

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

It's been another great week in school! We held our 'Year 10 Work Experience Launch' on Wednesday where Mrs Downie, Year 10 Year Leader, was also present to talk about key information for Year 10. Thank you to all our parents/carers who came along to this event. The Welcome to Year 10 information that was shared at this evening has now been emailed out to all Year 10 parents/carers.

On Thursday we held our 'Welcome to Year 11 Evening' and the turnout was fantastic! There was a great atmosphere at the event and lots of important information was shared!

In my end of term letter, I wrote to you to ask for your support in ensuring school skirts were of a suitable length and material. A reminder that school skirts should be trutex grey, knee length and not of jersey stretch material. If in doubt please contact your child's Year Leader to confirm expectations. If skirts are not appropriate students will be challenged and home contacted. School are always willing to support families struggling to provide the correct uniform. A reminder that trousers are part of the school uniform for all students.

Thanks for all the donations of #Pre-Loved Uniform over the summer. Due to the overwhelming amount donated, FoDC are not taking any further donations until further notice.

Best wishes.

**Mrs Sutton**  
**Headteacher**

### Events/Reminders

- Year 11D Citizenship Court Trip - Monday 15 September 2025 at 8.40am - 1.30pm;
- Year 11 Triple Science Morning Revision - Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 7.30am in B2.
- Year 11E Citizenship Court Trip - Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 8.40am - 1.30pm;
- Year 11E Sealife Centre Textiles Trip - Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 9.30am - 3.00pm
- Year 11F Citizenship Court Trip - Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 8.40am - 1.30pm;
- Year 11F Sealife Centre Textiles Trip - Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 9.30am - 3.00pm;
- Years 9 - 11 Success in Science Evening - Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 6.00pm;
- Year 10 RS Trip to Coventry Cathedral MS Forms Permission Deadline - Friday 19 September 2025;
- Year 10 DoF Expedition - Friday 19 September 2025 & Saturday 20 September 2025.

## Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- Year 7 GO4Schools Launch Letter;
- Year 9 Update Letter - September 2025;
- Year 9 - 11 Success in Science Parent/Carer Workshop Letter.
- Year 10 Religious Studies Coventry Cathedral Trip Letter;
- Year 10 - Welcome to KS3 Information;
- Year 11 Citizenship Wolverhampton Court Trip Letter;
- KS4 English Newsletter - September 2025;

## Updates

### Anti-Bullying Update

We are proud to share the latest developments in our school's commitment to anti-bullying. Our Executive Student Leadership Team and Peer Mentors have now completed their anti-bullying training and can be easily identified around school by their blue anti-bullying badges. In addition, this week every member of staff and all pupils have signed our Anti-Bullying Pledge. This pledge represents our collective commitment to building a safe, supportive and respectful school environment, where kindness and empathy are at the heart of everything we do. Together, we are taking a strong stand to prevent bullying and ensure the well-being of all members of our school community.

### Scientific Calculator

As part of their equipment list, all pupils are required to have a scientific calculator with them. Unfortunately, at the moment this is not the case for some of our students and this could impact on their learning and progress if not rectified as soon as possible, as they cannot access some of the key learning points without one. Please can you support us by ensuring your child has this vital piece of equipment and brings it to school with them. You will shortly receive a letter with further details on how you can purchase a calculator from school should your child require one. We recommend for our 5-year curriculum a Casio fx-83GT X. The Maths Department welcomes the use of other models of scientific calculator, however, please note that both staff and students are more proficient in using the Casio model.

### Attention School Rock Bands!

Ready to take your band to the next level?

Dudley Performing Arts has brand new rehearsal rooms and they're built for serious sound. Whether you're practicing for your next gig or just jamming with your mates, our fully equipped spaces are the perfect place to rehearse like pros. DPA staff will be on hand to mentor your band and jump in if you need an extra part.

Each rehearsal space includes:

- Drum kits;
- Amps;
- Microphones;
- Keyboards.

Where? Cable Plaza, Waterfront West, Brierley Hill, DY5 1LW.

When? Every Thursday (term time) 5.15pm - 7.15pm.

Bring your energy, your instruments and your passion for music. Spaces are limited, so book now!

To enrol simply click on the QR code or link and complete the Microsoft form. We will be in touch once we receive your completed form.

**[Rock Band Sign Up](#)**



## **'The Band' - Wednesday 8 October to Saturday 11 October 2025**

WBOS is extremely proud to present..... 'The Band' a new musical with music from 'Take That' at The Dormston Mill Theatre Sedgley on Wednesday 8 October to Saturday 11 October 2025 at 7.30pm for evening performances and there is also a 2.30pm Saturday matinee performance. "The Band" is a crowd-pleasing musical that delivers a fun and nostalgic experience, particularly for 'Take That' fans. It offers a feel - good night out with plenty of singalong moments and impressive staging.

### **Ticket prices:**

£18.00 - Wednesday - Thursday.

£20.00 - Friday - Saturday.

Concession - £3.00 less for 16 and under and 60 and over.

Groups over 10 an extra £2.00 discount per ticket.

Tickets obtainable from: <https://cas5-0->

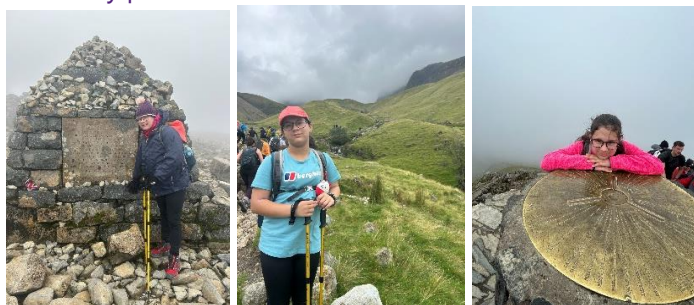
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Ticket hotline 07970 279728

## **Congratulations/Well Done**

### **Ellie-Mae Norwood - 8TY- Three Peaks Success**

Dormston would like to give huge congratulations to Ellie-Mae Norwood - 8TY for her incredible achievement over the summer holidays. After sadly losing her grandma to cancer a few years ago, she decided to take on the challenge of raising money for Cancer Research completely off her own back. Over the course of three months, she climbed all three of the UK's national peaks – Snowdon in June, Scafell Pike in July and finally Ben Nevis in August – raising over £500 for such an important cause. This shows not only her determination and resilience but also her kindness and compassion in turning a personal loss into something so positive. We are extremely proud of her! Well done Ella!!



**Headteacher Commendations**

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

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| Dylan Turner |  |  |  |
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