



DENBIGH SCHOOL



## Headteacher's Bulletin – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well and you have had a good week. This week has been a packed one, filled with community events and sporting successes. Our Year 11 & 13 students continue to work hard as they build towards their Summer examinations.

### **Iftar Event**

This week I had the honour of attending the Iftar Event run by Mr Hussain and the Sixth Form Iftar Committee. As Headteacher, I felt very proud of the memorable experience this evening created for our Denbigh community. The evening had a great atmosphere and it was lovely to see so many of our staff, students and parents in attendance. As always the food, served by Saf's Kitchen, was absolutely delicious! The sense of community and togetherness was palpable, making the evening not just about the food, but about a collective sharing of gratitude and reflection. Overall, it was a wonderful event and I would like to offer my thanks to all of those that attended and especially to Mr Hussain and the Sixth Form Iftar Committee.

### **Sporting success**

Girls' Cricket: I would like to say congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 Girls' Cricket Team who achieved a third-place finish at the MK Schools Indoor Cricket Competition. This is a great result, the team were the second highest run scorers on the day and all girls involved played well. Good work!

Football County Champions: The under-18 Boys Football Team have been announced the Buckinghamshire Schools FA Plate Champions! The team played at Arbour Park Stadium, home of Slough Town FC and won their final 2-1. This is the third time in four years that our under-18 Boys Team, which draws on players from our successful Football Academy, has reached the County Cup Final. This year, just to reach the final, our team had to beat two teams seeded above them. Fantastic work boys! I was pleased to hear that after the team celebrated their win, they stayed to cheer on our U16 Girls Team in their closely fought County Cup Final. Our U16 Girls Team narrowly lost their final 3-2, despite being the better team for much of the game. Nonetheless, we are incredibly proud of their achievement in reaching the final for the first time in the school's history.

I would like to place on record my thanks to our excellent PE Faculty, led by Mr Linbourne, for your continued hard work and dedication.

### **Year 12 Assembly on Mental Health Strategies**

On the 14th March, our Sixth Form students had a special assembly hosted by Mandy Legg. Mandy is a mental health impact speaker, author & community leader. Mandy led a powerful & inspiring assembly with our Year 12 students focusing on a message of holding onto yourself when life does not work out as you wish. Our Year 12 students found this assembly incredibly

inspiring, as Mandy drew on her personal experiences, which allowed students to connect with the advice she offered.

### **Science Week**

At Denbigh School, we are passionate about working with our community and other local schools. From the 7th to the 16th of March our Science Faculty celebrated National Science week by visiting Glastonbury Thorn School. Ms Harriman & Mr Hairsine launched Science Week at a whole school assembly, sharing fun facts on the skeleton, the Van de Graaff Generator & elephants' toothpaste! Mr List, Mr Berriman and several Year 12 scientists then led hands-on activities for pupils in Year 2. It was a fun week for all involved and a fantastic chance to celebrate Science Week with our local community.

### **First Aid**

A reminder that as the weather gets hotter, students should be bringing their own bottles of water into school. Our school matron is seeing a rise in students who are coming into school dehydrated and asking for cups of water. The school has plenty of water fountains around which can be used to refill bottles. We also ask that if your child suffers with hay fever, they should be taking an antihistamine before coming to school as we do not supply them.

### **Samuels Charity**

Our school Charity of the Year, Samuel's Charity, are hosting a fire walk on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November in Newport Pagnell. Two of our middays took on this challenge not long ago and said it was an amazing experience.

### **Word of the week**

The word of the week next week is **reciprocal**, which is defined as two people or groups that agree to help each other in a similar way. For example, they shook hands on the reciprocal arrangement.

### **Library**

Please see the book recommendations for the week beginning the 24th March.

Ks3: Four Eids and a Funeral by Faridah Abike-lyimide

Ks4: Transient Light by Elaine Gallagher

Ks5: An Actor Prepares by Konstantin Stanislavsky

Non fiction: The Oxford Treasury of Classic Poems by Michael Harrison

### **Coming up next week**

Tuesday 25th March - Enrichment Day

Wednesday 26th March - Music Soiree

I hope you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher