

Parent/Carer Update Sheet

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Welcome back to what is now our Summer Term 2025. We hope you all had a great Easter Break. Summer polo shirts and tailored shorts can now be worn. Please note this is optional. If you do wish your child to wear a Summer polo, don't forget to consider using FoDC's #Pre-Loved Pop Up Shop if you want to save some money along with the planet!

As we enter GCSE Exam Season we wish all our Year 11s the very best of luck! We appreciate this can be a stressful time for students, so please ensure your child is getting plenty of rest alongside all their revision and that they continue to attend school regularly and take part in some stress relieving after school activities or non school based activities which they enjoy. Years 7 - 10 also enter their exam season during May and June. This experience will stand them in really good stead for when they come to take their GCSEs in Year 11 and will also give us an accurate understanding of where they currently are in terms of their potential future grades.

We have our Year 7 Consultation Evening on Thursday 8 May 2025 which will now be virtual and we have our Year 8 Consultation Evening on Thursday 12 June 2025 which will also be virtual. We encourage all our Year 7 & 8 parents/carers to make as many appointments as possible.

Don't forget that school will be closed for the May Bank Holiday on Monday 5 May 2025 so students should return to school on Tuesday 6 May 2025 to a Week 2 Timetable.



Learner of the Month

April 2025

Our Learner of the Month Winner for **April 2025** was **Daniel Teece - 10DY** for his hard work and dedication in his Core Skills Lessons.

Congratulations and well done also goes to all of our other students who were nominated recently!

You did it!
Congratulations





Year 11 GCSEs - WC Monday 28 April onwards

Year 11 final GCSE exams begin W/C Monday 28 April 2025. These exams are the culmination of five years of hard work and it is important that pupils are fully prepared. Exam timetables have been shared with pupils already and a timetable of pre-exam sessions will be shared with them shortly. Pupils must remember that they need to follow all rules and regulations within the exam hall. It is vital that pupils attend school for each exam and turn up on time. We are unable to provide a time to 're-do' an exam if a pupil misses it because they are absent from school or turn up late. Please ensure your child knows when their exams are and that they attend school well prepared and with all correct equipment. GCSE results day is on Thursday 21 August 2025.



Year 10 Mock Exams - Commencing from Friday 2 May 2025

Year 10 Mock GCSE exams will start on Friday 2 May 2025 and will continue after May half-term. These exams will reflect GCSE exam procedures and will take place in the Sports Hall under full exam conditions. High expectations will be in place for pupil's behaviour and conduct during these exams. Pupils have already had an assembly on the rules and regulations set out by the JCQ which we will be adhering to during the mock exams. It is vital that pupils attend school for each mock exam as there may not be a chance for pupils to 'catch up.' The results of this first set of Mocks will play a major role in staff generating their first 'predicted grades' for students outlining where we would expect them to be by the end of Year 11. Timetables have been shared with pupils and are on GO4Schools and the school website. Please ensure your child is revising for these exams and that they attend school well prepared and with all correct equipment.



May Bank Holiday - Monday 5 May 2025

School will be closed on Monday 5 May 2025 due to May Bank Holiday. Students should return to school on Tuesday 6 May 2025 which will be a Week 2 timetable.



Year 10 Geography Field Trip - Wednesday 7 May/Thursday 8 May 2025

Our Year 10 Geography students will be taking part in a Geography Field trip to Carding Mill Valley. This will take place on Wednesday 7 May 2025 for 10F1 & 10F2 and on Thursday 8 May 2025 for 10D & 10E. Students will depart at 9.00am and return at approx. 3.00pm. They will need to bring a packed lunch along with plenty of water. Students must wear sensible shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Please check the weather nearer the time. Please see our recent letter for full details.



What's Happening

Year 7 Consultation Evening - Thursday 8 May 2025

Our Year 7 Consultation Evening will be taking place on Thursday 8 May 2025. **Please be aware that this evening will now be taking place on-line** and appointment bookings need to be made via our on-line booking system. We highly recommend that our Year 7 parents/carers make appointments with as many of their child's teachers as possible so that we can provide you with valuable feedback on your child's current progress. Please see our most recent letter for full details.



Year 8 & 9 HPV Injections - Tuesday 3 June 2025

Year 8 & 9 pupils will be offered another opportunity to receive their HPV vaccination with this catch up session on Tuesday 3 June 2025. An email with a link in has recently been sent to all students who missed the previous vaccination. It is very important that you fill in the form in the link that has been emailed **even if you don't want your child to have the vaccination**. If you have already filled in the link you have already registered your child and therefore there is nothing else for you to do.



