

## Head's Up

What a remarkable, action packed half-term this has been. We have said a fond farewell to our Year 11 students, who have worked exceptionally hard towards their GCSE examinations this year. With the last of the examinations on 24 June they were then able to celebrate in style at their summer prom at Manor Farm in Henley. See just how wonderful they looked inside this edition.

Along with a great deal of hard work inside the classroom, there has been much going on outside the classroom. As we approach our end of term activity days there have been many other extra-curricular highlights to the half-term. Festivities on the Field, Art and Design Exhibition, Summer Awards Celebration, Berlin History trip, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Sports Awards Ceremony, Sports Day - it sounds exhausting even as I say it! We are glad that the sun is finally shining and wish all our readers a restful summer holiday.

We recommend that students read for pleasure during the holiday and hope that they will be able to select something new from our summer reading list. We invite students to take time in the summer to read and write a blog for our competition.

As I complete my first full year as Headteacher of Debenham High School I would like to thank all parents, carers and friends for their continued support of all that we do.

Julia Upton

## Gardening club

There are not many schools that can claim to run a gardening club. If they do I defy them to grow produce as impressive as this! Students work hard all year round to keep the garden tidy and productive.

You may recall that the school was kindly gifted some land at the bottom of the school playing field earlier in the year. This has now been landscaped and will become part of the school field in September. The gardening group have ambitious plans for a wild flower meadow and more in this space.



## Community project

Members of Year 10 have been working hard on a community project in collaboration with Debenham Leisure Centre. They have crafted an impressive work of art on one of the storage containers at the leisure centre. With a steady hand and an abundance of creativity they have created an striking image that has livened up a lacklustre space.

# Sporting



Once again our students have excelled themselves in the field of sporting endeavour this year. They have given their all in teams and individual pursuits and they have continued to put Debenham High School on the map for sport. We were delighted to hold our second Sports Awards Ceremony to recognise the achievements of our sporting talent. Mariette Rix, South African Olympian from Beijing 2008 and London 2012, joined us to share her experience and presented the awards. Congratulations to our Upper and Lower School Sports Personality of the Year, Jamie Lawrence and Lella Ralph.

Whilst the sun did not shine on our Sports Day this year, that did not deter us. Curie were the eventual house winners, but only narrowly ahead of Austen in second place. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers, family and friends join us for the morning events. Given the threat of rain in the afternoon we managed to complete all events in the morning and held a wonderful closing ceremony in the leisure centre in the afternoon.



# Success



# BERLIN TRIP

To the envy of many parents, the Year 10 iGCSE History students had the exciting opportunity to visit Berlin; allowing us to experience a vibrant and varied city that is coming to terms with its past. The days offered a balance between the heavier detailed tours and museums, an incredibly sombering period of the day, with the more relaxed interaction with German culture in Berlin, including some healthy competition on the bowling alley and the embracing of the world renowned German sausage. Overall I felt the trip was a superb experience that greatly lended to perspective, and was easily worth the short sixteen hour jaunt from Debenham.

John (Jack) Millar (Year 10)



The itinerary included:

Day 1: a long drive through Belgium, breakfast in Holland, evening meal and a walkabout in our neighbourhood in the East of Berlin

Day 2: Sachsenhausen concentration camp (mainly for political refugees); Holocaust memorial; Reichstag & political quarter. After dinner: Alexanderplatz (square) and up the TV tower for a view over the whole city

Allied museum (Berlin Airlift 1948-9); Bowling

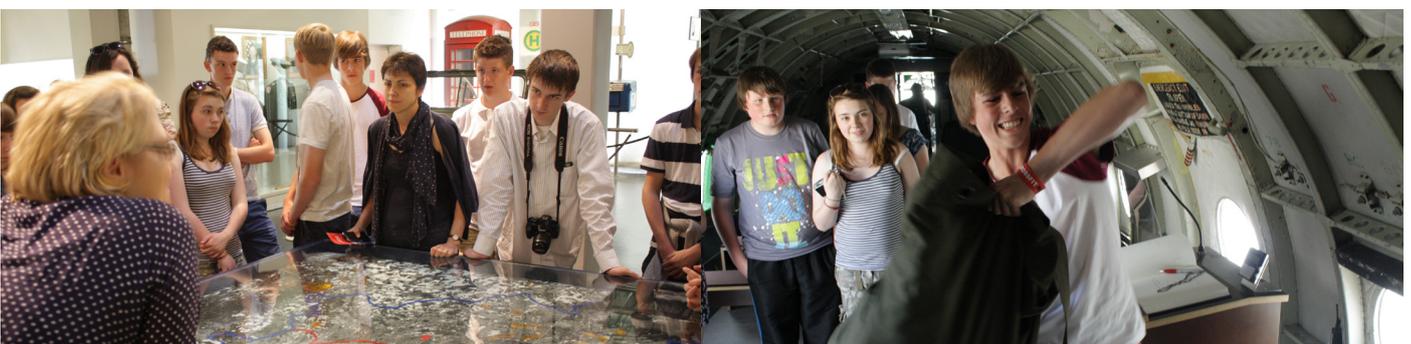
Day 3: Hohenschonhausen Stasi interrogation centre; Checkpoint Charlie museum; shopping time!



*"How has this city rebuilt itself so quickly?"*

*"We are so fortunate not to have lived through this"*

*"I learnt loads and had time to reflect too, especially at the Holocaust memorial"*



# YouN.G.



Following their success at the Suffolk stage of the Young Enterprise competition, YouN.G. went on to represent Debenham High School at the East of England finals. Competing against seven other teams (all Year 12 students) they came an incredibly close second. They impressed at every level, winning the Marketing and Best Trade Stand awards. They were highly commended by the judges and, although we may be a little biased, robbed of first place. Congratulations to all the team showing commitment, creativity and incredible maturity throughout the process. We are so proud of them for all they have achieved. Freya Paternoster, Philip Ouko, Alice Eddy Jack Millar, Andrew Corrigan, Robyn Bosworth, Steph McAulay, Sophie Hutchinson, Phoebe Atkins, Benjamin Denton-Cardew, Rosie Voller, Caitlin Corrigan.



## Visit to Borough Lane Market.

The Food Technology group spent the day in the market, visiting stalls to find out about products and ingredients for their GCSE coursework. Lots of different products were tasted including kangaroo burgers, ostrich steak, oysters, Turkish delight, duck sandwiches and Thai Curry. This was followed by a cheese tasting at Neal's Yard Dairy. The finale was a trip on the river to the O2 Arena to pick up the tube to Newbury Park and the minibus home. Thanks to Mrs Gilgan for directing us on the tube and Mrs Harrison who drove the minibus. It was a great day.

Jane Thomas



## DUX AWARDS

The school was given two places on the Dux Award scheme. This scheme offers university visits to students in Year 9 while they are considering their option choices. Ellie Sanders and Ben Herriot visited Birmingham University, experienced a lecture and were given a tour of the campus. They have since considered their future pathway in the light of the trip.



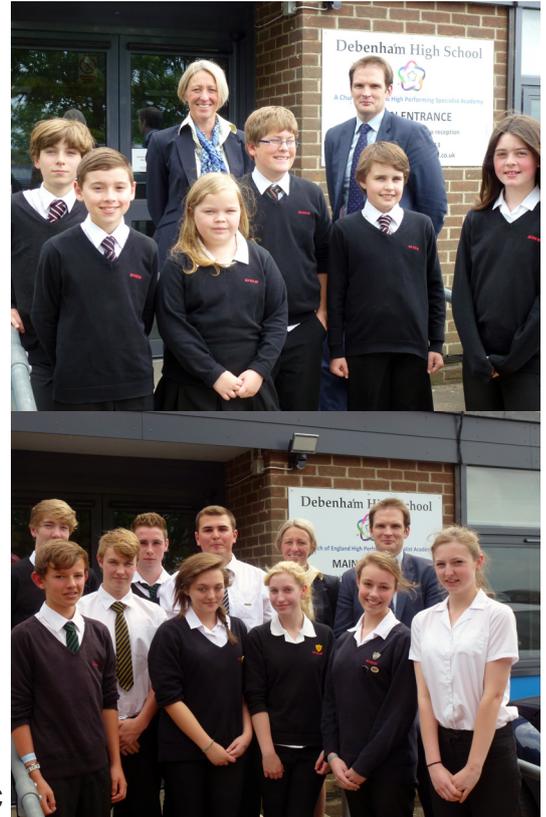
# Meeting Dr P.

