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Making the most of Year 7

September 2023

Welcome

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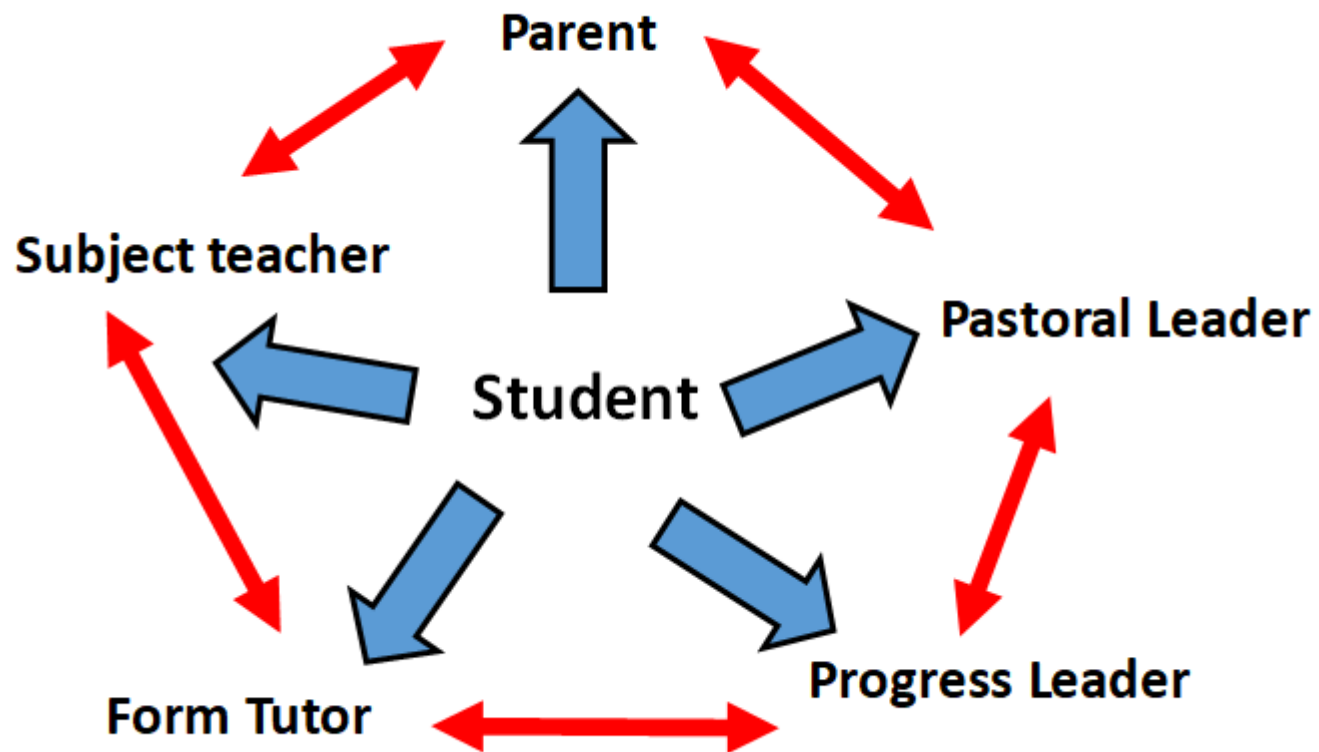
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Aims of this presentation

- To give you an overview of:
 - Key contacts
 - Key dates
 - Denbigh Values
 - School day and clubs
 - Punctuality
 - Celebrating Success
 - Planners
 - Homework
 - SIMs app
 - Denbigh Website
 - Assessment and progress measures
 - Ways of supporting your child at home
 - Introduction to Denbigh Association

Working together

- Positive focus
- In it together



Contact emails

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Other Useful emails

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Key Dates

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Date	Event
Thursday 14 th September	School Photos
Wednesday 4 th October	13:30-17:30 Tutor Consultation (Early finish for students 12:40)
Wednesday 18 th October	Enrichment Day
Friday 8 th December	Charity Day
Wednesday 20 th December	School closes to students at 12:40
Tuesday 19 th March	Enrichment Day
Friday 3 rd May	Charity Day
Monday 13 th –Friday 17 th May	End of year assessments
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening
Friday 5 th July	Enrichment Day
Wednesday 17 th July	13:30-17:30 Tutor Consultation (Early finish for students 12:40)
Friday 19 th July	School closes to students at 12:40

