

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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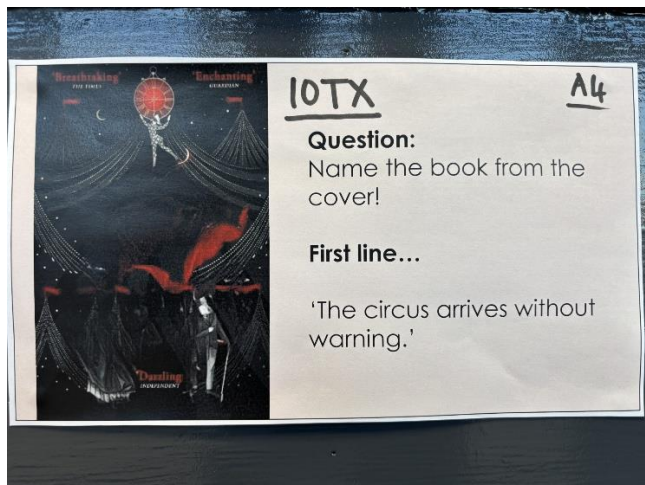
### Message from Headteacher

It's been National Careers Week in school this week, so we have had a real focus on career opportunities available to students Post 16. Years 10 & 11 took part in a year group wide quiz to test their knowledge of opportunities and pathways. We are really pleased with how engaged they were in researching their futures. Year 9 had an assembly from local higher education provider, LD Training, around what is higher education and how it differs from school. Year 8 took part in the National Careers Challenge where they created a pitch for British Airways and finally, Year 7 had a session from the DWP around stereotyping and how this can affect career progression. A BIG thank you goes out to Ms Froggatt our Careers Lead for arranging all this!

Dudley College also came in to talk to some of our Year 9 & 10 PE students regarding careers in Sports which we hope will help students in choosing their KS4 and Post 16 options.

On Wednesday, our Year 11 and some of our Year 10 students, went to see 'An Inspector Calls' at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. Seeing this type of live performance can really bring the text they are studying to life and a great time was had by all! Thank you to Mr Fox for organising this. Taking over 200 students to the Theatre is no mean feat!

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book day. Year 7 were treated to a special assembly and took part in our 'Masked Reader Competition' which is always great fun. All students were also given a £1 book token. Some staff also decorated their doors with their favourite book and students had to guess what the book was!



All students have been celebrating 'International Women's Day' this week, completing resources in form time, naming their 'sheroes', identifying times when gender has caused them to be treated differently and looking at

way to improve the future. They will be looking at females who have made a difference in their subject lessons and enjoying 'girl power' songs in the atrium on Friday morning!

There is so much talent here at Dormston and it's brilliant to hear about all of the activities that our students get involved in outside of school. Please keep telling us about them. Tumbling, running, performing arts, darts, MMA and horse balling all came across my desk this week!

We have so much musical talent at Dormston and wanted to share the following link with you as 4 of our students have formed a band and recently spent some time in a recording studio. The band includes: Freddie Banks, Noah Greaves, Liam Gouge and Joe Downen. They are playing 'Come Together' by The Beatle. Enjoy!

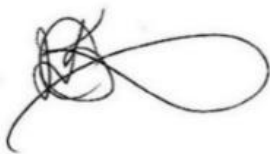
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBQ4UX\\_j3Ug](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBQ4UX_j3Ug)

Rehearsals are also well underway for Dormston's performance at Dudley Performing Arts 'Festival of Song' at Dudley Town Hall. Pupils have really impressed us so far with their enthusiasm and fantastic voices and we can't wait to hear the final performances. All parents/carers of the pupils involved have been sent an important message about how to purchase tickets which we would ask you to read if you haven't yet done so.



Thanks to everyone who donated and also took part in our FoDC School Production Raffle. There were over 30 prizes up for grabs and all winners have now been contacted!

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 10 Homework Letter;
- Year 9 New York Trip Launch Letter;
- Year 8 New York Trip Launch Letter;
- March/April 2025 Monthly Update Sheet.

## Events/Reminders

- Year 9 Options Evening - Wednesday 12 March 2025;
- Year 8 & 9 New York Trip Expression of Interest Deadline - Wednesday 12 March 2025.

## Updates

### Go4Schools

Just a reminder about GO4Schools. The communication tab can be opened to allow parents/carers to read additional information from Year Leaders/Subject Teachers. If you are currently unable to access GO4Schools please email your Head/Deputy Year Leader. GO4Schools also contains information on House Points/Positive Points, Timetables, Homework and Behaviour Events.

### PE Extra-Curricular

Please see below our PE Ex-Curricular Timetable for this term.

PE Extra-Curricular Spring 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time
Badminton & Trampolining 7-9 Sports hall ILS		Badminton & Trampolining 7-9 Sports hall ILS	After school	
After school	After school	After school		
Futsal Year 7 Sportshall Outside staff.	Basketball Rec 7 & 8 GYM Outside staff.	Girls Football 7-9 Sports hall Outside staff	Football Year 10 Boys Field SBL	
Girls Football All Years Sportshall Outside staff.	Netball 8-10 Sports hall ILS/JIS	Girls Basketball Team Year 8-9 GYM RCY	Dance 7-11 Dance studio Outside Staff	
	Football Year 8 Boys Astro JWS	Football Year 7 Boys Astro SCY	Football Year 9 Boys Astro PAS	
			Cricket 7-11 Sports hall NAB/ILS	

## **Congratulations/Well Done**

### **Headteacher Commendations**

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

Imogen Rose	Joshua Rubine	Samuel Thomas	Lucas Pitt
Shanice Akins	Finlay Purchase	Noel Wilkinson	Hannah Ockendon
Samantha Mason	Jordan Preece	Maisie Jacob	Lucy Smith
Evie Cooper			