

Headteacher's Bulletin – 8 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this bulletin finds you well.

Year 13 and 11 Leavers

This week we marked two special milestones with our leavers' assemblies. On Tuesday, Year 13 began their celebrations in style with pastries while showing off their elaborate outfits. This was then followed by a joyful assembly featuring fantastic performances and a brilliant leavers' video, directed by one of our students and starring many familiar staff faces. The assembly focused on sharing memories and good times students have had. On Wednesday, it was Year 11s turn, who started the day receiving messages of good luck from parents during tutorial, before the traditional shirt signing and a jam-packed assembly that included awards, performances from 'the Band' and a pop quiz to see who has learnt the most. With GCSE and A Level exams now underway, we wish all our students the very best of luck. We encourage students to make the most of study sessions, use the resources provided by teachers, and most importantly, believe in themselves.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

We are inviting parents and carers to support our upcoming production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by making a donation via **ParentMail (Shop)**. A huge amount of work has already gone into preparing this licensed Broadway musical, which will involve students from across the whole school both on and off the stage, and marks our first large-scale musical in seven years. Any donation, big or small, will make a real difference and help bring this ambitious and exciting project to life. Your support will enable our students to enjoy a truly transformative creative experience and help us take them into a world of pure imagination.

The Parks Trust

Students with an interest in nature, the environment or outdoor careers are invited to explore two upcoming opportunities with The Parks Trust. A Careers Showcase will take place at the Education Centre in Howe Park Wood on Thursday 28 May (1.30–3pm), offering students aged 13–18 the chance to meet operational staff, see machinery demonstrations and learn about caring for local landscapes. There is also a careers-focused walk and talk in Campbell Park on Monday 8 June for those interested in forestry, arboriculture or landscaping, giving insight into a day in the life of a Landscape Officer. Please see more information [here](#).

Milton Keynes Museum

This weekend the Milton Keynes Museum is opening its doors for the History Festival on the 9th & 10th May. This looks to be a fantastic weekend of hands-on history and family-friendly fun. You can enjoy live re-enactments, interactive activities, crafts and displays that bring the past to life. Please see more information [here](#).

Word of the week

The word of the week this week is tenacious, meaning holding tightly onto something, or keeping an opinion in a determined way. For example, there has been tenacious local opposition to the new airport.

Games Night

A reminder that on Friday 15th May the Denbigh Association and the House Councils are hosting a Games Night in aid of our House Charity, Solving Kids Cancer. Please see the attached poster. This is a chance for students to spend an evening getting competitive with their friends, trying different challenges, raising money or charity as well as earning House Points. Tickets are £2 and must be purchased via Parental. Please see the attached poster.



Fostering

Milton Keynes Council is encouraging adults over 21 to consider fostering, offering full training, 24/7 professional support and a regular tax-free income while helping local children get the best possible start. Please see the poster with more information.

Could this be the year you change a child's life?

(and maybe your own...)

Talk to us about fostering.

Call us on
01908 253206

www.mkcounciljobs.org.uk/foster



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City Council

Summer Research Program

A reminder that Emily Darlington MP is running a four-week summer programme exploring how politics, research and public service works in practice. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about Westminster, local government and the key issues shaping Milton Keynes. Please see the attached flyer with more details.

Summer Researcher Work Experience Programme

Student Application Pack

Emily Darlington MP, Milton Keynes Central

Join Emily Darlington MP's office for a four-week summer programme exploring how politics, research and public service work in practice. Students will learn more about Westminster, local government and the key issues shaping Milton Keynes. Due to high demand each student will be only be able to do one week work experience.	
When Monday to Friday throughout August 9:30am to 3:00pm each day.	Who is it for? Students interested in politics, research, public service and local issues.
What you will gain A stronger understanding of how an MP's office works and how ideas turn into action.	How to apply Complete the application form and submit your response to the application question below.

Programme Themes

Week	Theme	Focus
1	Cost of Living (03/08/26 – 07/08/26)	Explore the challenges facing households and communities, and how research can support policy responses.
2	White Ribbon (10/08/26 – 14/08/26)	Focus on violence against women and girls, prevention, awareness and the role public institutions can play.
3	Tech, AI and Social Media (17/08/26 – 21/08/26)	Consider how technology affects education, communication, public life and young people's futures.
4	New Towns and Cities (24/08/26 – 28/08/26)	Think about growth, planning, housing, transport and what the future of Milton Keynes could look like.

Application Question

If you could change anything about Milton Keynes, what would you change, and why?

What makes a strong application? We are looking for thoughtful, clear and well-explained answers. You do not need to know everything about politics. What matters most is showing curiosity, local understanding, and your own ideas about how Milton Keynes could be improved.

Suggested submission details: completed student applications can be returned by email to Ellis.Archer@parliament.uk

Emily Darlington MP – Summer Researcher Work Experience Programme

Student Application Form

Please complete this page and attach your written response.

Full name	School / college
Your group	Address and Postcode
Email address	Phone number

If you could change anything about Milton Keynes, what would you change, and why? (400 words Max)

Please rank on a scale of 1 – 4 on which week you would like to be considered for when applying for work experience.

Applicant declaration

I confirm that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student signature	Date
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Parent / Carer Permission and Medical Form

Summer Researcher (Work Experience)

Student details

Student full name

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Home address
Parent/carer name (with parental responsibility)
Parent/carer phone/email

Medical information

Allergies
Other medical notes (if any)

Permissions (please tick)

- I give permission for staff to administer basic first aid and seek emergency medical treatment for my child if needed. If I cannot be contacted.
- I do NOT give permission for emergency medical treatment (school will contact me and/or emergency services as appropriate).
- I give permission for my child to be photographed/filmed for official social media.
- I do NOT give permission for my child to be photographed/filmed for use.

Parent/carer signature	Date
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Please return to Ellis Archer (Ellis.Archer@parliament.uk).
Results will be announced on the Friday 29th June 2026.

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Young Poets of the Year Award

Students with a passion for writing are encouraged to enter the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award. This is one of the UK's most prestigious poetry competitions for young people aged 11–17. The competition is free to enter and offers fantastic opportunities for publication, mentoring and recognition for talented young writers. We have many talented writers here at Denbigh so it would be great to have some entries. More information can be found [here](#).

Coming up next week

All week - Year 7 and 8 Classroom assessments.

All week - GCSE and A Level Exams

Monday 10th May - Year 13 Study leave

Thursday 14th May - Year 10 Cadburys World Trip

Thursday 14th May - Year 12 Geography Field work trip

Friday 15th May - Games night - 5pm

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Steed
Headteacher