

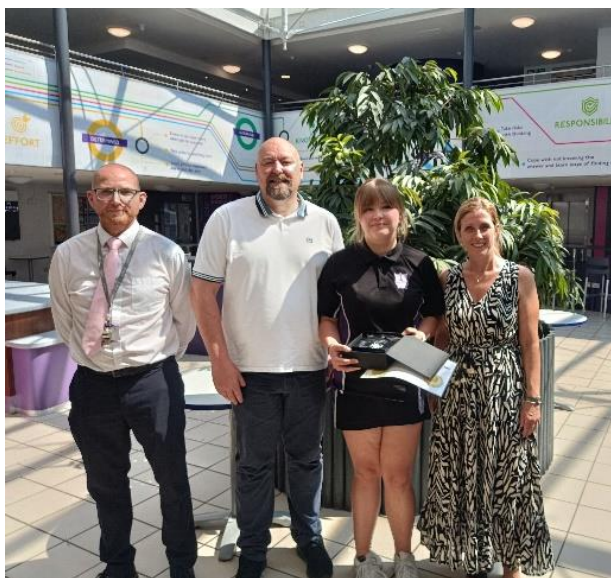
## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

On Wednesday, Mrs Elliott presented our Learner of the Month Award for May 2025 to Ava Mills for her hard work and dedication in Computing.



Mr Parr, Mr Mills, Ava Mills & Mrs Elliott

Our Year 11s also finished their last GCSE exam on Wednesday and they all came along to their Leavers' Assembly today which was great fun and also very emotional! Thanks to Mrs Mescam and Miss Legge for all their hard work in organising this very special event and also thanks to our Catering Team for putting on some very special refreshments. We look forward to seeing Year 11 at their Prom on Thursday!





As part of the assembly Mrs Mescam and Miss Legge read out a poem to Year 11, which we would like to share with you all.

*It probably seems just like yesterday  
Your Year 7 journey began  
New friendships, new teachers, new subjects  
And as yet, no sign of fake tan!*

*Bickering, squabbling and moaning  
and that's just us teachers to start  
Your friendships developed real slowly  
But now they're engrained in your heart*

*So it's time to say farewell to Dormston  
For some of you, this leaves you scared  
But never forget all your time here  
And the people around you who cared*

*As you leave us today off to college  
Be strong. Be steadfast. Be kind  
Be headstrong, caring and happy  
And take all the chances you find*

Just a reminder that GCSE results day for Year 11 pupils will be on Thursday 21 August 2025. School will be open for pupils to collect their exam results between 9.00am and 11.00am. Pupils must collect their exam results in person. If a pupil cannot attend results day for any reason then someone else (parent/family member/friend) can pick them up on their behalf but ONLY if we have received a letter written by the pupil and the person collecting has ID. Results will be available on GO4Schools however we cannot guarantee what time they will be available from - at the latest Friday 22 August 2025. Careers advice will be available for pupils on this day if needed.

Best wishes.

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

**Mrs Sutton**  
**Headteacher**

## **Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently**

- Year 7 - 10 Parents/Carers Sports Day 2025 Letter;
- Year 7 - 10 Parents/Carers - Safeguarding Assemblies Letter;
- Year 9 Art Exhibition Trip Letter *\*Selected Year 9 Parents/Carers*

- Year 9 RAF Cosford Trip Letter *\*Selected Year 9 Parents/Carers*

## Events/Reminders

- Year 8 Exams - WC Monday 23 June 2025;
- Year 10 UCAS Fair Trip - Tuesday 23 June 2025; *\*Selected Year 10 students only*
- Year 10 Citizenship & RS Shrewsbury Prison Trip - Wednesday 24 June 2025 at 8.30am - 3.30pm;
- Year 11 Prom - Thursday 26 June 2025;
- Year 9 RAF Cosford Trip - Friday 27 June 2025 *\*Selected Year 9 students only.*

## Updates

### Year 11 Uniform & Revision Guide Donations

We are welcoming any Uniform or Revision Guide donations from Year 11. Any donations can be handed in to Main Reception. Thank you!

### Sporting Fixtures

Just to remind parents/carers that unfortunately when playing sporting fixtures at home, no parents/carers can watch the games within the boundaries of the school premises. This also applies to the visiting schools.

### Bookworm Boosters - Inter-school Book Quiz

Students in KS3 are invited to be part of 'Team Dormston' and compete against other schools in a book quiz. Participating schools will be entering two teams of 6 students. Students will each read the chosen 5 books and answer the questions as a team. The quiz will be on Monday morning of 20 October 2025. Students must see Mrs Ellsmore ASAP to sign up and start reading.

### Dudley Performing Arts - Open Mic Sessions

Please see below message from DPA we have been asked to share with you.

*Dear Parent/Carer,*

*We have now opened the enrolment for our 'Open Mic' sessions at Mary Stevens Park on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. Come and join our first Open Mic day at Mary Stevens Park celebrating live music. We welcome young people from very beginners to those who have been learning for a while to come and play whatever style or piece of music they choose. The Open Mic will take place in one of the sheltered areas across from the main bandstand stage and alternate between the DPA ensemble performances. If you've never experienced one before, an open mic event is highly informal and gives the opportunity for people to perform whatever they want, to an audience of other musicians, families and friends. Our Children's Open Mic will be exactly that but just for children and young people who live in the borough of Dudley. We will be able to provide an accompanist if needed or help with tech if performing with backing tracks. There is no charge to take part, no ticket costs – just come along, bring family, friends and enjoy a full music day in the park.*

*Click here to register and we will be in touch.*

#### **OPEN MIC 6th JULY**

Please see below for further information about the full event on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Summer Music Festival, July 6th 2025, Mary Stevens Park Stourbridge**

We are really looking forward to our big outdoor event on Sunday July 6th at Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge. We hope you can come along, maybe bring a picnic, enjoy an ice cream and support the groups. The running order for the day is at the bottom of this email.

