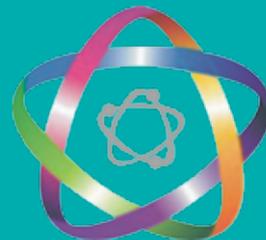


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Up front

This half-term seems to have whizzed by, it barely seems a few weeks ago that we were returning from our Easter break. With examinations now in full swing, the school is in serious mode as Year 10 and 11 students undertake external examinations before and after half-term.

You may have read in the newspaper that we were delighted to be designated a Teaching School. This means that we will build upon our current links working with other local high schools and the primary schools within our pyramid to share expertise in teaching strategies and support the development of the newest entrants to the teaching profession. These two areas have always been an important part of Debenham High School and the Teaching School status is an accolade that acknowledges our work across these themes.

Julia Upton

Midsummer at Crow's Hall

You are cordially invited to celebrate the unions of Theseus, Hippolyta, Lysander, Helena, Hermia and Demetrius on July 1st and July 2nd.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a magical evening at Crow's Hall, Debenham. Enjoy live music while you enjoy a picnic and explore the beautiful gardens, before entering the world of fairies, lovers, misapplied love potions and comedic twists in the main barn.

Four lovers, having an argument in the Athenian woods at midnight, are confused by fairies who are only trying to help. Throw in some magic, a custody battle, and an amateur actor who unsuspectingly becomes the fairy queen's love interest... oh and a magic set of ass's ears... and there you have it – A Midsummer Night's Dream.



We are very excited about performing this magical tale at such a stunning venue. The evening will showcase the many talented musicians and actors from Years 9 and 10, all of who have been working hard in rehearsals over the past few months. Tickets available through the school gateway, or the main office.



Duke of Edinburgh

Our thirty Bronze DofE students had their first real taste of expedition life with their practice hike over the weekend of 23 April. Our walking teams were:

Team “Where?”, Team “Lost Causes”, Team “Unlimited Liability”
Team “Chicken Nugget Queens”, Team “The Walking Dead”

The weather was truly awful, some of the worst we have seen in years! Teams had to cope with near freezing temperatures, wind, rain, sleet and hail on their 25 mile hike, but they all finished it. Their resilience was tested in other ways too – there was a fair bit of “creative” navigation, rucksacks that were nearly the same size as some of them, sore knees, backs and ankles, blisters, ditches and nettles/brambles that had been specifically trained to catch hikers, as well as tent poles that seemed to have a life all of their own.

Teams were a credit to themselves and to the school. All supporting staff members would like to pass on their thanks to the teams for tackling their problems head on, putting up with horrid conditions, keeping their smiles and making the weekend fun for everyone.

Assessed expeditions take place the weekend before half-term, as Apsire goes to press. Then it is the turn of our Silver teams as they head to The Weald in Sussex for their final expedition in July.



Salter's Chemistry Festival



On the 19 May, we went to the University of East Anglia to take part in the Salter's Chemistry competition. First of all we had two challenges to complete in our teams. One was testing inks using chromatography and the other was testing white powders using chemical reactions. Once we had finished all the practical work, we had to complete a forensic report to complete the mystery of the suspects. We had to figure out who was the victim and the main suspect.

Once our first challenge was finished, we had lunch then a walk around campus where we almost got lost (good job it wasn't a Geography Fieldtrip)! Once we found our way back, we took part in the University Challenge. In this challenge, we had to make six different colours with hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide and universal indicator. We successfully made all the colours and then we got judged and we had to remake two of the colours proving that we could use our recipe to make it again.

Finally, we watched a practical presentation called "Kitchen Chemistry" The professor showed us lots of cool things one which was making different shape bubbles with a smaller shape inside of it. There was also changing the colour of a sports drink with one shake and he explained the science behind it. There was then prize giving where we received small gifts from Salters.

We really enjoyed this Science day and working in proper labs was amazing. It was also really fun to be able to walk around the university campus and experience the way we carried out the science experiments.

Elise Golding



Master

In GCSE Food Technology Year 10 and 11 students have been busy all this term designing and making products for their Controlled Assessment. This work forms part of their overall grade and allows them to demonstrate their significant practical culinary skills.

The Year 10 group have embarked on their first Unit, making protein foods aimed at a specific target group with a nutritional focus.

