

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

This week we have been celebrating World Mental Health Week in school as young people's mental health and wellbeing has never been so important. All students took part in assemblies and received advice on how to take care of their own well-being. As part of the ITV campaign 'Britain Get Talking', students were set a different kind of homework. There was no Maths homework this week, instead we are asked pupils to take the time to talk to their parents/carers about any concerns or worries they have. An email was sent to parents/carers about this. Our Mental Health Ambassadors were also selling yellow ribbons for a small donation. Proceeds raised will go towards YoungMinds charity. Staff also wore a splash of yellow to show their support!

There was a double Dormston WIN for our U13s and U14s Netball team on Tuesday. The U13s had a flawless game winning 13 - 0 against the Link Academy. A massive Shootout to Hattie Jenkins (8TY) who won Player of the Match for her work as Centre. Millie Tatton, Layla Williams and Evie Darby (two of which had never done shooting before) were responsible for the points. The U14s continued their winning streak with a successful 22 - 1 win against The Link also. Player of the Match went to Melodeii Trowers (9SX) who was over the moon with this being only her second ever game. Thank you to Ruby Gregory and Freya Leigh in Year 8 for scoring both games. A great start to the season and Dormston Ladies leading the way. ❤️



On Thursday, Mr Perry took four Year 9 Geography students to Beacon Hill to compete in a quiz organised by the Geographical Association where we came 3rd overall. They were leading after the first 2 rounds and it was a ridiculously tight quiz right up to the end. Well done to Tessa Gobourn, Daniel Gobourn, Sophie Shinner and James Lambert!



Our Year 11 Art and Textiles students visited Kew Gardens today and a good time was had by all.

We also have some of our Derwent students out on an Alton Towers Reward Trip on Sunday so we hope they have a fantastic time!

Don't forget we have our Open Evening on Thursday 19 October 2023 and school will be closing at 1.25pm on this day.

Best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Sutton'.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

The vast majority of all letters are now emailed home and we use electronic reply slips as much as possible. 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.

- French Trip Cancellation & Newquay Alternative Offer Letter;
- Year 11 Applying for A-levels Workshop Letter;
- Year 9 Royal Shakespeare Theatre Trip Letter **Interested Year 9 students only;*
- Year 9 Drama Workshop Permission Letter **Selected students only;*
- Year 7 Theatre Trip Letter.

Events/Reminders

- Deadline for Expression of Interest for Newquay Trip following French Trip Cancellation - Monday 16 October 2023;
- Year 11 Wolverhampton Campus Visit - Tuesday 17 October 2023 at 9.00am – 3.15pm **Selected Students*
- Open Evening - Thursday 19 October 2023 at 6.00pm - 8.00pm ***EARLY CLOSE OF 1.25PM;**
- Newquay Trip Initial Deposit Deadline for latest joiners - Friday 20 October 2023.

Updates

Work Experience - Can you Help?

A purple poster with a white box at the top left containing the word 'WORK' in large, colorful letters made of various objects like pens and pencils, with 'EXPERIENCE' written in smaller letters below it. The background features a repeating chevron pattern in orange and purple. The main text is in large yellow letters, and there is a contact email address at the bottom right.

Can you help?

Work Experience placements needed!

Our current Year 10 students will be taking part in Work Experience Week from Monday 15th to Friday 19th April 2024. Are you an employer, or, do you know of an employer, that will be able to support Dormston by providing a placement to our students? Students will be between 14 and 15 years old and employers must have Employers Liability Insurance.

CONTACT MRS EVANS
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Year 11 Applying for A Levels Workshop - Tuesday 24 October 2023

To offer support and guidance for pupils who are considering studying A Levels in September 2024, we are holding a workshop in school on Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 3.15pm - 4.00pm which will be led by a representative from King Edwards V1 Sixth Form. This workshop is for all students looking at the A Level route regardless of where they want to study (they do not have to apply to King Edwards). So that we can make necessary arrangements for the workshop, please confirm your child's attendance using the link by 8.00am Friday 20 October 2023 <https://forms.office.com/e/Nz7UeeAVS3>

Period Poverty

Due to the current financial situation all schools have access to a Period Poverty Grant. This allows schools to purchase a variety of products that can be passed onto students. Reminders about this service will be shared each half term via our weekly PowerPoint and has also been mentioned this week in assemblies. If you as parents/careers need support for your child and feel they do not have the confidence to voice this please email info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk and we will discretely pass on supplies.

Anti-bullying Training Update

We are pleased to let you know that our Student Leadership Team have successfully completed their anti-bullying training this week, meaning that they are now trained anti-bullying ambassadors. Well done to all those who were involved.

School Council Representatives 2023-2024

Over the last 2 weeks, students from every form have had the opportunity to stand for election as school council representatives. The involvement and participation from all forms has been fantastic and a big shout out to Year 7, who have created power points alongside their speeches. All forms, in all years/houses have elected their representatives who will be issued with their badges from their Head Boy and Head Girl's next week during House Assemblies. The first meeting will be held with Deputy Head of Houses/Years and Miss Legge in the forthcoming weeks. A massive well done to all that got involved!

Congratulations/Well Done

Congratulation to Amelia Langford who has achieved distinction in her Grade 5 Keyboard exam!



Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations go to the following students who received Headteacher Commendations this week.

Toby Totney	Niklas Howen	James Hickman	Tristen Price
Miley Wright	Joseph Cooper	Charlie Winckler	Millie Tatton
Hattie Jenkins	Maddison Hodgson Mansell	Poppy Mander	