

# Denbigh School Open Evening

Admission - September 2026

Presented by:

Mr Anthony Steed, Headteacher

Mr Daniel Bennett, Director of Post-16



**DENBIGH SCHOOL**  
*Aspire, Innovate, Achieve, Belong*

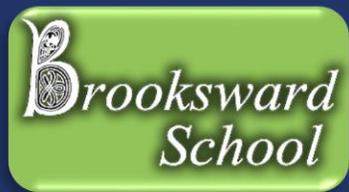
# Introduction to Denbigh

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- Mr Daniel Bennett, Director of Post-16
- Lucas Amps and Angel Adeoye, Year 12



# The Alliance Schools Trust



*Education, Care and Opportunity*



# Our Vision for your child's education

## *Aspire, Innovate, Achieve, Belong*

*At Denbigh School, we envision a dynamic learning environment where innovation flourishes, achievement is celebrated, and high expectations drive students and staff to reach their full potential. We are committed to fostering a culture where every student and member of staff feels valued, inspired, and empowered to pursue their ambitions and contribute meaningfully to society. We want all students and staff to feel a genuine sense of belonging to the school and this is underpinned by a culture of aspiration and achievement. We have the highest expectations around student conduct, and we believe that, as a result, they will leave us as kind and respectful individuals ready for the next stage of their lives.*



# Aspire

- Highest expectations of what our students can achieve
- Excellent Careers and University Guidance
- A huge range of enrichment opportunities
- A challenging, knowledge rich curriculum
- A wide variety of subject offered
- Oxbridge, Russell Group, Medicine and Apprenticeships



# Innovate



- An innovative curriculum that is broad and balanced
- Literacy at the heart of what we do
- Clubs, competitions and trips – e.g. San Francisco, CERN
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- A ‘Complementary Curriculum’ focused on personal development

# Achieve

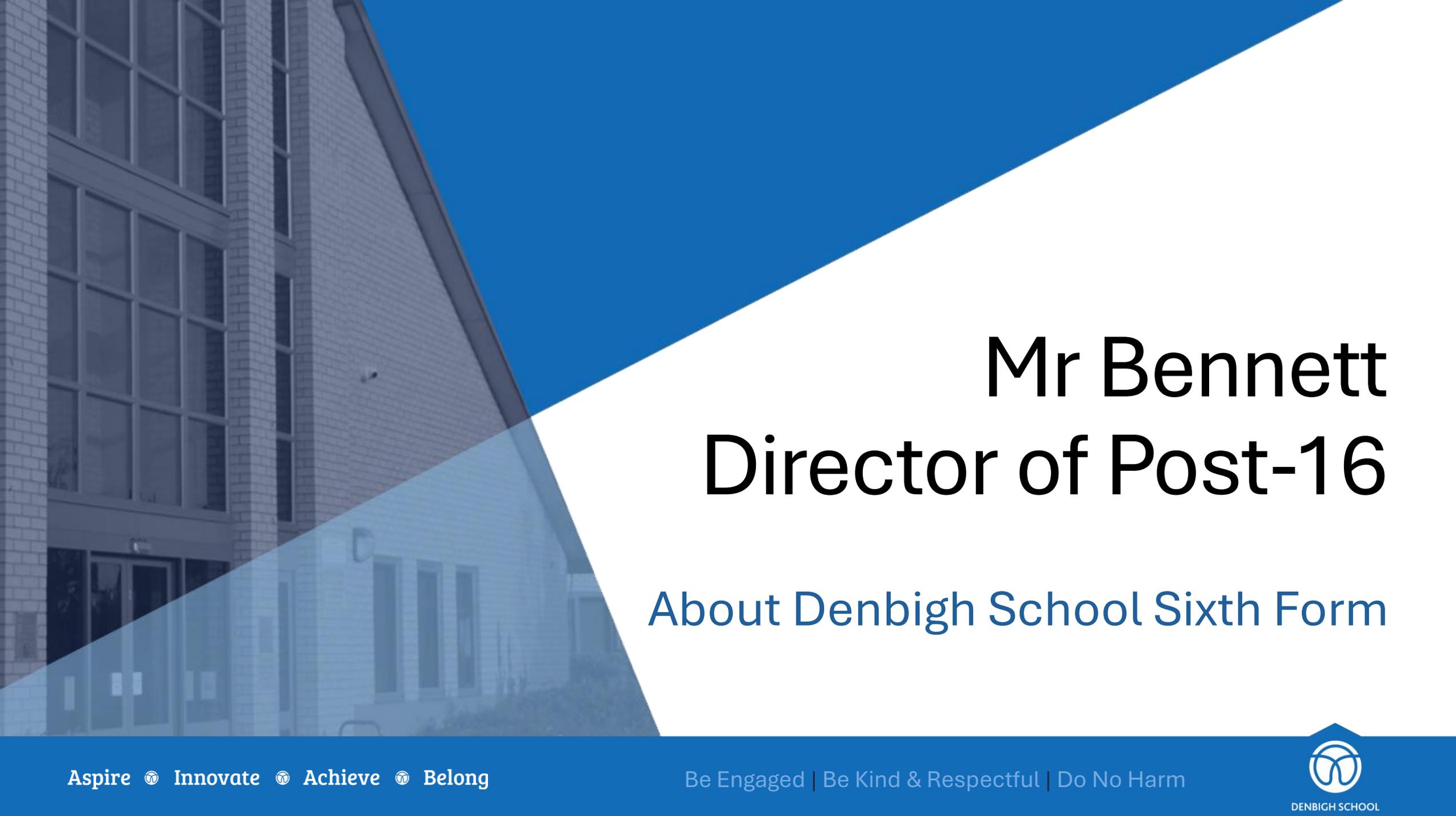
- A strong track record of excellent outcomes at A-Level over a number of years
- Exceptional results in many subjects, including Maths and Science
- Students accessing world-leading universities and apprenticeships



# Belong



- A large school with a small school feel
- High expectations around student conduct
- Well resourced Head of Year Team
- House system & competitions
- A thriving Alumni network

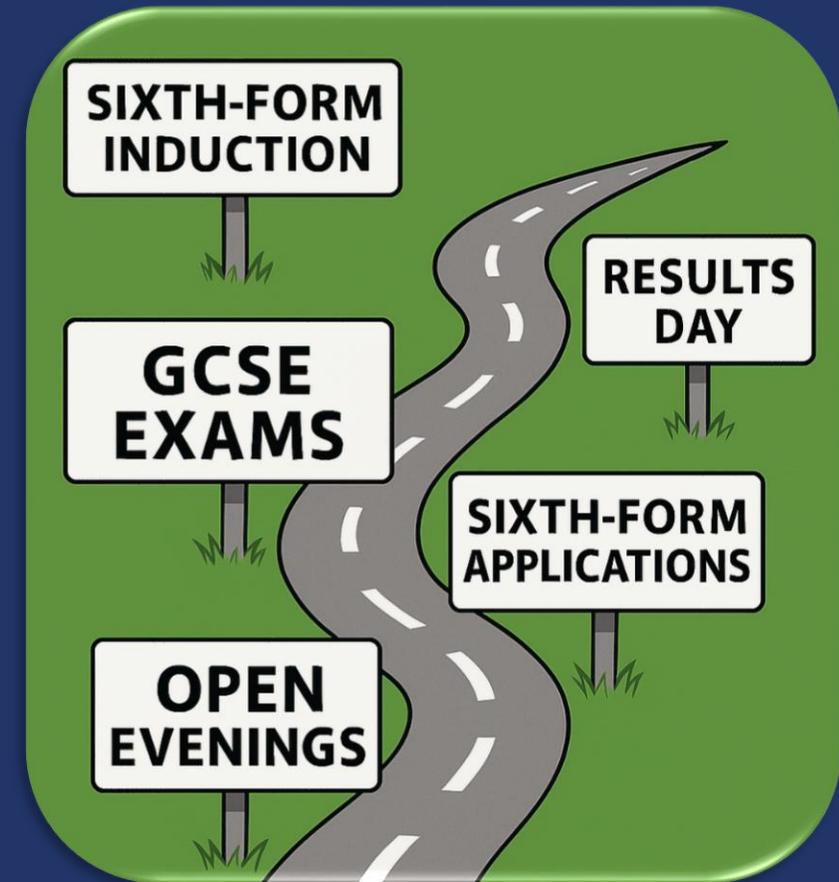


# Mr Bennett Director of Post-16

## About Denbigh School Sixth Form

# Why is this evening Important?

- Opportunity to choose the direction of your future
- Acquire key information and explore subject areas
- Get a feel for the school environment



