



DENBIGH SCHOOL



## Headteacher's Bulletin – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

### **Sixth Form Open Evening:**

On Wednesday 15th January we hosted our annual Sixth Form Open evening. As always, this was a very well attended event and the school had a wonderful atmosphere. I enjoyed speaking to prospective parents and students throughout the evening. Thank you to the Year 12 and 13 students who gave up their evening to help faculties and show parents around the School, you are a vital part in making the evening a triumph. A special well done to Grace Uffiah and Adam Qureshi, who delivered speeches to students and parents, alongside myself and Mr Gannaway in the Meeting Hall.

### **Saba's Swim**

The National Theatre (NT), officially known as the Royal National Theatre, is considered a cornerstone of British theatre and is instrumental in shaping the cultural landscape of the UK. It was established in 1963 and has been located on the South Bank of the River Thames since 1976. The NT is known for producing a wide variety of performances, including classic plays, contemporary works, and new writing. Since 1995, the NT have held an annual youth theatre festival called, Connections.

Connections is prestigious event designed to nurture the next generation of creatives, performers, designers, directors, writers and theatre supporters, by providing new, specially commissioned plays for young people to perform. This year Denbigh School have been selected to participate in Connections for the first time. We will be performing our assigned play, Saba's Swim, at Denbigh on the 26th and 27th February. During these productions, directors from the National Theatre (NT) will be in the audience to observe the work of our students. They will provide critical feedback, which we will explore before performing again at the professional theatrical venue, Royal & Derngate in Northampton, on the 5th April.

We would like to ask for the support of students, parents, and the wider Denbigh community by purchasing tickets. A full house will make this an incredible experience for performers and audience; it will also help ensure our ability to participate in future events. We have two different casts performing each night, tickets are £3 and available through ParentMail Payments>Shop>Tickets.

### **Appeal for Uniform Donation:**

As you will have seen from the ParentMail, we are calling for donations for our next pre-loved uniform drive take will take place on the 12th March. If you have any used uniform in good condition that you no longer need, please consider bringing them into the reception. Your contributions will greatly benefit those in need within our school community.

### **Opportunities**

**Grantham Climate Art Prize:** This is a fantastic opportunity for budding artists that also have and a keen interest in climate change.

**Battle of the Bands:** The Buckinghamshire Music Trust is hosting their yearly Battle of the Bands 8 competition. This is a great chance for our budding musicians to meet other performers in the area and perform to a panel of judges.

### **Word of the Week**

This week's word is "**noble**." Meaning honesty, courage, and kindness. Students should reflect on how they can embody nobility in their actions next week.

### **Library**

**Book Recommendations:** Please see the book recommendations for the 20th January.

KS3: Severed Heads, Broken Hearts by Robyn Schneider

KS4: 13 Minutes by Sarah Pinborough

KS5: Deception by Roald Dahl

Non-fiction: The Rise of Women by Betty Williams

**Book Club:** Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Please head to the link [here](#) to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by the 30th January.

### **Themed Day in the Kitchen**

Mark your calendars for the 29th of January as the kitchen celebrates Chinese New Year. Enjoy a variety of delicious Chinese dishes prepared by our talented kitchen staff.

### **St Mark Meal Boxes**

We have received another big delivery of St Mark meal boxes, which are now available from reception. Please feel free to collect one or as many as you need.

### **Coming up next week**

All week - Careers week

Monday 20th January - Year 11 and 13 Group photos

Tuesday 21st January - MK College Yellow Bus - Year 11 students

Tuesday 21st January - Year 11 progress report

Tuesday 21st January - year 12 and 13 Financial studies exam

Wednesday 22nd January - Year 11 Subject Consultation evening

Thursday 23rd January - Careers festival

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Steed  
Headteacher