

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

It's been a really busy, but important week! On Monday, we held our Remembrance Assembly which is a very special assembly for us here at Dormston as we gather together as a whole school. As always, it was very poignant and thought provoking. Thank you to Mr Peacock for organising this wonderful event!

This week, all pupils and staff have also taken part in raising the awareness of Anti-Bullying. Events have included; assemblies based on the Anti-Bullying Alliance theme '**choose respect**' (further information can be found on the Anti-bullying alliance website if you are interested to find out more <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>) Posters from the Anti-Bullying Alliance have displayed promoting the week's celebrations and each morning music linked to the theme of 'respect' has been playing in the Atrium as pupils arrive! Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have also created an odd sock bunting, so thank-you so much for all your kind donations, they looked great! Thank you to Mrs Williams for organising!

On Tuesday, pupils and staff celebrated 'odd socks day' by wearing the boldest, brightest and wackiest socks, it was wonderful to see so many of our pupils and staff taking part to show that everyone of us is unique.



The Executive Student Leadership Team and peer mentors created purple ribbons which were handed out to pupils and staff to promote togetherness against bullying and it was great to see pupils and staff wearing these with pride! There has also been an arts and crafts competition to design a pair of odd socks and wellbeing posters which will be displayed around the school. Finally, on Friday, Loudmouth Theatre Company performed Bully4U to our Year 7's.



There is a guide from the Anti-Bullying Alliance, if you would like to find out more. This pack is designed to give parents /carers information about bullying, tips about what to do if you're worried about bullying, and the tools to help you talk to your children about bullying – this can be found on our website.

On a sporting front, last Sunday, Dormston represented the Dudley Borough at the County Netball Tournament. Thank you to Miss Lines and Miss Dolan for taking time out of their weekend to give the girls this opportunity. We came 5th overall despite playing in the league above! Well done to Isobel Hobday - 10AX who got player of the tournament. Then on Tuesday, our U14s Netball team won a whopping 30 - 0 against the Link Academy! Well done to Hattie Jenkins 9TY who was voted as player of the match!



Best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Sutton'.

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 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 - Science Detentions Letter;
- Year 7 Theatre Trip Letter;
- Year 7 Reading Intervention Letter **Selected Year 7 Parents/Carers only;*
- Year 11 Revision & Mock Exam Timetable;
- Class of 2024 GCSE Certificate Collection Arrangement Letter.

Events/Reminders

- Year 10 Art & Textiles Oxford Trip Payment Deadline - Monday 18 November 2024;
- Year 11 Geography Wolverhampton Trip - Tuesday 19 November 2024;
- Parents' Committee - Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 5.30pm;
- Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session - Wednesday 20 November 2024;
- Year 10 & 11 Drama Trip to BOA - Wednesday 20 November 2024;
- House Arts Showcase - Thursday 21 November 2024 at 6.00pm;

- Year 10 & 11 English Revision Guides Order Deadline - Friday 22 November 2024.

Updates

House Arts Showcase 2024

There will be a run through for the House Arts Showcase in **D106** on **Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 3.10pm – 4.00pm**. On Thursday 21 November 2024 there are further rehearsals which are **now Periods 2 & Periods 3** in the **Theatre** – all performers to attend. The artwork will be on display from **6.30pm** on the gallery. Performers to arrive at **6.30pm** and the show starts at **7.00pm**.

Class of 2024 GCSE Exam Certificates Collection Arrangements

GCSE certificates will be ready for collection **from Monday 18 November 2024**. They can be collected from Main Reception during the hours of 8.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.00am - 3.45pm on Friday. **All Certificates MUST be collected by Thursday 19 December 2024. Please note that school will be closed for INSET on Friday 29 November 2024 and Monday 2 December 2024.** Please see recent letter that was emailed for more details.

'Have yourself a FoDC Christmas' - WIN your Christmas Shop on FoDC!

Fancy winning a £100, £50 or £25 voucher for the supermarket of your choice to make your Christmas this year that extra bit special/cheaper? Then why not buy a ticket for our FoDC Christmas Raffle. Tickets are £1.00 each and are available on ParentPay now. Raffle closes on Friday 13 December 2024 at midnight. Winner announced and E-Voucher provided to winner shortly after. Good luck!

Congratulations/Well Done

Remembrance Day Parade

Well done to Sophie Barnett - 11DX who has for the last 10 years took part in Remembrance Day Parades. This year she was asked to represent Panthers District Explorers at her original scout group 1st Ettingshall (HT) Scouts. Both us at Dormston and Sophie's family are proud that she continues to want to be part of this special day!



Headteacher Commendations

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

Millie Baker Brown	Maddison Whittaker	Chelsea Greensill	Kelcie Haycock
Noah Smith	Megan Marsh	Eleanor Millard	Willow Record
Dilraj Singh			