

Monday 19 September



Our evening when we welcome Year 7 parents and carers is always a pleasure. While there were many familiar faces to us last week, there were many new ones too. You can't substitute the value of saying hello and welcome face to face and it was super to hear how overwhelmingly positive Year 7 students have been at home since they started. They are certainly getting involved, being resilient about the challenges faced in a new school and showing real focus in lessons. Please [click here](#) for a copy of the presentation from the evening.

This week we meet the parents and carers of Year 11 students as they consider their next steps and what they will do when they leave Debenham. It barely seems like yesterday since this year group started (just two terms before I did at Debenham High School) and is hard to believe that this year will be their last with us. Representatives from all the post-16 providers in the area will be with us and students are encouraged to attend and talk to the staff from the different institutions to understand what they offer and how they all differ. The evening starts at 7.00pm with a presentation in the main hall. This presentation will be available to view in our "News" section the day after.

On Thursday, Year 7 students are off on their first curriculum trip of their school experience. They visit Colchester Zoo to study animals and how they have adapted and are built for different environments.

On Friday it is the turn of Year 11 artists to head to the city. They head to Shoreditch in London and to the Tate Modern to help inspire their own portfolios.

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