

## Head First .....

It has been a busy half term and as you will see we have managed to pack a huge amount in since February half term. I hope that families have managed to have some relaxing times again over the Easter Break and been able to do more as restrictions have lifted.

In this last half term, our students have once again taken opportunities to support those less fortunate than themselves through the appeal for Ukraine which has seen us overwhelmed with donations as well as students finding ways to help raise money as well. It was particularly pleasing that the will to do something was driven by our students. You will see in the article about the Owl Trail the students' (ably supported by the Art Department) efforts to support the Big Hoot whilst raising money for St. Elizabeth's Hospice. The end result was fantastic and I hope that students and their families hunt it down when the trail opens later in the Year.

You will see that we have been able to run some visits for our students and Year 9 had a really useful and enjoyable trip to the Skills Show in Norfolk, some of our students went to look around St. Catharine's College in Cambridge and the Drama department's visit to two shows to give our students the opportunity to see live Theatre.

It was incredible to see the uptake of students for our World Book Day events, from the Harry Potter Vegetable competition (has to be seen to be believed), the book swap and the quiz which were all supported fantastically by our students.

I hope that as the weather continues to improve we will be able to really bring back all of the things which make school so much more than just a place to be educated. School should be a place where students are enriched beyond just the curriculum and it is so pleasing to see this return.

**Simon Martin**

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" John 11:25**

## Easter Service, St. Mary Magdalene's Church

In the last week of term we took four Year Groups down to St. Mary's Church for an Easter Service. In total 28 students took part in the reading of Luke's Gospel and a large number of our students sung in the choir and played music for the service.

My thanks to Rev. Tracey James for leading our service and it was great to be able to congregate together with over 250 pupils. This is the first time since Christmas 2019 we have been able to have more than one year group together and it was lovely to see so many of our students taking part in and enjoying the service.



# Spotlight on Students

## An Amazing Musical Journey (so far) .....



Abi Woodhouse (10C) began learning the piano at the age of 6 and then started flute lessons at primary school in Year 4.

She is an avid member of the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band, which she joined in 2016 and loves rehearsing with them every Tuesday evening in Diss.

In 2019, she had the amazing opportunity to go on tour with the Band to Malaysia and Borneo, playing with three different Malaysian youth bands and performing in an amazing concert at the Kuching Conference centre to a group of invited dignitaries.

Later that year, Abi won Junior Wind Champion at the Suffolk Festival of Music and Arts. More recently, Abi is now one of four flautists in the Suffolk Youth Orchestra and is looking forward to going on tour this summer to Germany.

As well as the flute and piano, Abi also plays the saxophone. She has achieved Grade 8 on both her wind instruments and is hoping to sit her grade 8 piano this summer. According to Abi "playing music, especially in an orchestra, has enabled me to meet so many people and has taken me to places I would never have been able to visit. During lockdown I couldn't wait to get back to SNYSB band rehearsals, as I missed playing together so much and when we finally did return, it was the most amazing thing!"



# Year 7 - Raising money for Ukraine

It all started with me (Lewie Stewart-Cutting) and George Moore. We thought that bookmarks on the market were too expensive, so we thought we would start a bookmark business by making our own designs and by having a variety of bookmarks.

We started with making our designs, printing them, cutting them out and laminating them. We then came up with our business name called 'Mark the Chapter'.

We then decided on our costs.

After we started making and marketing our products, I thought about the disaster in Ukraine and how awful it is. I wanted to do something to help.

I had a discussion with the team (George Moore, George Skilling) and we all agreed that it was a great idea. We had a discussion with Miss Goodwin about our idea and we got to work making our bookmarks.

We had a very busy week in preparing for our bookmark sale, making posters, and making the school aware of when the sales will take place.

The bookmark sale took place on Friday 1st April and was a big success raising money for Ukraine.

As it was such a good success, we will be selling the bookmarks again to continue to raise money for Ukraine.

George Moore, George Skilling, Sam Hamilton, Harry Betts and Lewie Stewart-Cutting



# Mini Hoot Trail - Debenham

Debenham High School are taking part in the Big Hoot 2022 and fundraising for St. Elizabeth Hospice. As well as our 'little hoot' which will be part of the main trail in the summer, we are creating a trail around Debenham over the Easter holidays. Some local families will be 'adopting' a parliament of owls as well as local businesses.



At the start of the academic year every student in year 7 and year 8 made a mini clay owl which was then 'fired' and painted with acrylic paint. Groups (parliaments) of these mini owls will form the trail around Debenham and surrounding areas over the Easter holidays 9th – 24th April.

There will be a map of the local businesses involved at each business location which also has a design activity on the back. There will be donation boxes at each business location for

people to make a donation for their map which will go to St. Elizabeth's hospice.

Please do get 'out and about' over Easter to go 'owl spotting' and help us fundraise for St. Elizabeth's hospice. Feel free to 'tag' us into any owl spotting you do on social media.



## Other Art and Design News

There is also an opportunity for young artists to get involved in the St. Mary's Art Exhibition:

**St Mary's Art Exhibition 17th, 18th, 19th June**  
**Young People's Art Exhibition**

Artists of school age may exhibit one painting, with no hanging fee and unlike the adult artists, your entry may be designated as 'not for sale' if you do not wish to sell your work.

Entry forms and more information is available on their website - [www.stmarysartex.org.uk](http://www.stmarysartex.org.uk)

# Norfolk & Suffolk Skills and Careers Festival



With the cancellation of the Suffolk Skills and Careers Festival back in October the school was offered the opportunity to attend the equivalent Norfolk event in March. Trips and visits have been very limited over the last couple of years so this was a brilliant opportunity to take the whole of Year 9 out as a year group.

It was good to see everybody excited to be going out on a trip as we got onto three coaches for our journey to the Norfolk Showground.

The overall aim of the event is to broaden young people's career aspirations by giving employers and training providers a chance to showcase opportunities and encourage young visitors to look at different careers and business sectors.

Once we disembarked the students then went off in small groups to explore the show. There were stands from a wide range of employers from many different sectors who seemed really pleased to be talking to the students and talking about the opportunities for work that they have to offer. The feedback we got from employers was that the Debenham students were really engaged and keen to find out more. They took part in the little challenges that they set and were rewarded with pens, Frisbees and other goodies.

There were also further and higher education providers available to let students learn about their post 16 and 18 options.

For students interested in researching careers and opportunities there is a free careers website and app aimed at 12-25 year olds across Norfolk and Suffolk.

<https://www.icanbea.org.uk/>

Kevin Voller  
Careers Leader



# Year 11 Visit to St Catharine's College



Earlier this month, a group of fifteen Year 11 students had the privilege of attending a liaison event at one of Cambridge University's 31 colleges: St Catharine's College. Upon arrival, the group were met by the Liaison Officer, Liza Zhabina, who gave a brief introductory talk about higher education and life at Cambridge University. Shortly after, two current first year pupils and one third year veterinary student arrived to partake in a Q&A panel. The Year 11's had the opportunity to submit questions for the university students using the college's online service: 'Slido'. These covered a range of topics varying from university expenses to A-Level guidance. After many questions from various schools and students were answered, more of the University's undergraduates arrived to conduct a tour of the college grounds and accommodation. Amelia Bendall and Jasmine Love are two of our students with their hearts set on attending an Oxbridge University. Jasmine said, 'I found the anonymous question session the most helpful as it showed the point of view of the students and how to handle problems that may occur at all universities not just Oxbridge'. The two of us also agree with this and found the Q&A a useful way to learn more about university life.

