



DENBIGH SCHOOL



Headteacher's Bulletin – 28th February 2025

Dear Parent/carer,

I hope this email finds you well and you had an enjoyable half term.

Saba Swim

This week the Denbigh stage sprung to life with the Debut of Saba Swim, excellently directed by our very own Mrs Brunnings. Students have worked tirelessly, including coming into school for three days of the half term to make sure they were word perfect and had a slick performance. I was blown away by the acting skills of those on stage, but also by the sound and lighting which was designed and managed by students. The cast now have a couple of weeks of rest before their big performance at the professional theatre, The Royal Derngate in Northampton as part of the National Theatre Connections program. Well done to everyone involved and a special thank you to the Creative Arts Faculty for giving our students this opportunity.

Denbigh Association Bingo Night

Next Friday the Denbigh Association will be running their next bingo night! This is always a great evening and one I encourage you to come along to. Doors will open from 7pm and all the family are welcome. This is a cash only event so please bring £5 entry fee plus some change for the raffle and other drinks and snacks, you can bring your own alcohol. We would love to see as many of you there as possible but if you cannot attend you can still donate to the association via ParentMail. Please head to Payments-Shop to make your suggested donation of £5.

Word of the week

The word of the week next week is disconcerting, meaning to make someone feel uncertain, uncomfortable or worried. For example, there was a disconcerting silence.

Uniform Drive

Another reminder that our next uniform drive will be taking place on the 12th March. We are asking for donations of clean and good-condition unwanted uniform. Please bring these into reception at your earliest convenience.

Library

World book day is coming up on the 6th of March and Ms Zammit in the library has a lot planned. The book fair will take place all of next week and a large range of books will be on offer. Payment is cash only, however parents can purchase vouchers. Any World Book Day vouchers that students have can be used at the Book Fair to get £1.00 off a purchase. World Book Day vouchers can also be used at many book stores around Milton Keynes if students don't wish to wait for the book fair to redeem it! (Participating book stores include The Works, Waterstones, and W H Smith). Any student who borrows a book from the library and returns it on time between the 26th of February and the 25th of March will have their name put into a raffle to receive £5.00 to spend at the Book Fair.

Book Recommendations

Please see the book recommendations for the coming week.

Ks3: Islam by Jan Thompson

Ks4: Yes No Maybe So by Becky Albertalli

Ks5: I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Non fiction: Christianity by Katherine Prior

Things to do in Milton Keynes

Neurodiverse - Universe: The centre MK are hosting a fantastic event on inclusion in Middleton Hall. Taking place over 3 days in March, Middleton Hall will be hosting a series of activities, workshops and talks at the first of it's kind immersive event.

Open University Orchestra: For those of you interested in your classical music, the Open University are hosting a concert on the 21st March with an outstanding line up.

Ramadan

As explained in my ParentMail today we will be opening up our Prayer Room provision throughout March during lunchtimes. Students will also be able to purchase a grab bag to take home for later in the evening when fast is broken, kindly provided by caterers, Cucina.

Coming up next week

Literacy week - all week

Monday 3rd March - Denbigh Association Meeting

Tuesday 5th March - Year 8 Subject consultation evening

Thursday 6th March - World book day

Friday 7th March - Denbigh Association Bingo night

I hope that you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed

Headteacher