

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Well done to our DofE Trip for last weekend who demonstrated our school core values when facing the unexpected thunderstorms! On Tuesday Mr Perry had the pleasure of working with a group of Year 8 boys and Mr Weston from RG Boxing as part of the 'Fresh Start Programme' here at Dormston School. Mr Weston is going to work with students for another 9 sessions over the next half term to build on their discipline, respect and teamwork. The boys were exceptional! They all showed great effort whilst being coached by Mr Weston. They were able to give positive feedback on each other, build on feedback, work as a team, demonstrate leadership qualities and develop a lot of self-confidence. Staff were so proud of them. Keep up the hard work boys!!



Today Mr Grundy presented our Learner of the Month Award to Rosie Stevens – 7NDI for her outstanding hard work and commitment in History. Well done Rosie!



Mr Grundy, Rosie Stevens 7NDI and Miss Goddard

We break up for Half Term today so school will be closed WC 27 May 2024. Students should return to school on Monday 3 June 2024 to a Week 1 Timetable. Wishing you all a fantastic half term holiday!

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 - Careers Newsletter - June 2024;
- Year 7 - 10 Parents/Carers - FoDC End of Term Celebration & Colour Run Letter;
- Year 7 & 8 Parents/Carers - DPA Music Lesson Letter;
- Year 8 Parents/Carers - Year 8 Consultation Evening Letter & Guidance;

Events/Reminders

- May Half Term - WC 27 May 2024;
- Year 10 Citizenship Shrewsbury Prison Trip Deposit Due - Sunday 2 June 2024;
- Year 10 Mock Exam Week (Week 1) - WC 3 June 2024.

Updates

Uniform

In preparation for next term can we please remind you of our uniform standards and expectations. Please refer to our school website to view our uniform poster. Please note that school will not permit trainers (unless medical evidence has been provided), metal nose piercings or leggings style trousers. A school bag is also a compulsory part of school equipment. Sanctions may be applied to those students who fail to follow our uniform policy. If you have any concerns please email your Head of House.

House Arts Competition Update

The House Arts Showcase has now been rescheduled for the Thursday 13 June 2024. Well done to all pupils who have entered the competition this year. There has been a very high standard of work, both on and off the stage. Parents/Carers of all the pupils who have entered this year have been invited to view the artwork and watch the live showcase. There will also be a performance from the Dormston choir. Pupils involved in the live showcase need to arrive at 6.00pm. The artwork will then be on display from 6.30pm with the showcase starting at 7.00pm. At the end of the evening there will be a presentation of trophies to the winners and runners up of each category as well as the winning house being announced. Good luck to all that have entered.

Lessons with Dudley Performing Arts for September 2024

We are working with Dudley Performing Arts (DPA) to provide music lessons in school and now is the time to start! The team at DPA have decades of experience and are the biggest provider of music education in our area. Learning a musical instrument is a great thing for young people to do. Lessons take place in school making it easy to fit in around your busy family lives. It can help in all sorts of ways and research suggests that it can help children develop academically and socially.

A letter will be coming out soon regarding subsidised music lessons. A 15 minute group lesson is normally £8.50 but if you pay through the school then these will be reduced to just £5. A further reduction of 50% is available if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding. Please complete this form to take up the offer:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qTQzjcVNaE>

Alternatively, you may want to book and pay directly with DPA to organise lessons which are priced at:

- Group £8.50/lesson

- 15min individual £10.00/lesson
- 20min individual £12.75/lesson
- 30min individual £22.50/lesson

If you wish to sign up with DPA directly then please follow this link: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-for-parents-and-young-people/music-lessons-in-schools/>

Congratulations/Well Done

Headteacher Commendations

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

Sophie Barnett	Lillie Cox	Evija Duba	Sam Finch
Fletcher Fullwood	Erin Grice	Madison Hodgson- Mansell	Penelope Hyde
Lucy Jones	Amelia Langford	Harvey Macdonald- Brown	Zach Rumbold
Noah Share	Archer Southall	Sam Tolley	Katelyn Tyler
Pryce Wilkinson	Lily Mallin		