

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

On Monday, Miss Lines and Mr Abbas took our Under 15s girls cricket team to Bromsgrove CC to compete in the "CTS tournament". We came a respectable 4th place to some strong and older sides! Player of the tournament was chosen as Lily Perkins - 8AY!



On Thursday during Period 5, selected pupils were invited to the atrium to receive an ice cream reward which was definitely enjoyed by all. Well done to everyone who was nominated for this treat!

Our School Production was officially revealed this week and we are pleased to confirm that next year we will be putting on a production of 'Mama Mia'!

Today our first lesson happened in our new eco garden. It was a Year 7 science lesson on bioaccumulation. We have spotted our first water snail and water boatman in our eco pond today! A massive THANK YOU goes to Mrs Grundy for all her hard work with this!





As always, we love to share our musical talent with you. Here is Amelia Langford's composition which achieved a Grade 9: <https://youtu.be/C0JlKYfhzuI> We also wanted to share a link from Piano Club with you <https://youtu.be/z1bLtYUgrkM> They are both brilliant!

Today our Year 11s had their final normal school day as their 'Study Leave' has now officially begun! This will mean that after half term, Year 11 students are only required to come into school for their actual timetabled exams or for pre-exam revision sessions. As in previous years, some of our Year 7s showed their respect and support to the year group when they left school earlier today by clapping and applauding them! Please see our Year 11 Leavers Letter that was sent out earlier today for further information.

As you are aware, we break up for May Half Term today so students should return to school on Monday 2 June 2025 to a Week 1 Timetable.

Wishing you all a great half term break!

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 11 Update Letter - May 2025;
- Year 11 Leavers Letter - May 2025;
- Year 10 Alton Towers Reward Trip Letter.

## Events/Reminders

- Year 11 GCSE Exams Continue - WC 2 June 2025;
- Year 10 Exams - WC 2 June 2025;
- Year 7 X Pop Black Country Museum Reward Trip - Monday 2 June 2025;
- Year 8 & 9 HPV Vaccination Catch Up Session - Tuesday 3 June 2025;
- New York 2026 Trip 3<sup>rd</sup> Deposit Deadline (£200) - Tuesday 3 June 2025;
- Year 8 Consultation Evening On-line Booking System Opens - Thursday 5 June 2025 at 8.00am;

- Year 10 Citizenship & RS Shrewsbury Prison Trip Payment Deadline - Friday 6 June 2025.

## Updates

### Bookworm Boosters

***"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."* J.K. Rowling**

To encourage our students to read and to foster a love of reading, the PLC & Library offers two after-school book clubs. Both clubs run from 3.10pm - 4.00pm with the aim to provide a fun, relaxed, comfortable and inclusive environment, free from distractions, for the group to read the same book together and share lively debate and discussion along the way. We aim to read a wide range of genres with the result that students often experience reading a book with a theme they wouldn't necessarily have chosen to read independently. Monday's group is currently attended by Year 8 and 9 students and Tuesday's group is currently attended by Year 7 students. However, students from any year group can join either group and are welcome to join at any time during the school year.

It would be lovely if you could encourage your child to start the second half of the summer term by coming along. Students simply need to speak with Mrs Ellsmore in the Pop-up PLC at break or lunchtime to sign up.

***"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."* Groucho Marx.**

It would be fantastic if you (Parents/Carers) would like to set time aside at home to dedicate to read alongside your child to create a mini 'Home Book Club'. The PLC has multiple copies of a variety of titles (including short reads that are written in a dyslexia friendly font) for you and your child to borrow. Other family members can of course join in too! Please phone and ask to speak with Mrs Ellsmore to discuss further, and to work out how we can best accommodate how this would work for you. We will of course support with tips, ideas and guidance throughout.

A final quote to ponder...

***A lot of people ask me if I were shipwrecked and could only have one book, what would it be? I always say, "How to Build a Boat."* Stephen Wright**

Happy Reading!


### DPA Lessons

We are delighted to offer subsidised instrumental music lessons through Dudley Performing Arts at a significantly reduced rate of just £5 per 15-minute group lesson (usually £9). Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium will receive an additional 50% discount. Lessons are available on a wide range of instruments and instrument hire is also available for most options (excluding Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, and Ukulele). To take up this offer, please complete the online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/qTQzjcVNaE> and make the first payment of £70 via ParentPay by Friday 27th June 2025 to secure 14 Autumn term lessons. Further termly payments of £55 will be due in November and March. For more details, please contact Mr Richardson at [arichardson@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:arichardson@dormston.dudley.sch.uk).



