



Headteacher's Bulletin – 6th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well and you have had a good week. Everyone is certainly getting in the Christmas spirit here at Denbigh ahead of the Bazaar tonight.

Bazaar

Tonight is our annual Christmas Bazaar, this year the bazaar is going to be bigger and better than ever. The Denbigh Charity of the Year, Samuel's Charity, will be hosting a stall, the Denbigh governors will be near the front of school to welcome you, the music department will be putting on a fantastic variety of entertainment and the Denbigh Association will be closing the evening with the famous raffle draw. Please do come along and get into the Christmas spirit! Students and staff have put a lot of work in to raise as much money as possible for two very important causes. The Bazaar is also a house competition, so I will update you next week on who has raised the most amount of money.

Heads and Deputy Headteacher Drop In

A reminder that next week is the second Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher Drop In. From 3.30 - 4.30pm there 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 <u>pickards@Denbigh.net</u> 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.

You said , we did - toilets

Following parental and student feedback regarding access to toilets, we are going to re-open the toilets in the creative arts building. These will be supervised during both breaks and lunches. Toilets by student support will continue to remain open during lesson times. We will continue to review the opening and closing of toilets and will make appropriate changes when necessary.

Communications

We always welcome questions, queries or feedback from parents.

Word of the week

The word of the week this week is **vexatious**, meaning difficult to deal with and causing a lot of anger, worry, or argument. For example, the customer became vexatious.

Library

Please see the book recommendations for next week: KS3 - Banned Books by DK Books KS4 - Bloody Family by Anne Fine KS5 - 1000 books to read before you die by Maureen Corrigan Non-fiction - Norse folk tales by James Mustich

MK Lit Fest

The MK Lit Fest is back! The annual creative writing competition is basing their 2025 entries on the word 'Home.' Writers can either, write a piece of flash fiction of up to 500 words in any genre, 500 words of creative non-fiction such as a story of homecoming or migration, or students can write a poems of up to 40 lines inspired by the theme. There will be cash prizes of £25 for the best entries in each of two age categories: 14-19 and 20+.

Online safety

Please see the attached poster from Thames Valley Police advertising free webinars for parents and carers on the importance of keeping your children safe online.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed Headteacher