Year 11 selected a celebration theme and then designed and made four creative products appropriate for their celebration.

I defy their dishes not to make you hungry.



Jack Mackay



Kirsty Rowe



Izzy Marsden



Daniel Hempstead

YEAR 10



Darren Lindeman



Maddison Arnold



Julie Davy



Jaznay Robinson

Chefs



YEAR 11



Congratulations

To all students who achieved Grade examinations in music last term. A super range of instruments and some stunning achievements from all stages of their learning.

Pictures below from A Midsummer Night's Dream rehearsals.

Name	Instrument	Grade	Level
Susanna Halliday	Violin	2	DISTINCTION
Lily Hudson	Violin	3	DISTINCTION
Alea Shaw	Flute	3	PASS
Molly Weir	Flute	5	PASS
Emily Walker	French Horn	1	DISTINCTION
Ella Bedford	French Horn	1	DISTINCTION
Mia Francis	French Horn	1	DISTINCTION
Emma Sharpe	French Horn	3	MERIT
Poppy Simpson	Trumpet	4	MERIT
Zoe Hurst	Cornet	2	DISTINCTION
Freddie Grover	Trombone	2	DISTINCTION
Kyle Day	Saxophone	3	MERIT
Charlotte Codd	Saxophone	3	MERIT
Joel Etchingam	Saxophone	3	PASS
Bailey Rockett	Saxophone	5	DISTINCTION
Catherine Mole	Saxophone	6	MERIT
Christabelle Muir	Piano	2	MERIT
Alfie Tourney-Godfrey	Piano	2	MERIT
Lily Turner-Smith	Piano	2	MERIT
Faye Poole	Singing	1	DISTINCTION
Caitlin Shore	Singing	4	DISTINCTION
Francesca Matta	Singing	5	MERIT
Ellie Billington	Singing	5	MERIT
Jennifer Jacobs	Piano	2	PASS
Bethany Leach	Piano	1	PASS
Jude Hislop	Piano	1	PASS
Naomi Glasse	Piano	1	DISTINCTION
Tabitha Euston	Piano	3	DISTINCTION
Phoebe Eglington	Piano	4	MERIT
Nathan Austin	Piano	6	MERIT
Nathan Godding	Piano	6	PASS
Gina McDonald	Piano	6	DISTINCTION



On the slopes in Italy



Easter saw the largest ski trip ever taken. 64 skiers and 8 staff travelled for 24 hours across Europe to reach the snowy slopes of Sexten in the Italian Alps. With a mix of skiers, from complete beginners to seasoned pro's, a great time was had by all. Highlights of the trip must be the Year 11 boys' choir singing 'Price Tag' on the ski lift at the end of each day, the enormous amount of pasta on offer at mealtimes and seeing Mr McMillan fall over while trying to ski without skis!

The next trip won't be nearly as big, but we are all keen to go back to the same resort for more.



Year 10 Art

At the start of term, Year 10 Art students had an opportunity to visit Suffolk One for a taught life drawing session. It was such fun looking at the A level Art work and finding out about further opportunities in Art as well as the discussing the importance of drawing. Drawing from life is a complex and important skill and the Year 10 students ended up with some stunning work after spending a few hours drawing Tina, the life model.

Their skills will be tested even further as they take on the challenge of painting staff members' portraits over the summer term. Who could be more charismatic to start with? than Mr Keane.



The pupils in Years 7 and 8 have once again performed very well indeed in the Junior Maths Challenge organised by the UK Mathematics Trust. Five pupils, who were awarded gold certificates, have also gained sufficiently high scores to go forward to the next Kangaroo round. These are Ewan Green, Alfie Tournay Godfrey and Abubakar Al-Amin in Year 8 along with Nicholas Van Ek and Samuel Challis in Year 7. We wish them well when this takes place later in June. Gold certificates were also awarded to Toby Stallard, Andrew Driver, Madoc Karthaus and Jennifer Rochford. 15 further pupils achieved a silver certificate with another 15 being awarded a bronze certificate. We also congratulate Aidan Coe who was awarded a Certificate for Merit in the Kangaroo round of the Intermediate Maths Challenge earlier in the year.