Following a short lunch break, the event continued with an academic taster session led by an Art History student, Aden Solway. The session focused on the development and progression of video games from 1952 to the present day whilst also making important connections between relevant issues, subjects, and events. Ameila said, 'the lecture was a good experience and showed what real lessons are like at universities'. Finally, David Bainbridge, the Admissions Tutor at St Catharine's, gave a seminar on successfully writing a competitive university application. He expanded on the previously given advice as well as providing an insight into what makes an application attractive, his main focus being on writing a desirable personal statement. This was Amelia's favourite part of the day as it 'provided A-Level guidance and stressed the importance of "supracurricular" activities'. After a short evaluation, our Year 11 students headed back to Debenham.

Overall, as two people unsure of their choice of university, we found the experience to be very informative and it changed both of our perspectives of Oxbridge universities. Whilst we may choose to go elsewhere, the event still supplied us with valuable information which will prove helpful in the years to come. As two people sure of their future at Oxbridge, the visit cemented both Amelia and Jasmine's aspirations, completely living up to their expectations of the university.

Evie Miller 11N and Megan Green 11D

# Book Mastermind 2022



As many of you know, each year Debenham High School takes part in the Suffolk Schools Book Mastermind Competition. Book Mastermind is a county wide competition, open to all pupils in Years 7-9, whose aim is to encourage and promote reading across Suffolk. The competition starts in schools in the winter, with winners from each school coming together in the summer to compete in the County Final.

We held our in-school heats here at Debenham High School in February. Competitors were invited to choose a book to read and remember. They were each given two minutes to answer 20 questions relating to their chosen book. Competitors scored 2 points for every correct answer and 1 point for a partly correct answer. The maximum amount of points a competitor can receive is 40 points.

Ayla Hamflett in 7O, came third in the competition, scoring 35 points out of a possible 40. Ayla answered questions on the book *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon.

Frank Gongora Wright in 7A, came second in the competition. Frank answered questions on *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J K Rowling. He scored 36 points out of possible 40.

The winner of the Debenham High School Book Mastermind for 2022 is Lucy West in 7C. Lucy answered questions on *Wonder* by R J Palacio and scored an amazing 37 points out of a possible 40. Lucy will go on to represent Debenham High School in the County Final of the Book Mastermind Competition, which will be held at the University of Suffolk in May. Lucy has chosen to read *The Resistance* by Gemma Malley in the Final. We wish her the very best of luck.

