

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

Belated Happy New Year to all our parents/carers. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It was great to welcome all our students back this week after the holidays.

On Tuesday, Year Assemblies took place where we reminded students of expectations for the term ahead. On Wednesday, I presented our Learner of the Month Winner for November 2024 to Millie Ellitts in 11AX for her outstanding effort in History. Seeing Millie's reaction when her parents came into school for the presentation was just priceless!



Mrs Barrett, Millie Ellitts - 11AX, Mrs Ellitts, Mr Ellitts & Mrs Sutton

We have our KS3 Tie Reward Assembly taking place on Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 9.10am and our KS4 Tie Reward Assembly taking place on Thursday 16 January 2025 at 9.10am. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of our parents/carers into school to see their children receiving this very special accolade. If your child has gained their next tie, you will have received a letter inviting you to attend the event.

We have a fabulous opportunity coming to our school, as ex-student Olivia Rabjohn who is a professional footballer for West Bromwich Albion and also a coach there will be joining us at Dormston to deliver the 'GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB' on Mondays after school. This has changed from Wednesdays, so it's important that pupils are aware. This begins next week and I look forward to updating you on their progress.

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.

- KS4 Tie Reward Assembly Letter;
- Year 11 Parents/Carers - Inspector Calls Theatre Trip Letter;
- Year 10 RS Debate Trip Letter
- KS3 Tie Reward Assembly Letter;
- Year 9 Update Letter - January 2025;
- SEND Parents/Carers - Care Quality & Ofsted Local Area SEND Inspection Letter.

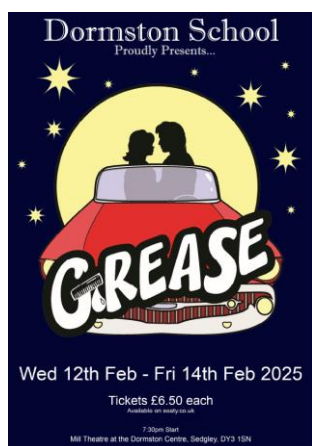
## Events/Reminders

- Year 10 & 11 Holocaust Talk Trip Permission Slip Deadline - Monday 13 January 2025;
- KS3 Tie Reward Assembly Attendance Slip Deadline - Tuesday 14 January 2025;
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- Year 10 & 11 Holocaust Talk Trip - Friday 17 January 2025.

## Updates

### School Production Tickets - ON SALE NOW!

Come along and see our School Production of Grease! The show runs from Wednesday 12 February 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025. Tickets are £6.50 and are available from [seaty.co.uk](http://seaty.co.uk) NOW!



### Year 11 Photographs - Tuesday 21 January 2025 \*REVISED DATE

Year 11 Photographs will now take place on Tuesday 21 January 2025. Please ensure your child is in full and correct uniform on this day.

### Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS)

The Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS) enables young musicians who are receiving musical tuition in school to purchase musical instruments through the school without the cost of VAT. For example, if you purchased an instrument worth £120, then you would only need to pay £100 to the school for it. More

information can be found here: <https://www.musicmark.org.uk/resources/assisted-instrument-purchase-scheme-aips/>