Role of Tutor

- Advocate in school
- Mentoring
- Supporting anxiety and stress
- Helping to develop motivation
- Looking at goals and career pathways
- Supporting planning and organisation
- Sharing a variety of revision techniques

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Role of Parent

- Parental support is eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than social class.
- The Campaign for Learning found that parental involvement in a child's education can mean the difference between a high grade at GCSE and a much lower grade
(TES Research)
- Be positive together

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Role of Student

- Accept responsibility for your own learning
- Be engaged and motivated
- Speak to the teacher if you do not understand
- Complete all classwork and homework
- Stay positive
- Follow the Denbigh Values

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Be Engaged



**Be Kind and
Respectful**



Do No Harm

Overview - Year 7 curriculum

English	3 hours
Mathematics	3 hours
Science	3 hours
Modern Languages	3 hours
Design Technology	2 hours
Physical Education	2 hours
Computing	2 hours
Geography	1 hour
History	1 hour
Philosophy, Religion and Ethics	1 hour
Art	1 hour
Music	1 hour
Drama	1 hour
Personal Development	1 hour

Language choices: There have been limitations with selections of languages due to staffing and timetabling options

Personal Development is the study of Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication skills

School Day

- Breaks

- Break at 10:00am
- Lunch at 12:30pm

	Year 7
8:30 - 9:00	Lesson 1 - Tutorial
9:00 - 10:00	Lesson 2
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:00	Lesson 3
11:00 - 11:30	
11:30 - 12:30	Lesson 4
12:30 - 1:00	Break
1:00 - 1:30	Lesson 5
1:30 - 2:00	
2:00 - 3:00	Lesson 6
3:00pm	Home

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Punctuality & Organisation

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Being just a few minutes late to lessons on a regular basis can have a big effect on learning:

- 3 mins late to 1 lesson per week = 117 mins

(nearly 2 missed lessons in a school year)

- 3 mins late to 1 lesson per day = 585 mins

(nearly 10 missed lessons or 2 school days in a school year)

- 3 mins late to every lesson every day = 2,925 mins

(around 49 missed lessons or 10 school days in a school year)

*If your child would like a locker please go to Parentmail – Payments & Shop tab – Select Lockers - £10 non-refundable fee



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Our expectations

Students are asked to...

- Walk quickly and quietly during transition time
- Not to treat transition time as break time
- Make an excellent start to every lesson

A punctuality report will be sent out every half term to parents via the SIMS app

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Celebrating success

Most of our students are on time for every single lesson.

Excellent punctuality will be celebrated throughout the year by tutors and heads of year.



Star of the Week



- Every week The Year 7 tutors will nominate someone in their tutor group
- If your child is nominated star of the week, they will be invited for a cookie during the half term.
- They will receive a certificate
- They will receive 3 achievement points

- The student chosen will demonstrated the below things:
 - The Denbigh values consistently.
 - Showing engagement in tutorial on a regular basis
 - Kindness and respect.
 - Do no harm.

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Students will also collect achievements points. At certain points in the year, they can cash them in.

Clubs

- For some of our students, this will be the first time that they get to attend a club!
- In the coming weeks, a Clubs Timetable will be published that will include activities that take place in either break, lunch or after school
- Please encourage students to come along to at least one

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The image shows a clubs timetable for Summer 2021, organized by day of the week. A logo is visible in the top left corner of the timetable. The days and their respective activities are as follows:

Day	Activity	Time	Staff	Location
Monday	Choir	Year 8, break	Miss O'Rourke	MU3
Monday	Philosophy	break	Mrs Rahman	H8
Monday	Fitness & agility	Year 7, 3:00-4:00pm	Mr Morrell	the field
Tuesday	Debating	Year 7, 3:00-4:00pm	Miss O'Brien & Mr Looker	E5
Tuesday	Boys Football	Year 8, 3:00-4:00pm	Mr Bennett	the astro
Wednesday	Art/textiles	Year 10 & 12, 3:00-4:00pm	Miss Tattam & Miss Bohannon	A3 & A2
Wednesday	Choir	Year 7, break	Miss O'Rourke	MU3
Wednesday	Boys Football	Year 10, 3:00-4:00pm	Mr Bunney	the astro
Wednesday	Netball	Year 8 & 10, 3:00-4:00pm	PE faculty staff	the hard courts
Wednesday	Photography	Year 10 & 12, 3:00-4:00pm	Mr Jackson	A1 (alternate weeks)
Wednesday	World history	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7 with Mrs Shepherd Year 8 with Ms Conway	IT4
Thursday	Boys Football	Year 9, 3:00-4:00pm	Mr Linbourne	the astro
Thursday	Homework	selected members, 3:00-3:45pm	Miss Foster	Student Support
Thursday	Netball	Year 7 & 9, 3:00-4:00pm	PE faculty staff	the hard courts
Thursday	Youth SACRE	break	Mrs Rahman & Ms Conway	H8
Friday	Denbigh Law Society	break	Mrs Smith	H5
Friday	Boys Football	Year 7, 3:00-4:00pm	Mr Fry	the astro

