

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

It's been a brilliant week in school, with so many great things going on!

On Wednesday some of our Year 10 Religious Studies students went on a trip to Coventry Cathedral and their conduct was fantastic. At the end, the Vicar came over and said "thank you, that is the first time I have ever been applauded for a sermon!"

Also, on Wednesday, we held our Head Boy Presentation where Will Smith, Ben Hindle and Henry Jenkins were presented with their Head Boy ties and badges. Parents/Carers also came into school to see them receive this very special accolade.



On Thursday, students who took part in our Summer Reading Challenge, were invited to a 'Hot Chocolate and Cake' event to recognise and celebrate their reading activity during the summer holidays. As part of the challenge, students were invited to record the titles of all the books they read during the summer break and decorate their reading log as artistically as they wished, whilst also submitting book reviews. There was a wonderful response with really creatively designed logs.



Thursday was World Mental Health Day. We were pleased to see some of our staff and students wearing small gestures of yellow in support of well-being. Assemblies will take place next week to support students with strategies that will help them to remain happy and positive in their daily lives. The Mental Health Ambassadors did a fantastic job in producing yellow ribbons that staff and students could wear with pride. Further information and support for parents/carers on this topic can be found on our school website <https://dormston.dudley.sch.uk/well-being/>

Our Secondary Intervention and Prevention Officer, PC Arch came into school this week to educate Year 7 on E-Safety and the Law and Year 8 on darker nights and anti-social behaviours. All students took the input sessions seriously and now have further information on how to keep themselves safe and free from harm.


This week we celebrated 'Teacher Appreciation Week' where students were given the opportunity to send appreciation postcards to their teachers. The response from students was amazing and 100s of messages of appreciation were delivered around the school!

Our Year 10 Football team played Wordsley School away and drew 3 - 3 but were in the lead 3 times!

Just a reminder that we will be closing early at 1.30pm on Thursday 17 October 2024 due to our Open Evening.

Lastly, thank you to all our staff and parents/carers who responded to our charity donation request for Mrs Blewitt who very sadly recently passed away. We raised £427.20 which will shortly be donated to charity. We will be opening 'Blewitt's Stationery Shop' after half term and will also shortly be planting a tree in 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.

- All Parents/Carers – World Mental Health Day Letter;
- 7AX, 7AY, 7DX, 7DY SEND Parent/Carer Workshop Letter;
- 7SX, 7SY, 7TX, 7TY SEND Parent/Carer Workshop Letter;
- Germany Trip 2025 Update Letter.

Events/Reminders

- Open Evening - EARLY CLOSE AT 1.30PM;

- Year 10 Geography Revision Guide & Fieldwork Contribution Deadline - Friday 18 October 2024.

Updates

HELP - FoDC Volunteers Needed!

As you may know, Friends of Dormston Community (FoDC) are made up of a group of parents/carers who like to put on nice events for the benefit of students. As students have left their numbers have started to dwindle so they are now desperately seeking NEW parents/carers to join them. You can get involved as little or as much as you like, so if you would like to know more please contact kotton@dormston.dudley.sch.uk or call 01384 816395.



Anti-Bullying Week - WC Monday 11 November 2024

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11 - Friday 15 November 2024, with the theme: Choose Respect. Just like lots of schools across the country, we will be taking part, this year and we will be empowering children and young people to choose respect.

Odd Socks Day - Tuesday 12 November 2024

Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12 November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. As part of this we are asking for donations of odd socks to be bought into school to help us to create 'sock bunting' to show our support against bullying. If any donations could be left in the odd socks box located in the atrium each morning that would be greatly appreciated!

Congratulations/Well Done

Headteacher Commendations

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

Imogen Cope	Dylan Davis	Daisy Dolman	Ben Eccleston
Jasmine Holmes	Lucy Jones	Izabelle Paskin	Lexie Skidmore
Charlie Timmins	Lucy Vaughan		