



DENBIGH SCHOOL



Headteacher's Bulletin – 31st January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well. As we approach the end of January, I hope everyone is settling back into the school routine and enjoying the new term.

Headteachers Drop in – Wednesday 5th January

Next Wednesday is the third Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher Drop In. From 3.30 - 4.30pm there is a chance for parents to speak directly with myself or a Deputy Headteacher. If you would like a slot then please email my PA, Miss Pickard, on pickards@Denbigh.net with a brief description of the topic of conversation and she will allocate you a slot. We cannot guarantee which member of staff you will be allocated.

Next Denbigh Association Meeting

The next Denbigh Association meeting is on Monday 3rd February at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, please just arrive outside the front of school where Mr Burgess will meet you. If you cannot make it in person, please email Mr Burgess burgessj@denbigh.net for a Teams link to join virtually.

Community facilities

You may not be aware, but the Denbigh facilities are available to hire outside of school times. This includes the meeting hall, activity studio, classrooms and meeting rooms. We have a number of regular bookings; including dance groups, tutoring sessions and music teachers. We also offer the meeting hall for one off events such as performance shows, community and cultural events or religious celebrations. We currently have availability for a regular weekend booking, previously this has been used for Sunday schools or church congregations.

Saba Swim

National Theatre Connections and Denbigh School present, Saba's Swim, by Danusia Samal. February 26 and 27, staged at Denbigh School. Our build-up to the rehearsal process has provided students from Year 9 to Year 12 with hands-on experience across a wide range of career opportunities in the creative arts. From stage management to assistant directing, sound design to lighting design, costume design to acting, and stage crew to promotions and graphic design, our students have explored essential roles that bring a production to life. These diverse areas are vital to the creative arts industry, yet they are often overshadowed by the prominence of acting. Through this process, our students have gained invaluable insights into how each role contributes to the success of a performance.

At Denbigh Creative Arts, we are committed to fostering an environment where every student can discover their passion within the vast creative arts industry. The creative arts industry is among the fastest-growing sector in the UK. In 2022, it contributed £124.6 billion to the UK economy, marking a 6.8% increase from the previous year (www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk). We believe that our comprehensive approach equips students with the skills and confidence needed to pursue various pathways in the creative arts, helping them to see the industry as a thriving ecosystem with numerous rewarding career possibilities. National Theatre Connections and Denbigh School present, Saba's

Swim, by Danusia Samal. February 26 and 27, staged at Denbigh School. We have two different casts performing each night. Tickets are £3 and available through ParentMail Payments>Shop>Tickets.

Word of the Week

Our word of the week next week is **paraphernalia**. It refers to miscellaneous articles, especially the equipment needed for a particular activity. For example, the art room was filled with all sorts of paraphernalia for the upcoming project.

Payments via ParentMail

Please note that payments via ParentMail may look slightly different as we now need to add a mandatory 2% card charge. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this change.

Book recommendations

Please see the book recommendations for next week.

KS3: The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot

KS4: Breaking Free by Robert Hill

KS5: Dubliners by James Joyce

Non-fiction: Thousand Years of Irish Poetry by Andrew Pagett

Kumon

As you may have seen on a Monday-Wednesday after school, Kumon MK South use our facilities to conduct their evening tutoring. Kumon also offer discounts to students from Denbigh School.

Anti-Social Behaviour Outside of School

We have received reports of anti-social behaviour outside of school. We urge all students to be mindful of their actions and to represent our school positively in the community. Let's work together to maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

Coming up next week

Monday 3rd February - Denbigh Association Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 4th February - British Biology Olympiad

Wednesday 5th February - Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher Drop in

Friday 7th February - Sixth Form Cultures day

I hope that you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed
Headteacher