



DENBIGH SCHOOL

## Headteacher Bulletin



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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well.

### Word of the week

The word of the week is notorious meaning famous for something bad, for example; one of Britain's most notorious criminals.

### House update

This half term has been another busy and exciting one for the house system. We kick started the year with the return of the spelling bee. This was a real triumph and students gave it everything they could. I am pleased to announce that Brunel House (which is in fact my own house!) were the overall winners for this event so congratulations to those students involved. The house councils are also in the process of selecting new students for the House Council. Students have submitted manifestos offering their ideas and will be informed next week of the results. Coming up we have a bake off competition, a chess competition, another staff competition and the Christmas bazaar so lots to look forward to!

### Jewellery

There has been an increasing number of students wearing jewellery at School. I would like to remind parents this does not conform with the Denbigh uniform and will be confiscated. If you can, please check what your child is wearing before they leave the house and ask them to remove any jewellery. The day for Jewellery collection is Friday. Should your child have an item confiscated on a Monday, Tuesday or a Wednesday, they can collect that coming Friday. Should your child have an item confiscated on a Thursday or Friday, the day for collection will be the following Friday. The only day a student can collect jewellery is Friday so if your child misses their collection day, they will have to wait until the next Friday. There have been a number of students coming to collect jewellery whilst still wearing jewellery, if this is the case the student involved will not be able to collect their jewellery until the following Friday.

### Biology Art competition

It is Biology week from the 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October and to celebrate Miss Herring has been running a Biology competition for Y8 and Y9 students over the past 2 weeks. Miss Herring asked students to create a Biology 3D model - drawings, sculptures, models or collages of any scale etc. The deadline was today and now the winners are being judged by the Science faculty. Winners will be entered into the national Royal society of Biology competition. Please see attached all the entries, we look forward to hearing who the winners are!

### Clubs

Please see attached the up to date clubs poster. It is extensive as always and I encourage all students to get involved.

### **Murder Mystery**

Last month the library hosted its first murder mystery event. The mystery was based on the code breakers of Bletchley Park. A talented young codebreaker, Kirk, was found murdered and the secret code he had been working on was missing. 65 students took up the challenge of solving the murder, and 4 of them solved it in the week! Well done to Jack, Shruthiha, Daisy, and Abigail, all year 8 students, for successfully cracking the case!

The story was as follows: Kirk Darling was murdered by his jealous twin brother, Mark Darling, with the help of an accomplice named James Rafferty, a US-UK correspondent working at Bletchley Park. Together, they killed Kirk, disposed of the evidence, and then planned to make off with a hefty cash reward for solving the code Kirk had been working on, a code that spoke about D-Day...

Well done to our students, and thank you to the following teachers for participating: Ms L Howell, Ms G Molloy (who played our murderer), Ms S Hawking, Ms J Booth, Ms G Brunings, Ms J Saunders, Ms E Hanby, Mr J Burgess, Ms L Oscroft, and Ms S Pickard (who played the accomplice).

### **Enrichment day**

A reminder if your child is going on an external visit next week and has a medical condition that requires medication, this must be brought into school on the Wednesday morning. This includes EpiPens and inhalers. Without these your child will not be able to attend the trip.

### **Coming up next week**

- Wednesday 18th - Enrichment day
- Friday 20th - Year 11 futures day
- Friday 20th - Year 12 and 13 independent study day

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher