

Headteacher's Bulletin – 17 April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well and you had a brilliant Easter. Students have returned fresh and ready for the Summer term which has been great to see.

Easter break school trips

Over the Easter break we had two trips take place. During the first weekend of the holidays, thirty one Year 12 students took part in their Gold DofE expedition in Derbyshire. Overall the students walked X



miles and were treated to every type of weather, including snow! It was a tricky expedition where students had to show true grit and resilience. Well done to all students who took part and our fantastic members of staff for supporting these students on their expedition. During the final week of the holiday, thirty five students from Years 9-12 went to Italy for a week of Skiing. The weather was brilliant and the rate at which students progressed their skiing skills was phenomenal. Everyone had a great time and I am grateful for the members of staff who

provided students with this experience.

Examination season

We have kicked off the Summer Term straight into examination season starting with Year 10 PPEs, which will be followed by Year 7 and 8 classroom assessments in May and then the countdown begins for GCSE and A Level examinations. Please do remember to look at our curriculum page on the Denbigh Website to find the schemes of learning and useful resources for your child. All students will also have a Teams page for each subject which students can refer back to for help with revision.

Sporting success

On Sunday the 22nd March several of our students in Year 9 and Year 10 who play for the Milton Keynes Rugby Club competed in the Buckinghamshire U14s and U15s county cup. Both teams were victorious and became county champions. It is always great to hear of our students successes outside of school. Well done to all the boys who took part!

Summer Research Program

Emily Darlington MP is running a four-week summer programme exploring how politics, research and public service works in practice. This is an fantastic opportunity where students can learn more about Westminster, local government and the key issues shaping Milton Keynes. Please see the flyers with more details.

IT'S BACK!

★ ★ THINGS TO DO! ★ ★

APPLY FOR EMILY DARLINGTONS SUMMER RESEARCHER PROGRAMME (WORK EXPERIENCE)



To RSVP email: ellis.archer@parliament.uk


WHAT WILL I GET TO DO?



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Meet exciting speakers including journalists and activists, find out more about career paths you're interested in!

Connect with your peers from across the city and learn from them



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WHAT WILL I GET TO DO?



Research about policy and come up with your own ideas for how we should shape our city.

Last year we discussed health policy, the economy, violence against women and so much more



Spend the day in Parliament taking in all of the history.



Milton Keynes University Hospital

TheMKWay

NHS Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

MKUH
Careers, Apprenticeships & Volunteering that make a difference



When:
Saturday 18 April 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm

Where:
The Academic Centre
Milton Keynes University Hospital
Standing Way, Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD

Why should you come along?

- Tips for Success
- Opportunity to network
- Face to Face Talks
- Key Insights

Benefits of working at MKUH:

- Flexible working
- Free on-site parking
- Discounted gym membership
- NHS Pension Scheme Membership
- Vivup products to support wellbeing
- Salary sacrifice car scheme
- Generous annual leave

Live talks on the below:

1. What jobs can you do at MKUH?
2. Tips on how to apply
3. Volunteering
4. Apprenticeships

Please see any open job opportunities on the NHS Jobs Website. No interviews will be conducted on the day of the event. We will not be accepting CVs at the event. This event is to help give insight and understanding on what MKUH has to offer.



Milton Keynes University Hospital is hosting a Careers, Apprenticeships and Volunteering Open Morning this Saturday 18th April. This morning will offer students and parents a valuable insight into the wide range of careers available within the NHS. The event will include live talks on different job roles, application tips, apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities, as well as the chance to hear directly from professionals working at the hospital. Please see the flyer with more information.

MK Lit Fest

A reminder that MK Lit fest will start next week and the program is jam packed. Please see the attached flyers with more information.



