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Newsletter

9th February 2026

Don't forget to follow DMA on Instagram, details on the left. We will be sharing updates and events over the coming weeks.

Best wishes for the coming week,
Natalie



Upcoming events & Notices

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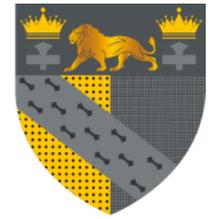
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PSHE focus
		Revision Café -English		HPV Vaccinations – Year 8	National Apprenticeship Week
				English trip – Jekyll & Hyde	What is Credit?

Notices

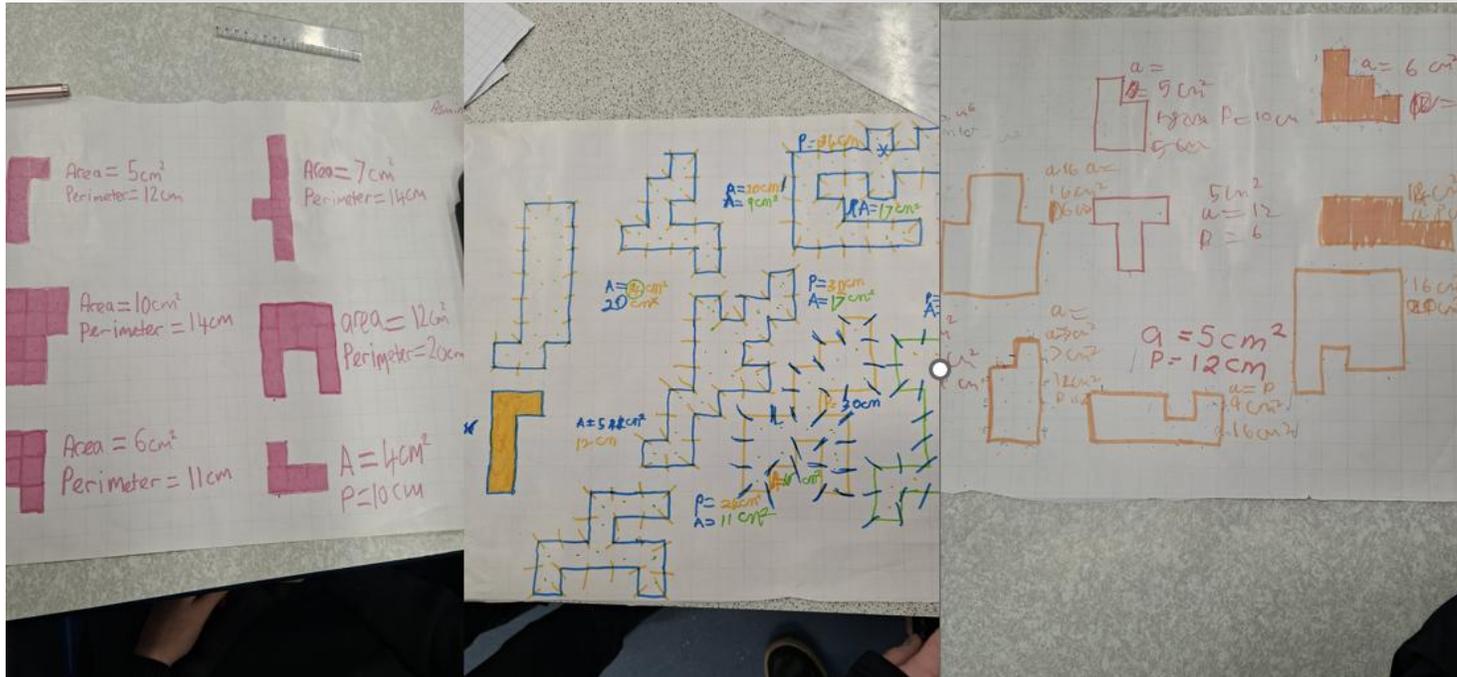
Don't forget DMA is a **nut free school**; please ensure packed lunches don't contain any items containing nuts.

Work of the Week

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Sports News

Boys Football County Cup

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YR 10 BOYS FOOTBALL COUNTY CUP – INTO SEMI FINALS

DMA started quick nipping behind and Charlie finishing. DMA stayed on top for much of the first half, when Harry fired home to make it 2-0. Throughout the second half, Cliff Park were a totally different team and scored early on. Whilst they had the majority of possession in the second half, DMA dug in and worked extremely hard, counter attacking and Olly scoring the third and killer goal.

Long drive, scored more, won and it was worth it.

