



DENBIGH SCHOOL



Headteacher's Bulletin – 4th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well and you have had a good week.

Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher Drop In

As you may be aware, Denbigh School runs a Senior Leadership Drop In, allowing parents the opportunity to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team at Denbigh School. This year we have re-branded this as a Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher Drop In. This will run on Wednesday 23rd October from 3.30 - 4.30pm. This is a chance for parents to speak directly with myself or a Deputy Headteacher. If you would like a slot then please email my PA, Miss Pickard, on pickards@Denbigh.net with a brief description of the topic of conversation and she will allocate you a slot. We cannot guarantee which member of staff you will be allocated.

Bingo - Denbigh Association

On Friday 11th October we have the first Denbigh Association event of the year, Bingo! This is always a greatly attended and enjoyable evening. During the evening there is a raffle to raise extra funds for the Denbigh Association. If you are able to donate any unwanted gifts, good conditioned soft toys, wine or chocolate, please drop these off in reception by the 11th October. Tickets for the Bingo are £5 and the doors will open at 7pm. We do look forward to seeing you there.

Medicine/Dentistry careers

If your child is in Years 10-13 and interested in a career in medicine or dentistry you may want to sign them up to the free virtual Get Into Medicine or Dentistry conference. These conferences will give an overview of the medical/dental application process and UCAS changes, provide access to resources that will help prepare students for university and give personal insights from professionals and students on their journey. All students also receive a certificate of attendance to showcase their preparation for medical/dental school.

Library

Book recommendations: KS3: Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce

KS4: Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

KS5: The Last Three Minutes by Paul Davies

Non-Fiction: The Universe by John Frandon

Newsletter: The weekly newsletter 'On the Shelf' will be moving across to the library website. Rather than a PDF file sent out once a month, the library will host information on the library website, with news items including; what's happening in the library that month, books recommended, author birthdays, and more. The website can be accessed [here](#). Students can access their profile by clicking on 'Guest' in the top right, and then clicking 'Log on using school details' in the blue button. Please remind your child that the library website can be used to make reservations and to write book reviews.

Silent Book Club: The silent book club will be back on again next Friday 11th October from 3-4pm. The club will involve 30 minutes of discussions about the books students are reading, and then an hour of silent reading. Ms Zammit looks forward to seeing students there.

Spelling Bee

The next house competition is coming up for students in their form and mentor groups. Students always throw themselves into this and want to prove themselves victorious against their peers! This competition will take place during form time during the week of the 21st October with the final taking place on the 25th October.

Word of the week

The word of the week next week is **exacerbate**, meaning to make to make something that is already bad even worse. For example, her allergy was exacerbated by the dust.

City of Code Light Festival

The City of Code and Light festival is back for another year. Since the 2nd October, The Milton Keynes Islamic Arts and Culture society has been running a series of workshops, academic seminars, thought talks, and artist-commissioned installations. This will conclude on Saturday, with an unforgettable night of media, music, and movement. Admission is free and welcome to everyone. MKIAC are championing creativity, innovation, and community involvement.

St Marks Meals

A reminder that Denbigh School works with St Marks Meals. St Marks Meals packages are prepared meal boxes with easy step by step instructions to feed the whole family, these include options that do not require a hob or oven. Please come into reception to collect a box, or email headteacher@denbigh.net. We can be discrete and there is no limit to the number of boxes you can have.

Coming up next week

Monday 7th October - Year 8 Making the Most Of evening - 6pm
Monday 7th October - Year 9 Making the Most Of evening - 7pm
Monday 7th October - Denbigh Association Meeting - 7.30pm
Tuesday 8th October - Year 10 Trip to HS2 Construction Site
Wednesday 9th October - Denbigh School Open evening
Wednesday 9th October - Year 7 and 9 Netball tournaments after school
Friday 11th October - Denbigh Association Bingo Night

I hope that you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Steed
Headteacher