



DENBIGH SCHOOL



Headteacher's Bulletin – 25th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well.

Enrichment Day

This week we had the first Enrichment Day of the academic year and it was a triumph! Students had the opportunity to take part in a variety of enriching activities in school or attend an external trip outside of school. These included, amongst many others, life skills, junior apprentice, the Centre for Computing History, Kew Gardens and Silverstone. It was great to see students enjoying a day out of the classroom doing something different, and many of them let me know personally how much they appreciated the opportunity to learn something new. I would like to thank Mr Burgess and Mrs Parsons for all the work that goes into making these days possible.

ParentMail

Please remember that ParentMail is one of the key ways we keep parents up to date with information about the school. It is important that you keep your notifications on to receive all of the correspondence and reminders. You can do this through the ParentMail app itself by clicking settings and email preferences. You may also need to do this through the settings on your phone.

Poppy Appeal

Please let your children know that Year 12 and 13 students will be selling poppies in the street at break and lunch time during the week of the 4th-8th November. These can be purchased with small change.

Word of the week

We have had some fantastic words over this half term. You may want to try testing your children over the half term on their meanings:

- Ambiguous
- Antiquity
- Exacerbate
- Plausible
- Flustered
- Fundamental

For the week beginning the 4th November the word of the week will be vulnerable, meaning able to be easily physically or mentally hurt, influenced, or attacked. For example, the troops were in a vulnerable position.

Christmas Lunch

There has been a change on the school calendar for the Cucina Christmas Lunch. This will now be taking place on the 11th and 12th December, over both lunchtime slots. This is to ensure all

students and staff get their chance to enjoy a delicious festive treat. The menu will be announced closer to the time.

Library

Book recommendations: Please see the recommendations for the first week back after the half term.

KS3	Excuse me while I ugly cry	Joya Goffney
KS4	Hacked	Tracy Alexander
KS5	The periodic table	Primo Levi
Non fiction	Blame my brain	Nicola Morgan

Events: On Friday 8th November, Werewolf will be taking place again in the Library. Entry is £1.

Spelling Bee

Today we had the annual spelling bee final and what a final it was! Students battled it out in their year groups and no one was going down without a fight. The words were particularly tough, but some students managed to spell them with ease. Well done to everyone who spent time revising and taking part. The results are as follows:

1st - Newton

2nd - Curie

3rd - Darwin/Stephenson

5th - Brunel

Week beginning 4th November

All week - GSCE Examinations Resits

All week - Year 12 Proof of Progress Tests

Monday 4th November - Denbigh Association Meeting - 7.30-8.30pm

Thursday 7th November - Year 7-11 Flu Immunisations

I hope that you and your children have a lovely half term break. This first half term is always a long one so do give yourselves some time to rest and recuperate. I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 4th November.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed
Headteacher