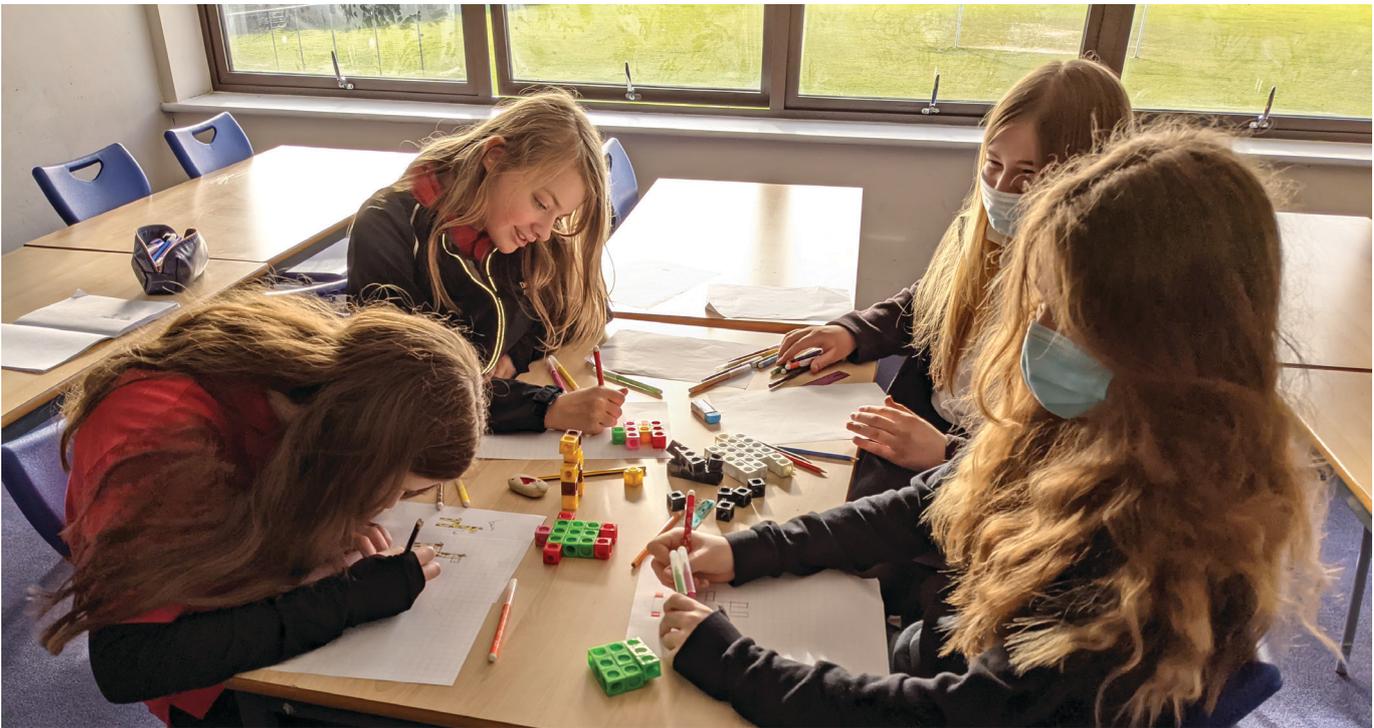


# Maths Sequencing

Year 8 have been exploring number sequences in maths this term.

They used multi-link cubes to help them understand how different linear sequence can be formed and how one term can be created from the previous term.

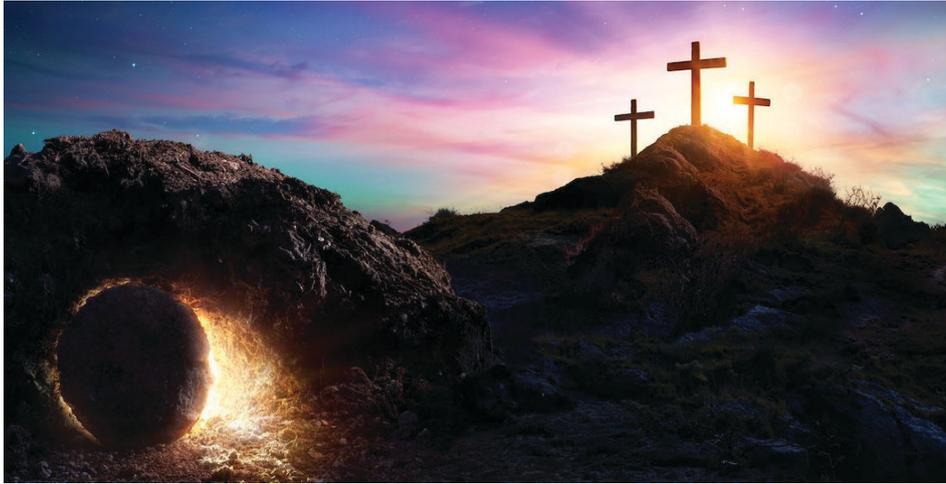
They were told a story, of a mad scientist who invented a machine which could 'evolve' any creature who enters it. They were then challenged to create a creature and show it's first few 'evolution's' through the machine, thus producing a linear sequence pattern. They embraced the challenge and were able to produce some excellent and colourful creatures, demonstrating some well thought out linear patterns. Well done.



# Maths Sequencing



# Easter .....



During Lent Christians prepare themselves to remember the death of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday and look forward to celebrating his resurrection on Easter Sunday. We retell the story of Jesus' trial and death but the story does not end there. We are Easter people and we know the joy of resurrection, we know that after Good Friday, Easter Sunday will soon follow. Easter Sunday is my favourite day in the church year and there is much celebration in church. All are welcome to our services which can be found in the parish magazine.