On the 14 June 2013 some students from the Debenham High School debating team were given the opportunity to meet Dr Dan Poulter. We were able to quiz him about his role in Parliament. The meeting followed a trip to the Houses of Parliament earlier in the year, where we learnt about the different houses in political society and how debating skills form a key part of politics. When we entered Miss Upton's office to meet Dr Poulter the air was filled with positive yet nervous energy. Dr Poulter was calm and confident, surrounded by a group of eager students, keen to gain an insight into his life. They asked questions on a range of topics including:

- How did you feel when you were elected?
- What is your stance on our membership of the European Union?
- How can we ensure that we manage immigration effectively?
- Exactly what have the current government done to bring the country out of recession?
- We will be the first year to take linear GCSEs. Do you think this is the best way to assess students' skills?

He had strong beliefs on maintaining a balance between life and politics. Overall this was a great experience and a pleasure to be part of.

Lauren Russell 7C



## Puzzle Corner

### Word games

Have you ever worn winklepickers or salopettes? Is the saying about French women and their oxters true? Do your friends complain that you bibble too much? Have you ever experienced zoanthropy and been convinced you were an elephant?

If you're confused as to how to answer any - or all - of these questions, never fear! These and many other unusual words from the English Language are here to baffle you.

### Erinaceous means .....

- a) a willingness to take risks
- b) resembling a hedgehog
- c) belonging to the heather family of plants and preferring acidic soil

### Maths mayhem

What is the maximum possible value of the median number of cups of coffee bought per customer on a day when Sundollars Coffee Shop sells 477 cups of coffee to 190 customers, and every customer buys at least one cup of coffee?

A 1.5      B 2      C 2.5      D 3      E 3.5

### Multi-lingual challenge

Can you translate these words? As always, these "triples" have the same meaning in English.

French	Spanish	Italian
Canicule	ola de calor	ondata di caldo
Rossignol	ruisenor	usignolo
roncière	zarza	rovo

# FESTIVITIES ON THE FIELD

We braved the elements for our summer concert this year with an ambitious “proms in the park” event. With pre-booked food hampers, an impressive marquee in the school field, and an array of musical talent, all we needed was the sun to shine. Despite the weather we were treated to some wonderful performances, including a collaborative piece involving a number of our feeder primary schools.



# Summer Awards

This year we introduced an addition to the school calendar - a Summer Awards Celebration. During the evening we celebrated the academic achievements of students in Years 7 to 10. In November we will hold a separate awards evening to celebrate the achievements of ALL the Year 11 students that leave us this summer. We separated these two events to recognise more, not fewer students. We are blessed at Debenham High School with many hardworking, dedicated and talented young people and we want to make sure we acknowledge them all. Students received prizes for academic achievement and progress, as well as for commitment to the school community through leadership and support of others.

We were delighted that George Bullard, adventurer and explorer, joined us to present the awards and to give a motivation talk to all present. His ABC motto of Aspiration, Bravery and Carpe Diem will ring in our minds for some time, as will his animated and engaging presentation. 2012-13 has been another remarkable year for Debenham High School. Congratulations to all the award winners.

