

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Last Friday our Under 14s Ladies Cricket Team took part in a Colour Cricket Competition and were runners up to Old Swinford Hospital after a close loss. They won all the other games during the day. Indi McEvoy-Cox was Player of the Match after getting a 3fer in one over against Windsor Academy. We had staff from other schools compliment us on how lovely the team were. It certainly looked like great fun! They were an absolutely credit to Dormston.



On Monday, it was my absolute pleasure to present Libby Steadman in 11TY with our Learner of the Month Award for her hard work and dedication in English. Meeting Libby's parents and celebrating her success with them made mine and Mrs Moseley's day!



Mrs Moseley, Ms Steadman, Libby Steadman, Mr Steadman & Mrs Sutton

It was great to see our Welcome to Year 11 Evening so well attended on Tuesday. We hope our Year 11 parents/carers found the information useful.

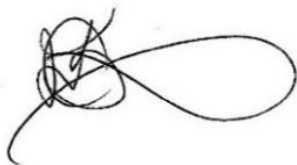
On Thursday our Spelling Bee Final took place and our Year 7s absolutely smashed it! Well done to everyone who took part. Thank you also to Mrs Barley who ran the competition. Results were as follows:

1st Millie-May Baker;
2nd Justin Sifford;
3rd Akosua Otchere;

We also had more sporting success on Thursday with our U14 girls Netball Team beating Bishop Milner 9 -0!

Thank you so much to everybody who has recently shared their out of school success stories with us! There is so much success taking place both inside and outside of school so we have included some of these amazing success stories in our Weekly Bulletin this week and some more will be shared in our Monthly Update Sheet.

Best wishes.



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.

- All Parents/Carers - October 2023 Careers Newsletter;
- All Parents/Carers - October/November Monthly Update Sheet;
- All Parents/Carers - Open Evening Early Close Letter;
- All Parents/Carers – What Parents/Carers Need to know about the dangers of vaping'
- Open Evening Pupil Guides Permission Slip Letter **Selected students only*
- Derwent Parents/Carers Invite to Alton Towers Trip Letter;
- Year 10 & 11 French & German Revision Guides Letter.

Events/Reminders

- Pupil & Parent Book Club - Monday 2 October 2023 at 6.00pm;
- Year 10 RS Trip to Coventry Cathedral - Tuesday 4 October 2023;
- Year 11 Post 16 Evening - Tuesday 4 October 2023 at 6.00pm;
- Year 11 Flu Vaccinations - Friday 6 October 2023.

Updates

INSET - Friday 24 November & Monday 27 November 2023

Please note that school will be closed to students on **Friday 24 November 2023 and Monday 27 November 2023** due to INSET. Students should return to school on Tuesday November 2023 to a Week 2 timetable.

PLC Opening Times - Tuesday 3 October 2023

The PLC will be closed until 12.00pm on Tuesday 3rd October 2023. Classes will take place as usual but students will not be able to access the PLC for their own independent use before morning registration or at break. The PLC will be back open for them to use at lunchtime.

Data Collection Sheet

Can we remind any parents/carers who have not yet returned their Data Collection Sheet that they need to do so ASAP. This data sheet contains crucial information and it is important that it is updated each year, so please do make every effort to return it to us at your earliest convenience.

Homework Club: After school, each night in the PLC & Library

Homework Club takes place in the PLC & Library each night after school from 3.10pm - 4.00pm, for students from all year groups. Students do not have to book a place and they are welcome to come along whenever when they wish, or need to. They may stay for the whole 50 minutes or simply leave when they have finished. Homework Club is run by staff who are there specifically to help students with their homework. Students may of course use the facility to work independently too. Students will have access to the printer. It is the responsibility of each student to let their parent/carer know they are attending and to make the necessary home time arrangements with them. Please encourage your child to come along and make the most of this support available to them.

Congratulations/Well Done

Hannah Ockendon - 10SY

A very special well done this week goes to Hannah Ockendon in 10SY who has achieved her black belt 1st dan in kickboxing after attending classes twice weekly for 9 years at a local mixed martial arts school! This must have taken a huge amount of dedication and hard work! Well done Chloe!



Paige Witcombe - 7EHL

Congratulations to Paige Witcombe in 7EHL who got 'Star of the Week' at a recent dance lesson at Excel dance company where she has attended for many years!



Joseph Cooper - 7NDI

Joseph Cooper in 7NDI was awarded best fielder at his end of season Beacon U11/U12 cricket presentation recently. His trophy was presented by Hannah Baker who is U19 Birmingham bears and England player. Well done Joseph!



Tristian Price - 11SY

Congratulations to Tristan Price who has been selected by his coach to attend a Basketball Camp in Madrid this October half-term to celebrate his basketball success and be coached by NBA equivalent coaches before competing with teams from around the world! We hope you have an amazing time!



Maddison Hodgson Mansell – 10AY

Well done to Maddison Hodgson Mansell in 10AY who has recently achieved her red and yellow belt in judo. Maddison has worked really hard each week in order to achieve this. She trains with Wolverhampton Judo Club twice a week and has been part of their club since May last year!

Headteacher Commendations

Please note that Headteacher Commendation awarded this week will be given out next week.