I leave you with this prayer :

As we remember Jesus, sharing a meal with his friends,  
we pray for all of those who are hungry.

As we remember Jesus, betrayed by a friend,  
we pray for those who feel hurt.

As we remember Jesus, asking to be spared,  
we pray for all who are afraid.

As we remember Jesus, and Peter's denial.

we pray for the courage to stand up for what is right.

As we remember Jesus, mocked and falsely accused  
we pray for your justice throughout our world.

As we remember Jesus, who forgave those who crucified him  
we pray for the strength to forgive.

As we remember Jesus, who felt abandoned on the cross  
we pray for all having to abandon their homes

As we remember Jesus, who died on the cross

We pray for all who mourn

As we remember Jesus, who on that first Easter morning rose from the dead,  
we pray that we may know the joy of the women when they saw Jesus alive, that we may know the joy of resurrection. Amen.

May you know God's hope and joy this Easter time and always. Amen.

Rev Tracey.

# World Book Day

## Annual World Book Day Team Quiz

Pupils were invited to take part in our 9th Annual World Book Day Team Quiz during lunch on World Book Day. Students (in teams of three) were asked questions on popular books and authors. This year included a special Happy Potter question round. Twelve teams from across the school competed, with a Year 11 team 'Legends of Literature' (Leah Sharp-Ling, Phoebe Clark, Aidan Fleet) winning the quiz – each received a £10 Amazon voucher. A Year 8 team 'The Bookworms' (Evie Foster, Kathrine Coleman, Isabelle Linney) were runners up and each received a £5 Amazon voucher.



# World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, Debenham High School joined other students and schools across the Country to celebrate World Book Day. As well as every pupil receiving a £1 book token, there were lots of different activities going on around school throughout the day. We started the day with every staff member and pupil within the school reading throughout morning registration. This was followed by...

## The Harry Potter Vegetable Competition

This year marked the 25th Anniversary of not only World Book Day, but also the first publication of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. In keeping with the Harry Potter theme, we invited students to use their creativity and imagination to design a Harry Potter themed potato or vegetable. We had lots of very inventive entries and choosing winners proved very difficult. We decided to award four winners, each receiving an Amazon gift voucher, and six highly commended entries:

### Winners....

- Kai (8A) – Mandrake
- Amelie (7A) – Niffler
- Flora (7C) – Dobby the House Elf
- Emily (7N) – Hagrid

### Highly Commended....

- Alex (7C) – Harry Potter
- Lily (7C) – Aragog
- Caleb (11A) – Ron's Owl
- Ellie (7A) – Owl
- Imogen (7D) – Harry's wand
- George (7O) - Mandrake



# World Book Day

## Book Swap Event

During morning break on World Book Day, students were invited to come in to the Learning Resource Centre for a Book Swap event. Students gained entry to the event by bringing a book from home to exchange. They enjoyed drinks and snacks and music from the Harry Potter films, while looking at the different books available



# Year 10 & 11 Drama Trip



On Thursday 31st March, the Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students went to see a production of 'Home, I'm darling' a satirical play by the playwright Laura Wade, at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds.

The play was enthralling and very thought provoking, touching on issues of gender roles within a marriage, feminism, and the #MeToo movement.

Set in a perfect show home from the 1950s, and full of authentic costumes and music from the decade, it was a shock when we realised that the play was actually set in today's world and that the main character and her husband were living out a fantasy, or 'experiment' where they lived as a stereotypical 1950's couple; him going to work while she stayed at home to cook and clean.

The acting was excellent, causing us to laugh as well as be shocked at some of the events and things that were said. The set was really well designed, giving us lots of ideas to write about for our exam in a month or so's time! Although we were by far the youngest people in the audience, we found it to be a really engrossing play.



# Chaplaincy in School

We are excited to have started a chaplaincy service at DHS. There are two of us in the team - Tim and Rev Tracey.

## What is chaplaincy all about?

As chaplains we are here to support students through mentoring, through listening and just being there for students. We are here for all members of the community - of all faiths and of no faith.

## What else do chaplains do?

We hope to have a quiet space after Easter where students can have some space out of the hustle and bustle of school life. We will run the annual prayer space and we hope to offer much more as this service develops.

## Who are the chaplains?

Rev. Tracey James who is the Curate at St. Mary's church Debenham and Tim Warnock one of the leadership team from the Forge Church.



Hello, I'm Tracey and I'm a curate at Debenham church - this means that I am ordained but have not yet completed my training. I was a chaplain at Suffolk New College and the University of Suffolk for 5 years and really love being a chaplain. I am in school on Tuesdays at the moment and will be in school for 2 days after the summer. I am looking forward to seeing how the chaplaincy might develop over the next year.

Hi, I'm Tim, I'm the Youth Director for The Forge Community Church and have been working alongside young people both voluntarily and in a working capacity for most of my adult life. I've been involved with running youth football teams, camps, holiday clubs, residential as well as working with Apprentices whilst working at West Suffolk College for 10 years before starting work at The Forge.

I am really excited to be involved with supporting the school any way that we can, firstly so we can help what already is a fantastic school and staff team but also because I love seeing young people achieve things that they didn't even realise they could.



# Megan Meets .....

Leah Banham is an example of one of our school's eager sporting stars. As horse riding has been such a big part of her life, I spoke to Leah about her experiences and achievements both inside and outside of school.

Leah first started horse riding at 5 years old and started competing as part of the school team in Year 7. Her biggest inspiration is her sister who aspires to become a jockey. Leah "really looks up to her" and wishes to "follow in her footsteps", by taking a similar career path.

In order to keep the horses fit, Leah must ride at least 6 times a week, however this is dependent on the weather. This shows her real dedication to the sport and the hours of work it takes to be successful. Outside of school, Leah has many achievements. She has over 22 first places and 2 champion rosettes which shows how much her hard work has paid off.

During Leah's time as part of the school team, she has been relatively successful and has travelled all over the country to represent Debenham in competitions. There are many fierce competitors at these events and the team are always relatively high in placing, although Leah has not yet won any championship rosettes, but hopes to in the future.



She most enjoys the competitive aspects of horse riding but especially loves the growing bond between her and the horse. Whilst there are some negatives within the sport, she believes they are definitely outweighed by the positives. For example, there is a lot of "good competition" involved and this also allows her to make lots of good friends from all over the world and her horse riding means she can keep in touch with them.

Leah's advice for those who may be interested in taking up horse riding is "don't expect to get it straight away". It's hard to get the hang of it and you need to be prepared to dedicate lots of your time to the sport. With this in mind, she also described the sport as very rewarding, and she feels very fortunate that she is lucky enough to own a pony and be able to take part in horse riding so often. We wish her the best of luck, both now and in the future and hope she continues to be successful in all her competitions!

Article by Megan Green, Year 11  
Aspiring Sports Journalist

# Sports Roundup .....

U16 hockey vs Thomas mills. Won 9-6. We played the first half with our Goalkeeper, winning 8-1 at half time. The second half we played against our Goalkeeper. We had to work much harder, both defensively and in attack. Thomas Mills came back bringing the score to 8-6, we then scored one final goal, keeping the win. Well played all, some great hockey played.



**Year 8 Handball** - With the up and coming partnership competition, year 8 students came out in good numbers to practice for this, with between 20-30 students participating in a number of lunchtime sessions. In the lead-up to this competition, the students pictured below, represented the school in a friendly match against Thomas Mills. Although they narrowly lost, a lot was learnt from the experience and a lot of fun was had!



# Sports Roundup

**Year 7 Boys Football** - Although training has been slightly disrupted this half term, numbers at sessions have continued to be good and those students that have attended these regularly represented the school in fixtures against Thomas Mills.