Milton Keynes' fabulous festival of books, words, writers and ideas

22-26 April 2026

MK Lit Fest

Aki Schilz Ash Bond Caroline Davies Daria Chernysheva David Wilson
Derek Owusu Geoff Andrews Harriet Tyce Isabelle Baafi
James McDermott John Grindrod John McCullough Johnny Ball
Jonn Elledge Madeleine Dunningan Matty Long Natalie Bennett
Nizrana Farook Ruth Mancini Sarah Pinborough Simon Maddrell
Solitaire Townsend Toby Litt

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Milton Keynes City Council
MK Council
MK Education
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MK Museums
The Open University
Open Sparks
MK Community
MK Arts
MK Music
MK Sport
MK Youth
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EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AT MILTON KEYNES LIT FEST

Saturday 25 April 2026
MK Central Library



Matty Long: Draw Along With Croaky! (Age 5+)

12noon – 1.00pm. £5 + £3 per adult

Join **Matty Long** for a fun drawing workshop and discover how to draw characters from his brilliant **Croaky** books! You'll design your own hero, and learn how to start creating all sorts of exciting stories.



Ash Bond: Peregrine Quinn and the Battle for Olympus (Age 7+)

1.30pm – 2.30pm. £5 + £3 per adult

In **Ash Bond's** magical, mythical event from the cosmic **Peregrine Quinn** series, you'll discover the legends, literature and ancient history that inspired this electrifying series, along with creative activities based on the books! Join us for fantasy, adventure and wit.



Nizrana Farook: Adventures in the Wild (Age 9+)

12noon – 1.00pm. £5 + £3 per adult

Nizrana Farook, bestselling author of *The Boy Who Saved a Bear* and *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*, writes stories of courage, daring escape and hidden treasure inspired by her Sri Lankan childhood. Discover her exciting, imaginative tales!

...and don't forget the rest of our fabulous Spring Festival

Our annual festival returns between **Wednesday 22 and Sunday 26 April**, with **author talks, book signings, writer workshops and more**.

Full programme details online now at the website!

Follow us at @MKLitFest on **Facebook, X, Instagram, Threads or BlueSky**, or visit www.mklitfest.org to sign up for our newsletter.



Word of the week

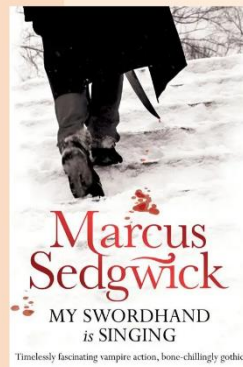
The word of the week next week is apathy, meaning a lack of interest, enthusiasm or concern. For example, there was widespread apathy among the team.

Library

Please see the book recommendations for next week. As always some brilliant choices!

KS3 Book of the Week

Peter and his father Tomas live and chop wood in the forests that surround the village of Chust. When their solitary existence is shattered by a band of gypsies, Peter must face up to his father's troubled past and learn the secrets hidden inside the wooden box they have carried with them for so long.



KS4 Book of the Week

Amber is convinced that her brother's death is her fault. It happened on the day that she'd taken something of his, something precious, the very thing that gave him his luck. Weighed down with grief, guilt and pressure to be the perfect daughter, Amber turns to the one boy who can make her feel better. But Tyler is in with the wrong crowd, and Amber finds herself in big trouble: trouble that would never usually happen to a girl like her.



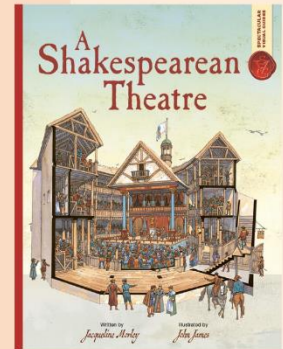
KS5 Book of the Week

Following the events of one single day in Dublin, the 16th June 1904, and what happens to the characters Stephen Dedalus, Leopold Bloom and his wife Molly, *Ulysses* is a monument to the human condition. It has survived censorship, controversy and legal action, and even been deemed blasphemous, but remains an undisputed modernist classic: ceaselessly inventive, garrulous, funny, sorrowful, vulgar, lyrical and ultimately redemptive. It confirms Joyce's belief that literature is the eternal affirmation of the spirit of man.



Non-Fiction Book of the Week

This guide allows readers to look at Shakespearean theatre through the objects, actors, people, props and plays found inside.



Coming up next week

All week - Year 10 PPEs continue

Monday 20th April - Denbigh Association Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 22nd April - GCSE Art Examinations

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Friday 24th April - Cultures Day

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Steed
Headteacher