## *Subject Awards*

*Art - Rhodri Durie*

*Drama - Matthew Cornforth*

*Design: Food - Lucy Barker*

*Design: Graphic Products - Emma Lander*

*Design: Resistant Materials - Angus Stone*

*Design: Textiles - Zilah Atfield*

*English - Olivia Da Costa*

*Geography - Edward Botwright*

*History - Calvin Coe*

*ICT - Ben Ford*

*Mathematics - Alex Kilbourn*

*Media Studies - Hannah Biddiscombe*

*MFL - Holly Brett*

*Music - Georgia Dawson*

*PE - Henry Fowler*

*RE - Alice Mutimer*

*Science - Chelsea Vaughan*



## *Progress Awards*

*Romilly Hughes, Barnaby Long*

*Bethany Barnes, Ryan Pooley*

*Sarah Owers, Alex Warnes*

*Freya Paternoster, James Ormond*

*Head of Year Awards*

*Harriett Pivett, Baris Altintop*

*Lexi Thomlinson-Blount, Sean Chadwick*

*Eleanor Roberts, Zac Burgess*

*Rosie Voller, Rhodri Durie*

# Celebration



## *Consistent Outstanding Attainment Awards*

*Alice Ager, Phoebe Atkins, Olivia Da Costa, Alice Eddy, Henry Fowler, Cameron Hogg, Jack Millar,  
Liam Smith, Matthew Tapscott, Jeremy Wilson  
Matthew Cross, Louise Davy, Joseph Graham, Eleanor Howard, Charlotte Kissick-Jones, Alex Lee,  
Hannah Lockwood, Philip Pinn, Isobella Rivers, Jamian Stephan,  
Bethan Barrett, Charlie Boast, Sean Chadwick, Hannah Champion, Aidan Coe, Ryan Dennis,  
Harry Fawcner, Poppy Fawcner, Leah Golding, Joel Ryder, Toby Sharpe  
William Bosley, Matthew Carter, Ellie Fawcner, Sam Fowler, Phoebe Frampton, Holly Gilbert,  
Bridie Gilgan, Connor Goodchild, Rosie Halliday, Ewan McMyn, Emma Turner*

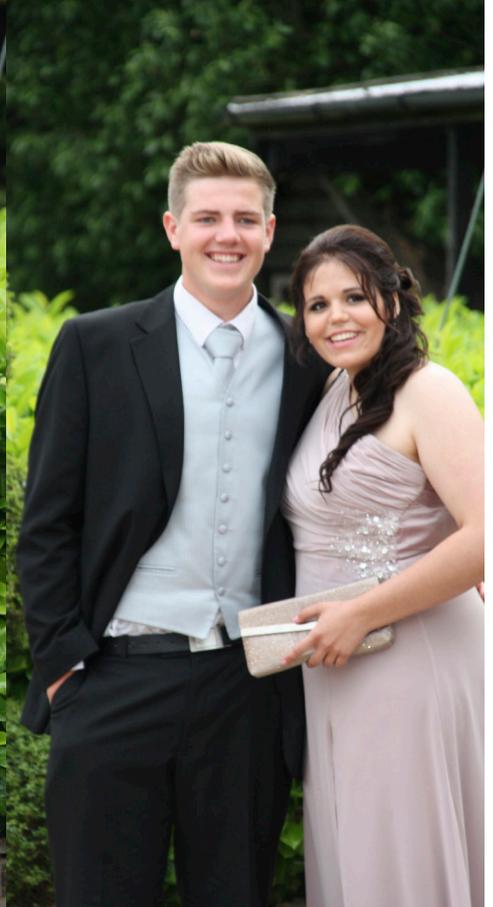
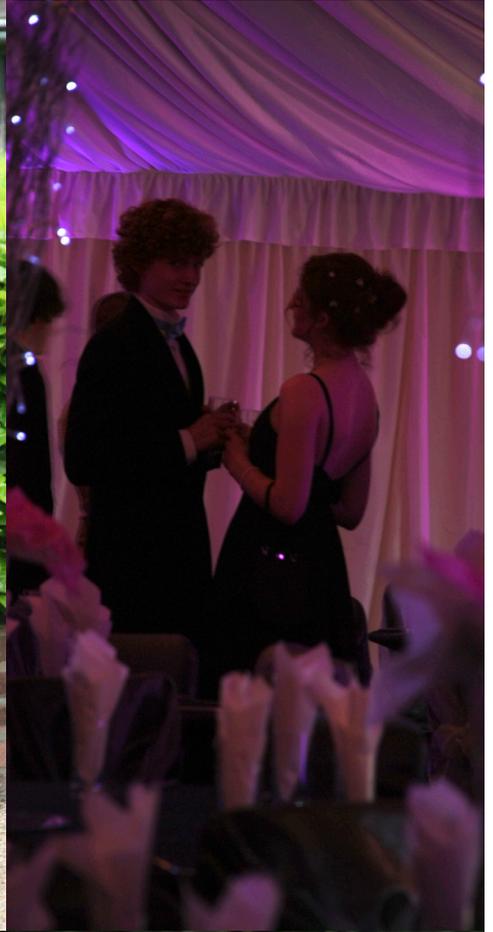


