



DENBIGH SCHOOL



Headteacher's Bulletin – 11th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well and that you have had a good week. As always it has been an exciting and busy week here at Denbigh, but we would not have it any other way!

Open evening

On Wednesday we opened our doors to prospective Year 6 students and their parents. It was an absolutely fantastic evening which would not have been possible without the help of the student volunteers. We had over 250 students, from all year groups, give up their evening to help in faculties and tour families around the school. I have had wonderful feedback from many parents and staff on the helpfulness and professionalism shown by our student helpers. It was a pleasure to see the buzz around school and I left feeling extremely proud. I would like to say thank you to the students and staff who gave up their time and made the evening such a success.

Headteacher Drop in

A reminder that the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher Drop In will be running 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.

Punctuality

I would like to remind parents and students of the importance of punctuality throughout the day, particularly when arriving to school in the morning. Unfortunately, due to roadworks throughout the city, the traffic can be very unpredictable. Please ensure you are allowing enough time in the mornings to get to school. Students should be in school by 8.25am to ensure they arrive at tutorial for 8.30am. Any students that arrive late are given a detention during social time.

Bingo

A reminder that tonight is the first Denbigh Association Bingo of the year! This will be run by Mr Burgess and the other wonderful volunteers at the association. Doors will open from 7pm and all the family are welcome. This a cash only event so please bring £5 entry fee plus some change for the raffle and other drinks and snacks, you can bring your own alcohol. We would love to see as many of you there as possible but if you cannot attend you can still donate to the association via ParentMail. Please head to Payments-Shop to make your suggested donation of £5.

Ties

Please be aware we now have a small stock of ties held at Denbigh School. Should your child need a new tie, your child should go to the General Office. A payment of £7 will then be added to ParentMail. Once we have received payment, students can collect their tie from the General Office.

Word of the week

The word of the week next week is **antiquity**, meaning the distant past, especially before the sixth century. For example, a town that dates from antiquity.

Library

Book Fair: The book fair is taking place in the library until next Wednesday. Students can buy books using cash, but parents can also purchase vouchers [here](#). Students can then bring these into school printed. You can view the books on offer [here](#).

Book Club: If the book fair isn't enough, or if you would like to purchase books that aren't on offer at the moment, you can head to the Book Club [here](#). Purchases must be made by the 31st of October 2024, and the books will then be delivered to school and given to students who have purchased them. The books available at this link also include books for early readers (0-6 years old), and younger readers (6-8 years old), so anybody looking to purchase for a younger sibling is also welcome to do so!

Jackbox Party: If your child enjoys fast paced games, healthy competition and the game Kahoot then the Denbigh School Jackbox Party will be of interest! Students who want to play should bring their phones with them, but they can also use the computers in the ILC if they don't have a phone. Students can come as teams or individuals who will be put into teams.

Admission is £1 and games will run from 3:00 to 4:30pm on Friday 18th October.

Book recommendations:

KS3: Unheard voices by Malorie Blackman

KS4: They had a dream by Jules Archer

KS5: England's other countrymen by Onyeka Nubia

Non-Fiction: Britain and the slave trade by Rosemary Rees

European Day of Languages

To follow up on the European day of languages competition that took place last week, you will be pleased to know we now have the Hello Hunt results. The word hello was hidden around the site, in French, German, Arabic, Spanish, Croatian, Danish, Swedish, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, Japanese and Irish Gaelic!

The students had to track them down, and – if necessary – research to discover which language they had found. It was great fun for all involved.

The results are as follows:

House results:-

5th Brunel

4th Darwin

3rd Curie

2nd Stephenson

1st Newton

Year group results:-

5th - Year 7

4th – Year 11

3rd – Year 10

2nd – Year 9

1st – Year 8

Next week

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th - A Level Biology residential trip

Wednesday 16th October - Voices of the Holocaust performance

Wednesday 16th October - Inter-house Sixth Form Dodgeball competition

Friday 18th October - Year 11 Futures Day

Friday 18th October - Year 12 and 13 independent study day

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed
Headteacher