

Monday 6 November



Last week we bid farewell to some Year 9 students and three staff as they departed for the French Exchange. Students experience a traditional exchange programme, staying with French partners and taking part in learning in their school alongside some exciting trips and visits. Follow their adventures on Twitter [**@debenhamhigh**](#) to see what a super time they are having.

This week, Year 11 students embark on their Mock Examinations, with the Art Mock Day this Wednesday. From conversations with staff and students they are all working hard to give of their best, yet balancing this with the knowledge that this is merely a stepping stone to the summer, not the final hurdle.

It was absolute honour on Sunday to attend the Evensong service at Bury St Edmund's Cathedral, where I was installed as a Lay Canon, an acknowledgement of my service to education in Church Schools. It is with the greatest of respect and humility that I accept this very special honorary title.

This week we received our approved SIAMS - a Church School inspection report, which was conducted at the end of October. We were delighted with how the report reflected the distinctive Christian characteristic of the school. Please [click here](#) to read the full report.

Finally our building work continues at pace. This week we expect painting and decorating of the new spaces to start, swiftly followed by flooring and final electrical installation work. We are still on track to take residence in this space at the very start of the Spring Term.

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