

Headteacher's Bulletin – 6 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Award

Our Year 9s braved a seriously muddy Bronze DofE practice expedition last weekend. After honing their navigation skills in the great outdoors, they headed back to School to warm up & put their cooking skills to the test. They're now all set for their qualifying expedition!

Rewards Trip Announcement

We will be selecting the top 150 students for our upcoming Rewards Theme Park Trip!

Selection will be based on performance between 23rd February and 24th April, recognising students who demonstrate:

- Highest attendance
- Excellent punctuality
- Strong achievement
- Consistently living our Denbigh values:
To be engaged. To be kind and respectful. To do no harm.



Every day matters – make it count and earn your place!

Attendance

We are delighted to share that attendance at Denbigh continues to remain very positive, and this is a reflection of the strong partnership between home and school. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring your child attends regularly and punctually. Your commitment makes a significant difference to their learning, progress and wellbeing, and we truly value the role you play in helping us maintain such high standards across our community.

Uniform Expectations

We have recently noticed a slight decline in the standard of the uniform of some students across the school. Please ensure your child is following our uniform expectations, which include:

- Jumpers worn at all times
- Jewellery not be worn apart from a single nose stud and single pair of stud earrings
- Skirts not rolled or bunched at the waist
- Top buttons of shirts to be fastened, with the tie knot covering the top button
- Shirts must be tucked into trousers or skirts, not folded at the waist

If you could support as a school to uphold these standards I would be most appreciative.

Sporting success

Our Year 9 Boys Basketball Team have finished the year unbeaten and are MK League Champions. A fantastic result, well done! I am also pleased to say our U13 Boys Indoor Cricket Team are MK Champions after winning the MK Schools Tournament held this week. A brilliant achievement boys!



Music Soiree

A reminder that Wednesday 11th March 6pm, we have our Spring Term Music Soirée. The aim of this performance is to offer students the opportunity to perform in a supportive environment and to help build valuable performance experience. You can purchase a ticket via ParentMail for £2 to support our July 2026 production, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!

Grandslam Wrestling

On Friday 13th March our meeting hall will be transformed into a family friendly wrestling night.



Please see the poster with more information. Anyone from the school wanting to go will receive a 15% discount with the following code GSWDEN15.

Word of the week

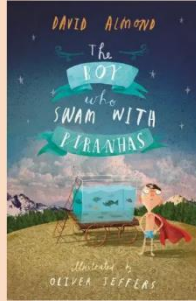
The word of the week for the week commencing the 9th March is **synthesis**, meaning, the production of a substance from simpler materials after a chemical reaction.

Book recommendations

Please see the attached recommendations for next week.

KS3 Book of the Week

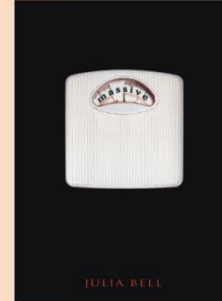
Stanley Potts is just an ordinary boy, but when all the jobs in Fish Quay disappear his Uncle Ernie develops an extraordinary fascination with canning fish. Suddenly their home is filled with the sound of clanging machinery and the stench of mackerel, and Uncle Ernie's obsession reaches such heights that he would even can Stan's beloved gliaffle! Stan, however, has his own destiny, which leads him, via a hook-a-dack stall, to Pancho Pirelli, the blue-caped madman who swims with piranhas.



KS4 Book of the Week

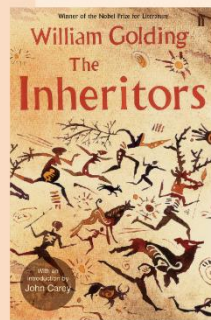
Weight is a big issue in Carmen's life - not surprising when her mother is obsessed with dieting and is determined that her daughter will be thin. But with a long list of failed diets behind her and a mountain of empty sweaters under the bed, Carmen knows the comfort of forbidden food. Swept off to Birmingham by her mum, Carmen finds her old life disappearing - her home, her friends and her father. With everything to gain and nothing to lose Carmen starts to ask: if she were thin, very thin, could it all be different?

Content advisory: Eating disorders, strong language, drug taking, underage drinking, sex.



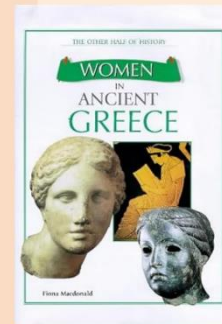
KS5 Book of the Week

William Golding's second novel is a brilliant imaginative feat, an exploration of the lost world of Neanderthal man.



Non-Fiction Book of the Week

Examines the status and conditions of women in ancient Greek society, discussing such topics as marriage and family life, clothing, domestic duties, religion, and more.



Coming up next week

All week - Year 8 options taster lessons

Tuesday 10th March - Local School Board

Tuesday 10th March - Year 8 and 11 Basketball

Wednesday 11th March - Music Soiree

Thursday 12th March - Year 11 Maths paper 2 PPE

Friday 13th March - Year 11 English Language PPE

Friday 13th March - Charity Day

Have a brilliant weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Steed
Headteacher