# Why choose A-Levels?



They are the most widely recognised route into University or apprenticeships



They help students to develop independence and high-order transferrable skills:

Analytical processing

Critical thinking

Problem-solving and communicating



Encourage a tailored programme of study

# Ofsted, 2024

## “Successful sixth-form”

“Implement an ambitious curriculum”

“Encourage leadership and organisation”

“Broad range of academic and growing vocational qualifications”

“Proactive approach to attendance, absence is low including in the sixth-form”

“Highly self-motivated sixth-form students act as excellent role models for younger pupils”

“Sixth-form students relish the opportunities to support younger pupils in lessons and through the reading coaching programme”

# Our Sixth Form

Inclusive

Aspirational

Supportive

# Our School Values

- To be engaged
- To be kind & respectful
- To do no harm



# Working in Partnership

Headteacher bulletin

Parentmail

School website and Social  
Media Pages

Making the Most of Evening

Class Charts App

Detailed Progress Reports

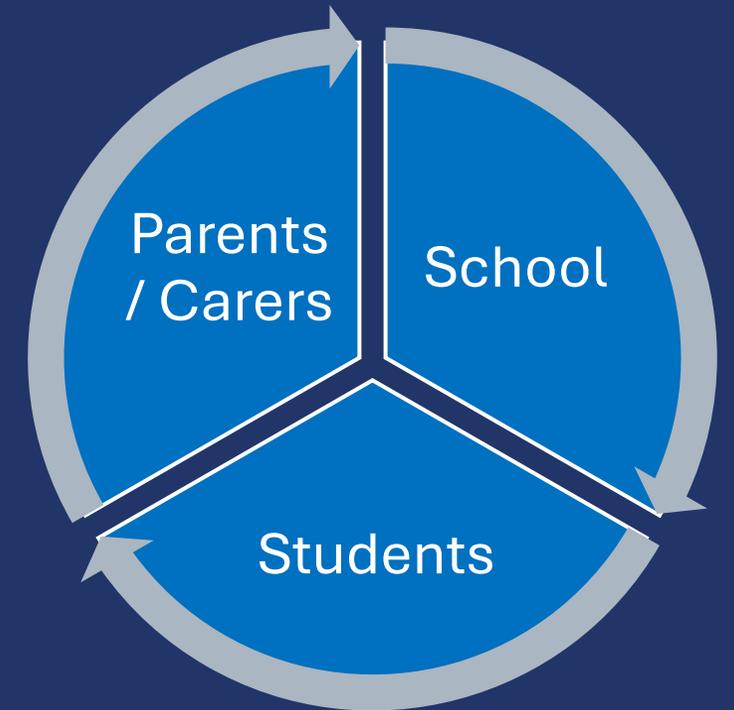
Tutor Consultation  
Afternoons

Subject Consultation  
Evening

Staff email

Headteacher/Deputy  
Headteacher Drop-In

Denbigh Association



# Our Curriculum Offer

## Academic Strand

26 different A-Level subjects

Business Studies  
Computer Science,  
Fashion & Textiles,  
PE,  
Spanish, French, German,  
Theatre Studies

## Vocational Strand

Level 3 Qualifications equivalent to A-Levels

BTEC Sport

Cambridge Technical in Business

Cambridge Technical in Health & Social Care

Music Technology

## The Football Academy Strand

BTEC Diploma in Sport (Worth 2 A-Levels)  
Option to extend study to a third Vocational A-Level

# The Football Academy

- A special part of our Sixth Form
- Partnered with the MK Dons Community Trust
- Full time course combining a Two A-Level course with Full-Time training and fixtures
- Leadership and Coaching Opportunities
- Back-to-Back League winners



