

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

It's been a fantastic week in school! On Monday, 74 of our Year 10s attended a trip to Shrewsbury Prison with Mrs Downie, Miss Downie and Mrs Evans. The student's behaviour was superb and the prison guard wanted to pass on his thanks and praise for the school.



On Wednesday we held another of our Tie Reward Events. There is nothing quite like seeing the recognition on students faces when they see their parent/carers sitting in the audience brimming with pride! Thank you to all our parents/carers who took the time out of their busy day to attend this very special event.

On Thursday it was FoDC's End of Term Celebration & Colour Run. There was also a Staff v Student Charity Football Match and Rounder Match along with Festival face painting and food! Thanks to everyone who attended and thanks to FoDC for organising the event!





Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 girls who took part in the Handball finals yesterday and won the competition! There were 10 schools representing the different regions of the black country - **Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton**. Our girls were brilliant, with two teachers from other schools approaching Miss Dolan during the semi-finals saying how beautifully they thought we were playing the game (Proudest teacher moment for Mrs Dolan).



We are also really pleased to announce that Dormston School has been awarded The Eco Green Flag Award. This is in recognition of our efforts to be more environmentally friendly around school and it is an internationally recognised award. We have an Eco Committee who have worked incredibly hard to achieve this status, however most pupils and staff have helped in some way or another. We have recycled paper, litter picked, gardened and studied environmental issues across the curriculum. I am so proud of the hard work our pupils have put in and we now have a certificate and flag to display!

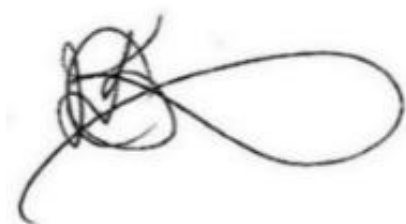


Future environmental projects include a mural to celebrate the environment and renovation of our pond. We have been granted £4,000 by Severn Trent Water to make our pond is more wildlife friendly. This will hopefully make a lovely, quiet area for pupils to sit in the future. A massive well done to the Eco Committee and a special thank you to Mrs Grundy who led on this important initiative.

Today we made a very important announcement to students in assemblies with regards to our transition to a Year system which will start from Monday 1 July 2024. Please see recent letter that has been sent out for full details. Please not that this letter also contains updates to the School Day and Uniform Changes.

Good luck to Year 9 with their exams next week!

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 7 - 10 Parents/Carers - Year System/School Day & Uniform Update Letter;
- Year 7 - 10 Parents/Carers - Sports Day Letter;
- Year 7 Activities Week Arrangements Letter & Promise Poster;
- Year 8 Activities Week Arrangements Letter & Promise Poster;
- Year 9 Activities Week Arrangements Letter;
- Year 10 Activities Week Arrangements Letter.
- Year 10B Parents/Carers - Resistant Materials Trip Letter;

Events/Reminders

- Year 9 Exams Week - WC 1 July 2024;
- 10B RM Trip Permission Deadline - Monday 1 July 2024;
- Year 6 Parent/Carer Induction Evening - Monday 1 July 2024;
- Year 6 Induction - Tuesday 2 July & Wednesday 3 July 2024;
- Year 10 Citizenship Houses of Parliament Trip - Tuesday 2 July 2024;
- Year 7 - 10 Careers Day - Thursday 4 July 2024;
- Year 10 King Edward VI College Visit - Thursday 4 July 2024;
- Year 11 Prom - Thursday 4 July 2024;
- Ingestre Hall Payment Deadline - Friday 5 July 2024.

Updates

Summer Wellbeing Information

Summer

WELLBEING

7 WAYS TO KEEP YOUNG CHILDREN SAFE IN SUMMER

- **1 SUPERVISION**

Know where your children are. Watch young children all the time around water as they can drown in less than 2 inches (6 centimetres).
- **2 WATER SAFETY**

If you take children swimming, go somewhere with a lifeguard. Install secure fencing, at least 4 feet high, around ponds.
- **3 KEEP COOL**

Keep children cool during hot weather. Play in a shaded paddling pool. Run a cool bath before bedtime. Keep your child's bedroom cool during the day by closing blinds or curtains and using a fan facing away from your child. Keep nightwear and bedclothes to a minimum. Monitor the temperature of your baby's room. You should aim for their room to be between 16C (61F) and 20C (68F), ideally 18C.
- **4 DON'T COVER PRAMS**

Do not use a blanket or sheet to drape over a pram or pushchair. This will make them hotter and lead to overheating. You can use a clip-on sunshade or parasol on a pram or buggy.
- **5 HEAT EXHAUSTION**

If a child feels unwell, dizzy, irritable, faint, tired, very thirsty, or if they have painful muscle spasms when the weather is hot, this could be a sign of heat exhaustion. Take them to a cool place and give them plenty of water. If they don't cool down in 30 minutes call NHS 111 or, in an emergency, 999.
- **6 KEEP DRINKING**

Babies and young children need to drink plenty to avoid becoming dehydrated (when your body does not have enough water as it needs). Diluted fruit juice, ice, fruit and salads can help to boost fluids. Watch out for the signs of dehydration, which include feeling thirsty, dark yellow urine and dizziness.
- **7 SKIN PROTECTION**

Teach your children to be sun smart. Reapply sunscreen frequently, at least factor 30, especially if they are getting wet. Wear UV sunglasses, sun hats and protective clothing. Keep in the shade, particularly between 11am – 3pm.

For more advice go to www.dudley.gov.uk/summerwellbeing or www.lets-get.com/seasonal-wellbeing



Sports Day - Monday 8 July 2024 at The Dell Stadium

Dormston's Annual Sports Day treat is nearly upon us again. The coaches and venue are booked and ready for the sporting rivalry to begin. This year's Sports Day is on Monday 8 July 2024, at The Dell Stadium, Bryce Road, Brierley Hill, DY5 4NE. Starting at around 9.30am and finishing at 2.30pm. Please see letter that has been sent for more details. Houses should be organizing their teams, so pupils should speak to their form tutors if they wish to compete. A maximum of 2 pupils from each house can enter each event. Pupils are allowed to enter a maximum of 2 track and 1 field event plus the relay event, or 1 track and 2 field events plus the relay. Track Events will include the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and the star event where houses can win or lose the Sports Day Cup the 4x100m relay.

Field Events will include the Discus, Javelin, Shot, Long Jump, High Jump and Triple Jump. All the event records are on the Sports Day Board by the downstairs changing rooms, take a look and see which one you have in your sights.

We are able to invite parents/carers to the Stadium to see their child take part and you will be provided with your very own VIP spectator's area. If you wish to attend Sports Day please collect a ticket before the day from School Reception. **No admittance to the event will be allowed without prior collection of a parent ticket.**

So all you budding SPORTING STARS get practicing in your P.E lessons.

Congratulations/Well Done

Congratulations to Jasmin Holmes in 10DX who passed her Grade 4 Saxophone exam with Merit!