**Year 8 Girls Indoor Cricket** - A couple of months ago there was no girls indoor cricket team but after a few lunchtime practices, the girls took part in the area competition that was hosted by Thomas Mills. In their first game, they lost to a strong Mills side and were then beaten narrowly by Hartismere. So although they returned to school without a victory, they played the game in a really positive manner and improved a great deal. Well done girls!



**Year 10 Boys Futsal** - After winning the area tournament, the Year 10 boys futsal team made it through to the county finals. The standard on show at the finals was very high, with lots of technical excellence on display. The boys competed very well throughout and finished in a deserved 3rd position, behind Northgate and winners Breckland.

**U15 Girls Indoor Cricket** - Just like the u13 girls, the u15 team needed a few lunchtime practices to prepare for the area tournament, which took place here at Debenham. This practice clearly paid dividends as the team played well to beat both Hartismere and Thomas Mills, which set-up a play-off game against Framlingham College. The team were somewhat daunted by this prospect but played some really good cricket to put up some good competition. Framlingham did though come out on top, winning by 42 runs. The girls should though feel incredibly proud of the way they played and conducted themselves.



# Sports Roundup .....

**Year 10 Basketball** - A core group of students from Year 10 have been regulars at Monday lunchtime basketball club. These students were then selected to represent the school in a friendly fixture against Thomas Mills. The team put in a very strong performance and ran out comfortable winners.



**U16 Boys Handball** - In what was the first handball match in over two years, Debenham played an entertaining match against Hartismere. Debenham started strongly and built up a good lead but Hartismere soon got into the game and closed the gap. In the end though, Debenham proved too strong and came out on top. It was a strong team performance and one that the team should be pleased with.

**Sports House competitions** - At various points over the last half term, students in Years 7-10 have completed various fitness challenges. This has seen them complete individual, partner and team challenges with all students making a positive contribution to their House total. Final scores for each house will be added onto the house totals. On a similar note, students in Years 7-9 took part in a house dodgeball competition, where teamwork and tactics were the key to success. Finally, also involving students in the Lower School, the Sportshall Athletics competition saw some competitive racing and some excellent throwing and jumping skills. There were winners for each individual event, with placing and points being awarded accordingly.

**Northampton Saints DPP Development Squad** - We have some very talented rugby players at Debenham High School. At the start of the autumn term we have the opportunity to select players from different year groups to attend trials for Northampton Saints which take place in Colchester. We have a number of students who are, through their determination, resilience and skills, now part of the Northampton Saints Development Squad. Very well done to those involved and we have already seen improvements in your play and ability to manage the game. Featured left to right are Max Kissick-Jones (Centre), Henry Hitt (Scrum Half), Luca Barricella (Scrum Half) and Jack West (Prop) after playing in the end of season tournament at Northampton Saints. We wish them every success in the future.



# Sports Roundup



Our Year 7 squad had their first outing just before Christmas with a fixture against Hartismere.

Mostly new players but supported by some seasoned players we started rather slowly allowing Hartismere to score twice. After re-grouping and making sure we were able to improve our tackling and passing skills we were able to score twice ourselves with the forwards winning the ball from rucks and backs taking the ball out wide. Another particular try of note came from a penalty which was mauled over by the forwards. The game ended in a draw.

Our joint Year 9 and Year 8 squad then had a game against Thomas Mills. As we had a number of players it was decided to split the squad and we played two games simultaneously.

Both experienced and new players worked really well applying their training into a play situation. Quick ball from the breakdown, strong interplay and tackling from the backs meant we were able to create space and score a number of tries winning both games.

We then had a very exciting game against Hartismere. Although suffering from a slow start we changed our tactics at half time and playing basic rugby looked like a different squad in the second half. Again another win and we can look forward to next season.



It's been a very busy term for the PE Department, we have seen matches in Football, Cricket, Netball, Hockey, Dodgeball, Handball, Badminton, Orienteering, as well as a Pan Athlon, FIFA tournament and sporting festivals!

