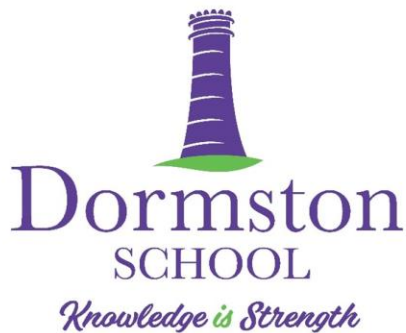


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ALL PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Parent/Carers

I would just like to say on behalf of myself, staff and students a huge thank you for all your help and support for everything we do here at Dormston.

As always in school, everything moves at such a pace and this year has been no exception. There have been so many highlights that I am not quite sure where to start!

For me personally, taking Year 7 to the Black Country Museum was just fantastic. Watching some of our Year 8 and 9 Brilliant Club students graduate from Manchester University, Year 11's resilience and maturity throughout their GCSE year and seeing so many students across the year groups get involved with our school production of 'Grease' were just so inspiring.

The move from Houses to Years has really improved communication within school and between home and school. The implementation of 'no mobile phones' in order to improve engagement in learning has been really welcomed by students. Our Student Council have fed back to us to say that they feel able to prioritise their learning without the distraction of their phones. I am really pleased by the maturity of our students' response to our approach on such an emotive topic.

As the summer approaches we are sadly saying goodbye to some key staff. We wish them well in their new roles. Special mentions must go to Mrs Harding who after 23 years at Dormston is retiring. Mrs Gamble, Business Manager who after 18 years at Dormston is embarking on a new business venture. Mrs Mason, our Pastoral Secretary will also be leaving us after almost 16 years! Finally, Mr Craig, our Chair of Governors, who has navigated Dormston from a 'Special Measures' to a 'Good' School over the last 12 years. His national work with Governance means that he is unable to continue as our Chair.

Also leaving us is Mrs Cattell, Mr Knight and Mrs Evans who are all off to pastures new. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing them all well in their new ventures.

Miss Watts, Miss Beechey and Ms Garbett all tie the knot over the summer and will return as Mrs Hughes, Mrs McGann and Mrs Smith in September.

September will be here before we know it, so please can I remind you to notify us of any changes in personal details so that our records are all up to date.

With regards uniform, attached is an up to date uniform poster, I need to stress the expectation regarding school skirts. Skirts must be of an appropriate length and material.



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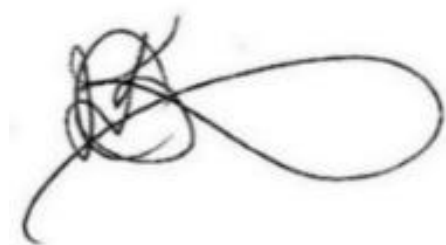
This term too many skirts have been too short and not of the correct material. School uniform is designed for functionality and not fashion and consequently will be challenged in September.

In this vein, I will be looking to phase out PE skorts from September 2026 and so if you are looking to purchase new PE kit over the summer please purchase shorts rather than a skort.

I am so proud of what your children have achieved here at Dormston this year. Whether that be academically, socially, musically, sportingly. If they have attained more positives than last year, less negatives, if their attendance has improved, if they have taken part in a new club, had a go at roller skating, experienced something new – all of these things are education.

I wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Your very proud Headteacher.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Key Dates:

- Thursday 21 August 2025 - 9.00am to 11.00am. Collection of GCSE/BTEC Results. Year 11 Only;
- Tuesday 2 September 2025 - Year 7 Only;
- Wednesday 3 September 2025 - All Year Groups Return.