

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

It's been a busy, but fantastic last week of the Spring Term with so much going on!

Our Silver DofE students returned on Tuesday after taking part in a practice expedition that started on Sunday! Gecko were blown away with how brilliant our students were and they were singing their praises throughout the three days of the expedition. The group were lucky enough to stay dry, even though they had two very cold nights! We are super proud of all of them. If they continue the same on their real expedition we are sure they will pass with flying colours! Big thank you to Mrs Pajaj and Miss Dolan for giving up their time and to Mr Fox for all his continued hard work in the background with the lead up to it. We will hopefully share some pictures with you in our next Monthly Update Sheet.

This week we have been very proud to see so many students and families contributing to The Dormston School's donations to the Black Country Foodbank. Our students have embodied our core value of respect and responsibility, with thanks to our parents and carers. These contributions will be sent to Dudley's food hub whereby many local people benefit from the services they provide. The winning year group were entered into a raffle whereby 5 Easter Eggs will be issued to the students before the end of the day. On behalf of Miss Legge, School Council and The Dormston School, we thank you again for your contributions.



Congratulations to our Year 8 Netball Team who recently won 13 - 2 against Beacon Hill!



The staff band and pupils have been rehearsing 3 songs this half term. They performed the songs in the atrium this morning as pupils entered school. The songs were Come Together, Lean on Me and Somewhere Only We Know. Soloists were Billy Tinsley, Annabelle Amogu, Joe Downen and Daisy Wilkinson. Thanks to all the staff and pupils who gave up their time to pull this together.



Here are the recordings which are also available on our YouTube channel.

Lean on Me <https://youtu.be/P6YPxwg3-YI>

Come Together <https://youtu.be/kvSgwCJ0GKU>

Somewhere Only We Know  
<https://youtu.be/arXrOBiQSI4>

Today we also held our 'Easter and Culture Celebration Day'. This is in line with 'British Values' to celebrate mutual tolerance and respect of faiths and religions. We had a huge whole school Easter Egg hunt which was great fun! Students were also able to dress in clothes that represented their cultures and there was a range of activities at lunchtime including singing, hair braiding, Bhangra dancing and henna design! Alongside this, traditional fish & chips were served, alongside other snacks from a range of backgrounds. This was a wonderful event to celebrate our rich cultural heritage and enjoy a wide range of festivities. A massive THANK YOU goes to Mrs Downie who organised this celebration!



Also on Friday, I got to present our Learner of the Month Award to Hollie Halford - 10TY for her commitment and dedication to Sport and PE. As always, this was just fantastic and we are all very proud of Hollie.



Our Ski trip departed at lunchtime today which was very exciting. We wish them all a safe and enjoyable trip and look forward to updating you with how it went after Easter.

As you know, we break up today for the Easter Holidays. Student should return to school on Monday 13 April 2026 to a Week 1 Timetable.

Don't forget that when we return after Easter students will be able to wear their Summer Polo shirts if they wish to.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break!

Best wishes.

Handwritten signature of Mrs Sutton

**Mrs Sutton**  
**Headteacher**

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

- All Parents/Carers - Easter and Cultural Celebration Day Letter;
- Oscar Awards Evening Invitation Letter *\*Selected Parents/Carers*
- Year 11 Religious Studies Easter Holiday Booster Session Letter;
- Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions & Forthcoming GCSEs Letter;
- Year 10 Geography Parents/Carers - Carding Mill Valley Trip Letter;
- Year 10 Consultation Evening Letter & Booking Guidance;
- Silver DofE Award Assessed Expedition Letter;
- Carmina Burana Performance Update Letter.

## Updates

### 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.

## Congratulations/Well Done

### Headteacher Commendations

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

Oakley Evans	Kian Fellows-Purcell	Logan Hollinshead	Alex Turner
Max Whitehouse			