

## *Parental Communication & Engagement*



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### **Message from Headteacher**

On Wednesday, all of our Year 7s went to see 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory' at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. Seeing a live performance is such a great experience for students and a great time was certainly had by all. Students were brilliant and I understand that there was even some dancing in the aisles. A big thank you to Mr Richardson who organised this along with all the other staff who went along to support this. As you can imagine, taking a whole year group out on a trip is no mean feat!

Also, on Wednesday, I presented our Learner of the Month Award for February 2025 to Annabelle Bevington-King - 11DY for her hard work and commitment in Religious Studies. Well done Annabelle on this amazing achievement!



Mr Salton-McLaughlin, Mrs Bevington-King, Annabelle Bevington-King, Mrs Sutton

Thanks to all our Year 9 Parents/Carers who attended our Year 9 Consultation Evening on Thursday. It was great to see you all. Don't forget that the Year 9 Options Deadline is Friday 4 April 2025. Well done also goes to all our Year 10s who completed their Work Experience this week!

This week's music link is from LM rapping on Crown by Stormzy for his ensemble performance.  
<https://youtu.be/61YIZSUjdpA>

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/Carers - Culture Celebration Letter;
- Year 7 Scholars Programme Letter; *\*Selected Year 7 parents/carers*
- Year 11 Geography Update Letter;
- Year 11 Executive Leadership Team Blazer Return/Prom Discount Letter.

## Events/Reminders

- Festival of Song Concert at Dudley Town Hall - Tuesday 1 April 2025 at 5.30pm - 8.00pm;
- The Oscars - Thursday 3 April 2025 at 6.30pm;
- Year 9 Options Deadline - Friday 4 April 2025.

## Updates

### Year 9 Charity – 'Black Country Foodbank' Collection – Friday 11 April 2025

On Friday 11 April 2025, we would like to support the Year 9's Charity which is the 'Black Country Foodbank'. We would like to ask as many Year 9's as possible to bring in perishable items such as; tins, cans and sachets (Easter themes if possible). Black Country Foodbank helps vulnerable individuals and families in crisis through the provision of 3 days emergency food supplies while a longer-term solution is developed. Dormston's School Council have picked this charity for Year 9 because it provides an enormous impact for those who are struggling, and it gives them great help and a space to reduce stress for those in need. Can we ask that these are handed in the day we break up, Friday 11th of April and all Year 9's try their hardest to contribute to this. Miss Legge and other School Council members will be available to receive any donated goods in the Atrium.



**Easter 2025**  
**SHOPPING LIST**  
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BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

• TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S	• CARTONS OF UHT MILK
• CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE	• TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNER BEEF)
• TINNED FISH	• TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
• CORDIAL/SQUASH	• TINNED VEGETABLES
• SMALL JARS OF COFFEE	• TINNED POTATOES/MASH
• TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES	• PASTA SAUCE
• BREAKFAST CEREAL	• SAVOURY RICE
• TINNED FRUIT	• INSTANT NOODLES
• TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING	• ROLL ON DEODORANT
• TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND CHEESE)	• SHAMPOO
	• SHOWER GEL
	• TOILET ROLL
	• BARS OF SOAP

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY

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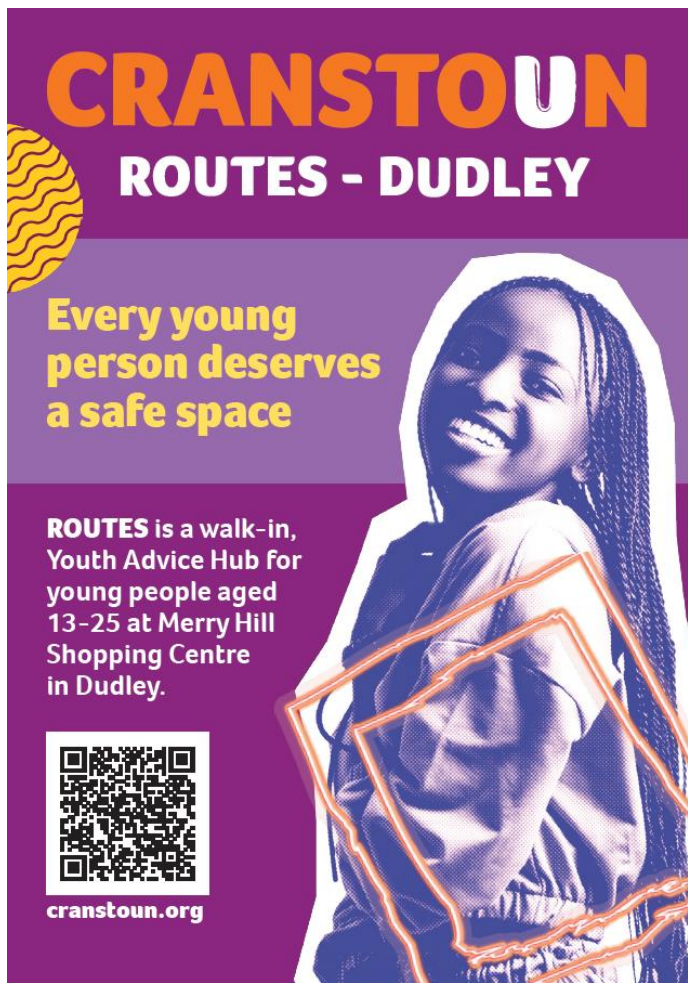
0121 417 2100  
info@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk  
Registered Charity No. 1056476

## Reminder - Lunch Money Top Up!

Please make sure your child's lunch money account is topped up on ParentPay regularly as lots of students are having to have lunch loans because they have insufficient funds.

## ROUTES - DUDLEY


ROUTES - DUDLEY is a safe space for young people aged 13-25 to turn to when they experience challenges or adversity in their day-to-day lives. The team aims to empower young people to reach their potential, no matter their circumstances.



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**ROUTES - DUDLEY**

**Every young person deserves a safe space**

**ROUTES** is a walk-in, Youth Advice Hub for young people aged 13-25 at Merry Hill Shopping Centre in Dudley.



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**About ROUTES - DUDLEY**  
This hub is a walk-in, youth friendly space which allows young people to access information, advice, early interventions and a range of support services.


**What is available at ROUTES?**

- Open door to walk-in without an appointment to access information, advice and support (Tuesday to Friday 3pm – 7pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm)
- Health and wellbeing coaching & support
- Stop smoking/vaping support (16+)
- Sexual health & free condoms/STI screening
- Drug and alcohol support
- Education and career planning
- Access to onsite groups and clubs
- Signposting and onward referral
- Other support/specialist services available to drop-in and see a worker. Check website for our latest timetable


### ROUTES - DUDLEY

The Boulevard  
Merry Hill  
Shopping Centre  
Dudley  
DY5 1QX

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## Congratulations/Well Done Headteacher Commendations

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

Maisy Brayshaw	Sky Ward	Amelia Langford	Emma Trinfa
Evia Johnson	Amelia Asprey		