

Headteacher's Bulletin – 4th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to welcome all of our students and parents back as we begin the new academic year. I hope you and your families have enjoyed the summer break.

Examination Success

As you may be aware from our press releases over the summer, I am delighted to share that this year's examination results for both A Level and GCSE were the best in the school's history. The results represent the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, on the part of both students and staff, alongside a tremendous amount of support from you as parents. The entire school community can be proud of these outcomes.

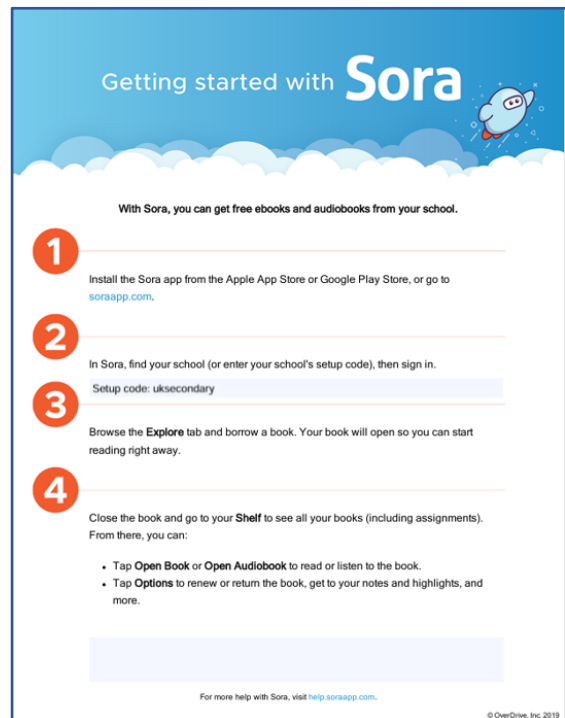
Leave of Absence Requests – New Online Form

We have updated the way parents and carers request a Leave of Absence during term time. All requests should now be submitted using our online Leave of Absence Request Form, which can be found on the Attendance section of the school website [Attendance & Punctuality - Denbigh School - Milton Keynes](#).

Please remember that Leave of Absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and is at the discretion of the Headteacher. Submitting a request does not mean that the absence has been authorised. Requests should be made in advance wherever possible, giving full details of the circumstances. Parents/carers should also provide supporting evidence wherever possible to help the Headteacher fully consider the request. Each request will be considered individually, and parents/carers will be informed of the outcome once a decision has been made. Please do not make arrangements on the assumption that a Leave of Absence request will be authorised.

Library

We are pleased to announce the launching of our digital library, which is now available for all staff and students to access. Please follow the instructions to find out how to use Sora, which can be accessed via desktop or on mobile app (Apple store and Google Play). Any questions please direct them to Ms V Zammit, who will be happy to help. Sora offers a range of reading material. We now have access to over 6,400 books and magazines on a vast range of topics.



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- Tap **Options** to renew or return the book, get to your notes and highlights, and more.

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School vaccinations for children with SEND

New guidance has been published for schools and parents to support the delivery of the school aged vaccination programmes to children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Please refer to these links for further information:

[Supporting vaccination for SEND children and young people - GOV.UK](#)

[Information for parents and carers](#)

The Big Future Survey

The children's commissioner for England is rolling out a survey for all school children to take part in 'The Big Future Survey'. This gives children & young people the chance share their experiences, views and aspirations. Please encourage your child to complete the survey here

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Contacting the school

If you need to email staff regarding your child, please ensure you include your child's full name in the correspondence. This will help us deal with your queries accurately and efficiently.

Word of the week

The word of the week next week is Succinct, meaning when said in a clear and short way. For example: The teacher asked students to write a succinct paragraph describing their science project.

Book recommendations

Please see the book recommendation for next week.



Coming up next week

Monday 7th September – Year 7 Making the Most of Evening

Wednesday 9th September – Celebration of Success Evening, Invite only

Thursday 10th September – School Photos

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Steed Headteacher