

## My Denbigh School Guide 2024:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## We look forward to seeing you soon!



*We are engaged.*

*We are kind and respectful.*

*We do no harm.*



## Clubs

Joining a club is a great way to **participate** in our community at Denbigh School. There are a wide range of clubs, groups and activities available at Denbigh School that you can join in with. These include sports and performing arts clubs.

You can see a copy of the clubs running on the school website and there will be posters around the school.

The clubs timetable is updated regularly and is displayed around the school.

Below is an example of a recent clubs timetable.



## Welcome to Denbigh School!

Welcome to our Denbigh community!

We hope that you find this Denbigh School guide for Year 7s is a useful way to find out some information about our school.

We are looking forward to meeting you and helping you make the most of your journey with us at Denbigh.

*Mr A Steed*

Headteacher



### **Key staff to get to know:**

Headteacher: Mr A. Steed

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr P. Myers

Head of Year (Pastoral) for Year 7: Mrs Wiltshire

Head of Year (Progress) for Year 7: Miss Harris

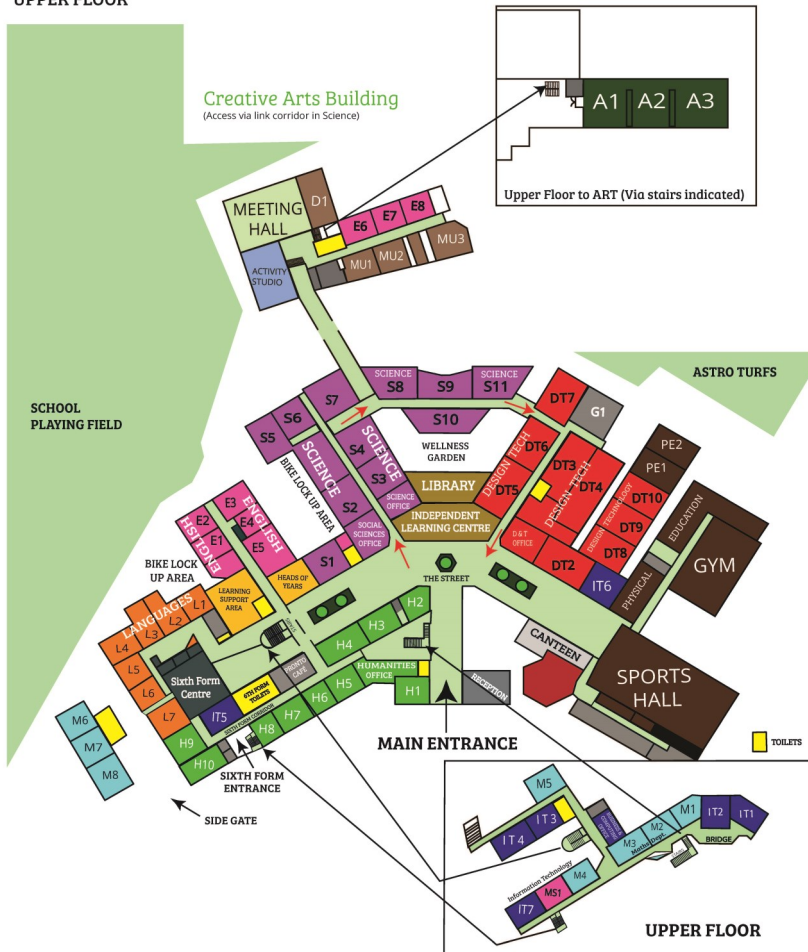
SEND Lead: Mrs Asif

# A map of Denbigh School



## Denbigh School Map 2024

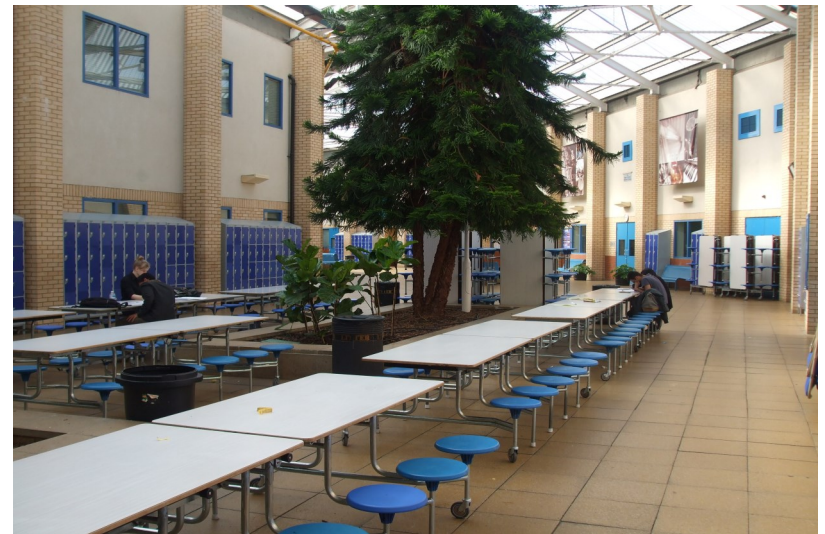
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# Eating at school

