

## Parental Communication & Engagement

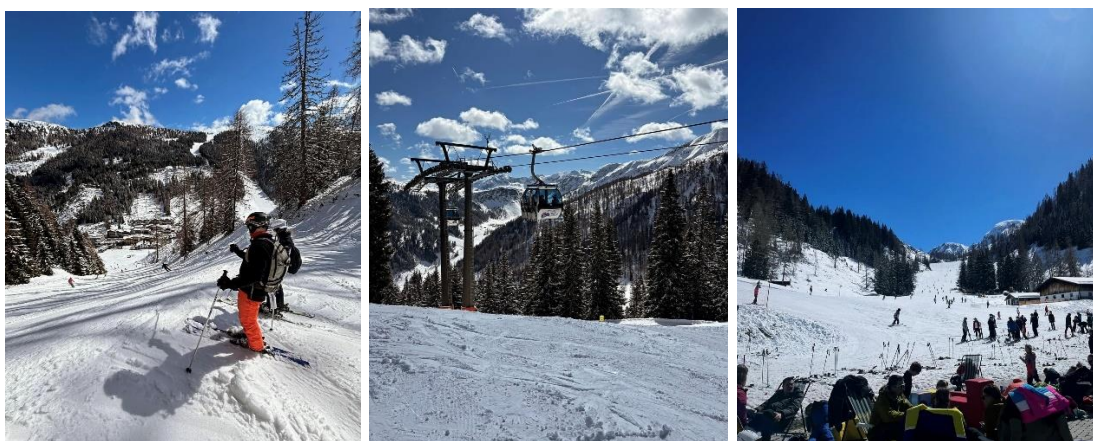


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### Message from Headteacher

I hope you all had a great Easter break! It's been another busy week in school.

Our Easter Ski Trip to Austria returned safe and sound! Thank you so much to all the staff that made this fantastic trip possible! There will be lots more details about the trip in our Monthly Update Sheet which comes out next week, but here are just a few photos before then!



Our Disneyland Netball Trip also returned on Thursday this week. Again, there will be so many brilliant memories to share with you and some really magical moments that will be in our Monthly Update Sheet, but here are just a few photos to share with you before then!



In Year 8 Science we are studying the Finches of the Galapagos and varying beaks seen by Charles Darwin. The pupils competed to see who could collect the most 'food'. We used elastic bands as worms, lollipop sticks as

stick insects plus lots of real seeds. They found that the beaks (tweezers, pegs and spoons) were better adapted to different foods. This reinforced the theory of natural selection.



It is our Year 10 Work Experience Week next week. We wish all our Year 10's the best of luck as they dip their toe into the world of work for the first time! If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Careers Office.

We are also delighted to announce that Dormston School has been awarded United Against Bullying Bronze School Status. As a school we continually strive to create a culture based on our school values of respect and responsibility to ensure students feel safe, confident and can learn effectively. 55% of schools applying for the award received the Bronze Status, so we are incredibly proud. However, that said, we do not want to become complacent and will therefore continue to review our policies and practice throughout the remainder of this year, and next, to strengthen the use of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and our education on being a 'telling' school.

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.

- Year 11 English Revision Countdown;
- All Parents/Carers - Science Detentions Letter;
- Year 10 Geography Trip to Carding Mill Valley Letter;
- Year 10 - Religious Studies Trip to Birmingham Vihara and Cradley Buddhist Centre Letter;
- Year 10 Work Experience Week - No Confirmed Placement Letter;
- Ingestre Hall Residential Trip Payment Due (£60.00) - Friday 16 April 2024.

## Events/Reminders

- Year 10 Work Experience Week - WC Monday 15 April 2024;
- Year 10 Religious Studies Trip On-line Permission Slip Deadline - Monday 15 April 2024;
- Year 10 Religious Studies Trip Payment Deadline - Wednesday 17 April 2024.

## Updates

### Year 7 Consultation Evening

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the Year 7 Parents' Evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. **Please note that this evening will be face to face and the event will be held in the Sports Hall. We will continue to operate an on-line booking system for appointments.** The event will give you an opportunity to speak to your child's subject teachers and discuss their progress.

## Congratulations/Well Done

### Headteacher Commendations

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

Evie Darby	Harmani Oakley	Miley Skye Wright	Emma Trinfa
Peyton Bryan	Ashton Claridge	Poppy Brown	Theo Oakley
Amber Witcombe	Daisy Dolman	Keira Langowska-Gadd	Annabelle Amogu
Tess Gobourn	Lois Boyle	Matilda Hyde	Noah Greaves
Joseph Downen	Alex Haughty	Gabriella Perry	Tanvir Kaur
Sophie Barnett	Millie Hodgetts	Abigale Amogu	