CLUBS
SUMMER 2021

Homework

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Subjects	Taught Hours	Typical amount of homework set each week
English Maths Science MFL	3	45
Computing Design Technology	2	30
Geography History PRE Music Drama Art	1	45 mins per fortnight or 20-25 minutes a week
PE DBT	2 1	No homework

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- Teachers will be using Microsoft Teams to set all student homework
- Students should be checking Teams and their planner
- Planners have a To-Do list to record homework



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Homework – so far

- This week students will be given their log in details
- Any work set on Teams since the beginning of term will not be completed and no consequence will be given
- Homework should be written in their planner
- Paper based homework

Planners

Week Beginning: 4th September 2023

Week: _____

Word of the Week: _____

Monday 4th

To Do List

Homework and Other Tasks

Subject/Topic	Task	Due	Tick/Cross
			<input type="checkbox"/>
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			<input type="checkbox"/>
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Weekly Review

Things I am proud of:

Challenges/Difficulties/Focus for next week

Achievement points

Behaviour points

Minutes late

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Your child will
also set goals
and targets

Autumn Term Assessment Grades			
Subject	CLG	On Target?	Attitude to Learning
English			
Drama			
Mathematics			
Science			
Technology			
French			
German/Spanish			
Art			
Geography			
History			
Music			
Physical Education			
Religious Education			
Information Technology			
Option Subject 1:			
Option Subject 2:			
Option Subject 3:			
Parent/Guardian Comment for Term 1 Assessment			

Planners

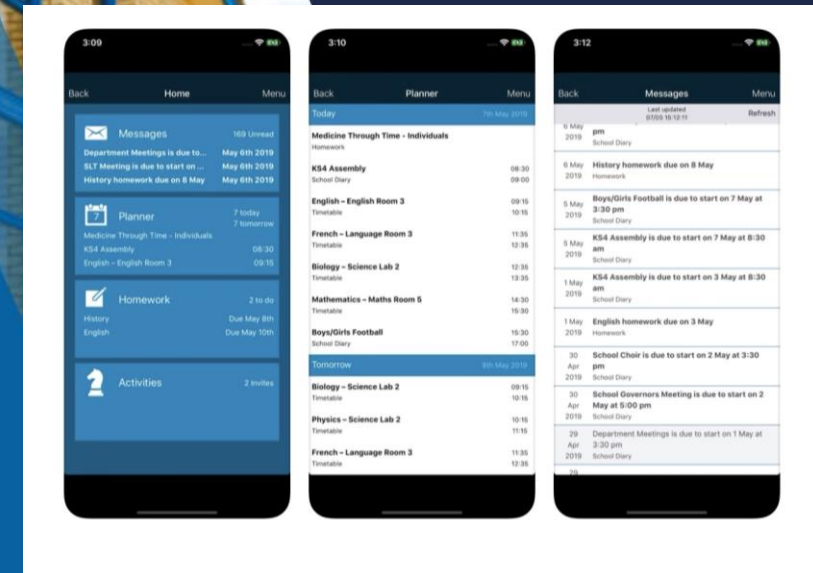
- Timetable
- Key Values
- Attitude to Learning
- Planning for test and exams
- Revision tips and planner
- Wellbeing
- Digital wellbeing
- Reading log
- Calendar
- Ruler
- Periodic table
- UK, Europe and World Map

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SIMS App

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- The SIMS App provides timetable and up to date reward and behaviour information.
- The Parents' SIMS App also includes a daily notification which will provide regular updates from school.



Any SIMS App queries to webmaster@denbigh.net

ParentMail

ParentMail is used for communication between Denbigh School and Parents/carers. All mass communication will be sent via ParentMail. This system is also used to top up a students' account for the canteen and pay for items and trips. ParentMail can also be used to report student absence.

[PARENTMAIL](#)

Parents SIMS App

The Parents SIMS App has recently been launched to enable you to access important information about your child's progress at school. You will be able to use the SIMS App to access behaviour points and shares that have been given to your child, as well as view their Progress reports.

