

Headteacher's Bulletin – 11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this bulletin finds you well. I hope students have enjoyed their first full week back after the summer break and are beginning to settle back into their routine.

Clubs

We are pleased to let you know Denbigh's' after-school club provision will begin next week. The programme offers a range of supervised activities designed to support students' learning, wellbeing and personal development beyond the school day. We encourage all students to take advantage of these exciting opportunities and look forward to a successful start to the programme.

Our wide selection of clubs will be starting from next week. Please see the poster of what will be running and when.

Safety during Drop-off and Pick-up

I would like to highlight safety concerns regarding the back car park during drop-off and pick up times. We have received reports that some parents are stopping along the entrance road to drop off children, despite this not being a designated drop-off area. This is causing significant congestion, blocking access to the back car park and forcing other drivers to move onto the wrong side of the road in order to pass safely. Additionally, vehicles are reversing back out of the area rather than driving forward to turn around safely, while children are crossing nearby. This presents a considerable risk to the safety of pupils, families and staff.

We would therefore like to remind all parents and carers that the entrance by the nursery and back car park is **not a drop-off zone**. Please use the designated drop-off and parking areas at all times. Your cooperation is essential in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone and prevent a potentially serious accident. Thank you for your support.

Student Success

I would like to congratulate Jessie Saunders on a fantastic achievement competing in the UK Nationals Wakeboarding, taking 1st place for the under 18's which makes her the National Champion! Jessie

CLUBS - AUTUMN 2026

MONDAY

Boys Football,
Years 9
3.00-4.15pm
Outside CR (JTS)

TUESDAY

Dungeons & Dragons,
Selected Students,
3.00-4.30pm, ILC (VZT)

Maths Additional Support,
Year 11,
3.15-4.00pm, M2 (SVL)

Denbigh Dance, All Years,
3.00-4.00pm,
MH (LLS)

Year 11 Art Coursework
3.00-4.00pm,
A1 (MNU)

Rock Band, All Years,
3.00-4.00pm, MU3
DJW (LLS)

Cadets, Years 8-13,
6.45-9.30pm, meet in
'The Street' (MCH)

WEDNESDAY

Keyboard, Years 7-9, 10.10-10.30am, MU1 (Emily Gibbs)

Chess Club, All Years, 3.00-4.00pm, M2 (SHI)

WEDNESDAY (Cont'd)

Denbigh Voices, Years 12 & 13, 3.00-4.00pm, DR1 (LHC)

Maths Solutions, Invitation Only,
3.00-4.00pm, IT2 (SDN)

Sixth Form String Orchestra, Years
12-13, 3.15-4.00pm, MU3 (COR)

Humanities Club, All Years, 3.00-4.00pm, IT4 (LSC)

Year 11 Art Coursework, 3.00-4.00pm, A1 (MNU)

Girls Netball, All Years,
3.00-4.15pm, Indoor CR (CSH)

Dungeons & Dragons, All Years,
3.00-4.30pm, ILC (VZT)

Golf Club, Selected Students,
3.00-4.30pm, Meet at
Hexagon (JWU)

Self Defence Club,
Selected Students, 3.15-4.15pm, Room
Behind the Canteen (EXT)

Law Club, All Years, 3.15-4.30pm,
IT1 (TWS)

Girls Football, All Years,
3.00-4.15pm, Outdoor CR (CSH)

THURSDAY

Classical Guitar Club, Years 7-9,
10.10-10.30am, MU1 (EXTI)

Dye Garden Club, All Years,
3.00-4.00pm, DTS (GDF)

THURSDAY (Cont'd)

Craft Club, All Years, 3.10-4.00pm, S11 (EMH)

Passport to Italy, All Years, 3.00-4.00pm, H4 (TRO)

Theatre Lab, Invitation Only,
3.00-4.00pm, MH, (GBS)

Year 10 Art Coursework, Year
10, 3.00-4.00pm, A3 (ET)

Dungeons & Dragons, All Years,
3.00-4.30pm, ILC (VZT)

Boys Football, Years 7 & 8,
3.00-4.15pm, Outdoor CR (JTS)

FRIDAY

Denbigh Orchestra, All
Years, 3.00-4.00pm,
MU3 (MSD)

Boxing & Fitness Club,
Selected Students, 3.15-4.15pm,
Gym (EXT)

Year 11 Drama Intervention,
Year 11, 3.00-4.00pm,
MH (LLS)

Boys Basketball, Year 7,
3.00-4.15pm,
Indoor CR (CES)

Dungeons & Dragons, Selected
Students, 3.00-4.30pm,
ILC (VZT)

also competed in the European Championships making it to the Semi Finals and finishing a very respectable 9th place out of 25 other under 18 ladies from all over Europe. A huge well done to Jessie!