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see below information regarding our Extra-Curricular Clubs.

<div>  <h3>Lunchtime Clubs</h3>  </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Year 7 Movie Experience</b> Theatre  <b>Year 7 Gallery Games</b> Gallery  <b>Year 7 - 11 Mindfulness &amp; Colouring Club</b> E1  <b>Football</b> Year 7 - Netball Courts Years 8, 9 & 10 - Astro  <b>Year 10 E-Sports FIFA</b> C101	<b>Year 7 Gallery Games</b> Gallery  <b>Year 7 E-Sports FIFA</b> C101  <b>Year 7 - 11 Mindfulness &amp; Colouring Club</b> E1  <b>Football</b> Year 7 - Netball Courts Years 8 - 11 - Astro  <b>Year 7 - 11 Computing Club</b> A8  <b>Year 7 - 11 Duolingo</b> A13	<b>Year 7 Gallery Games</b> Gallery  <b>All Years - Football</b> Year 7 - Netball Courts Years 9, 10 & 11 - Astro  <b>Year 10 &amp; 11 E-Sports FIFA</b> C101	<b>Year 7 Gallery Games</b> Gallery  <b>Year 7 - 11 Karaoke Club</b> A109  <b>Year 7 - 9 E-Sports FIFA</b> C101  <b>Year 7 - 11 LGBTQ+ Club</b> E1  <b>Year 7 - 11 ECO Club</b> D103  <b>Football</b> Year 7 - Netball Courts Years 8, 9 & 11 - Astro	<b>All Years - Chess Club</b> F4  <b>Year 7 Gallery Games</b> Gallery  <b>Football</b> Year 7 - Netball Courts Years 8 to 10 - Astro

<div>  <h3>After School Clubs</h3>  </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Year 8 &amp; 9 Book Club</b> 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC	<b>Year 7 - 11 Myths &amp; Legends Book Club</b> 3.10pm - 4.10pm PLC  <b>Year 7 Book Club</b> 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC  <b>Year 7 - 11 Drama Club</b> 3.10pm - 4.10pm Drama Studio  <b>Lego Club</b> 3.10pm - 3.45pm *Invitation Only Inclusion Hub	<b>All Years - Piano &amp; Keyboard Club</b> 3.10pm - 4.10pm D106  <b>Summer Art Club</b> 3.10pm - 4.00pm C7	<b>Choir</b> 3.10pm - 4.10pm D106  <b>All Years Science Club</b> 3.10pm - 4.10pm C2  <b>Mindfulness &amp; Colouring Club</b> *Invitation Only 3.10pm - 3.45pm Inclusion Hub	Sorry no Clubs are on today!

**Please note:**  
It is the responsibility of the pupil to inform parents & carers if they are going to attend the activities. The school will not make phone calls home if pupils do not attend the activities after enrolling. If pupils enrol for an activity they should attend every week until the end of the course. If pupils do not attend regularly they will be asked to leave the activity. We operate the activities on a first come/first served basis and sometimes we may have to refuse pupils a place on the activity.

<h3>PE Extra-Curricular</h3> <h4>Summer 2</h4>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time
		<b>Netball</b> GYM Year 7-9 Girls.	<b>After school</b>	
<b>After school</b>	<b>After school</b>	<b>After school</b>	<b>Athletics</b> Year 7-9 Field PAS  <b>Dance</b> 7-11 Dance studio Outside Staff  <b>Cricket</b> 7-11 Sports hall NAB/ILS	
<b>Futsal</b> Year 7 Sportshall Outside staff.  <b>Girls Football</b> All Years Sportshall Outside staff.	<b>Basketball Rec</b> 7 & 8 GYM Outside staff.  <b>Football</b> Year 8 Boys Astro JWS	<b>Football</b> Year 7 Boys Astro SCY  <b>Rounders</b> Field Year 7 & 8- SCY/NAS/RCY  <b>Year 9 &amp; 10- ILS/PAS</b>		

## **Congratulations/Well Done**

### **Headteacher Commendations**

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

George Danks	Ben Eccleston	Oliver Fellows	Fletcher Fullwood
Erin Grice	Jack Harris	Jasmine Holmes	Liam Jukes
Amelia Langford	Lovell McIntosh	Jamie Mills	Isabella Perry
Lucas Pitt	Imogen Rose	Jake Scott	Archer Southall
Samuel Thomas	Quinn Tidman		