



**DENBIGH SCHOOL**

*Aspire, Innovate, Achieve, Belong*



# Think Denbigh

Sixth Form  
2026 Prospectus



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At Denbigh we offer students an exceptional Post-16 educational experience. With 480 students, we are one of the largest sixth forms in the local area and we draw students from schools across Milton Keynes and beyond, attracted by our academic success, curriculum offer, enrichment opportunities and student support.

We offer a sixth form experience which gives our students the tools to succeed in today's competitive university, apprenticeship and employment markets. We are part of the Alliance Schools Trust and are recognised nationally for our commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.

**Be Engaged** 

**Be Kind &  
Respectful** 

**Do No Harm** 



More than 75% of our Sixth Form students secure places at university each year including Oxford, Cambridge and the Russell Group Institutions.

Mr Daniel Bennett,  
Director of Post 16



# Welcome from Headteacher



Mr Anthony Steed

If you decide to join our Sixth Form, we will help you to prepare for the next stage of your life. We will offer you a personalised study path chosen from a wide range of academic courses matched to your strengths and plans for the future. You will be supported by a dedicated tutor and will receive comprehensive guidance on Higher Education and career choices.

We want you to succeed and help our Sixth Form to be the best it can be. Academic excellence is at the core of all we do. Over 75% of our students go on to university each year and nearly half of them apply to the prestigious 'Russell Group' universities. Our students are increasingly accessing the growing competitive apprenticeship market, securing placements with well-respected companies. We want you to build on your academic success and develop your skills and confidence by taking advantage of the many exciting and fulfilling enrichment opportunities we offer.

You will be joining a Sixth Form where our students are mature, successful, and excellent role models for younger students and where the contribution they make to school life is highly valued. We are very proud of our Sixth Form, and we are sure if you come and visit us you will see why.

Mr Anthony Steed  
Headteacher



I am new to Denbigh & everyone has been so kind & friendly & helped me settle. Our teachers are very motivated & this pushes me to work hard.

Year 12 student

- ① **Aspire**
- ② **Innovate**
- ③ **Achieve**
- ④ **Belong**

# Leading The Way

At the heart of educational excellence, we are proud to be the founding member of the Alliance Schools Trust — a vibrant and expanding family of six schools united by a shared vision for innovation, collaboration and student success. Our involvement in this dynamic Trust has opened up a host of opportunities for both students and staff at Denbigh, empowering them to thrive in an environment that values growth and ambition.

As a national leader in education, our Trust spearheads the Enigma Maths Hub, one of only 40 designated by the Department for Education. Serving Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, and Northamptonshire, the Hub delivers high-impact training to Maths professionals, driving improvements in teaching and student outcomes across the region.



Denbigh's Sixth Form has innovation at its core with a drive to continually develop teaching and learning for the benefit of every student.

Mr Dominic Wood, Chair of Denbigh Local School Board of Governors

We are also a proud strategic partner in MK-ECF, a collaborative network that supports early career teachers in both primary and secondary education. Recently rated as Outstanding by Ofsted, this Programme reflects our deep commitment to nurturing the next generation of educators.

Our involvement in these nationally recognised initiatives is a testament to our reputation as one of the UK's top schools for teaching and learning. Innovation is not just something we do — it's who we are!



# Life in the Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form students have their own dedicated Learning Centre, which is the community hub for the Sixth Form and includes the offices of the Director of Sixth Form and the Heads of Year 12 and 13 who are on hand to support students.

Our Sixth Form students also benefit from other outstanding accommodation around the School including a bespoke Creative Arts Theatre, an Activities Studio, open plan Art classrooms which allow for collaborative working, music recital and practice rooms, an outside Amphitheatre, Science labs and Design Technology rooms. All Sixth Formers have access to the School's Careers Advisor, who can run one-to-one meetings to support students preparing for life after the Sixth Form.

Sixth Formers also have their own facilities within the School's Independent Learning Centre. Our Artisan School Food Company, Cucina, run 'Brewhouse' as a dining area for Sixth Formers offering food and drinks in an Italian coffee house style.



I really like that I have the chance to be independent and self-reliant in the Sixth Form because it builds my confidence and helps me to become more independent.

*Year 12 student*



# Academic Success

Our Sixth Form has a proven track record of delivering examination success, recording results consistently above the Milton Keynes and national averages. It is one of the largest sixth forms in the local area and attracts students from across Milton Keynes and beyond. Over 75% of our students go onto university each year and nearly half of them apply to 'Russell Group' universities.

Our students are increasingly accessing the growing degree apprenticeship market, securing placements with well-respected companies through very competitive application processes. Our examination success is driven by our commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. Our flexible and varied curriculum allows students to select a tailor-made programme that meets their individual needs. Students are supported in their learning by a dedicated tutor to help them meet or exceed the challenging targets we set for them.

We use technology to enhance student learning. All our students can access their work from home and Microsoft Teams is used to access external teaching resources. Students are given access to the School's wi-fi network to use the internet to support their learning.

As part of our extensive enrichment programme, students can work towards an Extended Project Qualification, which is equivalent to an AS Level and highly sought after by universities. Our students take part in a wide range of curriculum enhancements including Geography and Biology fieldtrips. They also participate in theatre visits, school productions and attend music recitals.

My Academy qualifications enabled me to secure a coaching role in an American Soccer School, a place at Liverpool John Moores University to study Sport Development & a placement at Everton FC's Academy.  
*Denbigh Football Academy Graduate*

# Denbigh Football Academy

If you have a passion for football and want to see where it can take you in life, join the Denbigh School Football Academy. Founded in 1999, our Academy is the most established Post-16 provider of football education within Milton Keynes. We offer male and female Sixth Form students a two-year challenging, but flexible, Level 3 course, the chance to develop their footballing skills and to learn how to coach young people.

Our Academy works in partnership with the MK Dons Community Trust which allows Academy students the opportunity to train and compete in a high-performance environment at the MK Dons and gives boys from the MK Dons Talent Pathway access to Denbigh's first-class education offer. Our Academy graduates leave with skills and qualifications which set them on a path to successful careers in the sporting world and Higher Education. A large proportion of our graduates complete UCAS applications and regularly receive offers from their first-choice universities.



Denbigh Football Academy are champions of the EFL U19 Regional CEFA Football League for the second year running.

## WINNERS



# Enriching Experiences



To enhance their academic learning our students can choose from a wide range of enrichment courses, many of them leading to a qualification. Our students compete in local and national challenges, educational Olympiads and competitions, as we believe competing against their peers in this way improves their subject knowledge and self-confidence. They perform superbly and regularly reach regional and national finals. We help and support students who wish to gain work placements to support their Higher Education applications or future career plans.

Our students have gained valuable experience in scientific research establishments through the Nuffield Bursary Scheme; have taken part in the Sutton Trust Summer School Programme to prepare for university life and undertaken MedLink courses. Students have also undertaken work placements with MK City Council's Town Planning Department through the Royal Town Planning Institute's 'Explore Programme'. Our students have sampled life at Oxford and Cambridge through shadowing schemes such as the 'Inspiring Excellence Programme'. We value the development of social skills and offer a wide variety of enrichment opportunities. We are a Licensing Centre for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and support students who take part in this popular national award scheme. There is a strong sporting ethos in our Sixth Form and students represent the school in local, regional and national competitions and compete in Inter House competitions in-school. We also support those students who are regionally or nationally ranked in their sporting fields in combining their studies with their training schedules.

Sixth Form students take a leading role in many of the School's Creative Arts activities and productions, and they can join our popular Debating Society that discusses current ethical issues and enters local and national debate competitions. There are a number of opportunities for Sixth Formers to mentor and read with younger students, both at Denbigh and in our partner primary schools.





There are a huge range of enrichment opportunities here which are so useful in the real world. When I go to university, I don't think there will be a teacher who will teach me as many life skills as I have learnt at Denbigh.

Year 12 student

# Guidance & Personal Development

Students are fully supported in the choices they make in the transition from Year 11 to the Sixth Form. Year 11 students at Denbigh have a discussion with a senior member of staff about their future choices and external students and their parents have an opportunity to meet with a member of the Sixth Form Team before joining the Sixth Form. Internal and external students attend a comprehensive Sixth Form induction programme.

Once in the Sixth Form they are assigned a dedicated tutor with whom they meet regularly to discuss targets, progress and their future. Students and parents receive formal feedback throughout the year on their progress. Students also have timetabled supervised study sessions every week to support their learning and can access their work both in-school and at home.

There is extensive support for those students applying to Higher Education, including a UCAS Preparation Day, university visits, guest speakers, support for summer schools and practice university interviews.

Students entering the world of employment receive our full support. They attend apprenticeship and employment fairs, receive guidance on writing CVs and interview preparation and undertake guided work experience. We have strong and established links with apprenticeship providers across many employment sectors. We have a regular drop-in session in our Sixth Form Centre when providers meet and discuss these opportunities with our students.



**My child has transitioned well into the Sixth Form and feels supported by the teachers. Their individual goals & aspirations have been considered to make them successful.**  
Parent of Year 13 student



# Develop Your Voice



I felt unsure about choosing a totally new subject for A level, but I'm really enjoying learning new things. It has taken me out of my comfort zone and I'm so glad I took on the challenge.

Parent of Year 12 student

We value the contribution that our students can make to improve the teaching and learning they receive. Students have the opportunity to express their views and to assist in the development of new teaching and learning methods. Sixth Form students can apply for a role on the House President Leadership Teams of our five Houses: Brunel, Curie, Darwin, Newton and Stephenson.

The successful candidates organise the House Councils and work with the Staff House Champions to promote the House ethos of the School, which is so important to us. The Sixth Form Committee plays a leading role in events that celebrate diversity & belonging in our learning community including our Pride Event, our Eid and Diwali celebrations and the hugely popular Sixth Form Cultures Day. They also lead the Year 13 Prom.

There are regular opportunities for students to provide feedback about their Sixth Form experience through on-line questionnaires, focus and discussion groups and in working with staff as 'learning partners'.





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