MKRUFYC Youth Rugby "Give Rugby a Try Day"

There is an event being held on Sunday 13th September at 10am. The venue is Milton Keynes RUFC, Bowlford Emerson Valley, Milton Keynes, MK4 2DN. This is open for all children aged 4-16 of all abilities who are interested in playing the sport. It's a great opportunity for young people to make new friends, learn new skills, be part of a team and, most importantly, have fun.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Miss Zammit will be running the D&D club starting next week. See flyer for more details.

Become a Foster Carer

Please find a flyer with information about becoming a foster carer.



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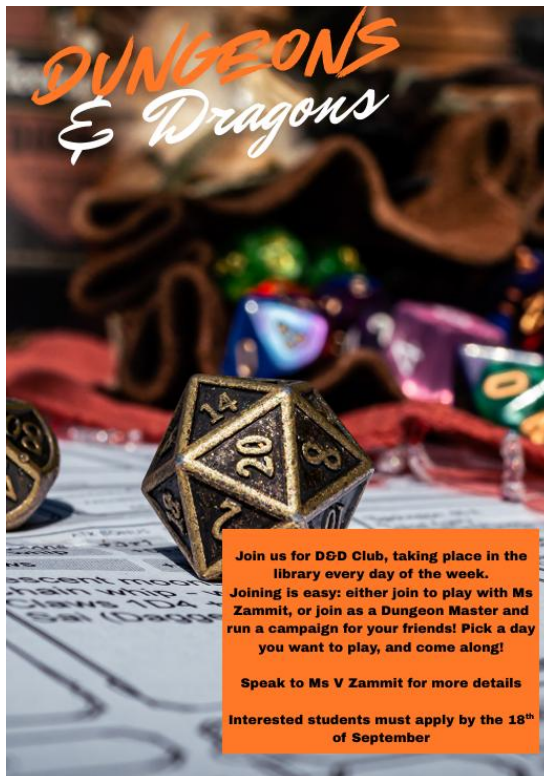
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DUNGEONS & Dragons

Join us for D&D Club, taking place in the library every day of the week. Joining is easy: either join to play with Ms Zammit, or join as a Dungeon Master and run a campaign for your friends! Pick a day you want to play, and come along!

Speak to Ms V Zammit for more details

Interested students must apply by the 18th of September

Word of the week

The word of the week next week is **Ameliorate**, meaning to 'make better'

For example: The introduction of after-school revision sessions helped ameliorate students' understanding of challenging topics, leading to improved confidence and academic progress.

Book recommendations

Please see the attached recommendations for next week.

Coming up next week

Monday 14th September - Making the Most of Year 10 Evening, 6pm

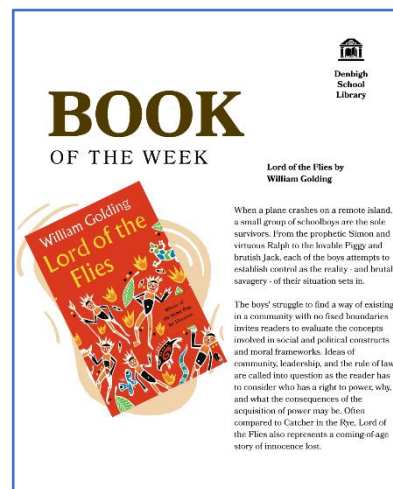
Monday 14th September - Making the Most of Year 11 Evening, 7pm

Thursday 17th September - Year 11 Maths Progress Tests

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Steed
Headteacher



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

When a plane crashes on a remote island, a small group of schoolboys are the sole survivors. From the prophetic Simon and vicious Ralph to the lascivious Piggy and brutish Jack, each of the boys attempts to establish control as the reality - and brutal savagery - of their situation sets in.

The boys' struggle to find a way of existing in a community with no fixed boundaries invites readers to evaluate the concepts involved in social and political constructs and moral frameworks. Ideas of community, leadership, and the rule of law are called into question as the reader has to consider who has a right to power, why, and what the consequences of the acquisition of power may be. Often compared to *Catcher in the Rye*, *Lord of the Flies* also represents a coming-of-age story of innocence lost.