

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

On Tuesday we welcomed 29 exhibitors to the school for our annual Post 16 Evening. Students and parents/carers of Year 11 were able to talk to local colleges, employers, apprenticeship providers and universities about their next steps and options for after Year 11. There was also a talk by Ms Froggatt about the different types of qualifications on offer after leaving school and the careers support they have access to over this year. The feedback from both employers and parents/carers was overwhelmingly positive and we hope students found the evening useful.

On Thursday, Pioneer Leadership worked with the whole of the Year 7 cohort and delivered 4 sessions which focused on developing resilience and student leadership. The sessions involved practical problem solving and teamwork with the purpose of improving students' communication skills, instilling personal confidence and supporting team growth. The Instructors all commented on how well engaged they were with the activities, and were impressed with some of the comments that were made during the discussion part of each session. Well done Year 7!

Well done also to Mr Perry's Form (10AX) who won chocolates last week for best attendance in Year 10. A prize draw was done for all pupils in Year 10 with over 97% attendance since the start of the term. Ben Ince and Ava Briscoe both won individual attendance prizes. Both still on 100% attendance. Well done to all 156 pupils in Year 10 who still have 100% attendance!

Congratulations to our Year 10 Netball Team who beat Bishop Milner last night. Well done girls!

A big thank you to FoDC for purchasing lots of new cooking equipment this week for Food Technology. They also very kindly purchased some much-needed Cricket equipment last term!

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 - October/November 2024 Monthly Update Sheet;
- All Parents/Carers - Maths Non-Required Work Letter;
- All Parents/Carers - Calculator & Equipment Letter;
- All Parents/Carers - Youth Vaping - Frequently Asked Questions for Parents/Carers;
- All Parents/Carers - Children & Young People's Public Health Team - Autumn 2024 Health & Well-being Update for Children & Families in Dudley;
- Year 11 Textiles Parents/Carers - Sea Life Trip Letter;
- Year 11 King Edward VI College Talk Letter;
- Year 10 & 9Y Pop Germany Trip Summer 2025 Expression of Interest Letter;

## Events/Reminders

- Year 10 & 9Y Pop Germany Trip 2025 Expression of Interest Deadline - Monday 7 October 2024;
- Year 11 Textiles Trip to Sea Life Centre Payment Deadline - Monday 7 October 2024;
- Year 10 RS Coventry Cathedral Trip - Wednesday 9 October 2024;
- Year 11 Textiles Trip to Sea Life Centre - Friday 11 October 2024;
- PSHE - Friday 11 October 2024 - Periods 2 & 3.

## 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](mailto:kotton@dormston.dudley.sch.uk) or call 01384 816395.