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Head start

The temperature has been up and down, but fortunately the sun has shone on some of our trips and visits this half-term. It has been a short but successful few weeks, punctuated with the early May Bank Holiday and a of course a royal wedding this last weekend. As you will read inside, we have had county success in football, Book Mastermind and Team Mathematics.

We wish the very best of luck to all our Year 11 students, who are, as I type, in the thick of their GCSE examinations. Year 11 have worked really hard throughout their time with us and we hope to help them to keep the balance of revision and relaxation right in these coming weeks. They have been a super year group and we wish them well for their exams and their lives beyond Debenham High School. My thanks go to their form tutors (Mrs Farrow, Mr Rockett, Mrs Halford-Thompson, Mrs Carr and Mr Dubberley) and Head of Year, Mr Trevorrow, who have carefully, with love and compassion, guided them through their development with us.

Julia Upton

A new student leadership team



Well done to all our newly selected prefects for the next academic year:

Franek Ouko, Charlotte Codd, Amelia Bysouth, Charlie Williamson, Millie Finbow, Gina Hills-Keyte, Matthew Langley, Charlie Hill, Molly Warnes, Leah Hughes, Rosie Hudson, Alicia Stephens, Olivia Keeble, Courtney Baalam, Ollie Davey, Tom Morris, Zach Flatt, Lucy Clarke, Nick Haynes, Jenny Jacobs, Ellie Boyle, Callum McLoughlin, Ewan Green, David Ramsay, Will Halford-Thompson, Luke Bower, Willow Ainge, Mikey Bartholemew, Jess Way, Poppy Simpson, Mollie Richardson, Grace Borrowes, Emma Burley, Asher Oxborrow, Tom Boast, Ellie Jacques, Robert Wing, Hope Patterson, Catherine Odell, Sophie Haddon, Tommy Paddy, Ambra Manly, Andrew Driver, Flora Fletcher, Maddie Wood, Tom Baker, Gregory Kett, Glenn Canham, Sarah Harrison, Isabel Shield, Elise Golding, Emily King, Esme Howton, Isabella Wilson, Naomi Ryder

Congratulations to all our newly appointed student leadership team.

