

Headteacher's Bulletin – 23 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Careers Week

This week Denbigh School held a successful Careers Week. The week began with an inspiring talk from Gareth Davies, Global Head of Fraud at Allianz, who shared insights into his role and career journey with our Year 11 students. On Tuesday, MK College visited the school with their Yellow Bus and Faculty Fair. Thirty-eight Year 11 students attended individual appointments on the bus, where they met members of the wellbeing, SEND and enrichment teams. Students also took part in a range of engaging activities delivered by representatives from eight different faculties. Year 8 students also enjoyed a talk from Frances Jackson of Johnson & Johnson, who spoke about Environmental Health and Sustainability. Then to finish off the week, Thursday saw our 5th Annual Careers Festival in the Meeting Hall. We welcomed thirty-one employers and universities into school to chat to our Year 10 and 13 students. Students engaged with local, national and international organisations and gained valuable insight into future career pathways and higher education opportunities. I would like to thank Miss Hamdan and the rest of the Careers team for organising a fantastic week!

Year 11 Mock Results Day

On Thursday Year 11 students received their PPE results in the format of a true Exam Results Day. This gave students the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on their performance ahead of their Exams in the summer allowing with focused tasks in their form class. This mock results day was received well by the students and proved to be a valuable exercise.

LAMDA

We are incredibly proud of all students who took part in the Winter 2025 LAMDA Acting examinations. Every candidate passed, with an outstanding top mark of 94%. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects the commitment, focus and creativity shown throughout the preparation



process. LAMDA is one of the UK's most respected performing arts awarding bodies. Its qualifications are internationally recognised and develop vital skills in communication, confidence, interpretation, and performance. Well done to all involved, you should be extremely proud of yourselves.

We now wish the very best of luck to our next LAMDA cohort who will be entering the Spring examinations on 25th March. This includes our first Level 3 Acting group, who will be sitting the Bronze LAMDA Acting exam, which carries UCAS points, an exciting milestone for our department. Once again, congratulations to our Winter candidates, and good luck to those preparing for the Spring session.

Aerosols

A reminder that students should not be bringing aerosols/sprays into school. Should your child want to bring in additional deodorant we would recommend roll-ons. We have members of staff and students who have medical conditions which the sprays can interact with.

Word of the week

The upcoming word of the week is **versatile**, meaning able to adapt or be adapted to many different functions or activities. For example, her versatile skill set allows her to adapt quickly to new challenges.

Opportunities

Young Composers: For aspiring young composers, there is an opportunity to sign up for the chance to receive free coaching, they develop skills in composition, often specializing in classical, contemporary, or choral music. For more information, please see their flyer.



ORA SINGERS
Young Composers

Are you interested in composing?

APPLY FOR THE 2026 YOUNG COMPOSERS' PROGRAMME
to get FREE mentoring in composition with the award-winning ORA Singers!

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive 10 hours of one-to-one mentoring with professional composers Write a new piece for ORA Singers Attend a workshop with ORA Singers who sing through your sketches and give tailored feedback Have your new piece performed and recorded in concert by ORA Singers in front of industry professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive first-class mentoring through a course of online Composition Workshops Fast-track composition skills with coaching on techniques and regular feedback Meet with industry professionals & undergraduates and gain an insight into the professional world of composition Write a new short choral piece

FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY NOW AT
www.orasingers.com/young-composers
Applications close Thursday 12th February 2026



Learn a great new sport and take it to the next level!

KORFBALL ACADEMY
AGE 11-14



- Great mixed team sport with some similarities to netball and basketball
- Boys and girls play in same team
- No need to have played before – it's easy to pick up and there are lots of transferable skills from other sports!
- Monthly Saturday afternoon sessions at Shenley Leisure Centre gymnasium hall
- Option to take part in regional or national tournaments

NEW!

Our first session dates

- Saturday 7th February 2026
- Saturday 7th March 2026
- Saturday 18th April 2026
- Saturday 16th May 2026
- Saturday 13th June 2026
- Saturday 11th July 2026

Usual price £15 but we can offer 5 FREE taster places at each session for new players to try it – contact us to book one!



Find out more and sign up: myouthkorfball@gmail.com
More info: <https://korfballinmkoak.wordpress.com/south-midlands-u15-korfball-academy/>

Korfball Academy: Shenley Leisure Centre are currently offering limited free taster sessions in Korfball. If your child is interested check out this flyer.

Virtual Careers Fair: Attached is information for parents/carers and students to join an online careers fair for information on Local apprenticeships and T Level opportunities.

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12th May, 5.30pm - 7pm



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How does it work?
Each exhibitor has a dedicated breakout room. Attendees will rotate every 10 minutes to their chosen exhibitors to hear a presentation and have an opportunity for Q&A.

Book your free space
Don't miss out, click here and complete the form to secure your place to exhibit and showcase your opportunities by 11th March 2026. For more information, contact: Rebecca@amazingapprenticeships.com

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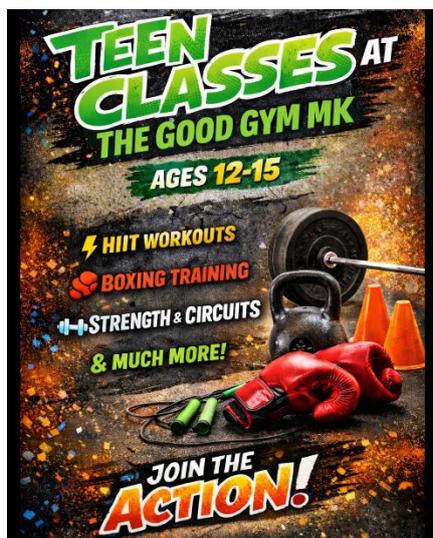
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The Good Gym: Our external boxing club coach would like to share a new free initiative starting next week for 12-15 years, to attend Gym sessions on Tuesdays & Thursdays. More information is attached.



Student Season Train Tickets

If your child is a regular traveller on the railways they may be interested in the London Northwestern & West Midlands Railways student train tickets. Click here for more information [Save Up to 50% with Termly Student Season Train Tickets](#)

Library

Book Recommendations: Please see the attached recommendations for next week.



Coming up next week

All week – Year 13 MFL PPE Speaking Exams

Monday 26th January – Year 11 & 12 progress reports handed to students

Wednesday 28th January - Intermediate Mathematical Challenge (IMC)

Wednesday 28th January – Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Steed
Headteacher