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# Newsletter

6th October 2025

What a week! On Tuesday we celebrated our wonderful students' efforts in completing their summer tasks followed by welcoming prospective year 7 students on Thursday. I hope you enjoy reading about both of these fantastic events. Best wishes for the coming week, Natalie



# Upcoming events & Notices

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PSHE focus
	Careers appointments Yr11 (SPS)		CWA campus tour for year 11 students (BWR)		Why do some voices get heard more than others?

## Notices

Don't forget DMA is a **nut free school**; please ensure packed lunches don't contain any items containing nuts.

## Denver | Supertots

**Come and Join Us!**

**Every Wednesday (term time) at  
Denver Primary School.**

**9.30am – 10.30am**

**50p entry for under 1.**

**£1 over 1's.**



# Local events

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## Community Drop-In for Parents, Carers & Young People

Come along and meet **Sarah**, your Community Worker, who will be ready to answer your questions and share information about a wide range of activities, groups and organisations that can help you with family and parenting issues.

If you would like to make an appointment for a different day, please ring our family hub on 01553 669673

**Tuesday 7th October** Downham Market Library 15:00pm-16:30pm

**Thursday 9th October** Under 5 Healthy Child drop-in  
Downham Market Methodist Church 9:30am-11:30am

**Wednesday 15th October** Everyday Living, Money Matters  
Downham Market Library 10:00am-11:30am

You can find out more about our family hubs approach online, just click on the QR code




**Start for Life**

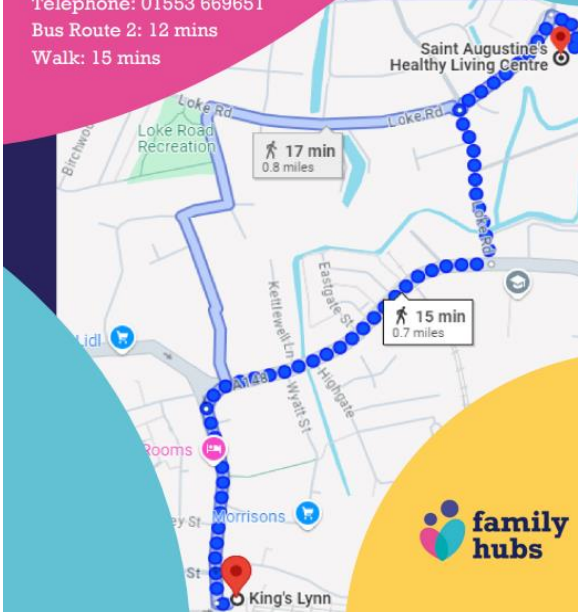
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Please Come Along To The Following Drop-In Sessions For Support, Information and Guidance:

DATE	TIME	SESSION TITLE
1 <sup>st</sup> October	09:30 – 11:30	BOOST – Skills Partnership Team
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	09:30 – 11:30	ECFS Information Session
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10:00 – 14:00	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	12:30 – 16:30	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
9 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 – 14:00	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
10 <sup>th</sup> October	12:30 – 16:30	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
15 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30 – 11:30	BOOST – Skills Partnership Team
16 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 – 14:00	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
17 <sup>th</sup> October	12:30 – 16:30	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	09:30 – 11:30	BOOST – Skills Partnership Team
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	10:00 – 14:00	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
24 <sup>th</sup> October	12:30 – 16:30	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
24 <sup>th</sup> October	13:00 – 14:00	Norfolk Community Law Service
29 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30 – 11:30	BOOST – Skills Partnership Team
31 <sup>st</sup> October	12:30 – 16:30	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team

## Finding us from the station

Address: Saint Augustine's Healthy Living Centre, Columbia Way, King's Lynn  
PE30 2LB  
what3words: ///sport.bits.bunny  
Telephone: 01553 669651  
Bus Route 2: 12 mins  
Walk: 15 mins



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# DMA Allotment

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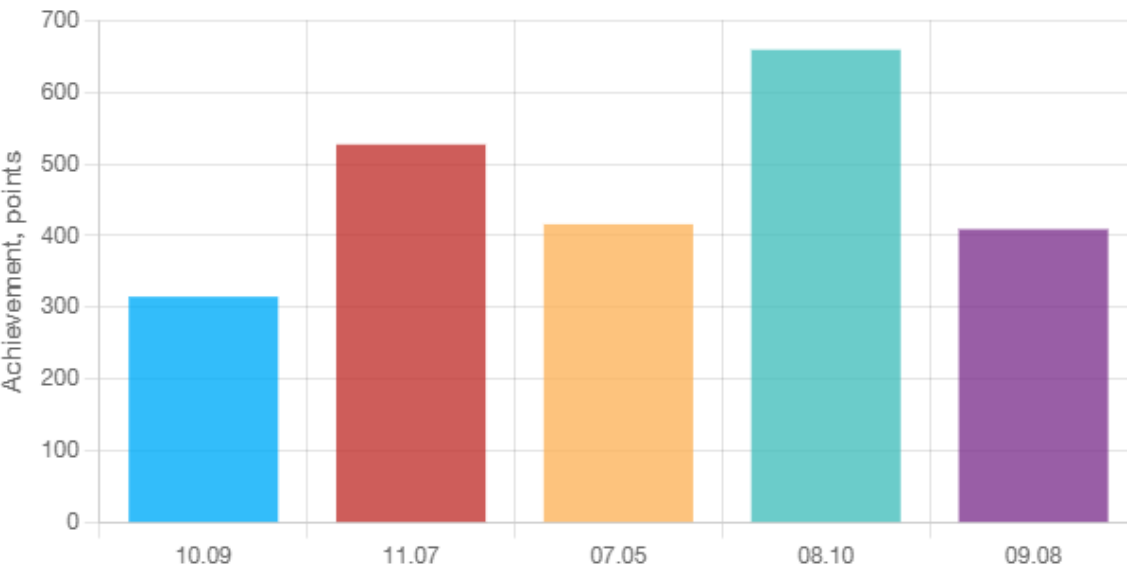


