



DENBIGH SCHOOL



## Headteacher's Bulletin – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this bulletin finds you well and you have managed to stay warm this week!

### **OFSTED**

As I am sure many of you are aware, this week we have had a visit from OFSTED. I would like to place on record my thanks to parents for their support and for completing the OFSTED survey. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication, which shone through during the inspection. Finally, I would like to thank the students for their customary kindness, politeness and exemplary behaviour. The full report will be published after the Christmas break and I will send you each a copy as soon as I am able.

### **Heads and Deputy Headteacher Drop In**

The second Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher Drop In will be taking place on Wednesday 11th December from 3.30 - 4.30pm. This 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 [pickards@Denbigh.net](mailto:pickards@Denbigh.net) 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.

### **Denbigh Christmas Bazaar**

This week students and staff have been working really hard to get their stall sorted for the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 6th December. Please speak to your children about their raffle tickets and support them in selling them to friends and family. We are also still in need of donations for the Denbigh Association tombola and raffle prizes. If you are able to donate any of the following it would be greatly appreciated.

- Unwanted gifts, including good quality second hand (but clean please) soft toys for the tombola
- Chocolate or alcohol for the raffle or tombola
- Unused smellies
- Any other raffle/tombola prizes (vouchers etc)

If you sadly cannot attend the Bazaar you can make a monetary donation via ParentMail. Please head to the payment-shop. All money raised will be split between the Denbigh Association and our School charity for this year, Samuels Charity.

### **Cross Country Results**

We now have the results in from the Milton Keynes Cross Country last week. Denbigh School came in joint second place with our sister school, Watling Academy! Fantastic result and well done to all involved.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

To celebrate the Christmas Bazaar students and staff may wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper. Normal uniform rules will still apply. If students chose not to wear a Christmas jumper they must wear their Denbigh jumper as normal.

### **House Competitions**

The past few weeks has been busy in terms of house competitions. Firstly, staff have been competing in the annual scavenger hunt and Christmas Bake Off. Both events got very competitive and allowed staff to unwind and play their part in the house competition. You can see the photos on our news page here. Sixth Form students also tried their hand at the scavenger hunt, which became equally competitive! Coming up we have the Christmas Bazaar, Denbigh Talent Show and the Year 7-11 Christmas Bake off.

### **Book recommendations**

Please see the library recommendations for next week.

KS3 - **When the sky falls** by **Phil Earle**

KS4 - **Black ice** by **Becca Fitzgerald**

KS5 - **Idol** by **Louise O'Neill**

Non Fiction - **Norse folk tales** by **Anika Hussain**

### **Word of the Week**

The word of the week next week is the indolent meaning showing no interest or effort, for example, she gave an indolent reply.

### **St Marks Meals**

We have just had 90 boxes delivered to Denbigh from St Marks Meals. These boxes are available to anyone with a child. There is no limit to the amount you can take. Please come into reception or email [headteacher@denbigh.net](mailto:headteacher@denbigh.net)

### **Kick Boxing**

I have been approached by some students regarding their kickboxing club in Milton Keynes which they said is fantastic! Please consider Top Marks Kickboxing Academy if your child is looking for a new activity.

Thank you again for all your continued support. I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed  
Headteacher