MotM: Fletcher for outstanding defensive effort when we were up against it

Mr Matthews

Sports News

Year 9 Girls Football Team County Cup

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Yr 9 Girls Football Progress in County Cup at Hobart

The scoring was opened early by Tia, quickly followed by Evie to give the team a strong start. There were many chances through some very creative attacking play, though the finishing didn't quite reflect the strong possession.

The second half saw Romany extending the lead before a flurry of goals followed — braces for Evie, Tia and Romany to finish off an excellent attacking performance. At the other end, some solid defensive performances and key saves throughout ensured a well-deserved clean sheet. A brilliant all-round team performance.

Miss Ward



Sports News

Fixture Away v Hobart

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Year 7 Girls Football Fixture v Hobart

The U12 girls were involved in an end to end, high-scoring match against Hobart, eventually losing 11–6. While the result didn't fall our way, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance.

Mollie led the scoring with a hat-trick, supported by Freya P with two goals and Faye adding another. Faye was particularly unlucky not to add to her tally, creating chances and just missing on a few of occasions.

Throughout the match there were some excellent passages of play, with moments of sharp passing and confident attacking football that caught the attention of both teams. The girls showed great effort and attacking intent right to the final whistle.

A tough result, but an encouraging performance with clear signs of progress and plenty to build on. POTM Amy who made some superb saves!

Miss Offler

DMA Careers

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DMA CAREERS GUESS THE PROFESSIONAL



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN INSPIRING AND EDUCATING DMA STUDENTS ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK?



DO YOU WORK IN AN INDUSTRY WHERE STEREOTYPES ARE COMMON?



We are looking for volunteers from local businesses to support with an upcoming careers event at DMA on **Wednesday 15th of April**. If you would be interested, please contact Miss Webber at bwebber@dma.tela.org.uk for further information.



DMA CAREERS YEAR 8 ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT WITH OUR YEAR 8 ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY



Volunteers from all industries and job sectors welcome!

INTERESTED?

PLEASE CONTACT MISS WEBBER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

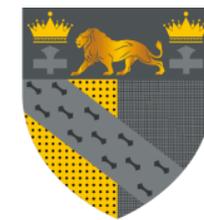
 BWEBBER@DMA.TELA.ORG.UK

We are always looking for local businesses and employers to support with our career events happening in school at DMA.

If you would be interested in assisting with either of these events, please contact Miss Webber – bwebber@dma.tela.org.uk

Events in the community

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Denver Supertots

Every Wednesday (term time) at Denver Primary School.

9.30am – 10.30am

50p entry for under 1.

£1 over 1's.

Search 'Denver Supertots' on Facebook



12 Feb 2026 - 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Downham Library

All ages welcome, whether you love the original Pokémon card game, Pokémon Go, or everything in between, come along to our new Pokémon Club. **Thursdays at 4pm - no need to book just come along.** Plus we have FREE trading game storybook and Pokémon cards to give away on your first visit.

Swan Youth Project

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Who are we?
Swan Youth Project is a youth and community project based at the heart of it's community. We support young people from age 8, plus their families with a wide range of high quality services. We work with a Trauma Informed approach, getting to know our young people and families really well.

Support for young people

- Open Access Youth Groups
- 1:1 support for mild/emerging mental health
- Young Carers Support
- Hygiene Bank
- More than a Bike
- Holiday Activities
- Duke of Edinburgh Award

Support for families

- Family Support
- Parents Group
- Courses
- Volunteering opportunities

Support for the community

- Workshops and assemblies
- Employment/work readiness support
- Vocational tasters and trips
- Residential Trips
- Love Downham shop
- Garden Project

Swan Youth Project
Paradise Road
Downham Market
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www.swanyouthproject.org

Timetable 2026

Monday
More Than A Bike: 4pm - 6pm

Tuesday
Parents Drop-in: 9am - 11am
Young Carers Check-in: 4pm - 4.30pm
Young Persons Committee: 4pm - 4.30pm
Duke of Edinburgh: 4pm - 4.30pm (alternate weeks)
Open Access: 4.30pm - 6.30pm (from age 8)
Garden Project: 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday
Young Carers Check-in: 3.30pm - 4pm
Junior Open Access: 4pm - 6pm (from age 8, at primary)
Employment Support: 10am - 3pm

Friday
Garden Project: various times (please check)
Young Carers Check-in: 4pm - 4.30pm
Senior Open Access: 4.30pm - 6.30pm (high school age)

Daily
1:1 Support
Family Support

The best thing is making new friends and the people here are all really nice. I don't have many friends at school.