Matt from the Papillon Project, who oversees our DMA allotment, came in this week and was super happy with the progress. He said that it was a brilliant day at DMA with our green thumbed students. As you can see from the photographs our new allotment is really beginning to take shape! We are always on the lookout for volunteers from our wider community. If you would like to join us, Matt will next be at DMA on **Tuesday 21st October**. Please contact Ms Wells for more information [ewells@dma.tela.org.uk](mailto:ewells@dma.tela.org.uk)



# Achievement

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No change at the top! 8.10 lead the way for the overall school rankings! Can anyone stop them? Well done to all pupils who have been working hard to gain achievement points over the last few weeks!

## Top 5 Pupils

1. George P – 61
2. Saffron C-B – 60
3. Ethan J- 59
4. Daisy S -58
5. Poppy S- 57



# Sports News

Yr 8 Boys Football win 7-3 in County Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round

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## COUNTY CUP 1ST ROUND AWAY VS LANGLEY

A tightly contested first half saw DMA lead 5-3 at the interval. Two quick goals saw the game end comfortably. A brilliant start to the cup campaign. Goals from Finn x2, Leon x2, James x2 and Sonny.

POTM selected by the boys was James.

Special mentions to Sonny and Leon for dazzling displays in attack!

Onto the next round 🎩 Mr Walker

# Sports News

District Fixture, Home vs Marshlands



## YR 7 START WITH VICTORY

Yr 7 boys football team got off to a flying start with a 7-1 victory at home to Marshland. Lots of excellent performances from many players. Notibly Yannik scoring 5 goals and Adrian proving a real handful all game. Well done to the whole team. Brilliant work. See you at training on Tuesday. Mr Dobson



## YR 10 CONTINUE LAST YEARS FORM

4-0 win win for the year 10s, Poynter hat-trick, Layne goal, standard. O Poynter MoM. Mr Matthews



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## YR 11 START FAST

Great game for the Y11 netball team, coming away with a 21-6 win against Marshland. Some great shooting from Grace D. PPOM Willow D. Miss Webber



## YR 9 PUT IN A STRONG PERFORMANCE

Year 9 Netball team won 12-0 vs Marshlands. Some great performances by all of the girls today and brilliant development of space throughout. POTM: Madison Miss Offler



# Celebrating success

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## Year 7

It is hard to believe that this time last year, Open Evening was the start of our Year 7's journey to join DMA. So it seems fitting that so many volunteered to help on Thursday evening and share their experiences at this year's Open Evening. I was very proud to watch our students chatting away so confidently as the wonderful ambassadors they are for our school. In other news, Year 7's football campaign has kicked off in earnest; the team picked and a match played very successfully already!

## Year 8

Another great week Year 8, it was great to see some of you at the Open Evening on Thursday supporting and advocating for your school. It was a busy evening, and you helped to make a great impression to so many potential new students who may choose DMA as their preferred option.

Remember to check clubs and sign up to attending the subject clinics that are happening across the school during Period 7.

Have an amazing week,  
Miss Walpole & Mr Arrowsmith

## Year 9

Well done G.P. for continuing one more week in the leader board!  
Followed very closely by S. C-B.  
Just 2 house points away!

We have 3 weeks left for half term,  
Keep working really hard!

## Year 10

**Big shout out to the DMA boys football team for their victory of 4-0 last week. It was great seeing you all play so well and work together as a team. Olly P played particularly well scoring a hat-trick as did Oscar R with his great call-outs.**

## Year 11

**What an excellent Revision Café this week for Maths. Well done to all those who attended. Next week the focus is on Science**

# Work of the Week - Celebration Evening



Thank you to everyone who attended our lovely Celebration Evening on Tuesday 30th September. It was incredible to see such amazing summer work being produced.

Well done to everyone who entered and received a whopping 25 house points!

Huge congratulations to Ella Taylor for her special work awarding her 50 house points!





# Open Evening

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Thank you to the wonderful student helpers who supported staff at the open evenings last week. Year 6 students were so excited to take a tour of DMA and our year 11 children had lots of excellent questions for the sixth form. Our students were fantastic!

Please do contact Jake Baywood should you wish to visit Athena at another time or would like any additional information.

His email is [jbaywood@dma.tela.org.uk](mailto:jbaywood@dma.tela.org.uk)

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