When you have collected your food from the canteen you will see on the Street that there are allocated seating areas with lunch tables that you can sit at.

There are allocated areas for all Year groups to use both indoors and outdoors during break and lunch times.



You can also bring your own lunch with you, if you prefer and you can eat this in both these areas.



# The canteen

The School canteen is open at both break time and lunchtime and offers a wide range of hot and cold meals, including sandwiches, yogurts, fruits, cakes and biscuits as well as a variety of drinks, including juice, water and flavoured water.

Students will be required to line up in a queuing system when it is your allocated time to use the canteen.

You won't need to bring any money to school to buy food. Your finger will be scanned when you first start at Denbigh School and this will be used to pay for all the food you buy. You should bring a packed lunch with you on your first day.

Below is a sample menu on offer for hot meals. The menu changes every day and is different every week.

WEEK 1	Classic Favourites MONDAY	EASTERN TUESDAY	Great British WEDNESDAY	SOUTHERN STYLE THURSDAY	Fish & Chips FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	BEEF & TOMATO RAGOUT Pasta	KUNG PAO CHICKEN Rice	ROAST LEG OF PORK Roast Potatoes & Gravy	CHICKEN KATSU CURRY Rice	CHIP SHOP 'FRYDAY' FISH, PIZZA, SAUSAGE OR FISHCAKE Chips & Peas
VEGETARIAN MEAL	PLANT BASED RAGOUT Pasta	ASIAN VEGETABLE & NOODLE STIR FRY	MACARONI CHEESE WITH A CRUNCHY TOPPING	EGG PLANT KATSU CURRY Rice	JAMAICAN SQUASH PASTY
VEGETABLES	SALAD	CARROT & SESAME SALAD	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	STIR FRY VEGETABLES	PEAS CHIPS
PASTA POTS	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL
JACKET POTATO	TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT	MIXED BERRY & APPLE CRUMBLE Custard	LEMON & LIME CHEESECAKE	SYRUP SPONGE Custard	SELECTION OF ICE CREAMS & FROZEN YOGHURTS WITH TOPPING <sup>2</sup>	CHOCOLATE SPONGE Chocolate Sauce
FRUIT POT	SELECTION OF FRUIT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
JELLY POTS	SELECTION OF JELLY POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				
<p>TRY OUR HOME-MADE SOUP WITH FRESHLY BAKED BREAD</p> <p>LOOK OUT FOR AMAZING BLUE DOT MEAL DEALS</p> <p>PIZZA WRAPS &amp; PANINIS FRESH OPTIONS EVERY DAY</p> <p>TAKE HOME A TAKEAWAY Fresh Options! Different Dishes Than Our Home</p> <p>LUNCH MEAL DEAL Check out what's on offer today</p> <p>WATCH OUT FOR OUR POP UP &amp; STREET FOOD PROMOTIONS</p> <p>All of Our Deli Range, Sandwiches, Salads &amp; Desserts are FRESHLY MADE HERE DAILY</p>					

# Our key values

At Denbigh School, we have simple key values that everyone should remember and aim to show at all times.

- We are **engaged**
- We are **kind** and **respectful**
- We do **no harm**

Sometimes, you might hear these referred to as our school rules. You will have some ideas about what you think it means to be **engaged, kind, respectful** and to do **no harm**, but we have some guidance that we give to all our students to let them know what we expect.

It is most important to remember that Denbigh School is a community and everyone in our community must always do their best to be **engaged, kind and respectful** and do **no harm**.

## We are Engaged

- We are **punctual** to all lessons, ensuring we are ready to learn at the start of all lessons.
- We have the correct equipment.
- We have a positive attitude towards learning; are ready to ask and answer questions, challenge ourselves and take some risks with our learning.
- We work effectively and creatively with others.
- We remove all distractions including mobile phones.
- We wear the school uniform correctly and with **pride**.
- We show **pride** in the quality and presentation of our work.