# Enrichment & Extra-Curricular Opportunities

## Enrichment

Timetabled 1-hour per week session

- Extended Project (Criteria Dependent)
- Research Methods
- Italian
- Sports – Raquet, Netball, Football
- Improv
- Cooking on budget
- Art
- Textiles

## Extra-Curricular

Achieves completed outside of timetabled lesson time

- Academic, Classroom and Reading Mentors
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Young Enterprise
- First Aid
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Excellence in Engineering Scheme
- Sports Teams – Basketball, Football

## Super-Curricular

Additional activities designed to build your knowledge, skillset, and experience

- House Presidents (Elected)
- Oxford and Cambridge Outreach Programmes
- Debate Club
- Medics Club
- Holocaust Ambassadors
- Fieldtrips – Biology & Geography
- Work Experience

# Entry Requirements

	<b>Points</b>	<b>Programme of Study</b>
Route 1	48 points or more from best 8 GCSE's (including Grade 5's in both GCSE English and Mathematics)	Any 3 courses and Enrichment Option to study EPQ Option to begin on 4 subjects (By decision of the Director of Post-16)
Route 2	32 points from best 8 GCSEs (including Grade 4s in both GCSE English and Mathematics)	3 courses and Enrichment Up to two subjects that require a GCSE Grade 6 No option to study EPQ
Route 3	A minimum of 5 subjects at Grade 4 or above, including GCSE English and Mathematics	3 courses and Enrichment No option to study EPQ GCSE resit in English OR Maths permitted
Football Academy	A minimum of 5 subjects at Grade 4 or above, including GCSE English and Mathematics	BTEC Sport Level 3 Diploma Option to study an additional A-Level course No option to study EPQ GCSE resit in English OR Maths permitted

# Entry Requirements

- Other entry requirements to be aware of
  - Some subjects specifically require a Grade 6 – English Literature, History, Geography
  - Mathematics requires a minimum of a GCSE Grade 7
  - Further Maths needs GCSE Grade 8
  - If Combined/Double Science is studied at GCSE, a Grade 7 is needed for multiple A-Level Sciences
  - If a subject chosen at A-Level has been studied at GCSE, a Grade 4 is expected.
- All our entry requirements including specific subject entry requirements can be found in our Sixth Form Course Handbook

