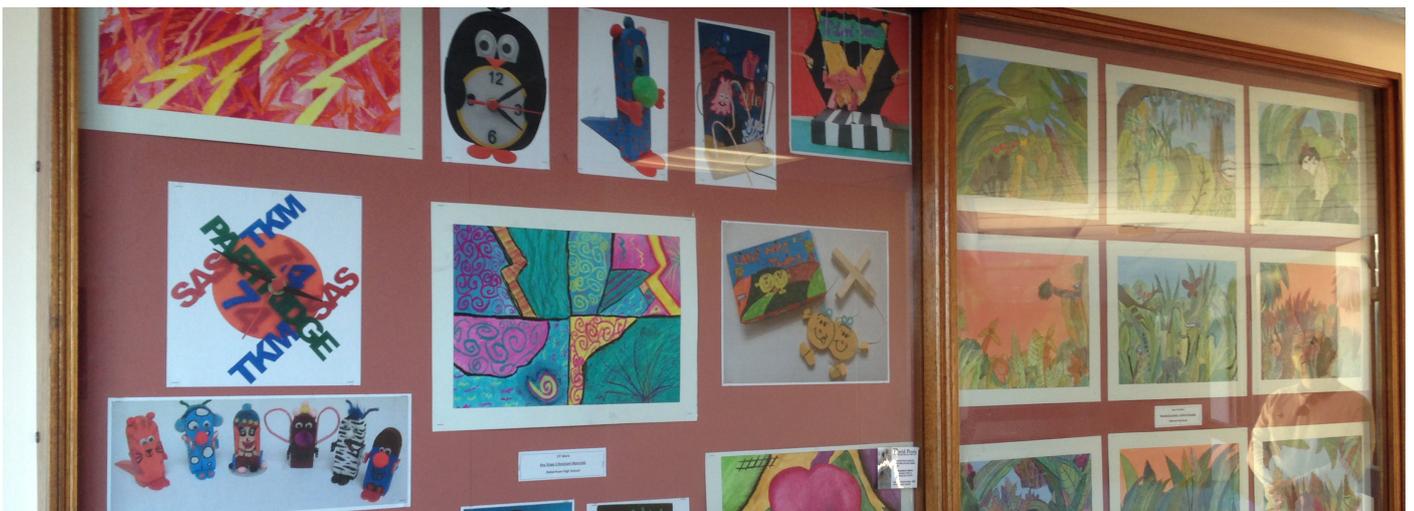
As you may have read in a previous edition, Year 7 students study Motte and Bailey castles in their Year 7 History course. After visiting Mountfitchet Castle they continue to bring this era to life with their representations of these impressive constructions.



Art work on display



Our students have been showing their creativity in Art and Technology and this term Mrs Carr completed a display of their work in Ipswich Hospital. Work from Key Stage 3 has created a colourful display for those visiting to appreciate. With inspiration from African art to cubism there is something for every taste.



GCSE Art



GCSE Art students have been hard at work in the last few weeks. They have to complete a portfolio of work and then over two full days they have to create their final piece. Here are some of their impressive results.



In brief

A visitor to the school

We were delighted to welcome Bishop David Thomson to the school on Monday in the last week of term. Bishop David is the interregnum Bishop, joining the diocese from Ely, until a permanent appointment is made next year. The Bishop is the chair of our Academy Trust. He took an assembly and made a tour of the school with Vice-chair of governors Mr Carruthers.



Climate Change?

As it gets warmer and we all think about getting outside and getting those green fingers active in the garden, how about this for an idea? Our Science department, under the eye of Mrs Woods, have been experimenting with a new type of green house. In order to consider different types of environments and their effect on plant growth Mrs Woods (ably assisted by Mr Malster) has built this new eco-friendly greenhouse. It has withstood recent winds and we eagerly await to see the results on the foliage!



Clic Sargent

Thanks again to all for the amount of money raised for this charity in our Year 11 week. Anna Kinge and Calvin Coe presented the cheque to Alison Ramsay from the



Puzzle Corner

Word games

Cabotage - does it mean:

- a) To cook using the French cheese Cabot
- b) A love of a certain green or red vegetable
- c) Coastal navigation

Maths mayhem

An eight-digit number contains two 1's, two 2's, two 3's, and two 4's. The 1's are separated by one digit, the 2's by two digits, the 3's by three digits, and the 4's by four digits. What is the number?

Multi-lingual challenge

Can you translate these words? As always, these "triples" have the same meaning in English.

Italian

tuorlo d'uovo
Domenica delle Palme
Sasso

French

jaune d'oeuf
Dimanche des Rameaux
pierre

Spanish

yema di huevo
Domingo de Ramos
piedra

Reading on



With continued championing of reading, students competed in a World Book Day quiz in the Learning Resource Centre this term. The room was packed and the competition fierce. Well done to all those who took part and to this year's winners: 1st: Book Burners - Hannah Miles, Lily James and Sheridan Warner
2nd: The Dog Fishies - Ryan Dennis, Will Bagnall and Adam Johnson and Pink Fluffy Unicorns – Abbi Goodenough, Amber McBlane, Holly Bloomfield



Year 8 Leaders

Year 8 Charity Week

Year 8 students led the way in our charity week raising money for CaRes (Cancer Research UK) and Evelina Children's Care. Students raised an impressive £915.71 through collection of copper coins, guess the sweets in the jar, an interform quiz, dodgeball, and a cake sale. Well done to all involved, especially the Year leaders who organised the whole week.



