



DENBIGH SCHOOL



Headteacher's Bulletin – 13th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this finds you well and you have all had a good week.

Wednesday 18th December - Finish time & school closure

Next week is our final week of 2024. A reminder that on Wednesday, school will finish at 12.40pm for students. There will be no after school provision on Wednesday and our reception will close at 1pm.

Bazaar

It was a record-breaking fundraising night at our Christmas Bazaar last week with £6,000 raised for our chosen House Charity, Samuel's Charity and the Denbigh Association. The Street was packed with students, families and members of the local community creating a wonderful atmosphere. The Bazaar is our largest and most popular fund-raising event of the year, and it would not be possible without the students, their tutors and House Champions. Hours of work went into creating festive stalls with games and prizes. There were 46 stalls this year including 'Candy Cane Crushers', 'Christmas Catapult', 'Christmas Maze' and 'There goes Santa Claus' to name but a few. There were refreshments, a tombola and a raffle as well. We also had festive music to entertain us from our Choir, Orchestra, Sixth Form Band and our Heads of Year. Newton House won the prize for raising the most money on the night and the tutor group that took the most money was 1LP, which is Miss Pretorius's Tutor Group. Thank you to all who came and everyone who made the night a success. Please see the full house results below.

- 1st Place - Newton
- 2nd Place - Darwin
- 3rd Place - Brunel
- 4th Place - Curie
- 5th Place - Stephenson

House Competitions

We have had some fantastic competitions and events take place this week!

Talent show: The Denbigh Talent Show was a huge success with 15 amazing acts including dancers, singers, comedians and musicians. The show also had two fantastic hosts, Annabella, Year 10 and Ben, Year 9. The Judging Panel were our House Champions and I was glad I was not in their shoes as they a very difficult decision to make! The winner of the competition was Aurva Iyer, Year 8, from Stephenson house for his Aathma Raama rap. This was a fantastic fusion of devotion and hip-hop, integrating Sanskrit chants. Joining him on the podium in second place was Chimdaluo Anozie from Year 11 who played the Piano beautifully. In third place was the Sixth Form Band of Mark Davey-Spence, Ella Chrispin, Lap Yeung Tong, Stephen Maafo, Philip Mensah and Daniel Nikulchenko

Bake off: On Wednesday 11th December the DT department hosted the student bake off and it was a true success! Curie were crowned the winners with their superb Yule Log and Reindeer biscuits! Please see the results below.

1st Place - Curie

Joint 2nd Place - Darwin and Newton

Joint 4th Place - Brunel and Stephenson

Table Tennis: Year 12 and 13 students took part in a table Tennis competition run by Mr Bunney. Students got very competitive and for some this was their first time trying Table Tennis. Great effort from all involved. Please see the results below.

1st Place - Newton

2nd Place - Darwin

3rd Place - Brunel

4th Place - Curie

5th Place - Stephenson

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We hope all students enjoyed their Christmas Dinner this week!

Library

Book recommendations: Please see next week's book recommendations.

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| KS3 | So this is love | Elizabeth Lim |
| KS4 | You better watch out | Sarah Naughton |
| KS5 | The Librarian of Auschwitz | Antonio Iturbe |
| Non fiction | Poems for Christmas | Jill Bennett |

Holidays: You will be pleased to hear that Ms Zammit has increased the limit of the number of books you can borrow over the holidays. Please see the breakdown below.

KS3: 4 books for the holidays

KS4: 5 books

KS5: 6 books

Word of the week

The final word of the week for 2024 is perception meaning, a belief or opinion, often held by many people and based on how things seem. For example, advertising affects the customer's perception of a product.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed
Headteacher