

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

This week students have been given the opportunity to send 'Staff Appreciation Postcards'. Some of the messages have been incredibly heart-warming and we obviously have a lot of 'kind' staff at Dormston, as that was a word that resonated across all of the many postcards.

On Thursday, we held our Year 9 Options Evening. Thank you to all our Year 9 parents/carers for attending. We hope you found the evening useful and that you are starting to have some conversations with your child about their choices. The Year 9 Options deadline is Friday 4 April 2025. Our Year 9 Consultation Evening Booking systems opens on Thursday at 8.00am and we highly recommend that Year 9 parents/carers make appointments, especially for subjects your child is considering taking as an option.

Don't forget that our Year 11 Hoodie Order deadline is Friday 21 March 2025. Please see our recent Year 11 Hoodie letter for full details. We have our Year 11 GCSE Information Evening on Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 6.00pm and ask that all our Year 11 parents/carers attend.

Here is this week's musical link. It's George Danks - 11AY playing 'I Bet You Look Good on the Dance Floor' on his electric guitar. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouW3OC_CG28 It's fantastic!

Also, please remember that we will be closed for INSET on Friday 21 March 2025. Students should return to school on Monday 24 March 2025 to a Week 2 timetable.

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 Hoodie Letter & Flyer;
- Year 11 Prom Letter;
- Year 11 Prom Attendance Concern Letter; **Selected Students Only*
- Year 11 Prom Attendance & Behaviour Concern Letter; **Selected Students Only*

- Year 8 & 9 New York 2026 Trip Successful Letter;
- Year 8 & 9 New York 2026 Trip Unsuccessful Letter;
- Year 7 & 8 SEND Extra-Curricular Letter;
- Oscar Parent/Carer Invite Letter.

Events/Reminders

- Year 11 GCSE Parent/Carer Information Evening - Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 6.00pm;
- Year 9 Consultation Evening Booking System Opens - Thursday 20 March 2025 at 8.00am;
- New York Trip 2026 Initial Deposit Deadline (£150) - Friday 21 March 2025;
- Year 11 Hoodie Order Deadline - Friday 21 March 2025;
- INSET Day - Friday 21 March 2025.

Updates

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 & Trampoline 7-9 Sports hall ILS		Badminton & Trampoline 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 Dance 7-11 Dance studio Outside Staff	
Girls Football All Years Sportshall Outside staff.	Netball 8-10 Sports hall ILS/JIS	Girls Basketball Team Year 8-9 GYM RCY	Football Year 9 Boys Astro PAS	
	Football Year 8 Boys Astro JWS	Football Year 7 Boys Astro SCY	Cricket 7-11 Sports hall NAB/ILS	