

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

I am really pleased to announce that Derwent won our House Arts Competition which took place last week. Well done and thank you to everyone who was involved. More details about the evening and the results are in our Updates section below!

Our Year 10 Art & Textiles students went out on Wednesday to Oxford University Museum of Natural History and Pitt Rivers which was great! It is so brilliant to see so many trips going out which seek to enhance learning. Thank you to Mr Goldie, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Poleykett for organising it for our students.

Today we have sent out our last week of term's arrangements. As you will see, we have lots of exciting things planned in order to celebrate Christmas together. One of the big things we are doing is attempting to **BREAK A WORLD RECORD** for the highest number of school jumpers tied together on Friday 20 December 2024. We are therefore asking students to bring in as many of their school jumpers as possible on this day! If you could support us with this that would be fantastic! Please ensure jumpers have names in to avoid any getting lost. Form Tutors will endeavour to ensure that all jumpers are returned to their rightful owners immediately after the record attempt has taken place!

As you know, we have been closed for INSET today and will also be closed for INSET again on Monday, so students should return to school on Tuesday 3 December 2024 to a Week 1 Timetable.

Good luck to our Year 11s who start their Mocks next week. You've got this!

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.

- All Parents/Carer - 'Winter Wonderland' at Dormston Letter;

- Year 11 Mock Arrangements Letter & Timetable;
- School Choir - Visit to Ridgeway Court Care Home Letter.

Events/Reminders

- INSET - Monday 2 December 2024 ***SCHOOL CLOSED;**
- Year 11 Mocks - W/C Monday 2 December 2024;
- Deadline for Choir Permission to Visit to Ridgeway Court Care Home - Wednesday 4 December 2024;
- Year 10 Christmas Carol Theatre Trip - Thursday 4 December 2024;
- Year 10 & 11 Drama War Horse Trip Payment Deadline - Friday 6 December 2024.

Updates

House Arts Results

Last Thursday, we had our annual House Arts Showcase. It was a fantastic evening filled with the amazing talent from all of the competitors. The art work on display was stunning and the performances on stage were brilliant. A massive well done to all pupils who entered and contributed to the house point totals. Thank you to all staff involved with the competition and to parents & carers for their support.

House Arts Results 2024:

Key Stage 3 Art Runner Up	Maddison Whittaker
Key Stage 3 Art Winner	Hattie Powell
Key Stage 4 Art Runner Up	Marie Juganaru & Jaya Gardae
Key Stage 4 Art Winner	William Smith
Dance Solo Winner	Frankie Dobbin
Dance Ensemble Runner Up	Sky Ward & Imogen Cope
Dance Ensemble Winner	Reece Oakley & Harmony Oakley
Key Stage 3 Music Classical Solo Performance Winner	Isabelle Melbourne
Key Stage 4 Music Classical Solo Performance Winner	Amelia Langford
Key Stage 4 Music Contemporary Solo Performance Winner	Oliver Fellows
Key Stage 3 Solo Vocal Winner	Alice Miller
Key Stage 4 Solo Vocal Runner Up	Lois Boyle
Key Stage 4 Solo Vocal Winner	Kellisha Flash

1st Place - Derwent - 139

2nd Place - Severn - 49

3rd Place - Avon - 34

4th Place - Trent - 17

Medical Appointments?

If your child is attending a Medical Appointment please make sure you inform Attendance on **01384 816401** or alternatively email info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk prior to the appointment with supporting evidence.

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!

Winter HAF

Please see below details of how you can register for FREE Winter Activities that are on offer for students who are in receipt of Free School Meals.



WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

DUDLEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROVIDES FREE ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-16 WHO RECEIVE BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

TO SIGN UP:

1. Register on the Dudley HAF website. Register as soon as possible as you must be registered to book activities.
2. Once Free School Meal (FSM) status has been verified by Dudley Council, you will get an email with login details.
3. Once winter bookings are open, you can login and book up to 4 sessions for each of your children.

<https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/register>

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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!