## *Year Leaders and Deputies Awards*

*Calvin Coe, Anna Kinge, Mungo Harvey, Cameron Hogg  
Louise Davy, Alex Lee, Eleanor Howard, Jamian Stephan  
Poppy Fawcner, Paddy Hughes, Toby Sharpe, Annie Voller  
Ellie Fawcner, Nathan Godding, Julie Davy, Joseph Sharpe*



# A FINAL



# PROMENADE



# Sports Roundup

## Athletics

The Year 8 girls team recently attended the final of the 'super 8' Athletics competition held at Bury St Edmunds. This was part of the Suffolk youth games with over 30 schools in attendance. Students participated in a variety of sports including Judo, Squash, Swimming and Netball. The team were (top left picture below): Abi Ramsden, Lauren Swinburne, Maddie Vaughan, Hannah Champion, Lucy Turmel, Rohan Etchingham, Rhian Bamford and Beth Shaw.

The team performed really well in hot conditions, finishing 9th overall. Lucy finishing 3rd in the 800m was a highlight. They were joined by a selection of our Sports Leaders (below top right) from Year 11 who assisted the squash and Athletic events.

## Tennis

Despite both Year 8 and 10 sides not reaching the finals at Woodbridge at the end of June, both teams completed some impressive performances in their respective group games. The Year 10 side of Rhodri Durie, Will Seccombe, Mungo Harvey, Paddy Styles and Peter Ouko beat Framlingham College and Woodbridge in a tough 1st Division group where only group winners Ipswich School went through. The Year 8 team of Myles Peck, Ryan Bridges, Joe Robertson and Joe Farrall also beat Woodbridge School. In the school Tennis tournament, Myles Peck beat Joe Farrall 6-2 6-2 to win the Junior boys title. The Senior boys final will take place in September, with the semi finals still to be played.

## Cricket

The Under 13 boys side have played extremely well this season to reach the finals at Hadleigh CC on Thursday 11 July. They beat Holbrook and Suffolk New Academy to play Northgate in the quarter finals. They promptly won this tie by 27 runs to reach the final four. The side is mainly made up of Year 7 pupils and have done very well to reach this stage.

In other friendly fixtures, Year 7 and 8 sides both beat Stradbroke, with the Year 8 side by 53 runs. The Year 8 side then lost a close game to Thomas Mills by 4 runs.

## Under 14 Boys Hockey

Congratulations to our team who won the Suffolk Emerging School Cup this year. (Bottom right below)

## Finally to Football

Callum Scott, Alfie Maw, Tom Godfrey, Billy Apps, Ewan Ralph and Ibbby Manto all attended county football trials in Ipswich this term for next season. Billy has been selected to attend the final trial on Friday 12 July.