Thank you to everyone who has attended a club, participated in a fixture, watched and supported, and like some of our budding sports journalists in Year 11, written pieces about the events.

# Sports Roundup .....

## Football

**Year 8** - the boys bowed out of the County cup, losing 3-2 in an entertaining game vs Thomas Gainsborough school from Great Cornard. A super long range goal from Archie Hubert, and another from Eli Marsh, was not quite enough to see us through. Attendance has been super all year, and so many have represented the school in at least one of the fixtures arranged.

**U13 Girls** - The girls have enjoyed some very impressive results in the County cup, defeating Horringer 7-2, Ipswich Academy 7-0, and Sir John Leman 9-0, to reach the semi final stage. They face Northgate this week for a place in the final.

**U14 Girls** - After a very close 2-1 win vs County Upper from Bury, where we had to play the whole of the second half with 10 players, the girls demolished Mildenhall 8-1 at the quarter final stage. The girls are also due to play their semi final this week, where they take on Alde Valley, whom we did beat 7-0 earlier in the season in the National cup. Let hope this is an omen!

**U16 Girls** - The girls had a tough quarter final of the county cup vs Kesgrave, and despite a battling performance, lost 5-0. For some of the Year 11's, this was their last game for the school, and a special mention to Lucy Daly, Megan Green and Eloise Flack, who have been stalwarts all the way through from Year 7 and 8. Also to Phoebe for playing in goal, and to Laura and Ruby as well.



## Orienteering

Some of our Year 9 students took part in some fun challenges held at Hartismere in February. More importantly, the chance to learn some new skills and work as part of a team. 3rd place finishes in team and individual events were gained.

# Sports Roundup

## Panathlon

Lottie, Jayden, Phoebe, Victoria and Alanna travelled over to Thomas Mills to take part in a variety of challenges to improve and test their reaction time, speed, agility and teamwork in a partnership experience with 3 other schools. The team threw, caught, scored, jumped and bowled their way to a 3rd place overall and had a great time.



# Sports Roundup .....

## FIFA tournament

We were delighted to have the chance of hosting and organising our own competition in school. This was run by the English schools FA, in partnership with Playstation.

We took delivery of the new PS5 games console, TV, Beanbags and other bits and pieces, wondering perhaps what we had let ourselves in for!



Over 120 students signed up to play, and win the chance of qualifying to play at the National finals held in May at West Brom football club in Birmingham.



After nearly 2 months of matches, where amongst the favourite teams used like PSG and Real Madrid, we did see the odd Ipswich, Norwich and Crystal Palace being used! Lola Stallard was the only female entrant, and there were many memorable clashes, goals, saves, red cards, celebrations and penalty shootouts to get to the final 5. Monty Keeble (Yr7), Kaio Brittain (8), Keenan Given (9), Gethin Harries (10), and Alex Oakley (11), played each other in the champions league finals. After some tense games, Alex Won overall, with Keenan runner up.

Good luck to Alex as he prepares for the finals next month. Thank you also to Mr Finegan for helping to run and organise the matches as well.

# Sports round up

Our joint Year 11 and Year 10 squad had the opportunity of playing in the County Championships on Wednesday 9th February. Despite not playing or training for two years the squad has worked hard over the last 3 months during training in order to develop their skills.

The first game we played was against Bungay. A very close run game with improvement throughout the first half and second half and winning.

The second game was against County Upper who had beaten the previous team they had played. One we had sorted out our rucking and were able to move the ball in the backs the team really started to gel and we secured another win.

The third game was against St Benedicts who were the team to beat and has some very skilful players who played for Bury St Edmunds RFC. We changed our strategy in this game playing the ball out wide and secured another win. It was an amazing game.

Finally we played Bungay again and won to complete a very successful day.



## Dodgeball

The Year 7 and 8 players ducked, dived, caught and threw their way in a really fun Omnibus games fixture vs Thomas Mills.

A total of 9 matches played in a friendly, non competitive atmosphere. Well done everyone!

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