Parents' Committee - Tuesday 10 June 2025

Our Parents' Committee will be meeting on Tuesday 10 June 2025 at 5.30pm. We look forward to catching up with you all soon so we can update you on the latest school news.



Year 8 'Virtual' Consultation Evening - Thursday 12 June 2025

Our Year 8 'Virtual' Consultation Evening will be taking place on Thursday 12 June 2025. We recommend that our Year 8 parents/carers make appointments with as many of their child's teachers as possible so that we can provide you with valuable feedback on your child's progress. Further information will follow in due course.



Year 7 Exams - WC Monday 16 June 2025

Year 7 exams will start from W/C Monday 16 June 2025. These exams will take place in classrooms during timetabled lessons. A finalised timetable will be sent out when available and teachers will let pupils know what the exam will cover. Please ensure your child is revising for these exams and that they attend school well prepared.



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What's Happening

Year 9 DTP/MenACWY Injections - Thursday 19 June 2025

Year 9 pupils will be offered another opportunity to receive their DTP/MenACWY vaccination with this catch up session on Thursday 19 June 2025. This is for those students who missed the previous vaccination. It is very important that you fill in the form in the link that will be sent out via email in June. You need to fill in the link attached to the email **even if you don't want your child to have the vaccination**.



Year 8 Exams - WC Monday 23 June 2025

Year 8 exams will start from W/C Monday 23 June 2025. These exams will take place in classrooms during timetabled lessons. A finalised timetable will be sent out when available and teachers will let pupils know what the exam will cover. Please ensure your child is revising for these exams and that they attend school well prepared.



The Prom - Thursday 26 June 2025

Just a reminder that the Year 11 Prom is taking place on Thursday 26 June 2025 at The Park Hall Hotel, Park Drive, Goldthorn Park, Wolverhampton WV4 5AJ. The deadline for ordering tickets was Wednesday 30 April 2025 so that arrangements for the evening can start to be made. Arrival for the evening will be between 6.30pm - 7.00pm. The Prom will finish at 11.00pm so please ensure suitable arrangements have been made for your child to get home.



Year 9 Exams - WC 30 June 2025

Year 9 exams will start from W/C Monday 30 June 2025. These exams will take place in classrooms during timetabled lessons. A finalised timetable will be sent out when available and teachers will let pupils know what the exam will cover. In **Year 9** all pupils will sit exams in the compulsory subjects (English, Maths and Science). However, for all other subjects, students will only sit exams for the subjects they have chosen for GCSE if they currently study the subject - for 'new' subjects (and a few others) these exams will not be possible.. Please ensure your child is revising for these exams and that they attend school well prepared.



Year 6 Induction Evening - Monday 30 June 2025

On Monday 30 June 2025 there will be a Parents'/Carers' Evening at 6.30pm in the Dormston Theatre. During the evening, **NEW Year 7 Parents/Carers for September 2025** will have the opportunity to meet key members of staff associated with Year 7 where further information will be shared regarding induction days and their start to Dormston. Please note that the evening is only for parents/carers so children do NOT need to attend. Induction for Year 6 students due to start in September 2025, will take place on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd July 2025.



Our Successes

REAL SUCCESS STORIES



We know we have many brilliant students who deserve a mention but here are a few stories that have been shared with us, which we thought we would share with you! **Don't forget, ALL parents/carers, staff and students are invited and encouraged to share their success story with us by emailing kotton@dormston.dudley.sch.uk.**

Cheerleader Success - Maisy Brayshaw - 9TY

Congratulations to Maisy Brayshaw - 9TY who is a cheerleader at SA academy. Maisy competes in national competitions around the UK. Recently she was in Sheffield where her team (Midnight) were placed 1st in their division, which had 12 teams competing, so it was a real victory! Taking part in competitions is invaluable for students grit, resilience, dedication and confidence and Maisy has these attributes in abundance. Well done Maisy on this fantastic achievement. We are very proud of you!



Maisy Brayshaw - 9TY

Year 7 Dance Success

Well done to Amelia Asprey - 7SY, Evie Johnson - 7SY, Sky Ward - 7DY and Isabelle Watton - 7AY who all performed at the Birmingham Hippodrome recently in the 'Chance 2 Dance Show'. They are all from inspire2dance located in Lanesfield and have worked tirelessly to get their routine together as part of a troupe group. The girls have been going to inspire2dance for many years, with some of them been as young as 3 when they started. It was an amazing experience had by all who took part! Well done girls!