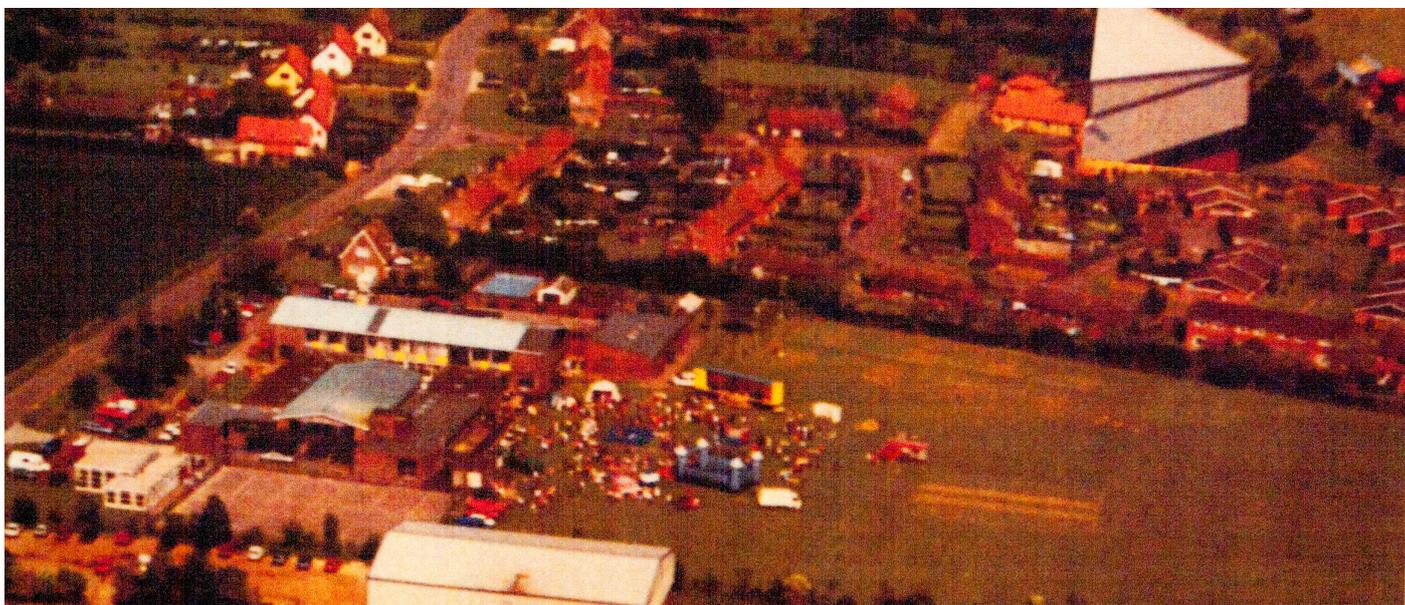
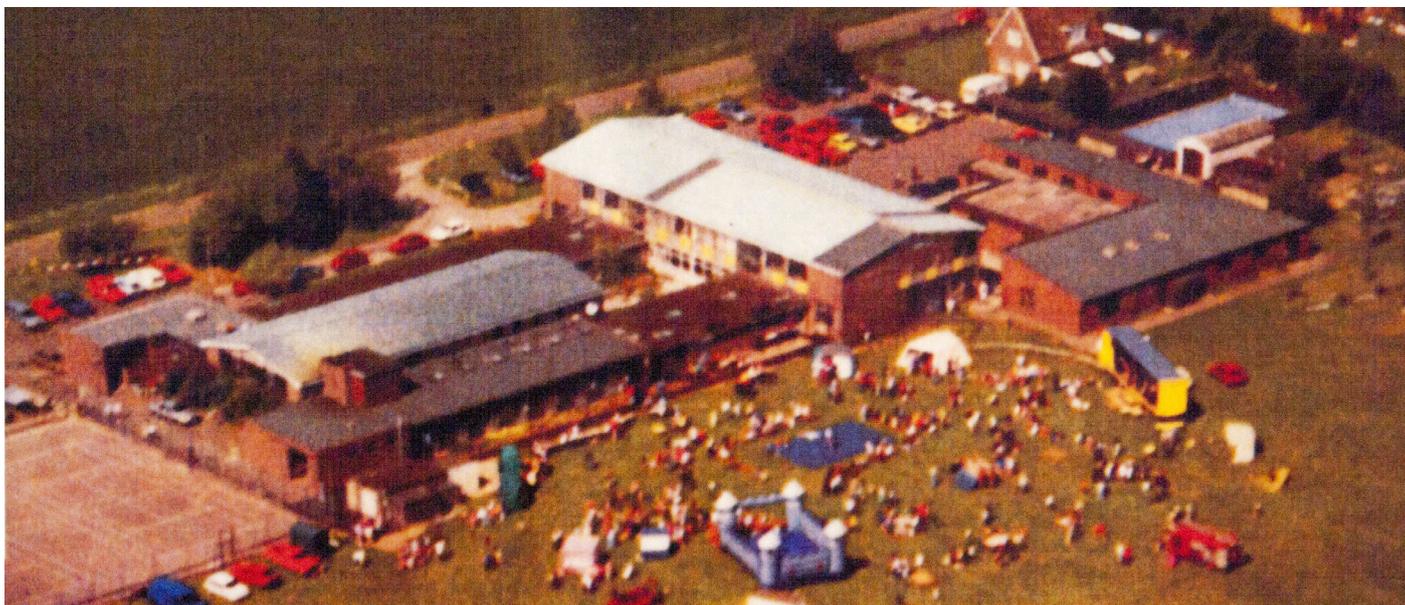
Head Boy and Girl: Joshua Goulton and Elise Dix

Deputy Head Boy and Girl: Sully Manto and Beth Maundrell



Then and now

Following the completion of our drama studio, we have had some ariel shots of the school taken. The site (and technology used to take the shot) has certainly changed since the 1980s. Middle - the school today, taken by drone; top and bottom - the school in the 1980s, taken by a camera on a kite. How many differences can you see (including the outdoor swimming pool)?



