



DENBIGH SCHOOL



## Headteacher's Bulletin – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well and you've had a good week. With the drop in temperature it is certainly starting to feel like Autumn. I am pleased to report that, as yet, I have resisted the temptation to switch the heating on at home.

### Looking back at the week

We have had a great first full week at Denbigh and I enjoyed spending time with parents and students at several events.

**Celebration of Success:** On Wednesday evening we opened our doors to 200 students and parents for the annual Celebration of Success evening. I always look forward to this event and hope that students feel a sense of pride in celebrating their achievements from the previous academic year. I would also like to say a big thank you to Dr Gayatri Vijapurkar, a Denbigh alumnus, who gave up her evening to speak to students and parents. Her speech was truly inspiring.

**Making the Most of Evenings:** On Monday, Year 7 students had their Making the Most of evening, where the Heads of Year and other key members of staff share important information for the year ahead. It is great to hear that our Year 7 students are settling in well and enjoying their time at Denbigh so far. Each year group has a Making the Most of evening, which I really would encourage you to attend. The Year 10 and Year 11 evenings will be held on Monday 16th September. Further details are at the bottom of this bulletin.

**School photos:** On Thursday, students had their annual school photographs. I was extremely pleased with the fantastic feedback we received from our photographers, who commented on the students conduct, behaviour and manners. You will be sent a proof home of your child's photo for purchase in the coming weeks.

### Chair of Governors

I am pleased to introduce you to Mr Dominic Wood, our new Chair of Governors. Dominic is an experienced Governor and I am looking forward to working with him closely in his new role. Please see the attached letter from Dominic.

I would like place on record my thanks to our outgoing Chair, Mrs Akhtar Jan, who has served with distinction. I am delighted that Akhtar will be remaining as a Governor.

### Word of the week

The word of the week this week is Conceal, meaning to prevent something from being seen or known about. For example, the listening device was concealed in a pen.

**Library**

Book recommendations: Please see the book recommendations for the 16th September:

KS3: Noah's Gold by Frank Cottrell Boyce

KS4: The Time Machine by H G Wells

KS5: Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie

Non-Fiction: Boy by Roald Dahl

**One Night Werewolf:** 'Darkness settles across the land. Werewolves come out to feed...Let the hunt begin!' The Denbigh School Library would like to invite students to a game of One Night Werewolf, in the ILC on Friday 20th September from 3-4pm. This fun game requires students to put their acting and deduction skills to the test. The rules will be explained at the beginning of the session, so all are welcome. Admission is £1 per student.

**New staff:**

Following on from last week's new staff introduction, I would like to give an extended welcome to two further teachers, Miss Heather Williams in the Science Faculty and Miss Olivia Nikopoulos in the Humanities Faculty.

**Clubs:**

We are extremely proud to host a wide variety of clubs here at Denbigh. The latest clubs flyer is up on the school's website.

**Homework club:**

At Denbigh we run an after-school homework club to support students who may struggle to complete their work at home. Due to room size and staffing, spaces are limited. If you feel your young person would benefit from attending, please complete the short form [here](#). Spaces may become available throughout the year. If your child is allocated a place, you will receive an invitation via the email address provided.

**Next week**

- Monday 16th September - 7pm start: Year 10 - Making the Most of Evening
- Monday 16th September - 6pm start : Year 11 - Making the Most of Evening
- Tuesday 17th September: GCSE Drama Blood Brothers Workshop

I hope you each have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed  
Headteacher