

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Last weekend was another successful Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition with all students completing their expedition with flying colours! Their attitude over the weekend and at the campsite was amazing! Luckily, they didn't get too wet putting the tents up! Thanks to Miss Dolan, Mrs Pajaj and Mr Fox for all their help with the trip!



This week we had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 7s for Induction. It has been a fantastic couple of days getting to know them and we are already really looking forward to welcoming them back in September! A massive thanks to all the staff who supported with the Induction process and a very special thank you goes to Mr Cooksey, Mrs A Beer, Mrs K Beer and Mrs Hurst for co-ordinating this very important event.

On Wednesday, Ruby Williams, Lillian Rushton, Corey Beale and George Dupree from Year 8 all took part in the annual Geographic Association Quiz at Old Swinford Hospital. There were 13 schools involved with this seriously tough competition which had schools competing from Worcester, Dudley, Wolverhampton and

Sandwell. They did so well and represented Dormston brilliantly! They were 2nd overall in the 'interval quiz'. They were in 3rd place after 4 rounds at half time and finished joint 5th overall out of 13 schools!



We had a really successful Careers Day on Thursday. Year 7 learnt about the different types of surveying careers and how they cross into many different fields thanks to a talk from Ian Reynolds of RICS. Year 8 helped to design vehicles of the future for JCB as part of the National Careers Challenge. 40 students from Year 10 had a trip to King Edward VI College in Stourbridge to have A-Level tasters. Of the subjects on offer, Classical Civilisations was the most popular. As Mrs Froggatt our Careers Lead is as an Ancient Historian, this made her very happy! A big thank you to all staff who supported and a special thank you to the Careers Team for all their hard work!

Also, on Thursday, alongside the UK General Election, Dormston students participated in their own mock election. All forms had discussed democracy prior to this and viewed each party's manifesto and examined issues with their policies. Students then completed a ballot paper and voted for the party of their choice. The winner of the Dormston election was the Labour Party! This was a great chance for students to participate in democracy and prepare them for life as an active citizen.

Results



1st Place	Labour
2nd Place	Green Party
3rd Place	Reform UK
4th Place	Liberal Democrats
5th Place	Conservatives

Today I also got to present not one, but two Learner of the Month Awards which as you know is one of my favourite things to do! Evie Darby was our winner for May 2024 for her outstanding effort in PE and Lucas Pitt was our winner for June 2024 for his outstanding work in English!



Don't forget that it's Sports Day on Monday at the Dell Stadium. Any students who are booked on a coach must be in the Sports Hall for 8.20am!

I would also like to give you advance notice that school will close for the summer holidays on Friday 19 July 2024 at 12.05pm. Any students who have Free School Meals will be able to collect a cold lunch from the River Café prior to leaving.

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 - Well-being for All Sheet - July 2024;
- New York Trip Update Letter - July 2024
- Avon House Parents/Carers Head of House Farewell Letter;
- Derwent House Parents/Carers Head of House Farewell Letter;
- Severn House Parents/Carers Head of House Farewell Letter;
- Trent House Parents/Carers Head of House Farewell Letter.

Events/Reminders

- Sports Day - Monday 8 July 2024;
- Wolves Mentoring Reward Trip - Tuesday 9 July 2024;
- The Oscars - Thursday 11 July 2024 at 6.30pm;
- Year 10 RM Trip - Thursday 11 July 2024.

Updates

Last Day of Term Arrangements - Friday 19 July 2024 *EARLY CLOSE

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Congratulations/Well Done

Well done to Poppy Reynolds who has been awarded a Distinction on her Grade 2 Keyboard Exam scoring 90/100! Congratulations Poppy! Congratulations go to the following students who received Headteacher Commendations this week.

Jasmin Holmes	Tanvir Kaur	James Lambert	Poppy Reynolds
William Southall	Joe Stickler	Ashton Claridge	Mia Holden
Riley Taylor			