Amazing Mathematics

The Mathematics Department is very pleased to announce that our team of Kathryn Reynolds, Barnaby Challis, Jay Rochford and Nicholas Van Ek have progressed through to the National Final of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge. They qualified as high-scoring runners up from the regional final at Framlingham College. The remarkability of this achievement should not be understated as almost 1750 schools entered the competition, with only 88 taking part in the final. The final is at the Royal Horticultural Halls in London on Monday 18 June. We wish the team the very best of luck.



Top set mathematicians in Year 11, 10 and 9 also took part in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge (you may recall our Junior winners in the last edition). Congratulations to all Gold, Silver and Bronze winners listed below, a demonstration of their problem-solving dexterity. Special mention should also go to Ewan Green, Year 10, who achieved the highest score in the school.

<p>Gold George Johnson Jake Phillips Isaac Bachu Rory Coe Ewan Green Andrew Driver Alfie Tournay-Godfrey Jay Rochford</p>	<p>Bronze Isabella Woodley Leigh Dennis Ryan Keeble James Davies-Stokes Will Chapman Aluric Humphrys Alex Smale Joseph Styles Jessica Gaitley Emma Burley Glenn Canham Molly Warnes Callum Mcloughlin Arlo Foster Toby Stallard Tom Morris Willow Ainge Joshua Collier Amelie Clark Lucy Johnson Zoe Hurst Maisy Ward-Jackson Amelia Adams Emily Walker William Culley Frazer McMyn Elsie Mason Ella Bedford</p>	<p>One of the rounds in the Team Challenge is a relay. You need the answer to the last question to solve the next. Can you reach the final answer? A1</p> <p>Each letter represents the number corresponding to its position in the alphabet. For example, $A = 1$, $B = 2$, $C = 3$ and $Z = 26$. Pass on the value of $(U - K) \times M - T$.</p> <p><i>T is the number you will receive.</i> A2</p> $K = \frac{5}{6}T - \frac{4}{5}T + \frac{2}{3}T - \frac{1}{2}T.$ <p>Pass on the value of $\frac{K}{2}$.</p> <p><i>T is the number you will receive.</i> A3</p> <p>A number sequence is created by subtracting the nth even number from the nth square. The sequence starts $-1, 0, 3, \dots$ Pass on the value of the Tth term in this sequence.</p> <p><i>T is the number you will receive.</i> A4</p> <p>One of the angles in a pentagon is $(T + 1)^\circ$. The other four angles are in the ratio of the first four triangular numbers. The largest angle is K°. Write down the value of K.</p>
<p>Silver Jake Smith Morgan Manly Nerys Feeney-Howells Ethan Wright Zinnia Smart Isabelle Woodhouse Helena Hines Mollie Richardson Abubakar Alaminn Elise Dix Emily King Richard Pachebat Nathan Rooney Emily Anderson Nicholas Van ek Jack Newcombe Sam Challis Madoc Karthaus</p>		

Skiing in Italy



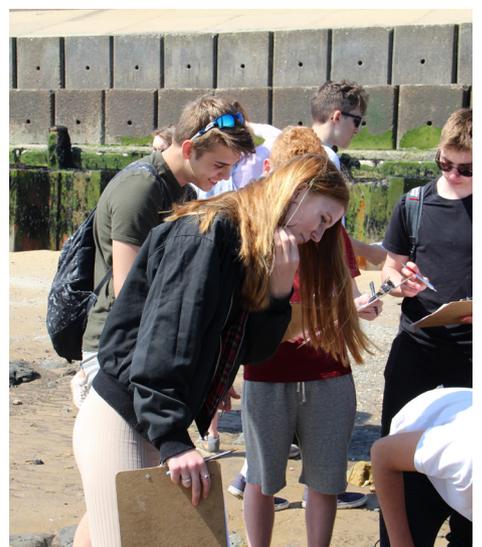
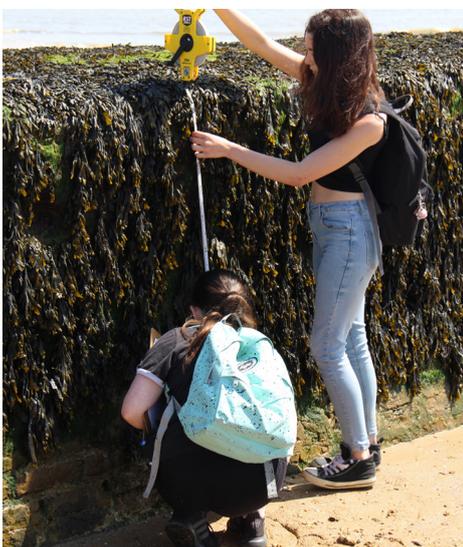
At Easter, the ski trip departed for the beautiful Dolomite mountains in Italy. After a very long coach journey, delayed by four hours, we arrived in the resort excited to get on the piste. With fresh snowfall most days, skiing conditions were excellent. We skied through tunnels, down spirals, past giant snowmen, over jumps... and everyone skied down a black run at least once! The group showed grit and determination to continue, even with blisters, tired legs and aching joints. Evening activities of bowling, swimming and ice cream filled the days. It was a trip to remember.



Skiing in Italy



Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip



Walton-on-the-Naze

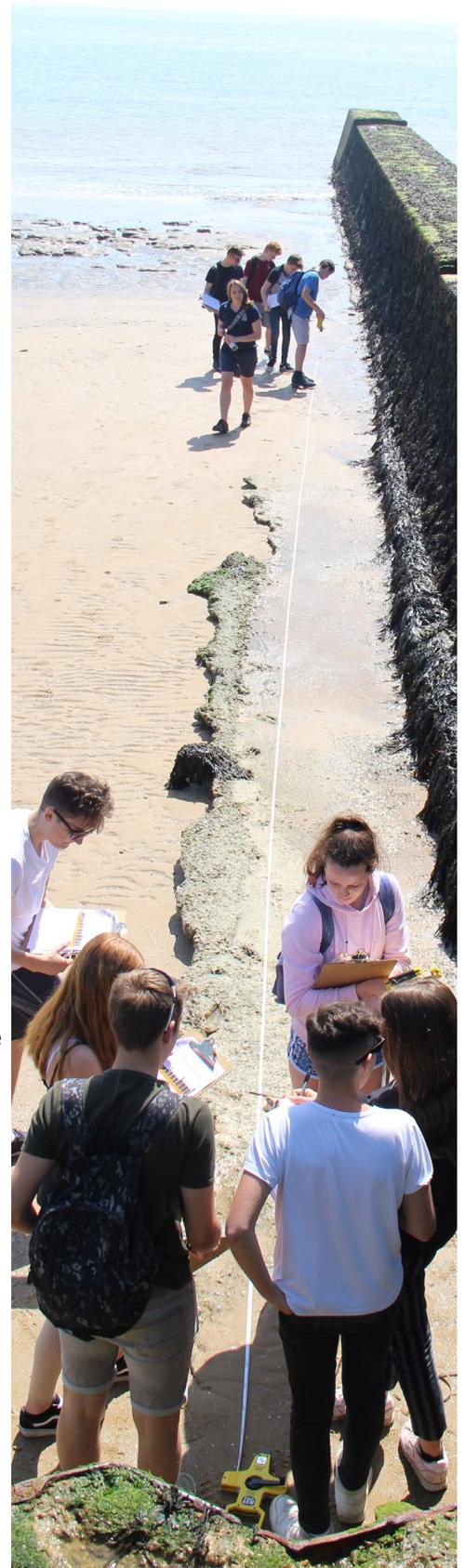
As part of our GCSE Geography, we recently visited Walton-On-The-Naze for our geographical applications and skills examination paper. Whilst there, we conducted various data collection methods such as groyne depth analysis and beach profiling, carefully considering our sampling technique for each one. Groyne depth analysis entailed taking various measurements of the sediment trapped next to groynes and told us the direction of longshore drift, as well as giving us an insight into whether our hypothesis of “Longshore Drift is Managed By Hard Engineering At Walton-On-The-Naze” was true.

Beach profiling included setting a tape measure down the beach, then using ranging poles and a clinometer to measure the angle of elevation of the beach at two metre intervals. This helped us to consider our hypothesis and told us how much deposition and transportation is affecting the beach in both the managed and unmanaged areas.

