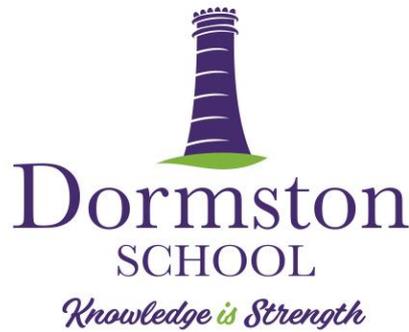


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December 2022

**ALL PARENTS/CARERS**

Dear Parent/Carer



As we come towards the end of a very busy term I would just like to thank you for your continued help and support for all that we do here at Dormston. Our new Year 7 and new staff (myself included!) have settled in well and are really now starting to flourish and find their feet. Over the last term we have tried to encourage students to get involved in as many in school and out of school academic opportunities as possible, examples include:

- Year 7/8 visiting Birmingham University;
- our new KS3 choir singing and celebrating with residents of a local care home;
- Year 11 experiencing the wonders of Birmingham Symphony Hall;
- GCSE textiles groups going to Liverpool;
- DofE Bronze expeditions.

.... to name but a few!

When we return we have scheduled theatre visits for KS4 drama and of course our school production of *Guys and Dolls* just before February half term. I look forward to seeing you there.

I really want to share with you how pleased and proud I am of Year 11. Their application and attitude towards their studies this term has been exemplary. From their attendance at the Post 16 Evening, working with their teachers before and after school, to their personal organisation with their mocks they have been a real credit to themselves and you as their parents whose support at home is invaluable during this key and often stressful time.

Prior to our return in the new year can I remind you of our standards and expectations with regards to uniform, attendance and punctuality. We expect students to be the very best version of themselves and high standards of uniform and attendance are starting points.

Expected attendance is at least 97%. There are always very genuine reasons for absence and when this is the case please ensure that school is made aware as soon as possible. If you require financial support with the purchase of uniform please contact your child's Head of House in the first instance and don't forget that FoDC have a comprehensive selection of high quality preloved uniform available. As the weather turns colder students should be wearing a coat to school as per our school uniform policy. Hoodies are not to be worn

I wrote to you earlier in the year with regards to improving communication between home and school and I have been pleased with how well that has been received by parents/carers. We always want to make sure that you have contact with the right person in school and therefore your first point of contact should always be your child's Head of House. Verbal abuse or threatening emails will not be tolerated by any parent/carer to any member of staff – that is not the Dormston way! I firmly believe in strong and solid partnerships and relationships between home and school and I am pleased with the progress being made in this area.

I know that times are tough at the moment and very tough for some parts of our community. I wish you all a very well earned, healthy and peaceful Christmas break and New Year and look forward to seeing and working with you in 2023. A reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 3 January 2023 at 8.40am.

Merry Christmas!

Yours sincerely

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