# Our key values

## We are kind and respectful:

- We approach all others in the school community with **kindness** and **respect** at all times.
- We show that we are considerate of the needs of others, allowing everyone to learn and contribute.
- We actively listen and engage with the contributions of staff and other students.
- We take care of our property and do not mistreat property belonging to others.
- We take care of the school environment and property.
- We establish and maintain positive relationships with everyone in the school community.

## We do no harm:

- We follow the instructions that we have been given.
- We act in a safe and sensible manner in all areas of the school.
- We move around the school calmly using all the designated one way systems, exits and entrances.
- We consider the impact of our choices and behaviour on ourselves and others.
- We use any communication platforms, including Social Media, positively and responsibly.
- We do nothing that would cause physical or mental harm to another person or living thing.

# Outdoor space

We are lucky to have a large outdoor space that includes benches where you can sit and chat with your friends whilst you eat your lunch. We have hard courts, where students play Football and Basketball, Table Tennis tables, astro-turf pitches and a large field that we use in the summer.



We hold our annual Sports day on the field.

If you cycle to school we have an area at the back of school where you can lock your bike. Remember to bring your own bike lock.



# Homework

You will be set homework regularly by your teachers and you should try to do these tasks as soon as possible when they are set, to avoid getting behind.

It is really important that you complete all your homework to the best of your ability, showing **pride** in your work. Your teachers will use homework tasks to check your learning and to help you **prepare** for new learning in class. Teachers will give you plenty of time to complete tasks at home and will let you know what you need to do in your lessons.

Every class will have a Microsoft Teams page that you can use to access homework and resources that you might need to help you.



We will support you to learn how to use Microsoft Teams in September.



# Attitude to Learning

At Denbigh, we reflect on your Attitude to Learning. Your Attitude to Learning is assessed by demonstrating the 5 Ps:

- Prepared**
- Punctual**
- Pay attention**
- Participate**
- Pride**



It is important that you remember the 5Ps and try to show these at all times.

Your Progress Report will be sent home three times each year. Within your Progress Report, teachers will award you an Attitude to Learning score for every subject in your Progress Reports.

A student with a good Attitude to Learning is **punctual** and well **prepared**, bringing the required equipment to their lessons. They complete their work to a good standard, taking **pride** in their presentation, and hand in their homework on time. Good students **pay attention** to both the teacher and their peers and positively **participate** in their lessons.

# Houses

Just like Hogwarts, all Denbigh students are placed into Houses but we don't use the Sorting Hat!

We have five Houses at Denbigh all of which are currently named after famous Scientists and Engineers and are easily recognised by their colours:



Each House is led by a House Champion and a group of student House Presidents. Your House Champions are:

- Brunel: Miss S. Pickard
- Curie: Mrs Rigby
- Darwin: Mrs M. Bedford
- Newton: Miss R. Herring
- Stephenson: Mr S. Campbell

Being a part of a House is a really important part of life at Denbigh and you should have **pride** in representing your House. Throughout the year, the Houses compete against each other to earn House points. There are many different activities that include sports events, quizzes, challenges and music and talent shows so you are sure to find one that's perfect for you. At the end of the year, the House with the most points wins the House Cup, decorated with House coloured ribbons.

# Your timetable

The day →	<b>Fri</b>
Tutorial: →	<b>Tutorial</b>
8:30—9:00	<b>Miss Brown</b> <b>E5</b>
Lesson 1: →	<b>Humanities</b>
9:00—10:00	<b>Mr Green</b> <b>H6</b>
10:00—10:30	<b>Break</b>
Lesson 2: →	<b>Science</b>
10:30—11:30	<b>Miss Yellow</b> <b>S5</b>
Lesson 3: →	<b>Maths</b>
11:30—12:30	<b>Mr Pink</b> <b>M2</b>
12:30—13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>English</b>
Lesson 4: →	<b>Mr Blue</b> <b>E6</b>
13:00—14:00	
Lesson 5: →	<b>PE</b>
14:00—15:00	<b>Mrs White</b> <b>Gym</b>

This is an example of one day from a student's timetable.

The timetable starts with the day at the top of each column.

For each lesson, you will be given the subject, teacher name and room that you need to go to.

Year 7 students have the same timetable each week and their lessons finish at 15:00 everyday.

You will be given a copy of your timetable in September.

15:00  
End of school for Year 7



## The school day

For Year 7s, each school day is structured in the same way, but you will have different lessons throughout the week. You will also move around the school to get to each of your lessons.