[WEB ACCESS](#)[DOWNLOAD APP STORE](#)[DOWNLOAD GOOGLE PLAY](#)

Denbigh Website

- Contact details for all staff
- Scheme of learning for each faculty
- Term dates and calendar
- Faculty information

There is lots of information available.

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Fingerprints

- Fingerprint: If your child has not been given permission for their fingerprint and you would like to please email generaloffice@denbigh.net.

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Lockers

- If your child would like a locker please go to Parentmail – Payments & Shop tab – Select Lockers - £10 non-refundable fee

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Assessment and Reporting

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Attitude to Learning – 5 P's

Our attitude to learning statements are known as the 5 P's



I am a **Denbigh** student.

5. Exceptional
4. Very good
3. Good
2. Room for improvement
1. Cause for concern

Attitude to Learning – 5 P's

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- What do the 5 P's mean?

The 5 P's	Meaning
Prepared	I bring the correct equipment to lessons I complete my homework on time
Punctual	I arrive on time to my lessons
Pay Attention	I am attentive to the teacher and my peers' contributions in class I am focused in lessons showing determination to challenge myself
Participate	I make positive verbal contributions in class I participate with enthusiasm in both group and independent tasks I reflect and act upon feedback I complete the work set to a good standard seeking help when needed
Pride	I take care with the presentation of my work and books

Progress Reports

At each Progress Report point, the teacher will report:

- Homework – Percentage
- Behaviour –the number of C points
- Attitude to Learning (5-1 scale)
- Achievement points

You will also receive attendance and punctuality data.

For progress report 2 and 3, the teacher will also report a CLG (current learning grade).

Assessment - Mastery

- Statements for each subject.
- These will be available on the school website.
- Progress report 2 and 3 will report how students are achieving in line with these statements.

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Level descriptor	What this means
Exceeding	The student consistently works at a level above the expected standard, with confidence and independence.
Secure	The student has a secure and confident understanding of the current curriculum. They consistently demonstrate the expected standard.
Developing	The student is showing confidence and can meet the expected standard in most areas of the curriculum, but this is inconsistent and/or needs further development in areas.
Emerging	The student has begun to understand some areas of the curriculum.

End of Year assessments

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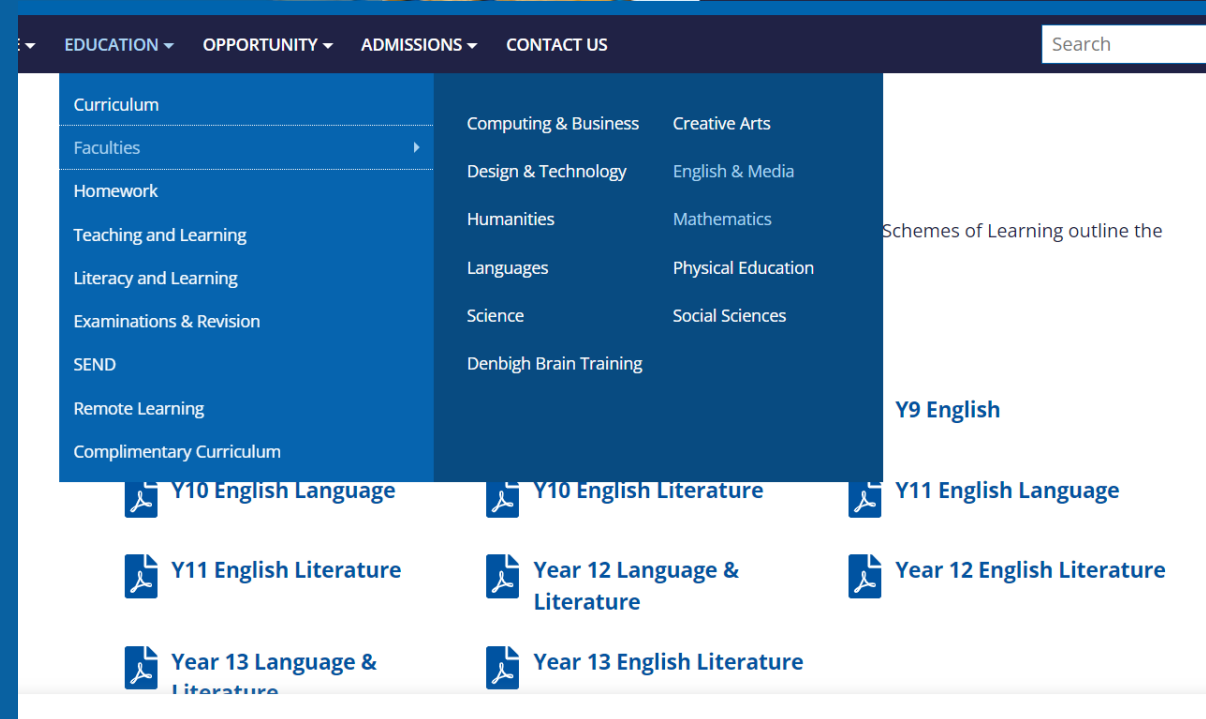
- Gauge progress within each subject
- To be completed between 20th-24th May
- Students will complete these in classrooms
- Can expect to complete every year in the lead up to GCSEs