If we need help with anything or if we don't feel safe you're there.

We welcome visits to our project, so please get in touch if you would like to look round and speak with staff.

Tech Tournament

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Last Tuesday was a big day at DMA as top technology students from Iceni and St Clements schools joined us at DMA for the annual Rotary Club Technology Tournament. This year the competition was very kindly sponsored by Mr Ford at Paradise Garage, Downham Market and required teams to build electric cars which could travel through a tunnel (or drainpipe) to clear out debris left blocking the road. The intermediate teams also had to be able to reverse their vehicle, as if the initial challenge wasn't hard enough!

It was a day of outstanding teamwork, incredible perseverance and awesome enthusiasm from everyone involved. We were super proud of all the DMA teams who battled on despite strong competition, strict rules and flying elastic bands. The teams really did DMA proud and all deserved a prize for their efforts and hard work.



Tech Tournament continued

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There were 13 teams in all, 7 foundation KS3 teams and 6 intermediate ks4 teams. In a very tightly fought battle, DMA yr7 finished in 2nd place after DMA yr8 who came 1st in the foundation competition bringing back the trophy. Our ks4 teams were also looking hard to beat, with the yr10 engineering team collecting the shield for best teamwork.

Yr7 - Lexi, Mason, Akein, Thomas / Yr8 - Gracie, Dylan, James, Grace / Yr9 -Arthur, Saffron, Jayden, Ted. / Yr10 Pt - George, Szymon, William, Harry / Yr10 Ev - Tobias, Phoebe, Karolina, Ruben / Yr11 Ev - Ollie, Jan, Nikolas, Alfie.

Thank you very much to the Downham Market Rotary Club for their hard work setting up such a fantastic opportunity. Thank you to Paradise Garage for sponsoring the event so it could go ahead. Thank you to Icen and St Clements for your good natured and commendable competition and thank you to the DMA students for being so brilliant. We look forward to next year.



Celebrating success

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Year 7

Can you believe that this is the last week ?

Keep up the good work

Year 7 you are amazing!

Year 8

Wow!! Beauty and the Beast was just amazing!! Massive congratulations to everybody involved and especially all of the Year 8's! I watched you perform on Thursday night and remain so very proud of you all.

This week is the last week of Spring 1, everybody is ready for a well-earned break. However, keep it going to the very end as every day is as important as the last!

Year 9

Last week of term! Well-done everyone, looking forward to our half-term break! This week we had the opportunity to watch the DMA Beauty and the Bast play that was amazing! Thank you for all your enthusiasm in taking part in a very successful show!

Year 10

The countdown to half term is officially on, Year 10. You're right at the finish line, so keep the focus and keep the revision going. A little effort now will pay off later.

Well done for all your hard work and commitment this term. Finish strong and enjoy a well deserved break.

Year 11

We are now in full swing preparing for the mocks which begin after half term. Please remember half term is a fantastic opportunity to get lots of independent revision completed. Also the Prom Squad have been very busy organising events to raise money for the event of the year on 26th June. They have been selling hot chocolate every break and we are in the throws of organising a Bake Sale for Valentine's Day - all donations greatly received!

Additionally, we are holding a DMA Preloved after half term - more information to follow next week

Year 12 & 13

Our Sixth Form Health and Social Care students need a mention this week. Both Year 12 and Year 13 submitted coursework units to the exam board. These have been both mandatory and optional units (9 different units). We can confirm that they all went through. Congratulations to all!

Sixth form News

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- Athena Sixth form is delighted to be welcoming **year 11s** for their guidance interviews to discuss sixth form places. Students should have received dates, times and location for these interviews. If anyone has not received this, please do get in touch with us at Athena and we will ensure your interview details are forwarded to you.
 - There might be some Downham Market Academy students who have not yet made an application to be an Athenian. We would like to extend our open invitation to you to make an application. We always look favourably on applications from our own Downham students - this is after all your very own Sixth form. If you are unsure about your 16+ future, please do come and talk to us. We would be delighted to help you consider the various pathways ahead.
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'Beauty and the Beast'

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We were so incredibly proud of the entire company of 'Beauty and the Beast' for performing two sold-out shows last week and a matinee for both Hillcrest and Nelson Academy. The performance was a huge success. We have been rehearsing for over sixteen weeks, and last week's performances were a result of hard work, commitment and a great deal of enthusiasm from all involved. So many students have said that being involved in the production has been the best experience they have ever had at school! We are very excited to start next year's show already, the launch for School Production 2027 will take place later on this year!

