

Monday 24th January 2022



This week sees the first trip out of school this year for our students in Year 7 attending Colchester Castle as part of their History studies. As I said a few weeks ago it is such an important part of school life for students to see how their learning and knowledge apply in the everyday world. Trips are also a really enriching experience for students not just in terms of their academic progress but in opening their eyes to the wider world and working with others in unfamiliar environments.

I also wanted to thank Tim Warnock and the team from The Forge church, very ably assisted by Tracy James, Curate at St. Mary's for all of their work in running our annual Prayer Space in school. Every student at Debenham attended a session in the Boulter Room where they were given activities which help them in stopping to think and reflect both spiritually if relevant to them and more holistically. It is an incredibly well received activity by students and we will endeavour to create a legacy working with St. Marys and The Forge church going forward.

Finally I wanted to thank parents and students for responding so quickly and supportively to the announcements around face masks last week. Currently cases are low in school and I am sure this is down to the care for others that our community has continually shown. If cases do rise we will of course respond appropriately and let parents know as soon as possible.

With warmest wishes

Simon Martin

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like

James 1:22-24 NIV