

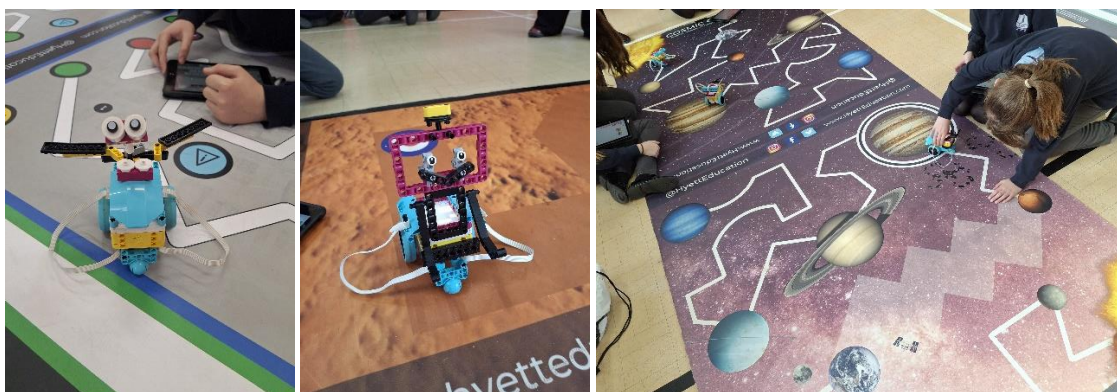
Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

This week has been National Careers Week and all year groups have had assemblies or events on a variety of topics such as employability skills, self-reflection and careers true or false. Year 7 took part in a Robotics and STEM Workshop on Monday and Tuesday with the RAF where they built and coded robots. They had a fabulous time and did some wonderful creations. Year 8 took part in the National Careers Challenge where they had to design and pitch a new airplane for British Airways and consider things like unique selling point, target destinations and price points. Winners of this will be announced next week. Well done to all groups! A special thanks goes to Ms Froggatt and Mrs English for all their hard work with Careers this week.



On Wednesday, I presented our Learner of the Month for February 2026 to Reece Oakley - 11SX for his outstanding commitment to the school's core values. As always, this was a very special occasion and remains one of my favourite things to do in school.



On Thursday, Year 7 were invited to the theatre to participate in the World Book Day Assembly led by Mrs Barley and Mrs Ellsmore. Throughout the hour, pupils were treated to games of guessing a "Shelfie" of books, 'The Masked Reader' and had readings from Mrs Evans, Mr Fox, Mrs Williams and several Year 7 pupils; Robyn

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Hall, Isla Ringham and others who had volunteered. It was a wonderful atmosphere and a great start to the World Book Day celebrations around school. A particular highlight was Mr Fox's reading (or should we say Gandalf's?) of Lord of the Rings - treading the boards as though he was facing the Balrog himself! Staff also got dressed up for the day, which was great fun to see! A huge thank you to all staff and students involved, what a lovely way to mark World Book Day 2026.



Best wishes.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- All Parents/Carers - 'School Wars' Safeguarding Notice;
- All Parents/Carers - 'School Wars' Update Letter;
- All Parents/Carers - March/April 2026 Monthly Update Sheet;
- Year 8 Parents/Carers - Year 8 PSHE Notification Letter;
- Ski Trip X Letter - March 2026;
- Carmina Buran Concert Letter **Selected students only.*

Events/Reminders

- Year 11 Assessment Week 2 - WC 9 March 2026;
- PHSE - Tuesday 10 March 2026;
- Year 9 Consultation On-line Booking System Closes - Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 3.00pm;
- Year 9 Face to Face Consultation Evening - Thursday 12 March 2026 from 3.30pm.

Updates

Could You Foster for Dudley?

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Water Bottle Reminder

Just a reminder that students should be coming to school with water bottles which can be filled up during social times from our water fountains. Free squash is also available from the River Café at social times. It is the expectation that students fill up their water bottles during social times as they will not be allowed out of lesson in order to do do this.

FoDC School Production/Easter Raffle

If you fancy winning some super market shopping vouchers of your choice to make Easter that extra bit special, why not have a go on FoDC School Production/Easter Raffle. Winners will be announced WC 16 March 2026. Tickets are £1.00 and available on ParentPay now.

Dudley Youth Justice Service

Lisa Smith, Behaviour and Welfare Lead, would like to extend her sincere thanks to Max and Katie from the Dudley YJ Team for the outstanding intervention programme they have delivered to our Year 10 cohort of boys. The programme has been delivered to an exceptionally high standard and has been both engaging and interactive throughout. The students have responded extremely positively to the sessions, clearly benefiting from the practical approach and open discussions that Max and Katie have facilitated. Katie was already known to Dormston School from her previous role, and it has been an absolute pleasure to welcome her back. Her ability to build strong, professional relationships with the students has been invaluable. Although Max has not worked with Dormston for a few years, his depth of knowledge and expertise in this field has been evident in every session. Together, they have created a safe and purposeful environment that has encouraged reflection and positive change. Students ask Ms Smith on a weekly basis when the intervention is taking place, which is a testament to its impact. Ms Smith is also pleased to report that behaviour from the boys has been excellent. Thank you both for your dedication and commitment.



Congratulations/Well Done

Headteacher Commendations

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

Amelia Parkes-Simpson			
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