



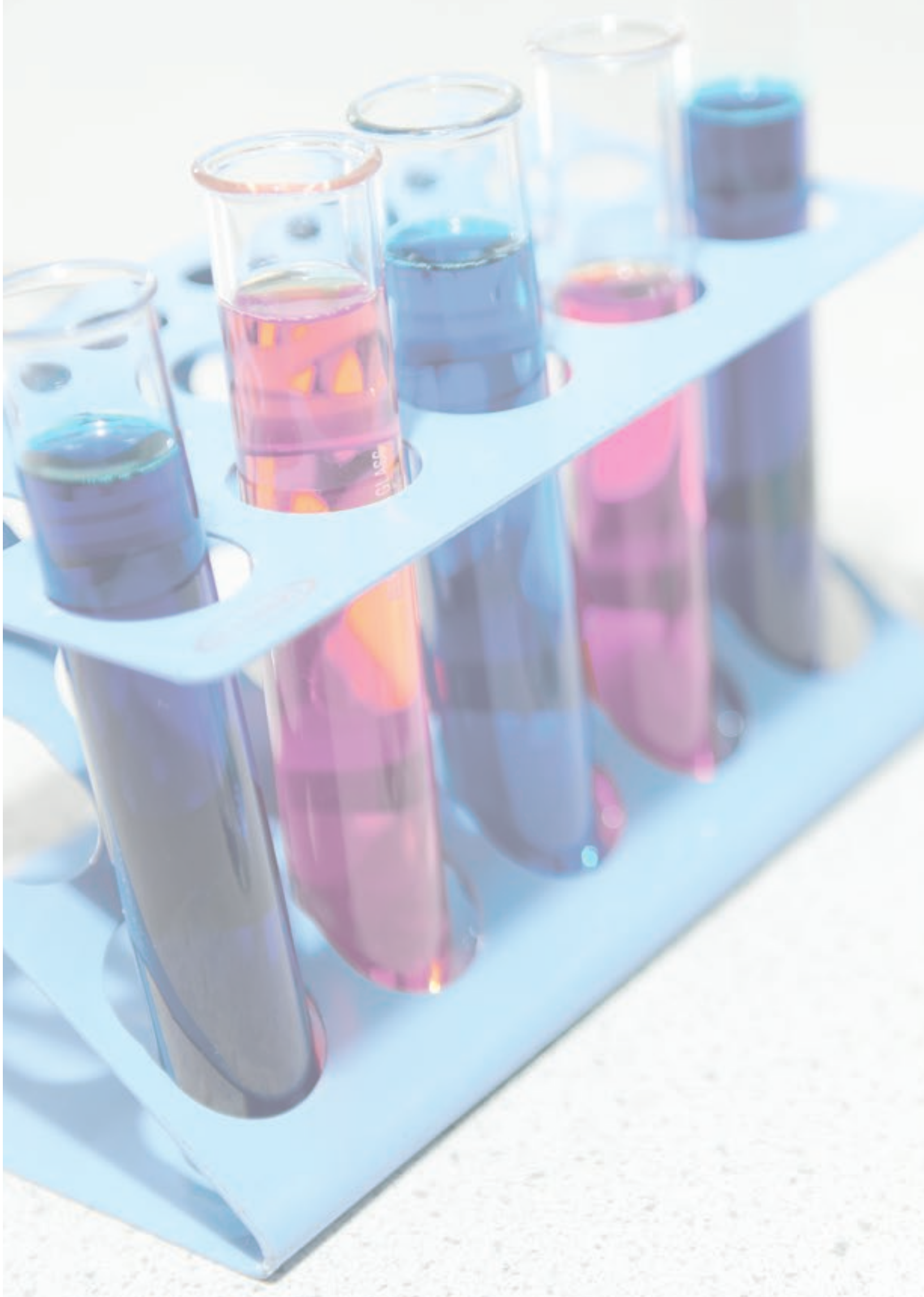
# Denton Community College

## Information for Students

2024 - 2025



Outcomes Focused, Child Centred





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# Vision and Values

## Our Vision

We constantly focus on standards as we understand outcomes are paramount. Our decision-making is driven entirely by what is best for children. By doing this we enhance the life chances of the children and young people in our care.

