



DENBIGH SCHOOL

## Headteacher Bulletin



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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well during the penultimate week of the Autumn Term.

### Word of the week

The word of the week next week is **severity**, meaning seriousness. For example, even the doctors were shocked by the severity of his injuries.

### Library

Students are able to borrow 2 more books over their maximum for the Christmas break from the library. I am sure lots of Christmas reading will be done by all!

Total books able to be borrowed:

- KS3: 4 books
- KS4: 5 books
- KS5: 6 book

### Notices

**Christmas Holiday support** - Please see the attached poster with tips and tricks regarding supporting your child throughout the Christmas Holidays particularly if over stimulating situations can be difficult.

**Escooter information** - Please see the attached poster regarding the legalities of E-Scooters. We are seeing these increasingly around Milton Keynes but many people are not aware of the consequences of riding them underage.

**Money off Travel** - Please see the attached poster to apply for discounted travel for students aged 15 and under or 16 and over.

### Denbigh Talent Show

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> saw the return of the Denbigh Talent Show! This was a wonderful evening and one that I am sure students and staff will remember. Our House Champions judged the event and I know they found it very difficult. Well done to all involved and thank you to the creative arts team for making this evening happen. The results are listed below:

1st Place - Medha Mali

2nd Place - Rebecca O'Rourke

3rd Place - Lennon Horwood, Emil Buchaniuc, Caleb Jones, Alfie Gould

### Lockdown Practice

On Monday morning between 8.30am and 9.00am the school will be practising its lockdown procedure. As a result phone lines will not be answered and there will be no entry permitted for students or parents once the school is in lockdown. Your son / daughter will have been made aware

of the procedure in an online video assembly given by Mr Myers which has been shown in tutorial recently.

Please be aware that in the event of a real lockdown the school will not contact parents until it is safe to do so and students have been told not to communicate via their phones as to do so could jeopardise the safety of themselves or others in or out of school.

### **House Bake Off Competition**

This week the houses battled it out in the kitchen to find the best baker. It was a fantastic event and we are extremely grateful to Miss Keen and Mrs Spittle for making the event happen. I was lucky enough to be on the judging panel and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Please see the attached presentation for photos and the results! The results from the showstopper challenge will be announced next week. Well done everyone!

### **Denbigh Association**

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Bazaar last week. Overall we raised £5500, which will mean our house charities will gain almost £1700. It was a wonderful evening, attended by thousands of people from across our community, including students past and present, parents, friends and even the Mayor and Mayoress of Milton Keynes along with some of our local councillors. Please see our social media pages for pictures of this event.

The raffle, although down on last year's amazing £2000, still raised £1300 - all prize winners have been contacted and should be able to collect their prizes from reception if they haven't already done so.

Thanks to the generosity of those who brought in gifts for the Denbigh Association tombola - £690 was raised.

The top 5 tutor stalls were as follows:

10 LP	NEWTON	£357.30
9HG and 9SH	DARWIN	£150.45
7LS	BRUNEL	£150.00
8JL	DARWIN	£145.80
8DS	NEWTON	£140.80

### **Sixth Form Committee**

The sixth form committee is back and thriving! Please see the attached newsletter that has recently been released.

### **Parental Questionnaire**

A reminder that we are currently running our yearly Parental Questionnaire. All responses to the survey are entirely anonymous and confidential. We take your views very seriously, both positive and negative and your responses will form part of our strategy review and development of our school improvement plan. Please use the link [here](#). The deadline for completion of this survey is Thursday 21st December 2023, 4pm.

Have a lovely weekend. A reminder that students will finish for Christmas at 12.40pm on Wednesday 20th December.

Kind regards,

Dr A Frame  
Headteacher