

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

On Tuesday afternoon Year 7 went to see Snow White at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. It's been a while since we have been able to do this sort of trip but it was worth the wait and a great time was had by all. Thank you to Mr Richardson for organising this special treat for the year group.

On Thursday Dormston Choir visited the Firs Care Home where they entertained the residents with Christmas songs. They were met with great enthusiasm, with many of the residents joining in with the songs and dancing too. The Care Home showed their appreciation by presenting the students with a homemade Christmas card and chocolates. Students were also invited to join residents for a mince pie before departing and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. We are so proud of all of the students that attended and the way they represented Dormston, so much so that they were all rewarded with a hot chocolate and marshmallows when they returned to school.



We also held our Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening on Thursday after school. Thanks to everyone who made appointments. It was great to be able to update you on your child's progress.

Year 11 have now completed their Mock Exams and their results will be shared after Christmas.

Students also recently took part in a Logic Challenge and 11 pupils scored in the top 10% across the country and will be taking part in the next stage in January 2024! Well done to all students who took part and for Mr Parr for organising.

This week, I also had the pleasure of informing Oliver Fellows in 10DY that he was the winner of our Design a Christmas Card Competition. His design has now been created into the school's official Christmas Card for 2023. Well done to Oliver and all the other students who entered as the standard was incredibly high this year.



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 - Monthly Update Sheet - December 2023/January 2024;
- All Parents/Carers - Headteacher's Letter - FSM Entitlement.

## Events/Reminders

- PSHE - Tuesday 12 December 2023 - Periods 2 & 3;
- KS4 Life of Pi Drama Theatre Trip - Thursday 14 December 2023 at 9.00am - 8.00pm.

## Updates

### Message from Vaccinations UK - Final Flu Clinics

Following our recent email, final catch-up clinics will be taking place on **Saturday 9 December 2023** in both **DUDLEY 9:00-12:30** and **WALSALL 9:00-13:00** for those parents that have missed the opportunity to consent for the vaccination. This is to be offered to **Reception - Year 11 (ALL SPECIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS)**. These final clinics will be booked by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. The flu nasal spray will **NOT** be accessible after the

15 December 2023 from any provider/service, so this will be the final opportunity to administer the flu nasal sprays/IM this year. Vaccinations UK will disclose the location of this clinic when parents/carers contact the office. Please contact Vaccinations UK direct on 01384 431712 if you wish to book an appointment.

## IMPORTANT Message from NHS

Attention Parents and Carers

Measles cases are on the rise locally, with confirmed cases in Birmingham. The NHS is calling on you to check your child's MMR vaccination status. Measles can lead to serious complications, but two doses of the MMR vaccine provide lifelong protection. Protect your children's health, contact your GP to catch up on any missed vaccinations.

**MEASLES**  
**Don't let your child catch it**  
- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

**NHS**

**Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine**

**Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?**  
Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

**Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?**  
Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

**Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?**  
As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

**When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?**  
The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible\*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

\*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

For more information about measles and MMR go to [www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

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**i**mmunisation  
the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet

**NHS**  
Immunisation Information

**NHS**

**2 doses of the MMR vaccine can stop your child becoming seriously unwell with measles**

Make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations



## **Year 11 Consultation Evening - Thursday 25 January 2024 (Face2Face)**

Just to give you the heads up that our Year 11 Consultation Evening will be taking place on Thursday 25 January 2024. This will be face to face although bookings will be made via our online booking system. A letter will be sent out in January 2024 with further details.

## **We Will Rock You**

Our School Production of 'We Will Rock You' will take place from Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 February 2024 at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale NOW! Apologies if they were unavailable when you last checked. They should now be showing up on [seaty.co.uk](https://www.seaty.co.uk). It's going to be amazing!!



**Dormston School**  
Proudly Presents

**WE WILL  
ROCK  
YOU**

**Wed 7th Feb - Fri 9th Feb 2024**

**Tickets £6.50**  
Available on [seaty.co.uk](https://www.seaty.co.uk)

**7:30pm Start**

**Mill Theatre at the Dormston Centre, Sedgley, DY3 1SN**

## Wolves Christmas Soccer School

Please see below details for Wolves Christmas Soccer School.

A promotional poster for Wolves Christmas Soccer Schools. The background is dark red with a pattern of white and yellow hexagons connected by lines, resembling a soccer field or a molecular structure. In the top left, there is a yellow and white Wolves logo. The text 'Christmas' is written in a yellow, cursive font. Below it, 'SOCCER' is in white block letters on a white background, and 'SCHOOLS' is in white block letters on a yellow background. The text 'Sedgley Soccer School' is in yellow. Below that, details are listed in yellow: Venue, Dates, Times, Ages, and Cost. At the bottom left, there is contact information and a QR code at the bottom right.

**Sedgley Soccer School**

**Venue:** Dormston Sports & Arts Centre, Mill Bank, Sedgley, Dudley, DY3 1SL

**Dates:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

**Times:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Ages:** Reception to Year 7

**Cost:** £40

To book, visit [coaching.wolves.co.uk](https://coaching.wolves.co.uk) or email [footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk](mailto:footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk) for more information



## Congratulations/Well Done

### Headteacher Commendations

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

Jasmine Gamage-Fletcher	Emma Trinfa		
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