## Our Values

- We care passionately about the education and welfare of young people.
- We believe that all young people, irrespective of background or ability will be successful in our school (please refer to the Equality & Diversity Policy).
- We are not and will never be selective. We believe that local schools are for all children.
- We are always inclusive. Our mechanisms to support the most vulnerable child to succeed and overcome barriers to learning are a key aspect of our work.
- Our approach to education recognises that outcomes are paramount and also allows children to gain experiences and values which prepare them fully for life in modern Britain. This includes workplace skills and appropriate advice for future progression.
- We have high expectations of behaviour.
- We adopt the local authority admissions protocol and work closely with them.
- We would always wish to act in such a way that has a positive effect on a neighbouring school or community. We care passionately about children in our school.
- That all employees act with integrity and embrace the values of our school.

# Welcome from the Acting Headteacher



Dear student,  
I am delighted that you have chosen Denton Community College for September 2024.

We look forward to working with you over the next five years to ensure you maximise your potential both academically and socially.

Here at Denton Community College our vision and values underpin all of the work that we do.

Denton Community College is an inclusive school and values the contribution made by students, staff, governors, parents and members of the local community.

Our commitment to collaborative learning to achieve academic success will lead to enhanced life chances for students can be summed up with the phrase 'Outcomes Focused, Child Centred'. We know that to students and parents, high quality qualifications and strong levels of support mean everything in continuing on in the next phase of further education, and the world of work and employment.

I know I speak for all staff and students when I say that we are incredibly proud of the hard work and achievements of all our community and we look forward to welcoming you to contribute to this as our students are always the most important people in our school.

Our focus on learning is a driving force behind all that we do and students experience a rich and challenging curriculum, both inside and outside of the school, providing opportunities to continue to excel in the school and the wider community.

Enrichment opportunities outside of the classroom allow you the chance to make new friends, and experience opportunities based on interest. We have regular clubs including sports, chess, music, drama and art, to name a few as well as trips and charity events too. I feel very privileged to be the Acting Headteacher here and I hope you thoroughly enjoy your next 5 years with us and I look forward to seeing you achieve your potential and aspirations and being part of the Denton Community College community.

Donald Cumming  
Acting Headteacher  
Denton Community College





# Expectations

Denton Community College students should:

## Be punctual

- Arrive on time to school and to lessons, in order to be fully prepared for learning.

## Have the right equipment

- A school bag that can hold an a large A4 folder
- Planner
- Black pen, pencil and ruler in a pencil case
- Reading book
- Scientific calculator
- PE kit
- Need to Know Book

## Engage in Learning

- Arrive on time to every lesson, wearing their uniform correctly
- Have all the equipment needed all of the time
- Always exceed expectations in terms of progress in lessons
- Always take a full and active part in the lesson
- Always hand homework in on time and is completed beyond expectations
- Present all work to the highest standard



## Timing of the School Day

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8:20 am	Students need to be on site
8:25 am - 9:25 am	Period 1
9:25 am - 10:25 am	Period 2
10:25 am - 10:40 am	Break 15 minutes
10:40 am - 11:00 am	Tutor time
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Period 3
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Period 4 (Year 7 Split period)
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch (Year 7 only)
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Period 4 (Year 7 Split Period)
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Period 5
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Enrichment





## Support and Achievement

The School's aim is to provide a safe and secure environment for you to develop and fulfil your potential academically and socially.

Key staff, are shown below, will monitor your welfare, progress, engagement for learning, attendance and punctuality, and support you in the transition to our school.

Education Welfare  
Officer (EWO)

SLT member

Learning Manager

Tutor Group

SEND Co-ordinator

Inclusion  
Co-ordinator

Attendance Officer

Safeguarding Officer

## Curriculum

English
Maths
Science
History
Geography
MFL
Life
Music
Physical Education
Technology
Art



# Uniform

Only the items listed below should be worn. It is impossible to list all of the items not to be worn in school. However, if you are in any doubt please contact the school before you make a purchase.

