

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

On Monday we held an Inter School Book Quiz where 5 other schools came in to quiz against each other on 4 selected books that students had read for this event. Dormston's Year 8 Team came very close to walking away with the winners shield as they lost by only half a point to the Wordsley School! Both the Year 7 & 8 Teams have shown commendable dedication and commitment to reading and their enthusiasm and teamwork on the day was a pleasure to see. Thank you to Mrs Ellsmore for organising this fantastic event!

9Y top set PE girls this term have been taking part in a 'leadership' activity block which has required them to take a step back from being the participant of sports. Instead, over the past 3 weeks, they have been learning the context of leadership, how to plan sessions, had 'lesson observations' and received feedback for improvements. This Monday however, was the real thing! They had to teach a Year 4 class from Queen Victoria Primary School on their **own!** They were absolutely fabulous. The children loved everyone's sessions. The school gave us great feedback about the delivery and we have some seriously strong potential teachers on our hands!

On Thursday Year 8 and 9 students watched a performance called 'Switch Up' based on knife crime today followed by a Q&A session. This has been funded by Asda and has been offered to all secondary schools.

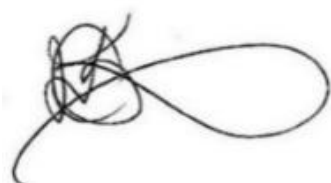
Today we held our Black History Celebration day. At lunchtime we had music, food and jewellery for sale along with hair braiding, arts and crafts and food tasting. In the Theatre we also had 'Black Panther' playing along with dances of black origin in the Gym. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Downie and Miss Downie for all their hard work in organising this fantastic celebration. It really was amazing!



Please be aware that there are now some temporary traffic lights on Mill Bank. They will be up for approximately 3 weeks. This will cause additional traffic to Mill Bank as well as significantly decreased space for parking, dropping off and picking up. Please can we ask you refrain from driving down Mill Bank where possible to reduce traffic and, most importantly, maximise safety to students walking to and from school. Thank you for your support.

As you know, we break up today for October Half Term so school will be closed to students W/C 28 October 2024. Students should return to school on Monday 4 November 2024 to a Week 1 timetable. We hope our New York Trip have a fantastic time and we look forward to sharing some photos with you shortly. Wishing you all a wonderful half 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 - Diversity at Dormston Letter;
- Vaping Workshop Letter *\*Selected Parents/Carers;*
- Year 7 & 8 Parent & Pupil Reading Group Letter & Flyer;
- Year 9 & 10 French Parents/Carers - French Trip 2025 Payment Schedule Letter;
- All Year 10 Parents/Carers - Year 10 Update Letter - October 2024.

## Events/Reminders

- Year 11 Motivational Talk with Stephen Seki - Monday 4 November 2024;
- KS3 Logic Challenge - W/C Monday 4 November 2024.

## Updates

### Sports Matches

A polite reminder to our Parents/Carers that unfortunately parents/carers are not allowed access to the school site to watch football matches! They are however very welcome to stand by the car park fence to watch.

### 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

Congratulations to Alex Buckley and Evija Duba who both won attendance prizes this week. Both students are above the 97% attendance target.

## Headteacher Commendations

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

Ava Aulton	Harry Barnes	Poppy Bate	Corey Beale
Peyton Bryan	Kayson Khan	Abigail Fraser	Harley Webb-Kaye
Daisy Jones	Dior Lattery	Oliver Lyman	Gracie Malpass
Alice Miller	Izabelle Paskin	Jasmine Peters	Lillian Rushton
Dylan Turner			