Also, we carried out some bi-polar surveys on the different engineering techniques at Walton-On-The-Naze, such as the rip rap, sea wall, groynes and cliff regrading, which allowed us to determine whether these techniques were beneficial to the management of the beach and, if so, to what extent. As well as this, we were accompanied by some very knowledgeable guides from the Essex Wildlife Trust who told us a lot about the erosion problems that are occurring at Walton-On-The-Naze as well as the Council’s attempts to reduce the impact that these have.

Although this trip was very informative and part of our Unit 1 GCSE Physical Geography paper, many of us enjoyed the ice-creams and milkshakes provided by the small shop, as well as the gift shop and information centre. With the weather being so lovely and warm, we also appreciated the opportunity to develop our summer tans whilst developing further our understanding of field work techniques and key geographical concepts out in the field.

By Elise Dix



Community service



Year 8 students have been working hard to serve their community this term, taking on some community projects around the school. Having been scheduled for when we were closed for snow, it was rearranged for what turned out to be a very wet day. Year 8 were not deterred, however, and set to task working on projects around the school within their PSHE lesson.



Community service



Musical Success

Students continue to enjoy musical success within and beyond school. Congratulations to all students who have passed an instrumental examination in the last term. Whether they are starting out, or reaching the pinnacle of their grade examinations, it represents a fabulous achievement.

Name	Instrument	Grade
Rebecca Emmins	Piano	Initial
Thomas Johnson	Piano	Initial
Daisy Rockett	Alto sax	5
Zoe Hurst	Alto sax	5
Jess Culley	Clarinet	3
Gruffard Harries	Alto sax	2
Ella Smith	Alto sax	2
Charlotte Codd	Alto sax	5
Anna Cook	Alto sax	1
Suzie Knock	Piano	3
Izzy Fairey	Alto sax	3
Lucy Clarke	Sax	1
Gertie Keeble	Flute	1
Olivia Keeble	Clarinet	2
Izzy Woodhouse	Clarinet	8
Joe Phillips	Flute	3
Caleb Reeve	Clarinet	3
Jenny Jacobs	Piano	5
Fliss Long	Flute	3
Tilly Lanchester	Clarinet	1
Rose Courteen	Tenor horn	2
Henry Hitt	Cornet	1
Lucy Wootton	Trumpet	3
Ella Bedford	French Horn	3
John Hughes	Trumpet	2
Francesca Muir	Cornet	3
Jamie Donnelly	Trumpet	1
Francesca Muir	Flute	3
Mae Washington	Flute	1
Lucy Hardie	Piano	2
Esme Robinson	Piano	1



Some notable highlights in the Grade examinations:

- Issy Woodhouse Clarinet Grade 8*
- Gruffard Harries Alto Sax Grade 2*
- Anna Cook Alto Sax Grade 1*
- Lucy Clarke Sax Grade 1*
- Joe Phillips Flute Grade 3*



Guest speaker inspires Year 11 students

Year 11 Graphics students were given an insight into a career in design by guest speaker Hannah Foden Dixon, Senior Interior Designer at Shalini Misra Ltd, Queen's Park, London. Suffolk-born Hannah, gave advice on A Level choices, art courses and educational pathways for those interested in following a career in the creative industries. Hannah contextualised her learning by presenting some of her projects from research, through the design process, use of computer-aided design and the final outcomes. Her work has included a Champagne Bar for the Interiors Trade show Decorex, student dorms in Germany, an Indian Restaurant in Knightsbridge and an £18 million house in Majorca. The talk was very inspirational; proof that if the pupils have ambition and work hard, they too could have an exciting career.



Book Mastermind

The winner of our in-school heat of Book Mastermind, Anna Cook (7D), went on to represent Debenham High School at the Area Final on 13 March at Sir John Leman High School. Anna excelled in the competition and, as one of the highest runners-up, won herself a place in the County Final on 4 May at Stratford St Andrew. Anna's chosen book at the County Final was *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. She was asked 25 questions on her chosen book as well as a series of general knowledge questions. After a closely fought competition, Anna finished in second place, just one point behind the winner. Anna received a £20 book certificate.

As well as competing in the competition, Anna and a group of her accompanying supporters were invited to listen to presentations by two children's authors: Francesca Armour-Chelu who writes fantasy adventure books and William Hussey who writes horror books. After the presentations, Anna and the students met the authors and had their books signed by them. Congratulations to Anna for her success in Book Mastermind 2017-2018 and thank you to everyone who took part over the course of the competition this year.

(Please note – we have signed copies of books by Francesca Armour-Chelu and William Hussey in the School Learning Resource Centre for students to borrow)



Costumiers of the future?



We are lucky to have many gifted and talented pupils in Year 8 in Art, Design and Technology so all pupils with a gift for Textiles were awarded a certificate and fifteen of these names were drawn from a 'Sorting Hat' to decide who was lucky enough to experience a costume workshop at the Harry Potter Studios in London.

Joe Phillips and Grace Checketts share their memories:

"On the 29 March we went on a two hour mini-bus ride to The Making of Harry Potter Studios. When we arrived we were greeted by a lovely lady called Jane, who took us to the front of the building to start our wonderful adventure. Abi Last celebrated her birthday so she was chosen to open the grand doors to the great hall at the start of the studio tour. As we started the tour we went into a classroom to learn about how the costumes were created for the films. In the lesson we learnt how fabrics and colours were chosen to represent the characters' wealth, sex and personality traits; whether they were good or evil, rich or poor. Then we learnt that Johnny Depp was only next door! Finally, Jane gave us a first-hand experience on what it would be like to be a costume designer. Afterwards we went on the tour of the Harry Potter Studios. When we finished the tour we went to the gift shop and bought some souvenirs. Due to Easter weekend traffic we ended up getting home at 9.00 p.m."



County Champions



Having lost out in the semi-final of the County Cup last season, the Year 8 team set themselves the target of going one better and making the final this year. The cup run got off to a challenging start as they were drawn against Farlingaye, the side that knocked them out last year. Determined not to let this happen again, the boys put in an excellent performance to see them off 3-0. The next round saw them beat King Edward VI 6-0. This led to Northgate in the quarter-final. On the day the team played superbly and thanks to outstanding passing and movement they won 8-1. Standing in their way of a place in the final was Sir John Leman School. The opposition scored early but the team responded well and soon found their feet in the game, playing some attractive football. A strong second half performance saw them win 4-1. So the place in the final was secure with last year's winners, East Bergholt, our opponents. With the sun shining and the pitch at Needham Market in good condition, the scene was set for a good final and it certainly lived up to it. Debenham took the lead through Archie Simpson before East Bergholt equalised, against the run of play. This was only a slight set back and the team continued to play the better football. This was rewarded as goals from Seth Carroll- Chambers, Josh Stephens and an own goal saw the team take a commanding

4-1 lead. There was no coming back for Bergholt and the team were crowned County Champions much to everyone's delight.

Squad: Fred Hudson, Theo Jeans-Cunnard, Seth Carroll- Chamabers, Matthew Johnson, Charlie Flatt, Gruff Harries, Nico Valentine, George Dix, Charlie Smith, Josh Stephens, Archie Simpson, Josh Oxborrow, Tom Baddeley, Alex Oakley.



Captain: Nico Valentine



Sporting Round-up



Winners of the Alde Valley Relays 2018

After a disappointing 2nd place last year our 2018 1st place was a fantastic effort from all students, especially the Year 7 boys and girls competing against Year 8.

Congratulations to Maddie Wood and Tilly Aldis who smashed the 2 x 800m record by 4 seconds.



Year 10 girls came 5th in the Suffolk Handball competition, beating Denes and losing to Stowmarket and Copleston



Follow our sporting exploits on twitter with @DebenhamHigh



Rounders Round Up



Year 9 Rounders beat Thomas Mills, Alde Valley and Bungay & Hartismere

Year 7 Rounders beat Thomas Mills and Alde Valley but lost to Bungay



Year 8 Rounders lost to Hartismere by $\frac{1}{2}$ rounder

Year 10 rounders beat Alde Valley and Hartismere but lost to Bungay and Thomas Mills



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