

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

As you know, we were closed on Wednesday due to the Snow. Closing a school is never an easy decision to make so thank you for your understanding. The site was not safe and staffing would have been very difficult.

It was our House Arts Evening on Thursday which was absolutely fantastic! The talent that we have at Dormston is simply amazing. Thank you to Mr Richardson and Mrs Moseley for all their hard work which made the evening possible. A special well-done of course goes to all the many students who took part. Thank you also to all our parents/carers who braved the cold weather to come along and show their support!

Also, on Thursday, our Year 9 Netball Team won a whopping 18 - 0 against Pegasus! Ava Mills and Layla Smith were players of the match! Well done girls! Dormston are currently top of the league in every single age category at the moment, which is testament to the commitment of our brilliant students and staff!



Our Year 9 Netball Team

On Friday, our Hot Chocolate Rewards were back in full swing, just in time for the recent cold weather! Also, on Friday, I presented our Learner of the Month Award to Caitlin Guest - 10TX for her hard work and commitment in Maths. It doesn't matter how many times I do this, it is always so incredibly special!



Mrs Kainth, Mrs Guest, Caitlin Guest & Mrs Sutton

Flu Vaccinations that were due to take place on Wednesday have now been rescheduled for Tuesday 10 December 2024. Don't forget that Friday 29 November 2024 will be an INSET as will Monday 2 December 2024.

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 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.

- Year 11 Maths Revision Guide Letter;
- Year 10 Virtual Parents'/Carers' Evening Letter & Guides;
- Year 9 GCSE Drama Taster Workshop Opportunity Letter **Selected Students*.

Events/Reminders

- Year 10 Art & Textiles Trip - Wednesday 27 November 2024;
- INSET Day - Friday 29 November 2024 - *SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS;
- Deadline for Year 9 GCSE Drama Taster Workshop Permission - Friday 29 November 2024;
- INSET Day - Monday 2 December 2024 - *SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS.

Updates

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!

Mindfulness Club

E1 is available at lunchtime Mondays - Wednesdays to be used as a quiet space as we are running a 'Mindfulness Club'. With it getting colder, some students need a calm space to relax and do some colouring, watch a film so we hope this will help!



Congratulations/Well Done

Grade 3 Singing Success - Emma Trinfa - 8SY

Well done to Emma Trinfa - 8SY who recently took her Grade 3 Singing Exam. Emma got a Distinction (132/150). This is a really great achievement. Well done Emma!

Netball Success - Evie Darby - 8DX

We just thought we would share a picture of Evie Darby from Sunday's County Tournament. The two South Staffordshire Teams didn't win, but they all had a brilliant time. Well done Evie!



Headteacher Commendations

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

Millie Baker	Harry Berry	Lois Boyle	Evie Darby
Jetta Davies	Bailey Fegan	Isobel Hobday	Hattie Jenkins
Lucie Lakin	Freya Lister	Lovell McIntosh	Hattie Powell
Lily Powell	Lilian Rushton	Bella Smith	Layla Smith
Millie Tatton	Emma Trinfa	Melodeii Trowers	Logan Walker
Noel Wilkinson	Amelia Smith		