



DENBIGH SCHOOL



Headteacher's Bulletin – 7th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well and you have had a good week. This bulletin is jam packed with wonderful news and success stories which I hope you will enjoy.

Sixth Form Cultures day

Today the Sixth Form committee's months of hard work paid off with a very successful Cultures Day. Next week, I will include some photos to give you a taste of the diverse, welcoming and vibrant day we had. The catwalk was a fantastic event which made me feel very proud of the community we have here at Denbigh. Well done to everybody who took part and a special thank you to the Sixth Form committee for organising such a phenomenal day.

Student success

Naana Oppon and Joshua Blomfield: We are thrilled to announce that Nanna & Josh have been selected onto the 2025 British Gymnastics tumbling programs. They are both very talented students, and have been selected multiple times before. They are both a credit to the school. Congratulations both of you!

Ferenc Hevesi: Ferenc in Year 8 is a go karting superstar. He has been go-karting since he was 10 and been very successful. Last year, he secured multiple podium finishes and competed in two different categories, ultimately finishing 4th in the championship. This year, Ferenc is progressing to an international level as a UK driver. Best of luck Ferenc!

Team Herring

Our students will know that Mrs and Miss Herring like to set themselves different sporting challenges throughout the year. They have now taken on the ultimate challenge and will be running the Manchester Marathon on the 27th April! They are doing this all in aid of Samuel's Charity, our school charity of the year. This is of course a charity that is close to our hearts here at Denbigh.

Saba Swim

National Theatre Connections and Denbigh School present, Saba's Swim, by Danusia Samal. February 26 and 27, staged at Denbigh School. Creative arts, particularly drama, imparts invaluable 'soft power' life skills essential for success in any career and at every level of professional and personal development. Through drama, students learn effective communication, teamwork, problem-solving, empathy, and adaptability. These skills are universally sought after in the workplace, helping individuals to collaborate efficiently, think creatively, and lead with confidence. In fact, the ability to present ideas, engage with others, and adapt to dynamic environments often gives those with a background in drama a competitive edge, enabling them to climb both corporate and life ladders. Drama is considered a facilitating subject, which means it provides students with a broad set of transferable skills that open doors to a wide range of career options. Facilitating subjects are highly valued because they support the development of critical thinking, self-discipline, and the ability to

articulate ideas clearly. These are the foundational skills that employers across industries look for, making drama not just an artistic pursuit, but a pathway to success in any field. By engaging in creative arts, your child is not only exploring their passion but also equipping themselves with the tools to thrive in the future.

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.

Library

Book recommendations: Please see the book recommendations for next week:

KS3: What Would it Take to Build a Deflector Shield? By Roberta Baxter

KS4: Cyborg: The Man-Machine by Marie O'Mahony

KS5: Travelling to Infinity by Jane Hawking

Non Fiction: Breverton's Encyclopedia of Inventors by Terry Breverton

Book club: Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Please click 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 March 28th, 2025.

Word of the week

The word of the week next week is **condescending**, meaning having or showing an attitude of patronizing superiority. For example, his comments were offensive and condescending to us.

Valentines Sale

Next week during students break times the House Councils will be running a stall outside of the ILC to raise money for Samuels Charity. These 'Happiness bundles' are little gifts that students can give to their valentines or parentines!

Milton Keynes Mayor Awards

The Milton Keynes Mayor is running the Milton Keynes Mayor's awards, this is an opportunity to recognise the hard work of individuals within the community.

A Level Physics success

Our Year 12 and 13 physics student have been competing in the British Physics Olympiad over the past two terms and have had fantastic success. The British Physics Olympiad was sat by four Year 13 students, from this we had one Gold certificate, which places the student in the top 17% of those nationally, two silver certificates and one commendation. In the Physics Challenge which most of the Year 13 Physicists attempted, 3 students achieved a Merit which is great. In addition, the Year 12 students sat the Senior Physics challenge where three of them achieved the Gold certificate which places the three students in the top 16% nationally. Among the rest there were 19 Silver, 26 Bronze and 1 Commendation. These are excellent results!

Coming up next week

Week beginning 10th February - Valentines sale

Wednesday 12th February - Year 13 Subject Consultation Evening

Friday 14th February - Students finish for half term at 3pm

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed, Headteacher