

Headteacher's Bulletin – 13 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this bulletin finds you well. It has been another busy week here at Denbigh including Year 11 PPE exams, the music soiree, a debate competition and charity day.

Maths Challenge

I am pleased to say we have a cohort of extremely talented mathematicians from Years 9, 10 and 11. This cohort recently achieved an impressive total of 22 gold medals in the UKMT National Intermediate Maths Challenge. Of these, 15 students have also qualified for the prestigious Kangaroo Round, the next round of the Challenge designed to test advanced mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and problem solving skills. I would like to say well done to Shamyia Menakan who recorded the best result in Year 9, James Mansell who was the highest scorer in Year 10 and Bornini Das and Akshaja Vijayakumar who were Year 11's joint highest scorers. Well done to everyone who took part and best of luck to the students progressing to the next round.



Music Soiree

Thank you to everyone who attended the Music Soiree this week. It was a wonderful evening and a great opportunity for our young performers. All of our productions are also raising money towards our summer production of Charlie and the Chocolate factory.

Debating success

On Friday 6th March, Year 10 and Year 13 students travelled to St Paul's School to take part in Round 1 of the Milton Keynes School's Debate Competition. Out of the 14 schools participating, Denbigh

came 2nd and have progressed to Round 2, which will take place on 20th March. Thank you to Mr Vassell, Mr Lee and Mrs Donohue for supporting these students.

CERN

Year 13 Physics students visited the CERN Centre near Geneva in Switzerland, home to the world's largest and most complex scientific equipment, including the renowned Large Hadron Collider. During



the trip, students explored how scientists investigate the structure of particles that make up the universe, and also visited the Swiss Plasma Centre and the History of Science Museum. They enjoyed time discovering the city of Geneva and the beauty of Lake Geneva, consistently representing the School with maturity and impeccable conduct. I would like to say thank you to Miss Conlon and Mr Berriman for organising a fantastic trip!

Indoor Cricket Team

Our U15 Boys Indoor Cricket Team are MK Champions after winning at the recent MK Schools Tournament. This is a fantastic achievement which means the team has qualified for the



Buckinghamshire Championships which will be held on the 19th March. They join our U13 Boys Team who are also MK Champions and have qualified for the Buckinghamshire Championships as well. Brilliant work boys!

Youth SACRE Council

Mrs Conway took 5 A-level Philosophy students to the MK City Council chambers to attend the second Youth SACRE event of the year. The theme was "Youth Voices on Religion, Politics and Society" and featured a speech by Emily Darlington MP on the importance of diversity for creativity and innovation as well as the common role of community for both politics and religion. Our students took the opportunity to have a good chat with the MP and other MK City Councillors, especially around lowering the voting age to 16! Students were then asked to lead the discussion on the relationship between faith and public life and help younger students at the event express and voice their opinion. Denbigh students impressed the Youth SACRE leadership so much that they were asked to organise the last session in May! Well done all.



Charity Day

Today was our termly Charity Day and we were extremely lucky to have Jen from Solving Kids Cancer UK in school to join us for the bake sales that took place. Solving Kids Cancer UK is a charity close to



our hearts at Denbigh after the support they gave Mrs Bedford and her family. In total we have raised £2320.15 so far this academic year! Fantastic work to all students and staff who have supported us in our fundraising.

Careers

Amazing Apprenticeships, in partnership with the South Midlands Careers Hub, is hosting Opportunities on Your Doorstep, a virtual careers fair on Tuesday 12th May 2026, 5.30pm–7.00pm. This virtual event is open to parents, carers and students in Years 10–13 with the aiming of exploring local Apprenticeship and T Level opportunities. You can also hear from employers and training providers, and learn about application processes. Register by Friday 8th May 2026 to secure a free place via the link here.

Word of the week

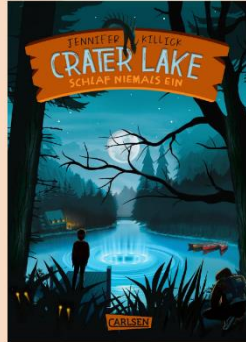
The word of the week next week is contemporary, meaning existing or happening now, and therefore seeming modern.

Library

Please see the attached book recommendations for next week.

KS3 Book of the Week

Who is the mysterious bloodstained man who stops their coach? Why is no one around when Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand new Crater Lake activity centre? But this is just the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep!



KS4 Book of the Week

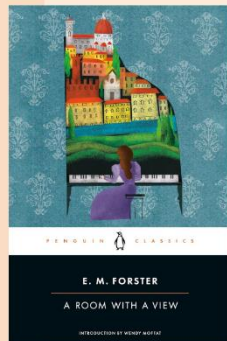
Best friends Caddy and Rose are inseparable. Their differences have brought them closer, but as she turns sixteen Caddy begins to wish she could be a bit more like Rose - confident, funny and interesting. Then Swannee comes into their lives: beautiful, damaged, exciting and mysterious, and things get a whole lot more complicated. As Swannee's past is revealed and her present begins to unravel, Caddy begins to see how much fun a little trouble can be. But the course of both friendship and romance is rougher than other girl realises, and Caddy is about to learn that downward spirals have a momentum of their own.

Content advisory: Underage drinking, discussions of sex, strong language.



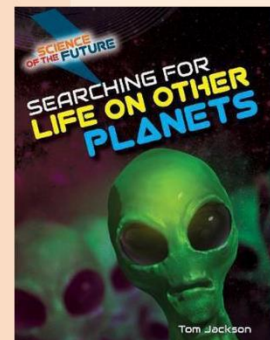
KS5 Book of the Week

Published in 1908, A Room with A View is one of E. M. Forster's most celebrated works. Forster explores love among a cast of eccentric characters gathered in an Italian pension and in a corner of Surrey, England. Caught up in a world of social snobbery, Lucy Honeychurch must make a decision that will decide the course of her future: She is forced to choose between convention and passion.



Non-Fiction Book of the Week

What is an exoplanet? What is the "Goldilocks orbit"? From microbial life to Roswell, from the Drake Equation to the Fermi Paradox, this book traces the journey so far of scientific investigations into possible life on other planets, then takes a look at new technical advancements in the field of astrobiology, including the Extremely Large Telescope (ELT) and the launch of the Europa Clipper. Read on to learn about the science of the future!



Coming up next week

Year 8 Curriculum Options evening - Monday 16th March

Year 11 Component 3 Drama Exam - Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March

Year 11 Maths Paper 3 - Wednesday 18th March

Inter-House Chess Competition - Wednesday 18th March

Grey and Pink Mathematical Kangaroo - Thursday 19th March

Borneo Bake Sale - Friday 20th March

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher