Headteacher Bulletin





Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well and that you have had a good week. Welcome to the Spring term. This is a 6 week half term and we have lots planned as always.

Word of the week

The word of the week this week was **benevolent**, meaning kind and helpful. For example, she was a benevolent grandmother. The word of the week next week is **prevail**, meaning to get control over or influence someone or something. For example, I am sure that common sense will prevail in the end.

Nails and Uniform

After the Christmas Holidays we have noticed an increase in the number of students wearing Acrylic nails to School. These do not conform with the Denbigh School uniform and are a health and safety hazard. On Monday 15th January, any students who are still choosing to wear acrylic nails into school will be placed in isolation. Members of staff on the front doors of school will be checking students as they enter the building, along with the members of staff on reception.

Our expectations on uniform at Denbigh have not changed or dropped with the new term. Students should still be coming into School with the correct attire including; normal school trousers that are not tight, leggings or jeans, correct School shoes - not trainers, black socks only and no fake nails or coloured nail varnish or eye lashes. The only acceptable skirts are the box pleat skirts from Maisie's or from the links previously sent out. Heads of Year will be continuing to check students uniform and contacting home to discuss any issues.

Opportunities

SEND Local offer: Please see the attached poster for the new SEND Local offer website. The website is very useful and informative for families and children with SEND. Please see the link <u>here</u>.

Photography Competition: I know we have some talented photographers here at Denbigh so you may be interested in the Stowe House Photography competition. Please see the link <u>here</u> and attached poster.

Library

The library recommend books to students tailored to each key stage. Please see the recommendations for next week:

KS3:

Brilliant	Roddy Doyle	15/01/2024
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KS4:

Set in stone Linda Newbery	15/01/2024
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KS5:

The humans	Matt Haig	15/01/2024
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Non-Fiction:

Martin Luther King	Verna Wilkins	15/01/2024	
Wartin Eather King	Verna vviikiris	13/01/2024	

You can also see the latest edition of On the Shelf attached. A great new year read!

Bake off results

Although it was a few weeks ago now, please see the attached presentation with the showstopper results for the Christmas bake off. Congratulations everyone and great work. The bake off was a very successful event and more House events will be run over the year.

Coming up:

Tuesday 16th January - Year 12 and 13 Financial study exams
Wednesday 17th January - Open Evening for year 12 September 2024 students
Week commencing 22nd January - Careers week
Wednesday 24th January - Year 11 parents evening
Wednesday 31st January - Year 11 Leadership Interviews

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing all students next week.

Kind regards,

Dr A Frame