

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Head Teacher

Well, we have finally made it to the last week of term and I am prouder than ever to be a member of the Dormston Community as this year comes to a close. I appreciate that periods of isolation and remote learning have been extremely difficult for us all over the course of the year but at last we may be turning a corner as restrictions start to lift and we move onto the next stage of the roadmap out of COVID-19.

As you may know from my letter this week, the consultation on the school day has now closed and the revised school day from September 2021 is detailed below:

8.40am - 9.00am	Registration/Assembly
9.00am - 10.00am	Lesson 1
10.00am - 11.00am	Lesson 2
11.00am - 11.15am	Break
11.15am - 12.15pm	Lesson 3
12.15pm - 1.15pm	Lesson 4
1.15pm - 1.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm - 2.45pm	Lesson 5
2.45pm onwards	Extra-Curricular Activities & Revision

This week has been yet another busy and exciting week in school with our Sports Days happening on Tuesday and Thursday. The winners of the Sports Day House Cup (and our Attendance House Cup) will be announced at our last day of term assembly. Thanks to all the staff and students who took part. It was lovely to see a bit of normality return to school. If that wasn't enough excitement, our Careers Week has also be running this week which has seen students taking part in lots of fun and interesting Careers related activities including Dragons Den!

Don't forget that on Tuesday 20 July 2021 we have our **FoDC Staff v Student Charity Football Match** which is now **SOLD OUT**. Thank you so much for your support with this, it is absolutely fabulous that we have families coming along to support this event. Health & Safety Guidance has been issued as despite restrictions lifting the day before we still want to be as safe as possible.

On Wednesday, we also have a **#Pre-Loved Uniform Drop Off Day** and **House Colours Mufti Day** for Friends of Dormston Community. Please also remember that on Wednesday students will be **dismissed at 12.00pm** for the Summer Holidays following our virtual end of year assembly. Our NEW Year

7 students return to school on Friday 3 September 2021 and all other student return on Monday 6 September 2021.

Please read very carefully the end of term letter that will be coming out to you soon. This contains information pertaining to the start of the new term and also how we propose to test all students twice for COVID-19.

Wishing you all a very peaceful and enjoyable summer. Thank you once again for your tireless support, patience and understanding over this last academic year. We look forward to welcoming students back in September 2021 for what promises to be a great year!

Best wishes.



Mr Dixon
Head Teacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

ALL letters are now emailed home, hard copies are ONLY provided for 'Reply Slip' Letters. *Selected student only letters are given out to your child by hand or are posted directly home. The criterion for 'selected student only' opportunities are based on various factors depending on the trip and its focus. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow every student the opportunity to be involved with every activity which we understand sometimes causes disappointment. If you require more details about the selection process for any opportunity please contact the event organiser.

- ALL Parents/Carers - House Colours Mufti Day & #Pre-Loved Uniform Drop Off Day Letter;
- ALL Parents/Carers - Changes to School Day Consultation Outcome Letter - July 2021;
- Year 10 Single Case COVID-19 Notification Letter - 12 July 2021;
- Year 9 Single Case COVID-19 Notification Letter - 12 July 2021;
- Year 8 Single Case COVID-19 Notification Letter - 14 July 2021 (WITHDRAWN);
- Friends of Dormston Community Charity Football Match H&S Guidelines Letter;
- Year 7 Parents/Carers - French Trip June 2022 Letter.

Events

- FoDC Staff v Student Charity Football Match - Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 3.30pm;
- #Pre-Loved Uniform Drop Off Day - Wednesday 21 July 2021;
- House Colours Mufti Day - Wednesday 21 July 2021;
- Summer Break Up - Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 12.00pm***EARLY FINISH.**

Reminders

Track & Trace - Summer Holidays - IMPORTANT

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 at the start of the Summer Holidays, please can you notify the school via info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk with the subject heading Covid-19 case. Please note this is only if their symptoms began up to and including Friday 23 July 2021. If their symptoms develop after this date please follow the standard NHS Test and Trace procedures.

Countdown Club Winner

Following a tense and closely fought final on Sunday(!!) there was a tense and closely fought final in Countdown club the following day in the PLC. With just one point to separate the runner up and winner,

massive CONGRATULATIONS go to winner Samuel Thomas 7TY. Samuel said *"I'm thrilled to be the first Countdown winner. I've loved Countdown Club because I don't watch the show so it's given me a chance to compete and build my vocabulary."*

PLC Summer Reading Challenge

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for students to read during the summer holidays to ensure the reading skills they have been building on don't dip during the long break. The PLC is open after school for students to come and choose books to borrow and read during the summer and we really hope you will encourage them to take part in our Summer Reading Challenge. Summer Reading Challenge logs can be collected from the PLC too.

Overdue books:

Please can we ask for support from parents/carers to ensure their child returns all overdue books to the PLC before we break up. If students have an overdue book that they wish to keep to read during the summer, that's of course no problem at all, but students must take the book to the PLC and ask for it to be renewed.

Congratulations/Well Done

Congratulations to the following students who received a Head Teacher Commendation this week.

Ruby Harris	Harriet Price-Patel	Erin Tully	Evie Addison
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