

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022



This week sees the beginning of the GCSE season and our students start with Religious Education and Computing on Monday. I know our students have been working incredibly hard to show their full ability in their subjects over the next 6 weeks. As I often say at this time of year, whilst the results of GCSE's are important for the students as they can dictate their choices as they leave Debenham, they are not and never have been a reflection of our students as individuals. I know that in their 5 years at Debenham students have developed and gained so many other skills, qualities and attributes which mark them out as outstanding young people and the way they interact with each other with compassion, kindness and generosity of spirit is what makes them such impressive young people.

We held a celebration afternoon with our Year 11 on Friday, which involved all of the students with their tutors sitting down to lunch together outside followed by an assembly then fun activities on the field. It was a really enjoyable afternoon for staff and students alike.

Over the last few weeks it has been lovely to welcome back parents for some of our more traditional events. We have held a learning together evening for parents of Year 7 & 8 where we discussed how to support your child's learning as well as Emotional Well-Being and Online safety. We also held our Spring concert, the first concert since Christmas 2019! It was incredibly well supported by our parent body and 22 acts performed with incredible skill and talent.

Best Wishes

Simon Martin

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6