

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

It's been a great week in school with lots of fantastic events taking place!

Music at Dormston is really going from strength to strength. As you may know, we recently gained our Music Mark Award for our engagement with music and Dudley Performing Arts. On Tuesday evening, 40+ singers from Dormston School performed 2 numbers at Dudley Performing Arts 'Festival of Song'. They were absolutely fabulous! Please click on the links below to hear just how brilliant they were. A massive thank you goes to Mrs Beer, Mrs Grundy and Mr Richardson for all their hard work! <https://youtu.be/JgWH13b32-g>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_OLc0LIF9w

On Thursday evening, we held our very special annual Oscar Awards Ceremony. The Theatre was packed to the rafters as we celebrated the hard work and commitment of so many of our wonderful students. There were canapés and drinks on arrival followed by lots of awards, certificates and entertainment. The audience was treated to performances from our Dormston Singing Group, Kellisha Flash and newly formed student band 'Fuse' (Freddie Banks, Joe Downen and Liam Gouge). Mr Richardson even donned his sunglasses too and joined the group playing the Cajon, which is a drum originally from Peru. Thank you to all our parents/carers who came along to the event. We will hopefully share some pictures with you next week!

Today we also held our Doughnut Reward event. Students are nominated for this treat based on their effort.

We have also had lots of sporting success recently too. Our Year 8 Netball team came 3rd in the Dudley Netball tournament. Player of the tournament was Evie Darby.



Year 8 attended a Dodgeball tournament. We came 3rd! Charlie Kaye was player of the tournament.



Year 9 Netball Team were 4th in the Dudley Netball Tournament. Hollie Halford was player of the tournament. We were also joined by Mrs Dolan's little girl 💖.



Don't forget that we break up for the Easter Holidays on Friday 11 April 2025 for 2 weeks. Students should return to school on Monday 28 April 2025 to a Week 1 Timetable. Just a reminder that contrary to social media or any uniform suppliers, wearing Summer Polo Shirts after Easter is 'optional'.

Best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Sutton'.

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 GCSE Geography Carding Mill Valley Trip Letter.

Events/Reminders

- PSHE - Tuesday 8 April 2025 - Periods 2 & 3;
- Reflexions Workshop - How to support your child with Exam Stress - Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 4.00pm in the PLC;
- Dormston Culture Celebration Day - Friday 11 April 2025;
- Year 9 Black Country Foodbank Collection Day - Friday 11 April 2025;
- Easter Holiday Break Up - Friday 11 April 2025.

Updates

Year 11 - Study Hacks

Please see below link for some great study hacks!

<https://www.fromthesidelines.uk/study-hacks>

Year 11 Parents/Carers - Reflexions Workshop

With the exam season almost upon us we have organised a Parent/Carer Workshop which looks at helping pupils cope with exam stress. The session will be run by Dudley Reflexions and they will look to offer tips and advice to help you navigate what can be a difficult period for young people. The event will take place on Wednesday 9 April 4.00pm - 5.00pm in the Dormston School PLC. If you would like to attend could you please email kotton@dormston.dudley.sch.uk



How to support your child with exam stress (KS4)

A workshop led by Reflexions

Wednesday 9 April 2025

4.00pm - 5.00pm

PLC

Reading Habits

We are constantly looking at ways to improve our pupils' reading habits and skills. To this end we would like to invite all parents/carers to take part in a short survey regarding your child's reading at home and in school. The survey should take no longer than 10 mins to complete and will prove invaluable in helping us develop and refine out reading programmes in school. Your support is much appreciated.

<https://forms.office.com/e/jtMVnhN9aU>

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
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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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Parent Webinar Opportunity - Thursday 24 April 2025

Please find below information for a Parent Webinar that takes place on Thursday 24 April 2025 at 3.00pm bvia MS Teams. It will be looking at how to recognise and understand anxiety in children and young people.




The poster features a circular logo on the top left with a rainbow and the word 'Reflexions'. On the top right, the NHS logo is displayed above the text 'Black Country Healthcare' and 'NHS Foundation Trust'. The main title is 'PARENT WEBINAR' in a small, blue, serif font, followed by 'RECOGNISING AND UNDERSTANDING' in a large, blue, serif font, and 'Anxiety in Children and Young People' in a blue, cursive script font. Below the title, the date and time are listed: 'Thursday 24th April', '3:00pm - 4:00PM', and 'Via MS Teams'. A line of text says 'To register your interest, please click here or scan the QR code below!'. Below this is a large QR code. At the bottom, the section 'AIMS OF THE SESSION' is followed by a bulleted list of three points.

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AIMS OF THE SESSION

- What is Anxiety?
- How anxiety affects children and young people?
- Strategies to support your young person

Learn to play with DPA

A colorful poster for 'Learn to play with DPA'. The background is dark blue with a large, stylized 'Learn to play' text in white and purple. Below the title, there are four photos: a young man playing an acoustic guitar, a young girl playing a piano, a young woman playing a drum set, and a young man playing a violin. The text 'with dpa' is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, it says 'Young people can now enrol for discounted music lessons with Dudley Performing Arts. Lessons take place in school delivered by the biggest provider of music tuition in our area.' A QR code is provided for more information. At the bottom, there are logos for Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Black Country Music Hub, and Arts Council England, along with text about public funding support.

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with dpa

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Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to enrol. Alternatively, visit www.dudley.gov.uk and search 'lessons in schools' or phone 01384 813865.

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Congratulations/Well Done

Headteacher Commendations

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

Sophie Devey	Isabelle Watton		
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