Gold Award Winners

Year 8

Alfie	Tournay-Godfrey
Abubakar	Al-Amin
Toby	Stallard
Andrew	Driver

Year 7

Nicholas	Van Ek
Samuel	Challis
Madoc	Karthaus
Jennifer	Rochford

Silver Award Winners

Year 8

Elise	Dix
Richard	Denny
Arlo	Foster
Nathan	Rooney
Emily	King
Mollie	Richardson
Joshua	Goulton
Callum	McLoughlin
Emily	Anderson

Year 7

Elsie	Mason
Maisy	Ward-Jackson
Frazer	McMyn
Rhiannon	Jones
Ella	Bedford
William	Culley

Bronze Award Winners

Year 8

Isabel	Shield
Thomas	Boast
Michael	Bartholomew
Tom	Morris
Poppy	Simpson
Glenn	Canham
Francis	Ouko

Year 7

Philippa	Redstall
Owen	Sheppard
George	Morris
Connor	Callan
Zoe	Hurst
Toby	Towler
Amelie	Clark
Tyler	Rodwell

The Somme Battlefields

Despite the very early start and late return, Year 9 students thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Somme battlefields. Those taking History GCSE next year were able to experience first hand, some of the key sites of World War I.

First, students visited Sunken Lane where they experienced a visual walk through at the site of the first wave of advancement in July 1916. At Thiepval Memorial to the Missing students laid a wreath in remembrance for all those who fell. The Memorial bears the names of 72,194 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces. These men died in the Somme battle sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Here students also learnt about the medical experiences in the war, including how medics diagnosed injuries and prioritised treatments, literally on the battlefield.

The final stop was Newfoundland Memorial Park, a site on the Somme battlefield near to Beaumont Hamel. This memorial, to those from Canada who served in the war, remembers the lives of around 600 men, two-thirds of the battalion, who gave their lives in 1916.

A moving trip that will stay with students for their GCSE studies and indeed many years to come.



A talented group of Year 10 students have been operating all year as private limited company MEMOit in the national Young Enterprise scheme. This has involved raising capital in order to research, design and manufacture a range of acrylic desk-top and wall-mounted memo boards.

The group's interim report and accounts qualified them for the Suffolk area final where they had to set up a trade stand, answer the judges' interview questions and deliver a presentation in front of an invited audience of over 200 people at UCS.

The team delivered a polished performance recounting their journey from idea, constant modifications made through product research, to negotiations with suppliers, which enabled them to produce an attractive and marketable product.

Highlights include sales turnover of over £2,000, Net Profit of over £1000 and organising sales at many events throughout the year, the most successful being the sale of over 80 units at The Framlingham Market. The competition was tense with 12 companies competing with a variety of ideas, the majority being Year 12 and 13 students from a range of Suffolk schools.



MEMOit were awarded two initial prizes – Best Product Development Award and Best Presentation. To then be crowned overall runners up was a major achievement and I am incredibly proud of all that this talented team of individuals have achieved over the year.

Young Enterprise has enabled the students to experience the challenge and excitement of running a small business and given them a chance to communicate with other businesses and members of the public. To watch their confidence and personal development grow throughout the year has been a privilege and I have certainly enjoyed working with them. Sometimes it can be frustrating for the students and feel like an impossible task but through working together they have achieved an award as recognition for their efforts and also been able to repay shareholders who showed faith in the early stages with a 264% return on their investment in seven months.

Memo It Team: Freddie Grover, Emily Bower, Ellie Fawkner, Tom Irving, Nathan Austin, Ed Botwright, Jodie Mitson, Emma Turner, Julie Davy, Henry Lockwood, Emilina Sunderland and Nathan Godding. Extra thanks to Mr Sharpe and our business advisers from Ransomes Jacobsen.

Mrs Wilson, Business Studies and Young Enterprise teacher

Local Engineering

A group of Year 9 students interested in engineering were given the opportunity to visit the Bramford Electricity Substation. Bramford is a 400kV operational Substation with one of the largest Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) halls in the country. Once the substation is complete, circa 2019, up to 20% of UK electricity generation will pass it, which will include future nuclear and off-shore wind farm projects.

The aim of the day was to engage and empower students teaching them some specifics about energy and give a taste of a professional, work based environment. Part of the day included a presentation given by employees of National Grid, General Electric and SKANSKA. They were also shown some of the 'hardware' used to keep the lights on and learnt how it works. They looked at the future of energy and the issues facing society of how to obtain affordable, reliable but sustainable energy.



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