There is no need to buy tickets or programmes but the 'Friends of Dudley Performing Arts' will be on hand to help and raise some funds to support the event. All of the ensemble performances will take place on the bandstand and performers are to report to the sign in area

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(gazebo behind the bandstand) 30 minutes before they are due to play. After each group has played students are to be collected from the same place after which you are free to enjoy the park and the rest of the festival. NB – Dudley Performing Arts staff will not be able to supervise children after they have performed.

As we are performing outside, and hopefully enjoying the nice weather and a picnic, please wear whatever you like to perform in. However, do bear in mind that you will be performing in public so avoid wearing anything that might be considered inappropriate. In the event that we have to make a significant change due to the weather we will communicate with you via email and on our facebook feeds. There are small car parks onsite but parking will be limited so please keep this in mind. We are really looking forward to be playing in the park again this year. If you have questions please get in touch or please see our website where further information about this event will be found.

Time	DPA Ensembles
10:30	Junior Keyboards
10:55	Intermediate Keyboards
11:20	Senior Keyboards
11:45	Junior Guitars
12:05	Intermediate Guitars
12:25	Senior Guitars
12:50	Come and Play Guitars
13:10	Pulse
13:30	Good Vibes
13:50	Come and Play Vocal
14:10	Reverb
14:30	Stage Struck
14:55	Come and Play Strings
15:15	Concert Strings
15:35	Upbeat Strings
15:55	Youth Strings
16:20	Come and Play Wind and Brass
16:40	Concert Wind
17:00	Upbeat Wind
17:20	Youth Wind

## Summer Wellbeing

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## WELLBEING

### 7 WAYS TO KEEP YOUNG CHILDREN SAFE IN SUMMER

**1 SUPERVISION**

Know where your children are. Watch young children all the time around water as they can drown in less than 2 inches (6 centimetres).

**2 WATER SAFETY**

If you take children swimming, go somewhere with a lifeguard. Install secure fencing, at least 4 feet high, around ponds.

**3 KEEP COOL**

Keep children cool during hot weather. Play in a shaded paddling pool. Run a cool bath before bedtime. Keep your child's bedroom cool during the day by closing blinds or curtains and using a fan facing away from your child. Keep nightwear and bedclothes to a minimum. Monitor the temperature of your baby's room. You should aim for their room to be between 16C (61F) and 20C (68F), ideally 18C.

**4 DON'T COVER PRAMS**

Do not use a blanket or sheet to drape over a pram or pushchair. This will make them hotter and lead to overheating. You can use a clip-on sunshade or parasol on a pram or buggy.

**5 HEAT EXHAUSTION**

If a child feels unwell, dizzy, irritable, faint, tired, very thirsty, or if they have painful muscle spasms when the weather is hot, this could be a sign of heat exhaustion. Take them to a cool place and give them plenty of water. If they don't cool down in 30 minutes call NHS 111 or, in an emergency, 999.

**6 KEEP DRINKING**

Babies and young children need to drink plenty to avoid becoming dehydrated (when your body does not have enough water as it needs). Diluted fruit juice, ice, fruit and salads can help to boost fluids. Watch out for the signs of dehydration, which include feeling thirsty, dark yellow urine and dizziness.



**7 SKIN PROTECTION**

Teach your children to be sun smart. Reapply sunscreen frequently, at least factor 30, especially if they are getting wet. Wear UV sunglasses, sun hats and protective clothing. Keep in the shade, particularly between 11am – 3pm.



For more advice go to  
[www.dudley.gov.uk/summerwellbeing](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/summerwellbeing) or  
[www.healthydudley.co.uk/starting-well/summer-safety](http://www.healthydudley.co.uk/starting-well/summer-safety)





## Foster Carers

Dudley MBC are looking to recruit foster carers across the Dudley Borough. Foster care plays a vital part in so many children's and young people's lives. In Dudley, the need for foster carers is greater than ever. Please see the attached leaflet regarding taking the first steps into becoming a foster carer.



**We foster...**

**YOU can too**

Dudley Council needs new foster carers - have you got what it takes?

**Fostering in Dudley offers a rewarding career,**  
training, guidance and 24 hour support 365 days a year

**Visit our website for more information  
and drop-in session dates**

[www.fosteringindudley.org.uk](http://www.fosteringindudley.org.uk)  
call **01384 815833**  
or email [fosteringrecruitment@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringrecruitment@dudley.gov.uk)

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**Dudley Council's fostering service is looking for new foster carers to provide homes for looked after children in the borough.**

It's easy to find out more on our website [www.fosteringindudley.org.uk](http://www.fosteringindudley.org.uk) or we're always happy to have a chat over the phone or at one of our drop in sessions.

The team is interested in hearing from anyone who has an interest in fostering children of any age, but in particular from people who would consider caring for teenagers, children with disabilities or those who could take more than one child so brothers and sisters can stay together.

To find out more visit [www.fosteringindudley.org.uk](http://www.fosteringindudley.org.uk)  
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