# Offers Process

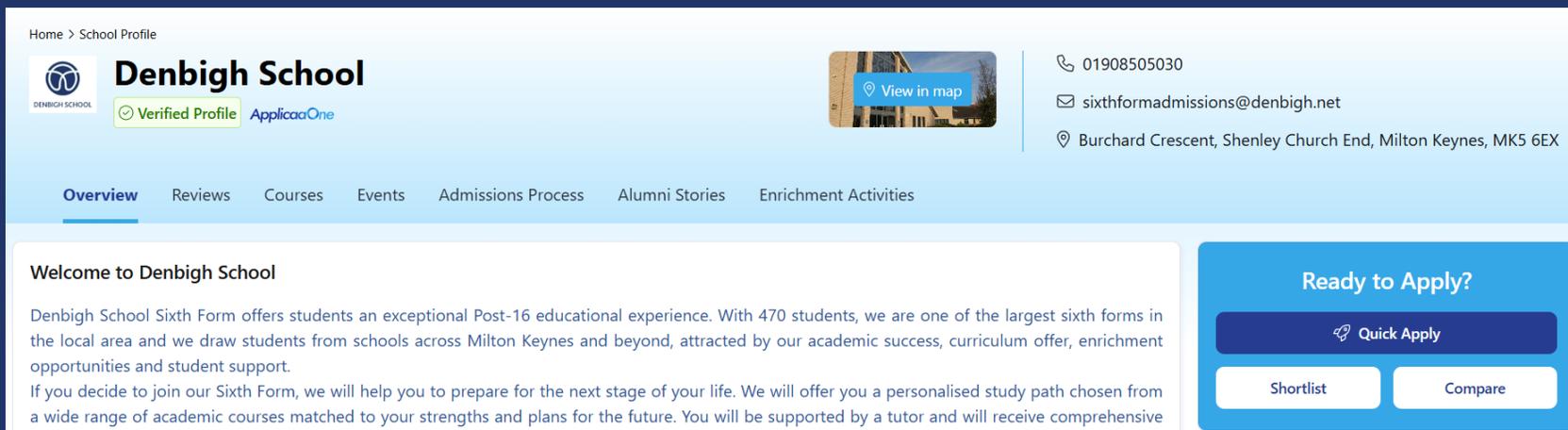
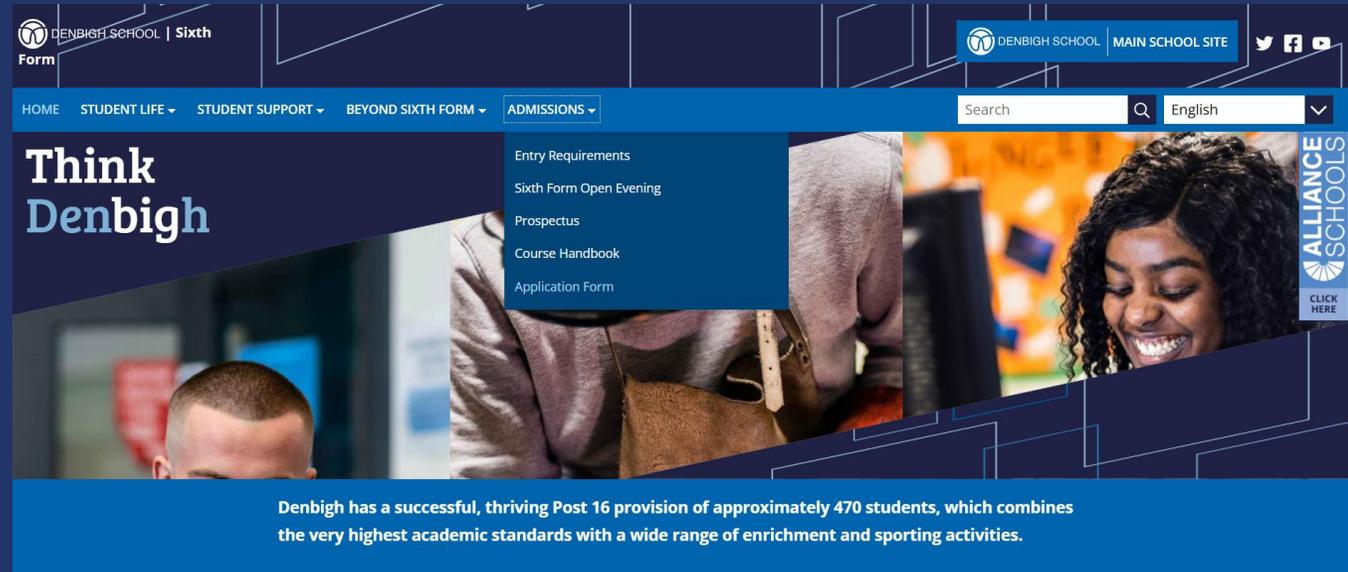
- All Denbigh Year 11 Students are guaranteed a conditional offer.
- For External Students – Offers are provided based on the following oversubscription criteria
  1. Children who were looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children(PLAC) including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC)
  2. a) Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
  2. b) Children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the Headteacher to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
  3. **Students for whom places on appropriate courses are available.**
  4. Distance of permanent residence from Denbigh School.

# The Next Steps

- Sixth Form Application Deadline – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February
- Sixth Form Conditional Offers will be made by the end of April
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Induction Days

# How to Apply

- Via our School Website
  - Denbigh Sixth Form > Admissions > Application Form



- Via our ApplicaaOne Page
  - Search Engine > “Denbigh Sixth Form Applicaa”

# Our Sixth-Form Offer

- Inclusive, supportive, aspirational experience
  - ...Appreciate the different demands of Year 12
  - ...Handle growing independence
  - ...Deal with friendship changes
  - ...Cope with the pressure to work
  - ...Manage their 'free' time
  - ...Understand that studying at home is not the same as 'homework'
- Provide extensive opportunities with access to employers, trips, outreach programmes, careers advice and work experience
- Support students who have aspirations towards sporting excellence or elite universities
- Provide all students with every opportunity to feel as though they are key part of our school community





Thank you for  
listening

Have a fantastic  
evening