A uniform supplier for Denton Community College is:

Monkhouse School Wear  
217 Chestergate  
(on the corner of Hardman Street)  
Stockport  
SK3 0AN

Telephone: 0161 476 7210

Emails: [stockport.shop@monkhouse.com](mailto:stockport.shop@monkhouse.com)

Online store: <https://www.monkhouse.com/school/denton-community-college-urn-135122>

## Uniform List Year 7 - 11

- Plain black shoes that are polishable. Boots, trainers, converse, vans or similar. Backless, suede or cloth footwear are not allowed. All footwear must be completely black with no logos, decorative elements or piped areas.
- A white school shirt (not tight fitted) with a top button that fastens.
- Denton Community College tie.
- Denton Community College blazer – to be worn at all times around school, it can be removed in lessons with the permission of the teacher.
- Charcoal Grey trousers for boys.
- Charcoal grey trousers for girls OR a DCC pleated knee length skirt for girls approved design only. To be purchased from the school's designated supplier. Girls who choose to wear a skirt must wear black tights 60 denier.

## Optional

- Denton Community College jumper



# Physical Education Uniform

The PE uniform supplier for Denton Community College is:

Monkhouse School Wear

Email

web@monkhouse.com

Telephone number

0161 476 7216

## PE Uniform

- Denton Community College T-shirt or plain black T-Shirt.
- Denton Community College PE shorts or plain black shorts.
- Black or White short socks/ankle socks.
- Appropriate trainers - no converse or pumps.
- Denton Community College tracksuit bottoms or plain black tracksuit bottoms.
- Sports leggings/tracksuit bottoms with a small sports logo only (no written logos).
- Denton Community College hoodie or plain black hoodie.
- A bobble is required for hair that is longer than shoulder length.





## Enrichment

The school offers a varied enrichment programme. The sessions are held at lunchtimes and after the school day. After-school activities take place between 2:30pm - 3:30pm, although with prior arrangements sporting fixtures may go on longer than this.

All students have the opportunity to participate in their choice of enrichment activities, although throughout the school year they may be required to attend booster or intervention sessions.

**Examples of some of the activities that have taken place:**

- Homework club
- D&D Board games club
- Football club
- Volleyball/badminton club
- Rounders club
- Cricket club
- Art club
- Chemistry club
- Sports Leaders
- Netball club
- Fitness Suite
- Trampolining club
- Basketball club
- Duke of Edinburgh (Year 9 onwards)
- Keyboard club
- Darts Club
- Drama Club
- Chess Club



## Tutor Group

Students are placed into a tutor group and will have a consistent member of staff to support them and check in with them every day throughout Year 7.

This is an important part of the transition to secondary school, especially in the first term when you are new to Denton Community College.

Your form tutor will be able to answer any questions you may have about life at secondary school, and they will guide and support you to help you enjoy and make the most out of every moment at Denton Community College.

Each day there will be a different activity during tutor time. These include:

- Equipment checks - you must have ALL your equipment with you each day
- Assemblies - these take place each week in our theatre
- Reading - we are a reading school and you will have time to read in silence during tutor time
- LIFE - this covers everything from online safety to staying healthy
- Careers- Students will have the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of different job roles including labour marketing, information, career pathways, qualifications and apprenticeships
- Attendance - we do weekly checks to make sure you are in school every day

Sometimes, for example when we have fire drills, you will line up in silence with your tutor group in alphabetical order on the school playground. Your form tutor will take your register to check everyone is in the line and you will wait in silence.

Year 7 have a designated area on the playground, separate from all other year groups, and then you will return into the building in a calm line together. Don't worry, we will practice this in the autumn term!

You will also be given opportunities to compete against other tutor groups during the year. This could be around the best attendance, literacy, numeracy, world knowledge or inter-form sporting events.





## Reading at Denton Community College

Developing a love of reading is something we are passionate about at Denton Community College, and this is woven throughout our curriculum.

All KS3 students participate in our Reading Route programme and we expect parents to support this at home. The purpose of the programme is to explore different genre of books along different routes such as comedy central, adventure, explorer and international globe trotter. Over time, students develop their ability to compare related texts for differences and similarities across themes.

