



### AUTUMN Term, October 2022

School House and Denton Boarders have had a busy 6-week half-term. It has been a delight to see so many boarders getting involved in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.



#### Open Morning

Visitors were shown around the school campus for 'Open Morning'. Thank you to the members of the boarding community that took tours around the school. Konstantin was an excellent ambassador for the school.

Oscar H displayed the machine he and the Stage-crew team have been working on this half-term. Samuel N, one of our music scholars, helped in the Music School.



#### Academic achievement

Linus L was awarded the Mathematics Award, Jonas D the Physics Award and William C the Art Award at Senior Prizegiving.

#### Music and the Arts

We have had excellent reports from the music teachers of our boys. The piano, clarinet, saxophone, euphonium, guitar, violin and cello are practiced by the boys.

Chace C has been awarded his Grade 6 Piano. We have particularly enjoyed Chace's renditions of songs by 'Queen'.

Hayes M has impressed the Drama Department with his acting ability. He successfully auditioned for a part in Shakespeare's 'Richard III.'

Hayes M and Denis O directed a pantomime – their two groups of Year 7 actors came first and second place in the competition.



### Sports and the outdoors

Vladimir K has represented Year 10 playing rugby. He scored a try in the final match of the half-term.

Charles, Dixon, Albus, Addison and Francis played for the basketball team, beating Uppingham.

Daniel T represented the first and second XV rugby team. He scored a try in a 'man of the match' moment.

To prepare for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, Year 11 students spent two nights camping and then hiking throughout the day.

New recruits to the CCF got very wet on a canoeing trip. RAF cadets went gliding.



### Chinese Club

Year 10 and 11 students have set up 'Chinese Club' which is for younger students who are interested in learning a new language.

Edmund L began by teaching Year 6 boys how to count to ten. Subsequently, Chace C, Philos C, Edmund L, Howard L, Demetrius C, Ivan L, Cyrus C, Bosco K, Jeff W from the boarding community have delivered a lesson



to Year 7 students who can now confidently say 'hello', 'goodbye' and 'thank you' in Mandarin.

### Life in the Boarding Houses

Both Denton and School House were invited to the Headmasters' garden for a BBQ. The boys enjoyed the food and playing croquet.

Denton have welcomed Gardening Club into the back garden. They are looking into which plants will be most suitable. Cyrus C and Aaran T must be thanked for the time they spent making a bird feeder. Edmund L has put Denton's new wildlife camera to use. Badgers and foxes are frequent visitors to the school campus.

The talented Miss Durden has shown boys how to make cookies, muffins and brownies. They need to keep practicing their baking over half-term!





## Trips

The boys enjoyed walking up Beacon Hill. From the top, they could see Loughborough, Nottingham and Leicester. They were treated to an ice cream, despite the chilly autumnal weather.

A shopping trip to Leicester was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys.

Boys were taken to watch Aston Villa versus Southampton.

A number of boys visited Drayton Manor theme park. Mr Blackman and Mr Marlow spent their day looking after the various stuffed animals that the boys won. The dog pictured below has been named 'Denton' and is regularly in attendance at House meetings.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

As we head towards the Christmas holidays, the boys will have the following events to look forward to:

- **4 November:** Bonfire night celebrations at Quorn
- **6 November:** sports fixtures against Warwick School
- **12 November:** Manchester City v Brentford - 50 tickets available
- **19 November:** trip to Bicester shopping village
- **27 November:** trip to York to visit the Christmas markets
- **2 December:** pantomime in Loughborough
- **Christmas dinner** - a formal dinner at school

**We look forward to welcoming the boys back to School House and Denton House on 30 October.**

