

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

Hope you all had a lovely break. It was great to welcome all our students back after February Half Term! Assemblies this week have been about setting expectations with regards to our core values of 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' supporting an inclusive and kind culture both within and outside of school!

On Monday our Year 10 Netball Team won 29 - 0 when playing Beacon Hill, which is just amazing!

On Wednesday myself, Mrs Howard and Mr Carroll were lucky enough to attend a trip to Manchester University project along with 12 students from the 'Brilliant Club' who graduated. Only certain schools were asked to speak which Dormston was of course one of. Congratulations to Lillian Rushton and Tajjah Gadhu who spoke on our behalf, it was a fantastic day!



Also, on Wednesday, a group of our SEND students attended a Careers event at Dudley College with Mrs Beer. Their participation was exemplary!

On Thursday we took part in the 'Dudley Gymnastics Challenge Cup'. Our 'Participants' team were 2nd place! Jessica Currier - 8TX was 5th overall and Alexandra Ward - 8AX was 2nd place in the floor routines. Our 'active' team came 3rd place.



Today, Mrs Moseley and I presented our Learner of the Month Winner for January 2025 to Melodeii Trowers - 10SX for her hard work and dedication in English. As always this was an absolute pleasure. Well done Melodeii!



Mrs Moseley, Miss Preston, Melodeii Trowers, Mrs Sutton

Also today, to show support for International Stand Up to Bullying day, staff were asked to wear purple or pink, to convey their displeasure for bullying, extend support and stand up against bullying. International Stand Up to Bullying Day imagines a future where no one is bullied and everyone gets along. It envisions a better future for all.

We also had a trip to Cambridge University out today and I hope to tell you more about this next week!

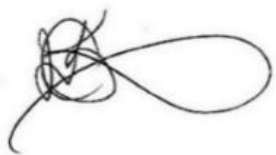
A BIG well done also goes to all our GCSE Food students who have been doing their GCSE practical exams this week. They've done amazingly well! A massive thank you to Mrs Abbott who has been cooking for 5 days non-stop!

Don't forget that we would like to invite all Year 11 Parents/Carers to our annual GCSE Information Evening on Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 6.00pm until 6.45pm in the Theatre where we will cover the following:

- Key dates;
- How to support your child with GCSE Maths, English and Science (Delivered by the Heads of subject);
- How to support your child's mental health in the lead up to exams;
- JCQ regulations;
- Time for questions at the end of the session.

Hope to see lots of our Year 11 parents/carers in attendance.

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 9 Consultation Evening Letter & Appointment Booking Guidance.

## Events/Reminders

- National Careers Week - WC Monday 3 March 2025;
- An Inspector Calls Theatre Trip - Wednesday 5 March 2025;
- Year 11 GCSE Information Evening - Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 6.00pm - 6.45pm in The Theatre;
- World Book Day - Thursday 6 March 2025;
- Year 8 National Careers Challenge - Thursday 6 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	

### Dudley Performing Arts (DPA) Open Mic Night

The next open Mic event at Cable Plaza is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and the enrolment is now open!!

The open mic evening is a great night of music for all ages, instruments and abilities and is a relaxed performance environment without applause. Parents and students will be going about as they please,

but microphones and speakers will be in use to ensure the performance is amplified. If you haven't taken part before and have questions, please contact DPA. The open mic places will be first come first served so please sign up even if you are unsure right now what you want to sing or play. A piano is available on the evening to perform on but if you are a keyboard student you may wish to bring along your own keyboard to use if this is preferred. Other instruments will need to be brought in for the evening. There will be a pianist to accompany performers if required or if you want to perform to a backing track you can email a backing track directly to DPA once you have signed up using the link below: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=P-un5irsFkKT3oI9JzsdA8qLWNYqPTZPrqsyPsTNFXJUNDQ3Tk1MUzQzN1ICSFhFTkRIMUtPRFk5Ny4u&route=shorturl>

## **Year 7 Theatre Trip Reminder!**

Just a reminder of the Year 7 Theatre trip to see Charlie & The Chocolate Factory on the 26 March 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for the whole of Year 7 to see a live musical at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. Please can you make sure that payment for this trip is made before February 28 February 2025. Any problems please email: [arichardson@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:arichardson@dormston.dudley.sch.uk)