Each Reading Route contains 5 books and takes place over a half term. Students are praised and rewarded each time they complete a book, but some students have already managed to complete a full route, and read all five books!

Many students in Year 7 complete their reading route books each half term and as a reward this year they were given tokens to use in our new book dispensing machine – this was a real hit!

### Pop Up Library

We have a 'pop up' library which runs on our Boulevard during lunchtimes, whilst we develop our new Learning Resource Centre. Students can exchange books, speak to our librarian about new books to discover and have their passion for reading celebrated. We also run reading catch-up sessions with trained staff during lesson times.

### Drop Everything And Read

Reading is one of our daily activities. Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) lessons form another strand of our reading programme. These are weekly lessons where teachers use the DEAR workbooks to develop fluency and confidence with their classes. Your child will be given a reading route book and a DEAR workbook in September, and will be expected to have them in school every day.

We hope that you will continue to encourage reading at home and look forward to rewarding your child for completing their reading routes next year.



## Catering in the Boulevard

We have a cashless system of school meals administration in operation at the school, using a biometric system (based on a computer code derived from a finger scan). This system enables you to pay for your meals more quickly, reducing the amount of time spent waiting to be served and students cannot use someone else's card to pay for their meals.

## iAspire Challenges

Students at Denton Community College work to further enhance their education and development through our iAspire challenge system. We challenge every student in the school to carry out a wide range of different activities that allows them to practice and gain key skills that are transferable to their further education and chosen career. The challenges are also designed to ensure that our students leave us with a significant amount of 'culture capital' which gives them a broader understanding of the developing world around them.

We believe that the experiences that the students get through these challenges are invaluable, and therefore we celebrate their success throughout the year. This is done through celebration assemblies every half term, with students achieving landmark challenges receiving a badge to proudly display on:

**iAspire 1** - Regularly attend an after-school club

**iAspire 2** - Represent the school or a community-based club in either: a production, a sporting event, or an academic event

**iAspire 3** - Take part in a residential, an outward bound or cultural experience

**iAspire 4** - Read at least one book from each 'Reading Route' and write a book review on each

**iAspire 5** - Actively engage with 'Love to Learn' projects

**iAspire 6** - Commit to producing PROUD work every lesson

**iAspire 7** - Take part in meaningful encounters with providers or employers

**iAspire 8** - Be actively involved in a social action project

**iAspire 9** - Plan, organise or participate in a fundraising event in the school

**iAspire 10** - Contribute to the sustainable development of the school







## New Beginnings: Reassuring words from Tony Walsh:

Welcome to your new school.  
Welcome to your future.  
New beginnings here and new rules.  
New classrooms, new computers,

New timetables, new faces here,  
New corridors, new signs.  
But some things change, some stay  
the same.  
And some truths last all time.

You'll take out what you put in,  
You'll reap just what you sow.  
So face the test and do your best,  
Work hard, play hard and grow.

And play a full and active part  
In school and its community.  
Be pleased to say, 'I seized the day.'  
'I used this opportunity.'

Remember that you're different,  
There's no-one quite like you.  
But make good friends, the ones  
who lend  
A hand to get you through.

Remember – keep your head up.  
Even if you fear you'll drown.  
Achieving is believing mixed  
With never looking down.

And think about your future;  
And find a hope, a dream.  
Put action in your action plan  
And build yourself a team.

Made of parents, made of teachers,  
Made of family and friends.  
From this position make a mission  
For a trip that never ends.

And so always keep on learning;  
There's always more to know.  
It may sound strange but you can always  
change,

It's never too late to grow.  
So don't let anybody  
Try and sneer and hold you back,  
Your history is not your future,  
So don't ever feel like that.

Because our town has a history  
Of producing boys and girls  
Who, from humble roots, pull up their  
boots  
And go on to change the world!

And so people just like you and me  
Can do very special things!  
Aim higher! Be high-flyers!  
And be bold, unfold your wings!

And so gain an education;  
Learn skills, gain facts and knowledge.  
And then take the inspiration  
Through to jobs, careers and college.

