

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Year 11 Mock Exams have been in full force this week and I am pleased to say that Year 11 have conducted themselves with both maturity and confidence in their approach to tackling them. Next week will see them embark on Mock Exams for any practical subjects they have taken.

Assemblies this week have been about Mental Health and well-being. We looked at how our brains work in times of stress and also looked at some strategies to self regulate and maintain control in difficult situations.

On Tuesday, I presented our Learner of the Month Award to Admin Hinton in 8TX for his outstanding commitment towards reading. Presenting this award is always one of my favourite things to do! As you know, reading and developing the love of reading is intrinsic to your child's academic success, so please do encourage your child to keep reading. Mrs Ellsmore our PLC Manager is always available to speak to if you feel your child needs to some encouragement or support with finding the right books.



Mrs Sutton, Mrs Ellsmore, Adam Hinton, Mrs Tolley

Our Hot Chocolate Rewards took place again today just before breaktime. Well done to everyone who was nominated.

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 - West Midlands Police Screening Device Outcome Letter;
- All Parents/Carers - Diversity in Dormston Update Letter.

Events/Reminders

- Year 11 Mock Exams (Practical Exams) - WC Monday 4 December 2023;
- Year 7 Theatre Trip to Snow White - Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 1.30pm - 5.30pm;
- Year 10 Virtual Consultation Evening Booking System Closes - Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 3.00pm;
- Year 10 Virtual Consultation Evening - Thursday 7 December 2023.

Updates

We Will Rock You

Just to give you the heads up that our School Production of 'We Will Rock You' will take place from Wednesday 7 to Friday 8 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)



Chocolate Coins - Christmas Treat

Just to remind you that FoDC are offering a **Chocolate Coin Treat Service** this year. This is just a bit of fun with the kids. The coins are **£1.50** and they will be delivered to students in class before we break up for Christmas! As we want to get this all sorted in advance, **Chocolate Coins are available NOW on ParentPay and lines will close on Wednesday 6 December 2023 at midnight. You will NOT be able to purchase them after this time and when they are gone, they are gone, so please consider ordering them straight away if you would like your child to have them.** You just need to provide details of who the Coins are from on ParentPay when you make your purchase. If you have more than one child, then you will need to do it separately for each child. The coins come in a net bag and will have a little 'Love From' message label attached.

Congratulations/Well Done

Headteacher Commendations

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

Beau Bradnick	Harriet Thompson	Isla Perks	Lucas Thorne
Rhys Clatworthy	Eloise Darby	Ollie Jones	Charlotte Dixon