Year 9 - Trip

All Year 9 students visited the Imperial War Museum as part of their History course this term. Students were able to immerse themselves in some of the most iconic aircraft in the world and get hands-on with the award-winning interactive exhibitions. IWM Duxford is home to an impressive collection of over two hundred aircraft as well as tanks, military vehicles and boats. Students (and it seems Mr McMillan) completed work related to their course which they will continue on their return to the classroom this coming term.



Imperial War Museum



Sports round-up

There has been so much going on I'm afraid there is no room for photographs in this edition. We have even had to shrink the font to fit it all in! Well done to all our students who have represented the school this term.

Hockey and Netball results

Under 16 Mixed Hockey Team 2nd in the High Suffolk School Sport Partnership Tournament.

Under 15 Girls Hockey v Thomas Mills won 1-0

Under 15 Girls Hockey v Thomas Mills lost 2-0 (we played them x2)

Under 13 Girls Hockey v Thomas Mills lost 1-0

Year 7 and Year 8 High Suffolk School Sport Partnership netball tournament, both teams came 4th

Year 9 girls hockey tournament - 2nd

Karting

The Under 18 Karting Team have qualified for the regional finals at Daytona, Milton Keynes. Debenham entered two teams into the local finals and the A team drove magnificently to win the competition. The B team came 5th after some very bad luck. The team will now travel to Milton Keynes on Wed 23rd April to compete against Eastern and Midland teams and hopefully claim one of the finals places next month in Northampton.

A Team - Cameron Hallett, Dom Brock & Charlie Machin

B Team Jamie Evans, Callum Stinton & Callum Scott.

Rugby

North Suffolk Cup at Woodbridge RFC

We took 2 squads, a total of 36 players, for this tournament. Year 11 and a combined Year 10/9 emerging squad.

The Year 11 squad played two games winning both which meant a place in the regional final. Player of the tournament was Xavier Valentine. The Year 10/9 squad had 4 games and on their first outing managed to win one of their games against very good opposition. A creditable performance. Players of the tournament were Alex Warnes, Adam Wayman and Will Bagnall. Elite 7's at Stowmarket RFC.

With a squad of 12 players, 3 of whom had never played a game before, we enjoyed mixed results but were happy to come away with a win and a draw in our pool. Player of the Tournament was Tim Leggett.

Suffolk Cup plate finals

We had a good day and the squad gained a great deal of experience giving us a solid platform going into next season. Players of the tournament were Max Lindley and Marcus McMyn.

Boys Football

Year 7 v Stradbroke 8-4 Winners, Year 7 Tournament at Stradbroke Runners Up

Year 8 Tournament at Stradbroke Winners, Year 8 County Cup 4th Round v Northgate, unfortunately narrowly beaten 2-1

Year 9 v Stradbroke 4-0 Winners

Year 11 v Stradbroke 3-1 Winners

Other sports

Year 10/11 Boys Handball at Suffolk One - Runners Up in Eastern Region Finals

Year 8 Girls Indoor Athletics - Winners of Northern Area Finals

Year 8 Boys Indoor Athletics - Runners Up of Northern Area Finals

Year 10 Girls Indoor Athletics - Winners of Northern Area Finals

Under 13 Sportshall athletics

Both a girls and boys team competed at the indoor partnership event held at Bungay. All team members compete in at least two events including speed bounce and the obstacle relay. After the field events the girls were in first place while the boys were 5th. After some great individual performances in the track events, particularly by Tim Leggett and Baris Altintop, the boys finished 2nd overall to Hatismere. The girls maintained their position and finished overall winners.

Under 13 Girls cricket

The girls competed at the partnership competition held at Debenham Leisure Centre. Despite only having two training sessions the girls performed superbly, beating Bungay in their first game, scoring 79 runs and restricting their opponents to 29 runs.

This was mainly due to Lauren Swinburne taking two wickets in her first four balls. Next was Hartismere, and a 20 run win was gained, with good batting from Lauren and Romilly Hughes. The girls won overall and now await the winners of the Lowestoft schools to decide who goes forward to the county finals.

Under 16 Boys Badminton

Matt Cross, Tom Godfrey, Charlie Machin and Billy Apps represented the school in this competition, despite all being from Year 10. The area competition just before Christmas was right in the middle of Year 11 mocks so it was tricky to allow these pupils out of lessons. The boys stepped in and promptly won, beating schools from Thomas Mills, Stradbroke, Bungay, Alde Valley and Hartismere. The boys progressed to the County final at Bury and were placed in a tough group of three other schools. They beat East Bergholt 3-2, with victory coming in the last doubles match, they then lost to eventual winners Thurston 4-1, but recovered to beat Castle Manor 4-1 and reach the 3rd/4th playoff. The boys finished 4th which bodes well for next year.

Table Tennis

The squad, buoyed by their performance last term in the county finals, travelled to Stradbroke to play them in a friendly competition. This was a good opportunity for some members to face competitive matches for the first time. 60 matches were played, in both singles and doubles and despite some good wins, Stradbroke won the competition by 42 pts to 18.