



DENBIGH SCHOOL

Headteacher Bulletin



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Friday 21st December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Word of the Week

The first word of the week back in January is **appoint**, meaning to assign a job or role to someone. For example, she has been appointed to the board. We have had some fantastic words this term and I am always pleased when I hear students using them around School. Please see the list below, maybe try testing your relatives on their definitions over the festive season.

Obstinate
Impassive
Charisma
Falter
Allay
Notorious
Tacit
Vivacious
Pretentious
Cacophony
Authentic
Irate
Misconception
Severity

Book recommendations

Please see the library book recommendations for the first two weeks of January.

KS3:

The survival game	Nicky Singer	01/01/2024
George's cosmic treasure hunt	Lucy Hawking	08/01/2024

KS4:

Show stopper	Hayley Barker	01/01/2024
She is not invisible	Marcus Sedgwick	08/01/2024

KS5:

The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy	Douglas Adams	01/01/2024
Love and other thought experiments	Sophie Ward	08/01/2024

Non-Fiction:

What would it take to build a time machine	Yvette La Pierre	01/01/2024
Travelling to infinity	Jane Hawking	08/01/2024

Farwell

As we are now at the end of the first term, I would like to let you know of some staffing changes that will affect a number of students. All students in years 7 - 12 will receive a new printed timetable in tutorial on Monday 8th of January, year 13 will receive this on Tuesday 9th January in mentoring.

We are saying goodbye to Mr Gopal. We wish him all the best in his new ventures. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Uphday who is starting a new adventure with the whole family in a new country. Mrs Ridoult is also leaving us to enjoy the many benefits of retirement. I know many students have benefitted from their expertise and knowledge over the past years and we are very sad to see them all go.

We would also like to wish Ms Burrows a wonderful maternity leave as she prepares to welcome a new addition to her household in January. We look forward to seeing pictures and meeting the new arrival!

Congratulations also go to Mrs Dolling who is taking over the role of Head of Year Progress for year 8 whilst Mrs Harris is on maternity leave. Ms Ridley is taking over the role of Year Group Leader 7-9 in English over the same period. I know they will both do a wonderful job.

Ms Anderson who has been our pastoral mentor for a number of years now has been promoted to become our second School Counsellor. We know she will be a wonderful addition to the team as she builds on the fantastic relationships she has developed with many of our students.

We are also delighted to welcome three new teachers to Denbigh. Mrs Conlan starts as a science teacher in January with many years experience in local schools. Ms Connell will join us as a PE teacher for one year. Ms Connell was a student at Denbigh so already knows the school really well and it is lovely to welcome her back. Ms Swaby will be joining Denbigh during January (date to be confirmed). Ms Swaby is an experienced English teacher joining us from Jamaica. We wish them all a smooth and enjoyable start at Denbigh and know our students will make them very welcome.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year. We will return to school on the 8th of January.

Kind regards,

Dr A Frame
Headteacher