

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Our Netball Teams have been smashing it yet again! Please see results below:

Ellowes:

- Year 9s won 9 - 4. Player of the Match was Emily Ball - 9DY
- Year 8s won 17 - 2. Player of the Match was Ruby Baker - 8AY

Pegasus:

- Year 9s won 16 - 0. Player of the Match was Emily Ball - 9DY
- The Year 10s won 27 - 2. Player of the Match was Millie Tatton - 10TY

Wombourne:

- Year 10s won 9 - 1. Player of the Match was Lucie Lakin - 10TY.



It's been 'Kindness Week' in school this week which has been led by Mrs Williams. We have been focusing on spreading kindness and fostering a happier, more positive school community. Pupils have been encouraged to recognise that every small act of kindness makes a difference - whether that's helping a classmate with homework, including someone new at breaktime, or simply offering a friendly smile. Each form group was

challenged to complete as many acts of kindness as possible and record them in their Kindness Bucket. The aim being to fill these buckets with examples of thoughtful and supportive behaviour throughout the week!

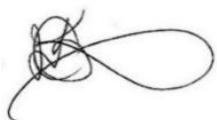
Pupils were also invited to design a Kindness Poster to promote positive behaviour and kindness around the school. All participants will receive a positive point for RESPECT. Winners, will be selected by the Executive Student Leadership Team, and will receive a Year Leader Commendation (worth 5 points) and a small prize in recognition of their efforts. To support pupil wellbeing, we also ran Mindfulness Colouring sessions in C102 at lunchtime on Thursday and Friday. These sessions provided an opportunity for pupils to pause, reflect, and focus on their thoughts and feelings in a calm, non-judgemental environment. We are really proud of how our pupils continue to show empathy, respect, and compassion for others. Thank you for supporting us in promoting kindness across our school community.

On Thursday we had our Year 7 - 11 Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session. Thanks to all our parents/carers who consented for their child to receive the vaccine. A special thanks goes to Mrs Thompson and Ms Harris for all their hard work in supporting with the mammoth task of these vaccinations!

Today has been World Mental Health Day and we showed our support by participating in YoungMinds 'Hello Yellow' campaign. This has been a popular pupil led initiative that helps to encourage togetherness, create conversation and increase awareness of mental health. We encouraged as many students and staff as possible to wear a token yellow item of clothing such as socks, a badge or hair slide, to show support. We also sold cakes and put on some events over lunchtime to support wellbeing. The issue of Mental Health for young people continues to be one of growing concern. We now have a group of pupils who are our Mental Health Ambassadors and they are asked to pass on relevant information to form groups every month. We encourage any pupil with concerns to speak to a member of staff within school, and we offer a range of support through our pastoral system. In case of emergencies we would like to signpost people to our website where there is information regarding a number of services that can give help.

All students also had PSHE during period 2 & 3 today which is also an integral part of their learning journey with us so please do speak to them about what they learnt.

Don't forget it is our Open Evening on Thursday 16 October 2025 from 6.00pm till 8.00pm so we will be closing at the earlier time of 1.30pm. Any students who require Free School Meals will be able to collect a lunch before they leave.



Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Events/Reminders

- Open Evening - Thursday 16 October 2025 ***Early Close of 1.30pm;**
- Year 7 Ross Montgomery Author Visit - Friday 17 October 2025 - Period 5;
- Year 10 & 11 Art & Textiles Trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens - Friday 17 October 2025.

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- All Parents/Carers - October/November Monthly Update Sheet;
- Inter-School Book Quiz Trip Letter; **Selected students only;*
- Year 8 Consultation Evening Letter & Appointment Booking Guidance;
- Year 10 Revision Cards Letter;
- Year 11 & 10 MFL Revision Guides Letter;
- Year 11 GCSE After School Art Sessions Letter.

Updates

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunchtime & After School Extra-Curricular (None PE)

Please see below our Lunchtime & After School Extra-Curricular None PE Timetable for Autumn 1.

 After School Clubs 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 9 Book Club 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC	Year 8 Book Club 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC Year 7 - German Club 3.10pm - 4.10pm A13 Year 7 - 9 Lego Club <i>*Invitation Only</i> 3.10pm - 3.45pm Inclusion Hub	Year 7 - 9 Dance Club 3.10pm - 4.10pm Dance Studio Year 7 Book Club 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC Year 7 - 9 Mindful Colouring Club <i>*Invitation Only</i> 3.10pm - 3.45pm Inclusion Hub	All Years Choir 3.10pm - 4.10pm D106 Years 7 - 8 Uno Club 3.10pm - 3.55pm A6 Year 7 - 9 Karaoke Club <i>*Invitation Only</i> 3.10pm - 3.45pm Inclusion Hub	Year 7 - 9 Book Club 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC
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.				

 Lunchtime Clubs 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 E-Sports FIFA C101 Friendship Club Inclusion Hub	Year 8 & 9 E-Sports FIFA C101 All Years Cyber Explorers A8 Friendship Club Inclusion Hub	Year 10 & 11 E-Sports FIFA C101 Friendship Club Inclusion Hub	Year 8 & 9 E-Sports FIFA C101 Friendship Club Inclusion Hub	Year 10 & 11 E-Sports FIFA C101 Friendship Club Inclusion Hub

PE Extra-Curricular Lunchtime & After School Clubs

Please see below our PE Extra-Curricular Timetable for Autumn 1.

PE Extra-Curricular Autumn 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time
Cricket Club Pupils Sportshall NAB & ILS	Badminton 7-9 Sportshall NBE & ILS	After school	Badminton 10 & 11 Sportshall NBE & ILS	After school
After school	After school	Basketball 7-11 Sports Hall RCL	After school	Football Year 11 Astro NBE
Girls Football 7-11 Astro Outside staff.	Football Year 9 Astro JWS	Football Year 7 Astro SCY	Football Year 10 Astro PAS	
	Netball 8-11 Sportshall ILS	Rugby 7-11 Field NBE	Football Year 8 Field NBE	
			Netball Year 7 Sportshall ILS	

DPA High School Choir



Congratulations/Well Done Headteacher Commendations

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

Kyi Humphries	Hattie Jenkins	Jasdeep Kalsi	Logan Harrison-Bowen
Tunuj Parmar			