

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer. A very special welcome of course goes to our NEW Year 7 students and their parents/carers. Just so you know, this is our Weekly Bulletin which keeps you in the loop with all things Dormston so please do take the time to read it if you possibly can!

Term has got off to a great start and Year 7 have settled in really well. We have held Year Assemblies during the week where we have set the tone for the year ahead.

- Year 7 - Mr Cooksey, Year 7 Year Leader & Mrs Garrett, Year 7 Deputy Year Leader;
- Year 8 - Mr Wilkes, Year 8 Year Leader & Mrs Lyman, Year 8 Deputy Year Leader;
- Year 9 - Mrs Downie, Year 9 Year Leader & Mr Richardson, Year 9 Deputy Year Leader;
- Year 10 - Mr Amos, Year 10 Year Leader & Mrs Williams, Year 10 Deputy Year Leader;
- Year 11 - Mrs Mescam, Year 11 Year Leader & Miss Legge, Year 11 Deputy Year Leader.

As many of you will be aware, although our House System exists for competition purposes, we have now moved to a Year System for any pastoral related matters so just a reminder that your first point of contact will now be your child's Year Leader/Deputy Year Leader as detailed below:

A massive thank you to Friends of Dormston Community (FoDC) for opening their Pop-Up Shop over the summer holidays which helped lots of families save £100s whilst also helping the environment. FoDC are still looking for good quality jumper donations which can be dropped off at Main Reception at any time.

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 - Calculator Letter - September 2024;

- New York Trip 2024 - September 2024 Update Letter;
- Year 7 Parents/Carers - Choir Sign Up Letter;
- Year 11 Parents/Carers - Post 16 Evening Letter;
- Year 11 Parents/Carers - Maths Intervention Letter; **Selected Students Only*
- Year 11 Parents/Carers - English Intervention Letter; **Selected Students Only*
- Year 11 Parents/Carers- Science Intervention Letter; **Selected Students Only*
- KS4 Parents/Carers - Science Workshop Letter.

Events/Reminders

- KS4 Parent/Carer Science Workshop - Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 6.00pm;
- Year 7 Choir Sign Up Deadline - Wednesday 11 September 2024;
- Year 7 Photographs - Thursday 12 September 2024.

Updates

PE Extra-Curricular

Extra-Curricular activities are such an important part of school life. Please see below our PE Extra-Curricular Activities which are available both during and after school during the Autumn Term.

PE Extra-Curricular Autumn 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time
Badminton & Trampolining 7-9 Sports hall ILS / CDN	Basketball Year 7 GYM SBL	Basketball 8-11 GYM SBL	Badminton 7-9 Sports hall SBL	Badminton & Trampolining 10-11 Sports hall ILS/CDN
After school	After school	After school	After school	
Futsal Year 7 Astro Outside staff.	Basketball 7 & 8 GYM Outside staff. Netball 8-10 Sports hall ILS/CDN Football Year 8 Boys Astro SBL	Girls Football 7-9 Sports hall CDN Multi-Sports Year 7 GYM Outside staff. Football Year 7 Boys Astro SCY	Dance 7-11 Dance studio Outside provider Football Year 9 Boys Astro PAS Cricket 7-11 Sports hall NAB/ILS	

Year 7 Photographs

On Thursday 12 September 2024, Year 7 pupils will be having their photos taken. On this day, 7AX, 7DX, 7SX and 7TX **will need to bring trainers for their PE lesson** but do not need the rest of their PE kit. 7AY, 7DY, 7SY and 7TY do not have PE on this day, so do not need trainers or kit.

Year 7 GO4Schools Access

Over the coming days Year 7 pupils will be logging onto our school systems and receiving their usernames and passwords. Following on from this, in their first two computing lessons they will learn about the GO4Schools system and how to log into this to view their timetable, homework and, later in the year, their progress. During W/C 16 September 2024, once all pupils have completed these initial lessons, we will then send out communications for how parents can also log into GO4Schools. In the meantime, pupils will be issued with a paper timetable and their form tutor will always have a copy of their timetable if they need to check anything with them in registration.

Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training

We are excited to communicate that this week the Executive Student Leadership Team and Peer Mentors have completed 'What is Bullying' training from the Anti-Bullying Alliance, all pupils who took part have successfully completed this training and are Anti-Bully Ambassadors at Dormston School. Their role will be to promote anti-bullying throughout the school year and to work with students to foster a community of respect.

Congratulations/Well Done

Maddison Hodgson-Mansell	Jess Dobbin	Oliver Fellows	Jasmin Holmes
Cortney Horton	Henry Jenkins	Lucy Jones	Myah Jones
Amelia Langford	Lewis Martin	Emily McNally	Isabelle Perry
Harriet Price-Patel	Poppy Reynolds	Ashleigh Seymour	William Smith
Erin Tigere	Mia Tromans	Tayte Smith	Archer Southall
Lilly Mallin			