You need to arrive at school by 8:25am each morning and head straight for your Tutor room. Being **punctual** to every lesson is very important. In Year 7, you will have 5 lessons each day.

Our school day for Year 7 is structured as follows:

08:30—09:00: Tutorial

09:00—10:00: Lesson 1

10:00—10:30: Break time

10:30—11:30: Lesson 2

11:30—12:30: Lesson 3

12:30—13:00: Lunch

13:00—14:00: Lesson 4

14:00—15:00: Lesson 5

We have a split break and lunch time at Denbigh School which means that whilst Year 7 have their break at 10:00 and lunch at 12:30, some students in other Years will have their break and lunch at slightly different times. It is important that everyone is **respectful** to the learning that is taking place in the school for others as they move around the school.

## Tutor groups and Heads of Year

At Denbigh School in Year 7 you will be in a Tutor Group with other students in Year 7 who are also in your House. Your tutor will be one of your main contacts in school and they will always encourage and support you to do your very best. You see your Tutor and Tutor group every morning at the start of the day for your morning registration and Tutorial lesson. Tutorial starts at 8:30am every day and it is very important that you are **punctual** to school and are in your classroom ready to start at the beginning of the day.

You stay with your Tutor group throughout your time at Denbigh School, although you will not have your lessons with everyone in your Tutor group.

In Tutorial, your lessons will focus on learning about yourself, others and the world around you. Your Tutor will be able to give you important messages during Tutorial too, including opportunities and clubs for you to **participate** in. You may have assembly during Tutorial time which may be led by other members of staff, including your Heads of Year.

You will have two Heads of Year, one for your pastoral needs and another to support you with your progress at school. You will meet your Heads of Year during your first day at Denbigh. Your Heads of Year can be found in Student Support.

## School uniform

As a student at Denbigh School, you are expected to wear our school uniform with **pride** wherever you are. You should make sure that you are smart every day. You will receive more details about our uniform requirements.



Light blue  
school shirt



Optional smart black  
pleated skirt



Navy blue tie with the Denbigh  
crest (orange knots to show you  
are in year 7)



Black V-neck jumper  
with the Denbigh  
crest



Smart black trousers



Summer term  
optional smart  
black shorts



Sensible plain formal  
black shoes

## Rewards and consequences

Every Denbigh student has the potential to achieve great things. We recognise that every student is an individual and we celebrate our achievements. In order to recognise when you have demonstrated our values, members of staff can award you with achievement points which you can “cash-in” each academic year for rewards. Your Tutor will explain how to work out how many achievement points you have and what rewards you can get.

We will also let you know when you have not demonstrated our school values and may have made a poor choice regarding your behaviour. Your teachers will give you a warning if you need to reflect on your behaviour in school, but you may also be given a ‘C’ point, which stands for consequence. If you are given a C1, this means your teacher has had to give you a warning about your behaviour in school. Further warnings will mean more consequences. Your parents/carers will be able to see whether you have been given achievement points or consequence points on your reports.

We don’t expect everyone to be perfect all the time, but we do expect our students to reflect and change their behaviour if they need to. This is part of being **engaged, kind** and **respectful** and doing **no harm**.

# Student Support



Student Support is an area just off the English corridor, by the blue stairs on The Street.

In Student Support you will find the offices of:

- Heads of Year (for Years 7—11)
- Pastoral Assistant
- SENDCo, Deputy SENDCo and Teaching Assistants

In Student Support you can find staff that can help you if you are worried about something, struggling with a piece of work or simply need someone to talk to.

Our SEND team are also based in Student Support and will be there to support you. Some students may attend groups in Student Support and lots of our students visit for many reasons each week.

# Equipment you will need

To ensure that you are **engaged** with your learning, you should make sure that you have all the equipment you need to take part in your lessons.

It is important to **prepare** for the day ahead, by planning what books and homework you might need as well as remembering your lunch, equipment and PE kit if you need it. We recommend you pack your bag for school the night before.

We recommend that you bring the following equipment with you everyday:

- Pens (Selection of black and/or blue)
- Pencils (HB)
- A small set of colouring pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Pencil Sharpener
- Highlighters
- Glue stick
- Safety scissors (safety scissors have rounded ends)
- Compass
- Protractor
- Scientific Calculator (we recommend the Casio FX83GTX)

Your school bag will need to be big enough for you to carry your books and equipment around with you. Please do not bring any valuables into school as they could get lost or damaged. If you do you will be held responsible for your own personal belongings.