



DENBIGH SCHOOL



## Headteacher's Bulletin – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well and you had a pleasant half term break. The first week of half term is now complete and, as always, it has been busy!

### Odd socks day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November is Odd Socks Day – which marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. On this day we are encouraging all Denbigh students (and staff) to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness. Odd Socks Day 2024 is supported by CBeebies presenter and Anti-Bullying Alliance patron Andy Day and in 2022 was observed by over 5 million children.

### UKMT's National Maths Olympiad for Girls.

Congratulations to the talented Sixth Form female Mathematicians who competed against students from across the country in UKMT's National Maths Olympiad for Girls. Our students achieved a fantastic set of results with one Distinction, four Merits and two Participation certificates. A special mention to Rhoda Watt from Year 13 who was the 'Best in School' and Billa Nidhi who was 'Best in Year 12.' We are very proud of all our Sixth Formers who chose to test themselves against female mathematicians from across the country.

### Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

27 Year 13 students braved cold and wet conditions in the Yorkshire Dales to complete their Gold DofE Assessment Expedition during half term. They travelled to the Ribbles Valley and spent four days walking and camping each night. In all they covered approximately 50 miles over very challenging terrain. The students coped brilliantly, with spirits remaining high even when they found ice on their tents in the morning and when they were walking through torrential rain all day! Well done to them all. Our thanks go to Mr Stott, Mr List, Mrs Herring and Miss Pretorius who accompanied the students on their trip.

### Library

**Book Club:** Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running. Please head to our website to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Book recommendations:** Please see the recommendations below for the coming week.

KS3: The only girl in the world by Carol Drinkwater

KS4: Last post by Arthur Max

KS5: The Mons Star by David Ascoli

Non Fiction: Cher Ami comes through by Nel Yomtov

**Silent book club:** The silent book club will be running again next Friday, encourage your children to bring along a good book and have a chance to relax and read with likeminded students.

**Word of the week**

The word of the week next week is belligerent, meaning wishing to fight or argue. For example, he was in a belligerent mood.

**Flu Catch up**

This week we had the Flu Immunisation team come into school to administer the vaccine for those students with consent in Years 7-11. If your child did not have the vaccine, please see the attached poster for catch up clinics.

**Coming up next week**

All week - Year 10 Work Experience

All week - Year 11 MFL Speaking exams

Wednesday 13th November - Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening

Thursday 14th November - Year 12 Bournemouth Trip

Friday 15th November - Diwali Party after school

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

**Mr A Steed**  
**Headteacher**