What can you do at home to support?

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“What can we do as parents to support at home?”

- Reinforcing good routines
- Attending our tutor and subject consultation evenings
- Helping Year 7 prepare for their end-of-year assessments
- Support students with the core subjects of Maths and English
- Schemes of Learning can be found on our website under Education-Faculties



The screenshot shows the Denbigh School website's navigation menu. The 'EDUCATION' dropdown is open, displaying a list of faculties including Computing & Business, Creative Arts, Design & Technology, English & Media, Humanities, Mathematics, Languages, Physical Education, Science, Social Sciences, Denbigh Brain Training, and Complimentary Curriculum. Below the menu, a grid of document icons represents various Schemes of Learning (SoL) for English Language and Literature across Years 10, 11, and 13.

Year	Subject
Y10	English Language
Y10	English Literature
Y11	English Language
Y11	English Literature
Year 12	Language & Literature
Year 12	English Literature
Year 13	Language & Literature
Year 13	English Literature



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Enrichment Days

Enrichment days are designed to present the opportunity for students to learn in environments outside of the 'normal' classroom and enable students to create lifelong memories

Last year was the first year of Enrichment Days and they were a huge success. Students had great fun and gained a great deal from being involved in the three days.

Enrichment Days

- You will receive a letter asking for a payment of £50 on Parentmail. This pays for the year and can be paid in instalments.
- Pupil Premium students will be paid for by the school.
- You will need to complete a medical/consent form for each of the external trips. This has to be done to ensure information is up to date.
- Any delays to responding to the payment or medical forms does significantly slow down the administration of the process.
- If you miss the deadline we cannot guarantee your child a place on an external trip.

Year 7 Enrichment

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	7		
	X	Y	Z
Autumn Wednesday 18 th October	Warwick	Woburn	Junior Apprentice
Spring Tuesday 19th March	Junior Apprentice	Warwick	Woburn
Summer Friday 5th July	Woburn	Junior Apprentice	Warwick

£50

Parents, Teachers, Friends

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Aims of the Association

a) to provide financial support for:-

- student events
- students and staff who are starting new ventures/clubs/societies
- whole-school extra-curricular events
- hardship fund
- any other venture/purchase/pursuit proposed that will be of benefit to Denbigh students

b) to provide social opportunities for
Parents/Friends/Teachers of Denbigh School



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Meetings

- Generally the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Conference Room.
- Any Parent is welcome at the meetings please email myersp@denbigh.net in advance
- The Committee is made up of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer plus a Deputy Head and any other attendees

Association Events

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Christmas Bazaar

Bingo Nights

Photography Competition

Bazaar

- Each tutor group has a 'stall'
- Splat the Rat, Snowball Santas, Maggot Racing, Beat the Keeper, Guess the number of sweets, Who's the Teacher, Chocolate Fountains, Crazy Darts, Pong for Points and many, many more...
- The Association has a number of stalls
- Half the money raised on the evening goes to House Charities, the rest to the Association
- Winning tutor group – prize for all involved



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Christmas Raffle

- The Bazaar is accompanied by the Annual Christmas Raffle
- All families are encouraged to sell £10 worth of raffle tickets
- Prize for the family who sell the most – the prize is presented on the Bazaar night



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Support from the Association

- Activities Days
- Year 11 and 13 Proms
- School Production (last year Sister Act)
- Various clubs and societies
- Young Enterprise
- Year 11 Yearbook
- Performing Arts Day
- Sports Day Medals
- Lockers
- School Minibuses
- Furniture for Sixth Form common room
- Much, much more...

Next meeting

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We would love to have any volunteers to help by emailing:

myersp@Denbigh.net if you would be happy for the Chair of DA to contact regarding future meetings.



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Thank you for
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