

Monday 17 September



On Friday we were delighted to welcome Dr Poulter to the school. He met with students from Year 9 to 11, hearing their views on the world and gaining and understanding into what they saw as important foci for the government in the years ahead. Of course there was much talk of Brexit, but also the prisons, the NHS, Russian spies and changes to GCSEs.

In the next few weeks, we have a number of parental evenings, to set the scene for the year(s) ahead. Last week we met Year 10 Parents and Carers, as their children embark on their GCSE studies and this week, on Wednesday, we meet parents and carers of Year 7 students, as they set out on their journey with us. The evening is intended to share information on how we work and also an all-important opportunity to puts faces to names, especially the students' form tutor. The evening starts at 7.00p.m. and refreshments will be available in the main hall from 6.40.

Life outside the classroom is an important part of time spent at Debenham High School. Trips and visits form an integral part of learning, bringing content learnt in the classroom to life and allowing a range of opportunities to all students. This week all Year 7 students will visit St Mary's Church, Debenham as part of their RE lesson, meeting with Reverend Bates and sharing in this site of significant meaning to the school. On Monday Year 11 RE full course students are off to a Jewish synagogue as part of the studies and on Wednesday Year 10 Art students undertake a field-study, looking at the urban landscape.

Wherever possible we ask older students to take the lead. Last week our peer mentors undertook their training to support younger students. This week Year 9 and 10 students lead Year 7 in our annual Puzzle Day.

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