And so make the most of these days,  
The school and these facilities.  
Take off the brakes, be sure to make  
The best of your abilities.

Respect yourself and others,  
Have confidence – it's essential.  
If you keep a burning urge to learn  
You'll reach your full potential.

And so do things that you're proud of!  
And let everybody see:  
You've passed the test, you've done your  
best,  
To be the best that you can be.

Good luck

## Praise Culture

'Praise Culture is central to student life here at the school and we have a variety of ways that we celebrate students both academically and socially.

We have a huge focus on recognising great effort and achievement in lessons through applause moments, which acknowledge student effort and achievements. 'PROUD Thursday' is a very successful event each week where students can share their work with staff and guests, talking about their learning, progress and efforts.

Our 'Random Acts of Kindness' postcard praise culture is a way in which students can communicate their thanks to one another and also an opportunity for staff to thank students.

Other regular rewards are awarded through the week such as Postcards, SLT Star cards and Headteacher Rewards, all where students are formally recognised for their contribution to school life and culture.



# Art Task

Create a creature from a household object.

Your task is to create a creature using a household object as the basic shape.

Here are some ideas:

- Draw around the object adding details to create a creature
- Draw your creature using the object as inspiration
- Use more than one object to make a more detailed or crazy creature
- Actually make the creature in 3D as a piece of sculpture
- Create a creature that actually exists or use your imagination to create a new creature
- Use anything to produce your artwork that you have around the house. You can paint and draw with anything that makes a mark
- You can make a family or army/group of creatures

Be creative but more importantly have fun!

The Art Department at Denton Community College is looking forward to making a display of all your fantastic artwork!





# Physical Education Task

## Strength and Conditioning Challenge

1a) Goblet Squat - 4 sets x 8 reps

1b) Plank shoulder touch - 4 sets x 8 reps

1c) Push ups - 4 sets x 4 reps

2a) RDL - 4 sets x 4 reps

2b) Side plank - 4 sets x 20 seconds each side

2c) Single arm dumbbell press - 4 sets x 8 reps each side



Goblet squat



Plank shoulder touch



Push ups



RDL



Side plank



Single arm dumbbell press

## Student Views

Testaments about Denton Community College:

### **Peculiar O - Year 9 student, Student Voice President and Chair of the Cultural Enrichment Committee:**

"Transition day is an awesome experience to have the opportunity to familiarise yourself with your teachers and other students joining year 7 just like you. Since I started Denton Community College, I have enjoyed the experience of taking part in enrichment activities, The Scholars Program, Won the Black History Month competition, being the Chair of the Cultural Enrichment Committee and being Student Voice President."

"The school offers lots of praise to students for example, PROUD Thursday, Postcards home, Vouchers, Applause Moments and fantastic trips. Within my role as Student Voice President I aim to ensure inclusion and support to all students, enrichment to enhance the students wellbeing and celebrating all cultures within our school community. We cannot wait for you to join us and be part of our community!"

### **Chandice D - Year 8 student and Vice Chair Cultural Enrichment:**

"Since starting at Denton Community College, I have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in enrichment opportunities and representing the school as a member of the Student Voice Council. During this time I have been provided with an abundance of opportunities to make memories and enjoy new experiences. I have also been able to attend exciting trips and so far my experience has been great!"

### **Lydia P - Year 10 student and Student Voice Vice President:**

"Transition day is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet your new teachers, as well as other students who are joining Year 7 like you. It is a brilliant chance for you to learn all about Denton Community College, so that when you start in September, you do not feel as nervous about starting at secondary school!"

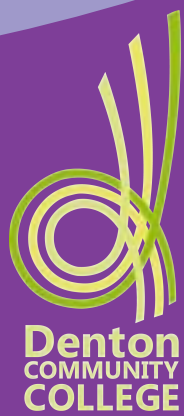
"Denton Community College is a welcoming and friendly school where staff and students support each other and want the best for each other. Within my role as Student Voice Vice President, I aim to ensure all students feel included, supported and happy within their time at school. The school does this through lots of things such as well structured lessons, high quality teaching, pastoral support and a fantastic praise culture."



# Denton COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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