# DISCOVER DENES

Farewell to our Class of 2025, leavers day & Prom

How our students have made us proud

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Sports Day 2025

# ASPIRATION—INTEGRITY—RESPECT



Its hard to believe we are at the end of the summer term of what has been a really successful year. Our children have risen to and exceeded our high expectations, demonstrating ready, responsible, respectful, kindness and pride every day. You will see their achievement throughout this edition, and

they deserve to be celebrated. What we achieve is only possible because of support from home so it is great to know that 9/10 of you would recommend us – it is also possible because of the tireless hard work of staff who go above and

beyond so that all children get to experience so much.

Thank you to everyone who makes Denes such a special place.

Mrs Kate Williams

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#### Staff Farewells.

We would like to say a huge thank you and farewell to the staff below who are either off to enjoy their well deserved retirement, or are moving on to other things.

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Thank you to Mrs Turner, Mrs Turpin, Mr Bennett, Mrs Davenport, Miss Sharman, Miss Chaston & Mrs Robinson—you will be missed greatly, by staff and students alike.

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# Goodbye Class of 2025

















#### Year 10 Proud

#### Year 10 Work experience feedback.

Both girls were an absolute delight to have for the week \* Polite, courteous, on time, helpful and smiling \* Both did the school proud \* Punctual, polite, followed instructions and did everything that was expected \* Showed great maturity whilst with us; is an absolute credit to your school \* Willingly helped out with any housekeeping tasks \* It has been an absolute pleasure to have xx carry out her placement with us \* Really impressed us this week \* Interacted really well with the children and they responded really well to her \* Showed she is such a kind and caring girl and this came through strong during her interactions throughout the week \* Asked appropriate questions and has been kind, well-mannered and respectful throughout the week \* \* Has been an excellent student \* Both girls were an absolute delight to have for the week \* The students that we have there were calm, polite and extremely professional \* They asked questions if they needed guidance and were a real credit to the academy, demonstrating the high standards we aim for.

Year 10 college trip



Year 10 Mock Results Assembly

I am so proud of how Year 10 have tackled their mock exams and stepped up to be role models to the rest of the academy. Your attendance and home learning is ever increasing. Keep up the good work going into Year 11 - you have got this Class of 2026.

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We believe in you!

Miss Arnold & Miss Ward



Year 10 students **Bethany** and **Ella** were selected to coauthor this year's official Suffolk Day Town Proclamation, joining peers from other schools as part of a unique initiative led by



Lowestoft Town Council. Their contribution focused on environmental action and sustainability as themes they had already explored through their involvement with the school's Debate Club.



## Year 9 Proud

We are so proud of the journey our students have been on this year. The commitment throughout the options process was incredible and students demonstrated a great maturity for their futures. The passing from KS3 into KS4 was celebrated with a trip to Pleasure Wood Hills during enrichment and a special graduation assembly followed by a BBQ party and games.



Miss Grimmer & Mrs Schroder.



# Year 8 Proud

We are proud of year 8's vast improvements with attendance this year. It has been lovely to see them coming in each and every day and taking more responsibility for their learning. We are also proud of their sporting achievements, whether that be representing the school at competitions or signing up for interform competitions, their willingness to represent team year 8 has been fantastic.

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Miss Smith-Howell & Miss Eaton.











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# Year 7 Proud

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We are proud of Year 7 for facing all the challenges that have been put their way this year, from new experiences to new subjects and new teachers. They have taking everything in their stride and have shown they will not give up at the first hurdle. I cannot wait to watch them grow further as they open their minds onto their next adventure of starting Y8.

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Mrs Parish-Heath & Mrs Calver

Believe you can Year 7, and you are already half way there!









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## Student Leadership 2025-2026

We are proud to announce our Student Leadership for 2025-2026.

#### Head Prefects: Jake & Grace

Deputy Head Prefects: Mia and Chelsey

Senior Team: Bethany, Juno, Joe, Jamie, Jack & Ella

Prefect Team: Katie, Kyron, Alex, Morgan, Kieran, Carimo, Jack, Ziva, Olivia, Mia, Jodi & Aydin





**Grace**: "Being a Head Prefect alongside Jake is a great honour to me. I want to strive to encourage my fellow students to aspire to be the best they can be. To maintain our school's positive environment, and to keep ensuring it is a safe place for everyone. I will uphold our school's values of aspiration, responsibility, and respect."

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Jake: "To me, being Head Prefect within Student Leadership means acting as a strong, positive role model to others and listening to the voices of all

students, so they feel heard and valued. Through this position, I want to provide opportunities for all students and have a positive impact on the whole school community: students, teachers, parents, visitors, and the wider community as well."

Well done to all of our 2025-2026 Student Leadership Team.

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# What else has been going on this term?



#### Duke of Edinburgh BRONZE award

We are so proud of our Year 9 students who successfully completed their two day Duke of Edinburgh BRONZE award this term. This involved an overnight camp and a walk of 10km on both days! With the sun blazing down on them, they showed great resilience, teamwork and leadership.



HUGE well done to Imogen, Kieran, Holly, Lilly, Ella, Jodie, Lydia, Baikey, Toby, Ano, India, Priya, Jinith, CJ, Freya, Ashton, Clara and Kayden.

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#### **Dora Love Finals.**

Our students were recently presented with a commendation for their work on the Dora Love Prize 2025. The aim of the competition was to recognise the work that schools do in raising awareness of the Holocaust, and on-going injustice in the world today. They were a credit to themselves and the school.

Congratulations to **Amy, Lilly,** Jerome, Harry, Elizabth, Jack and CJ for receiving a **COMMENDATION** for their work on the Dora Love Prize 2025.





Jake and Bethany have successfully progressed to the final round of the Oundle Scholarship 2026-2028 programme, which is FANTASTIC.

We are so proud of them both and wish them all the best for the final stage in September.

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# Uniform updates 2025-2026

#### **Main School Uniform**

- Blue blazer with gold ODA badge<sup>1</sup>
- White buttoned up shirt or blouse
- Blue and burgundy ODA striped tie<sup>1</sup>
- Grey trousers<sup>2</sup> or blue and burgundy tartan skirt<sup>1</sup>
- Grey V-neck jumper with burgundy trim (optional)
- Plain white, navy, dark grey or black socks or plain grey, black or natural coloured tights. Socks must be below the knee and plain (no logos)
  - Plain black polishable shoes



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<sup>1</sup> Items must be purchased from our approved supplier, Screens

<sup>2</sup> Trousers must be standard uniform tailored trousers (as shown in the photograph). We will not accept skinny fit or cropped, denim or jersey material trousers.

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#### Equipment Updates 2025-2026

Students will need to bring the following 5 a day equipment to school in a school bag, this will be checked by form tutors on a daily basis.

- Pen (blue or black).
- Pencil.
- Ruler.
- Academy issued planner.
- Academy issued Knowledge Organiser.

All 5 a day items should be in a school bag (A4 size or larger)









Miss M Arnold Head of Year 11 Miss K Ward Pastoral Manager for Year 11 Miss L Grimmer Head of Year 10 Mrs N Schroder Pastoral Manager for Year 10 Miss H Smith-Howell <sup>1</sup> Head of Year 9 Miss L Eaton Pastoral Manager for Year 9 Mrs L Parish-Heath <sup>2</sup> Head of Year 8 Mrs G Calver Pastoral Manager for Year 8 Mrs J Sheriff-Horner Head of Year 7 Miss A Ward Pastoral Manager for Year 7

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<sup>1</sup> During Miss Smith-Howell's maternity leave, Miss Eaton will step into the Head of Year role, and Miss Evans will support in a Pastoral Assistant role.

<sup>2</sup> During Mrs Parish-Heath's maternity, Miss Best will be Head of Year.

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