

Headteacher's Bulletin – 1 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Community Governor Vacancy

We're looking for a Community Governor to help strengthen our fantastic Governance Team.



Denbigh School Local School Board Governor Recruitment

We are recruiting for a Community Governor who can offer professional expertise & knowledge of our local community

'Our Local School Board of Governors is a committed team of volunteers who give their expertise and time willingly to make an impact on Denbigh School and student outcomes. We are looking to recruit a Community Governor who does not have direct links to the School but can offer their professional expertise and knowledge of our local community to strengthen our team further and help shape the future of Denbigh School.'

Dominic Wood, Chair of Governors



For more information visit www.denbigh.net/about/governance/ & contact our Governance Professional, Tracey Stewart on stewartt@denbigh.net

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Community Governors can't have direct links to the school (they can't be a parent or a member of staff) but they can bring their professional expertise & an understanding of our local community to help make a real difference to the school & student outcomes. We'd really appreciate your help! Please share news of this vacancy so we can reach as many people in our local

community as possible. Anyone interested can visit: www.denbigh.net/about/governance/ & contact our Governance Professional, Mrs Stewart on stewartt@denbigh.net. for more information.

Think Denbigh Flyer – Spring Term Enrichment Day

Take a look at our latest 'Think Denbigh' Promotional Flyer which features our students' experiences on the Spring Term Enrichment Day. From exploring national visitor attractions, to competing in the Junior Apprentice Challenge, enjoying in-school key skills sessions led by external experts, our students benefit hugely from this chance to step outside the classroom and explore learning beyond the curriculum. I would like to say thank you to our staff whose enthusiasm and hard work drive these special days in the school year and we are thankful for their continued commitment.



The flyer features a collage of photos from the enrichment day and text detailing various activities. A quote from the Headteacher, Mr. Anthony Stead, is also included.

Denbigh School - Spring Enrichment Day

Spring Enrichment Day

Exploring National Visitor Attractions
 Year 7 explored history and heritage at Warwick Castle and Welford Hall Park. Year 8 discovered science and nature at the National Space Centre and Kew Gardens. Year 9 delved into transport heritage at the Silverstone Museum and Year 10 embraced teamwork and challenge at the Kempton Outdoor Centre. At all the attractions our students learnt about careers opportunities available to them.

Year 7 Junior Apprentice Challenge
 Year 7 students showcased creativity and entrepreneurial thinking in the Junior Apprentice Challenge, developing a healthy crop board. Congratulations to 'Team Runners, winners on the day'.

Year 8 explore the risks of Drugs & Alcohol
 Year 8 took part in thought provoking and informative workshops on the risks of drugs and alcohol, delivered by KIP Education, encouraging informed and responsible choices.

Year 9 Explains Careers
 Year 9 students explored future pathways through careers sessions led by a range of organisations from across the employment sector, including: Science Careers, Look Up, ENPS, and Worklife, alongside expert guidance from our In-school Careers Team.

Year 10 focused on the skills needed to be successful in the workplace with KIP Education and our school leaders, Mrs Porter, and business education and 'The Money Charity'. Students also took part in an enterprise workshop with Martin Lobb from Savartha Charity and a mental health session led by Lucy McQuarrie from Your Show My Support Community.

Year 11 Power Session on GCSEs
 Year 11 participated in a dedicated Power Day, applying 'Success Five' to deepen their understanding and preparation for their GCSEs.

Year 10 student at Kempton Outdoor Centre
 The bridge building activity was amazing and the excitement of competing really elevated the experience.

Year 9 student in Careers Session

Year 7 student at Warwick Castle
 It was really nice looking at all the cars and learning about their history.

Year 9 student at the Silverstone Museum

From the Headteacher

Mr Anthony Stead

Our Enrichment Day Programme gives students a valuable opportunity each term to step outside the classroom and explore learning beyond the curriculum. These inspiring days are driven by the passion and hard work of our staff, and we are thankful for their continued commitment. We are already looking ahead to the final enrichment day of the school year in July.

I got to know my classmates better, instead of just being focused on learning.

Watching the Bird of Prey Show and climbing up the stairs in the Castle was amazing.

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Think Denbigh

Performing Arts Shoebox Theatre Design Challenge

Throughout the spring term, the creative arts department challenged students in Year 7 to think like set designers by transforming ideas into practical spaces. As part of their learning, students explored

'Shoebox Theatre Design' Y7 Performing Arts Competition



7Z1

Shaadiya Haydar, Aaliyah Macadam,
Maahika Menon, Zosia Musial



7Y1

Kamil Ahmad, David Hikwa, Desiree Li,
Cesilee Newham, Jakub Piwinski, Anuja Sangalad



Krishvi Sheth, 7X1

the educational importance of set design, understanding how stage environments communicate meaning, support performance, and solve theatrical challenges. Judging focused, not only on the final build quality, but also on ingenuity, problem-solving, teamwork, and each group's ability to

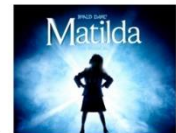
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overcome obstacles throughout the design process. In the end there were over 50 designs to judge, but two groups won the overall. Congratulations to all students involved! Brilliant creativity, resilience, and collaboration was shown by all.

'Shoebox Theatre Design' Year 7 Winners



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Hay fever

If your child experiences hay fever, please ensure that your child is taking an antihistamine before they come to school in the morning. This is not something we provide in the first aid room. This is even more important with exam season coming up.

Contact information

Just a reminder should your contact information change then please do contact the General Office so we can update this on our system. This includes your home address should you move. Although a lot of communication takes place via email we do still send letters home on occasion and so home addresses must be accurate.

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.

Great Milton Keynes Get Together



Please see the flyer below from Emily Darlington of the Great Milton Keynes Get Together. This will be a picnic in the park in memory of Jo Cox on Saturday 27th June.

Library

Comic Book Day: Tomorrow, Saturday 2nd of May, many bookstores all over the UK will be giving out free comics to celebrate this form of storytelling. If this is something your child is interested in take a visit to your local book store.

Wishlist: A reminder we have our [Amazon Wishlist](#) for books that we currently do not have in the library. If you are interested in supporting our library please do take a look.



Book recommendation: Please see the attached book recommendation for next week.

Caldecotte Xperience

If your child likes to be active and enjoys outdoor activities, you may be interested in the Caldecotte Xperience. Please see the posters below.



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Word of the week

The word of the week next week is decline, meaning to gradually become less, worse, or lower. For example, his interest in the project declined.

Coming up next week

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May - Year 13 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 5th May - Year 12 PPEs continue, Year 13 MFL Speaking exams, Year 10 Art PPE

Wednesday 6th May - Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Thursday 7th May - GCSE Exams start

Friday 8th May - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

I hope you have a great bank holiday weekend. I look forward to seeing students return on Tuesday 5th May.

Kind regards,

Mr Steed
Headteacher