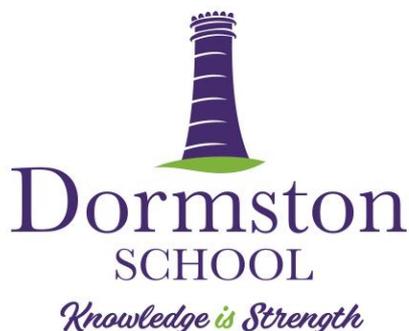


February 2023



ALL SEVERN PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer of Severn House Students,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you to celebrate some of the recent successes of our students and to keep you updated on some important information.

Firstly, I am thrilled to announce that our Girls Basketball team had a fantastic win against an established school team with a score of 12-8. A number of Severn House students took part and they competed exceptionally well. We are so proud of their achievements and it is great to see them represent Severn House with such determination and sportsmanship.

We recently competed in the Interhouse team Quiz, and I want to give a special mention to the Year 8 team who won their rounds, showing excellent poise, knowledge and collaboration. Although Severn House did not win this year, it is wonderful to see our students participate and show their knowledge and teamwork skills.

This week, Severn House will be competing in the Inter House Sports Competition during PE. The competition consists of Girls 5-a-side basketball (squads of up to 8) and Boys 9-a-side football (squads of up to 12) to be played on the Astro. I encourage all students with sporting prowess to represent the house and show that we are a resilient and competitive team. This event is an excellent opportunity for your children to showcase their skills, demonstrate their teamwork and sportsmanship, and have fun with their peers. Since taking over the role of Head of House, I have had a number of students inform me that Severn House rarely wins Inter House or Sports Day events. Being from a competitive sporting background myself, I am eager to change the mindset and ethos of the house. Our motto to 'Leave Lasting Legacies' regards all areas of school life so let's turn around the historical assumption that Severn House is not a sporting house and prove that we are ready to compete for silverware.

Finally, with regards to attendance. Students attending every lesson, every day is highly valued at Dormston and has a significant impact on your child's progress and well-being. Our school target is 97% and it is important to keep track of your child's attendance. If your child reaches the Stage 2 threshold, we will require medical evidence to authorise absences. Our staff are here to support your child in gaining the most out of their time with us. If there are any issues, such as friendship problems, homework issues, or illnesses, we have many resources and support mechanisms in place to help. Simply let us know and we will do everything we can to assist your child in attending school. Please do not keep your child off school if they have a non-illness related issue. Although these incidents are rare, to solve them, we will require your child to be in school so we can do this quickly and without escalation.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you all a restful February Half Term.

Yours sincerely

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