

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

GCSE Exam season is now in full swing and our Year 10s are also doing their Mock Exams so it is a busy and important time in school.

This week Year 10 geographers have completed the physical aspect of their Geography Fieldwork observing how the river channel changes downstream. The students were able to see their Geography come to life out in the field identifying some of the key river features we have recently studied in class such as waterfalls, gorges, v shaped valleys and interlocking spurs.

Due to the recent dry period, the river was lower than previous years, but the photos show how much the students were still able to engage with their fieldwork investigations in the river gaining hands-on experience and collect data to be collated for their exams.

Our students were exceptional and both groups were praised by the public for their attitude and politeness.



As part of local VE celebrations we were invited to attend the unveiling of a new war memorial at All-Saints church in Sedgley this week. Nyah Evans and Lucas Pitt in Year 11 attended and Lucas read a commemorative poem beautifully which we have included below. School Assemblies were also held to celebrate this special day.



## **V.E. Day Poem by Patricia Denise Newman**

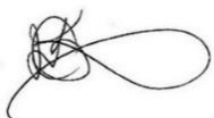
It's over, it's finished, the war has now been won,  
Thank God it's finally ended; finished; over; done!  
we'll no longer hear the sirens as the bombs come falling down,  
no longer hear the aircraft as they fly above the town,  
no longer see the searchlights lighting up the darkened sky,  
or see the burning buildings of the terraces nearby.  
We can hear the people cheering as the bells peal out the news,  
and we gather, dancing in the road, dispelling wartime blues.  
It's victory in Europe - oh such a lovely sound,  
no bombs, no incendiary fires, no more sleeping underground!  
The roads are filled with happy people, celebrating victory,  
the lights are on in every town, such a brilliant sight to see,  
there's bonfires and fireworks, a colourful display,  
we'll sing and dance and drink with cheer until night turns to day.  
We'll not forget the sacrifices made by others in our name,  
they gave their lives so we might live in freedom's sweet domain.  
Their fighting now is ended, rejoice in victory.

We held our Year 7 on-line consultation evening on Thursday and it was great to feedback to so many of our Year 7 parents/carers. Thanks to everyone who made their on-line appointments!

It was another of our 'Sweet Treat Rewards' today which was enjoyed by all!

Also today, some of our Year 10 Music students have attended a performance of 'The Marriage of Figaro' at Birmingham Hippodrome. This will have been the first time lots of these students will have seen a live opera and we hope they have really enjoyed the experience!

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 7 Y Pop Black Country Museum Reward Trip Letter;
- Year 7 X Pop Black Country Museum Reward Trip Letter;
- Year 8 Consultation Evening Letter.

## Events/Reminders

- Year 11 GCSEs - WC Monday 12 May 2025.
- Year 10 Mock Exams - WC Monday 12 May 2025.

## Updates

### PE Extra-Curricular - Summer 1

Please see below our PE Extra-Curricular opportunities that are available to students this summer term.

PE Extra-Curricular Summer 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time
		Netball GYM Year 7-9 Girls.	After school	
After school	After school	After school		
Futsal Year 7 Sportshall Outside staff.	Basketball Rec 7 & 8 GYM Outside staff.	Football Year 7 Boys Astro SCY	Athletics Year 7-9 Field PAS	
Girls Football All Years Sportshall Outside staff.	Football Year 8 Boys Astro JWS	Rounders Field Year 7 & 8- SCY/NAS/RCY	Dance 7-11 Dance studio Outside Staff	
		Year 9 & 10- ILS/PAS	Cricket 7-11 Sports hall NAB/ILS	

### Year 10 Mock Exams Update - A Testament to Maturity and Commitment

We are incredibly proud to share how well our Year 10 pupils have approached their first mock examination. From the outset, they demonstrated a mature and focused attitude, taking this important opportunity to prepare for future assessments seriously and responsibly.

Pupils arrived well-prepared and showed excellent organisation, ensuring they had the materials they needed and arriving promptly to each session. Just as importantly, they conducted themselves with respect for the exam process, following the rules and expectations with great care and consideration.

Staff supervising the exam have repeatedly commented on how exemplary the year group has been. Their calm, respectful behaviour and positive attitude have been a credit to themselves, their families, and to Dormston School.

This strong approach to their mock exams is a promising sign for their continued academic development, and we are confident that they are building a strong foundation for future success.

Thank you for your continued support at home in helping our pupils prepare and stay focused.

## **Congratulations/Well Done**

### **Well Done**

A special well done goes to Alice Miller - 7DX who has recently passed her Grade 4 Singing exam with a Merit!

### **Headteacher Commendations**

George Dupree	Eleanor Millard	Alice Miller	Amelia Parkes-Simpson
Imogen Rose			