



# Headteacher's Bulletin – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Dear Parent/carer,

I hope this email finds you well and that you have been enjoying the pleasant weather we have been experiencing.

### **STEM Awards**

We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday 4th March we were winners at the Milton Keynes STEM Awards 2025 held at Hotel Le Tour. We were finalists in three categories; STEM School of the Year, Sustainability award, and Student leadership. I am happy to announce that Mrs Davies Fairclough won the Sustainability award for her Eco-Textile Dye Garden Club. The club involves students planting, nurturing and harvesting plants or vegetables to produce natural dyes for fabrics to use in projects. There is also no waste, as the produce is also used to rustle up delicious food, helping to further develop our student's cooking skills. The club also uses food waste from cooking lessons to make compost and saves onion skins to produce fabric dye. The caterers Cucina are also saving their Bio waste to contribute to this. Currently, this club is open to Years 7 and 8, but we are looking to open this to the whole school. If your child is interested in joining, they can head to DT5 on Tuesday from 3-4pm. I would like to say a big well done and thank you to Mrs Davies-Fairclough.

#### **Sporting Success**

On Monday 3rd March the Denbigh U16 Girls football team played in the semi-final of the County Cup. This is the first time in the school's history that a Denbigh Girl's football team has reached the county cup final! The game finished with an incredible 8-0 win for Denbigh. Mrs South-Greaves would like to give a special shout-out to Princess in Year 11 for scoring a hat-trick and Layla in Year 10 for keeping a clean sheet. Great work to all the girls involved. The final will take place at Arbour Park Stadium, home of Slough Town FC.

#### **Bingo**

A reminder that tonight is the next Denbigh Association Bingo event! This will be run by Mr Burgess and the other wonderful volunteers at the association. Doors will open from 7pm and all the family are welcome. This is a cash only event so please bring  $\pounds$ 5 entry fee plus some change for the raffle and other drinks and snacks. You can also 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  $\pounds$ 5.

#### Word of the week

The word of the week next week is demeanour meaning a way of looking and behaving. For example, he was surprised by her calm demeanour.

## **Library**

<u>Scholastic Book Club</u>: Our book club is currently up and running. The Book Club has books ranging from reception age to GCSE, and has books for every set of interests. Books should be purchased by the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, and they will then be delivered straight to the school. Ms Zammit will then distribute them. Students can also join the book club after school on Fridays. Book recommendations:

Ks3 Alien: Encounters with the Unexplained by Marcus Day Ks4: Moondust by Gemma Fowler Ks5: Speaker for the Dead by Orson Scott Card Non-fiction: Space, Stars and Slimy Sliens by Nick Arnold

## Local events

<u>Get around MK -</u> As you will know, we are big supporters of cycling and encouraging families to be more sustainable. Get Around MK are running free cycling sessions for women over a number of dates. This is a fantastic scheme and they can even help with equipment.

<u>Umbrella Project</u> - The Milton Keynes Umberlla Project will be celebrating neurodiversity in Midsummer place on the 15th of march. There is a full day planned with some interesting talks and activities.

#### Coming up next week

Year Options Week - All week Monday 10th March - Year 12 and 13 Financial Studies resit Wednesday 12th March - Pre loved uniform drive after school Thursday 13th March - Year 11 Maths PPE Friday 14t March - Charity Day

Have a good weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Kind regards,

Mr Steed Headteacher