

Monday 8 May



I was a proud headteacher on Friday for two reasons. Firstly, while we were narrowly defeated in the final of the Under 16 County Cup, it was wonderful to see our boys football team play with such skill, pride and heart against Kesgrave High School on Friday night at Needham Market Football Stadium. Given that the year group size at Kesgrave is more than double that at Debenham, their success in reaching the final was triumph alone. They dominated the game and had the most shots on goal (I know I am biased but it is true) but just could not quite convert in the last few yards. Giles Tuley brought the score back to 2-1 in the second half and we nearly equalised in the last five minutes of the game, but on this occasion it was not to be. The team could not have played with more commitment.

The second reason of pride was for Emma Burley, Year 9 who had qualified for the County Final of Book Mastermind. Having won the in-school round and then the regional heats Emma was going to be up against tough competition in the final. With a few supporters and the guidance of Mrs Ford-Johnson, Emma left school on Friday morning in confident mood. This confidence was not misplaced as she WON! A huge congratulations to her and a first for the school.

This week Year 10 geography students undertake their fieldtrip for their GCSE studies in Walton on the Naze.

Year 11 examinations continue, with the second of the iGCSE History papers.

And finally, good luck to all Year 8 students who have their formal examination week. For a copy of the timetable please **click here**.

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