'Chance2Dance' Success

Darts Success - Jordan Preece - 8DY

As some of you may already know, Jordan Preece in 8DY is incredible at darts. Recently, Jordan had a very eventful Saturday! He spent the day playing for Black Country County Youth, captaining the team again and winning comfortably 3 - 1. On the evening, he then went to a dart exhibition where Jordan won the chance to walk out and play on stage against Jonny Clayton who is no less than the World Number 6! Jordan WON his game, hitting a 121, 140, 100 and missing his second D20 to make it tops tops for an 80 checkout. The audience went mad for Jordan and all the professionals came to speak to him to give him words of praise, advice and encouragement in the back room after. This is just brilliant! Well done Jordan we are all very proud of you!



Jordan Preece - 8DY

Music Success

Congratulations to Emma Trinfia in 8SY who recently passed her Grade 4 singing with Merit and also to Amelia Langford in 11AX who got a distinction in her Grade 6 Keyboard exam scoring a whopping 94/100. Well done both of you!



Success Stories

National Karate Kumite Champion - Hattie Jenkins - 9TY

Hattie Jenkins in 9TY recently competed in the National Championships in Sheffield. Hattie is still carrying an injury and is half way through her rehab program! She fought her first fight winning 3 - 0 and rolled the ankle! She fought on regardless, winning her next fight 2 - 0 and her semi final 3 - 0. In the evening she fought her final, winning 2 - 1, scoring her last point to seal the deal in the final second! She is officially the 2025 National Champion! She fights next at a ranking competition in Manchester, then she goes on to Croatia in June, Mexico in August and Italy in December. Her aim is to secure enough ranking points to be selected to fight for the England National Squad at the European Championships early next year. Absolutely AMAZING! Well done Hattie!



Hattie Jenkins - 9TY

Running Success - Layla Williams - 9DY

Well done to Layla Williams in 9DY who took part in the English Cross Country Championships recently. Layla came 91st in the race which was not as good as she wanted, but it was very intense with crowding and she got bottlenecked in unfortunately and found it hard to work back through all the runners. But Layla feels she learned a lot from the experience and we here at Dormston and all her family are very proud of her!



Layla Williams - 9DY

Gymnastic Success - Noel Wilkinson - 7TX

Congratulations to Noel Wilkinson in 7TX who has been with Sandwell Flyers Tumbling squad for 6 months now and has recently been selected for the West Midlands Tumbling Squad and most recently qualified at Lilleshall for the English Silver Championships, which will be held at Telford International this year. His favourite pass at the moment is a round off, whip, flick, flick, flick, full twist! He trains for 9 hours a week as well as his football. This takes a huge amount of dedication not to mention Courage with the tumbling! Well done Noel on your amazing talent!



Noel Wilkinson - 7TX

Dance Success - Sophie Devey - 10AY

Recently, Sophie Devey in 10AY attended her Dance Schools' Annual Dance Awards Evening. Sophie scooped some amazing accolades during the evening including; Ballet - 1st Place, Modern - 1st Place, Annual 2 Dance Award - 1st Place. She was also awarded "Tracy King School of Dance - Dancer Award" for 2024! Sophie's name is now engraved on the Big Shield for years to come. She received this for smashing all of her exams, her attitude, dedication and performance in lessons. Also for giving up her own time every Saturday morning where Sophie is now an Assistant Teacher, helping youngsters starting out on their Dance journeys, just as Sophie did when she was 3 years old! Sophie is an integral part of both Dance Schools, this year entering the Elite Competition team with Synergy, and now studying for NATD Exams in July, Grade 5 Ballet, Intermediate Foundation Modern (Grade 6), Grade 4 Tap, Grade 2 Contemporary and an Annual Award Dance for Lyrical. This is a phenomenal achievement!



Sophie Devey - 10AY



Oscar Evening Success

We held our Annual Oscar Evening before Easter and we just wanted to share some of the photos from this fantastic night. A massive well done to everyone who was invited and for all our parents/carers for coming along. There was live entertainment from Dormston pupils and it was a great evening. A massive thank you also goes to Mr Amos and Mrs Moseley who hosted the evening brilliantly and also to all the many other staff who supported with the show both on the evening and beforehand. It was a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of so many of our brilliant students and we really hope everyone had an enjoyable evening!



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WELL DONE!

CONGRATULATIONS!