



DENBIGH SCHOOL



Headteacher's Bulletin – 18th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this bumper bulletin finds you well and you have had a good week. As you will see from the length of this week's bulletin, there has been a lot happening in school.

Headteacher Drop in

A final reminder that the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher Drop In will be running next week, Wednesday 23rd October, from 3.30 - 4.30pm. Please email Miss Pickard, on pickards@Denbigh.net if you would like to reserve a slot. We cannot guarantee which member of staff you will be allocated.

Diwali Party

You will have received an ParentMail from the Diwali committee informing you of the first ever Diwali party held at Denbigh School on the 15th November. This is a fantastic opportunity for staff, students and parents to come together regardless of whether you celebrate Diwali or not. It is an opportunity to have fun and learn about another culture. Tickets can be purchased from ParentMail and are set at a very reasonable price. I do hope many of you will join us for this fantastic event.

House Charity Vote

A reminder to please have your say on the Denbigh School Charity of the year. We hope to create a good working relationship with a local charity that has connections to Denbigh School. Please see the email sent on Wednesday morning with details on the charities.

SEND Drop-In

New parents may not be aware that the SEND team host a series of Drop-In Sessions throughout the year. This is the chance to have a friendly chat over a hot drink and a biscuit. You can drop-in at any time during the session to discuss different SEND topics, share insight, ideas and successes with the team and/or other parents. This year the sessions will be located here at Denbigh school and the first session of the year is Thursday 24th October at 3.30pm. Please email asifm@denbigh.net for more information.

Road safety

As mentioned in previous bulletins, the traffic and road usage within the school vicinity can be extremely dangerous at times. This week a member of staff witnessed some children who were not crossing the road/using the paths safely which could have ended in a serious accident. I would ask for your support in reiterating the importance of road safety with your children, particularly when there is heavy traffic around. We do not want there to be any accidents, so please do think carefully when using the surrounding roads.

Senior Maths Challenge

93 talented Sixth Form Mathematicians took on UK Mathematics Trust's (UKMT) National Senior Maths Challenge earlier in the term. The results were fantastic and we achieved 12 Gold, 19 Silver, 36 Bronze and 26 Participation medals. The 12 Gold medallists have now qualified for the prestigious 'Kangaroo Round' of the Challenge where they can demonstrate their mathematical skills further! This is a fantastic achievement and I look forward to seeing how students perform in the national round!

School contact guide

We have produced a Contact Guide for parents and carers to explain the roles of staff in-school who are here to support students and parents and to provide contact details for them. We aim to help you contact the most appropriate member of staff so that your query can be dealt with efficiently and effectively. The guide is on our website on the contact us page.

Voices of the Holocaust

On Wednesday 16th October, Year 9 students were visited by the theatre group, Voices of the Holocaust. The play is based on the life of Susan Pollock, a Hungarian jew and holocaust survivor. Along with the play, the group held an assembly for all Year 9 students, a workshop with Year 9 GCSE drama class and a Q&A with the creative team and cast. This was an incredibly moving and informative day. The visitors commented on the excellent conduct of our students and they did themselves and the school proud. We hope to welcome the group back to Denbigh next year.

Word of the week

The word of the week next week is **ambiguous**, meaning open to more than one interpretation. For example, his reply to my question was somewhat ambiguous.

Library

Book recommendations:

KS3: Cirque du Freak by Darren Shan

KS4: A Dark Inheritance by H F Askwith

KS5: Salem's Lot by Stephen King

Non-Fiction: An illustrated history of ghosts by Adam Allsuch Boardman

Book Fair: Thank you to all who helped support the book fair. Overall this raised £185 which we will redeem for free books. Our next book fair is in March. Please note that if you still want to help the library while also buying books for yourself, go to our affiliate link with Scholastic [here](#). The deadline for orders is 31st of October 2024.

Silent Book Club: Please remember that the Silent book club is bi-weekly and therefore will be taking place next Friday 25th October.

Murder mystery: There will be a murder mystery taking place around the school from next Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October. This was a great event last year which students and staff really got into! Interested students should come to the library on Monday to pick up an investigator's pack to solve the mystery!

House Update

Sixth Form Dodgeball: Students in Sixth Form took part in another house event this week - dodgeball! This was greatly attended and highly exciting with long tense matches. The overall results are below. Congratulations to all!

1st – Darwin

2nd – Stephenson

3rd – Brunel

4th – Curie

5th – Newton

Spelling Bee: A reminder that the spelling bee will be taking place in tutorial next week with the grand final on Friday. Please see the attached booklet to help your child practice over the weekend!

Coming up next week

Monday 21st October - Spelling bee taking place in tutorial

Tuesday 22nd October - Islamic Centre Trip

Wednesday 23rd October - Enrichment Day

Wednesday 23rd October - Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher Drop in 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 24th October - SEND Drop in 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 25th October - Spelling Bee Final in tutorial

Friday 25th October - STEM Festival Trip

Friday 25th October - Gold DofE Assessment

Friday 25th October - Students break up for half term

Have a good weekend before we come back ready for the final week of the half term.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed
Headteacher