

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

We hope you all had a great Easter break. It was lovely to welcome students back to what is the start of our Summer Term. As you know, students can now wear their summer polos if they wish to.

On Monday, we held Reset Assemblies with all year groups where they were reminded of our expectations for the term ahead. We are all focussed on being the best version of ourselves to support Year 11s as they start their exams. On Tuesday, some of our Year 10s were treated to talk from Cambridge and Oxford University which was fantastic!

On Wednesday evening our Parent and Pupil Book Club met which was a lovely hour spent talking about the book they have read - *Evenfall: The Golden Linnet*, an adventure/fantasy by Alexander Armstrong. Parents/Carers and their children have been reading the book together and it was so enjoyable for the group to listen to their thoughts on the book (and other books they have been reading too). Thank you to all our parents/carers who are taking part, for their commitment and enthusiasm. The book they are now going to read is the inspiring story of William Kamkwamba - *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* (which incidentally is currently a stage production in London). They plan to then meet on Wednesday 24 June 2026 to discuss this. New members are still very welcome to join. If you would like to take part, please ask your child to pop to the PLC for copies of either *Evenfall* or *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, or contact Mrs. Ellmore in the PLC.

On Thursday, we held our Roll of Honour presentation. As you may know, each year 4 or 5 students are chosen to have their name etched in gold on our Roll of Honour Board. This year Divine Adebayo-James, Dylan Davis, Liam Jukes, Lucas Pitt and Amelia Smith were chosen from Class of 2025 due to their hard work and dedication during their time at The Dormston School. As always, there wasn't a dry eye in the house as we celebrated their outstanding achievements alongside their families and their primary schools. The winning department this year was Religious Studies! Well done Mr Mac and his team!

Our MFL French speaking exams started on Thursday and I am pleased to share that these have been going well. Don't forget that Friday 24 April 2026 is INSET, so we will be closed to students on this day. Students should return to school on Monday 27 April 2026 to a Week 1 timetable.

Good luck to all our Silver DofE students who will be undertaking their Silver DofE Assessment expedition next Friday, Saturday and Sunday! Good luck also to our school choir who will be performing at the Carmina Burana Concert at St John's Church next Saturday!

Best wishes.

Mrs Sutton

Headteacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- All Parents/Carers - Well-Being for All Sheet - April 2026;
- Bronze DofE Practice Expedition Letter, Kit List & Food Ideas;
- Silver DofE Assessed Expedition Letter.

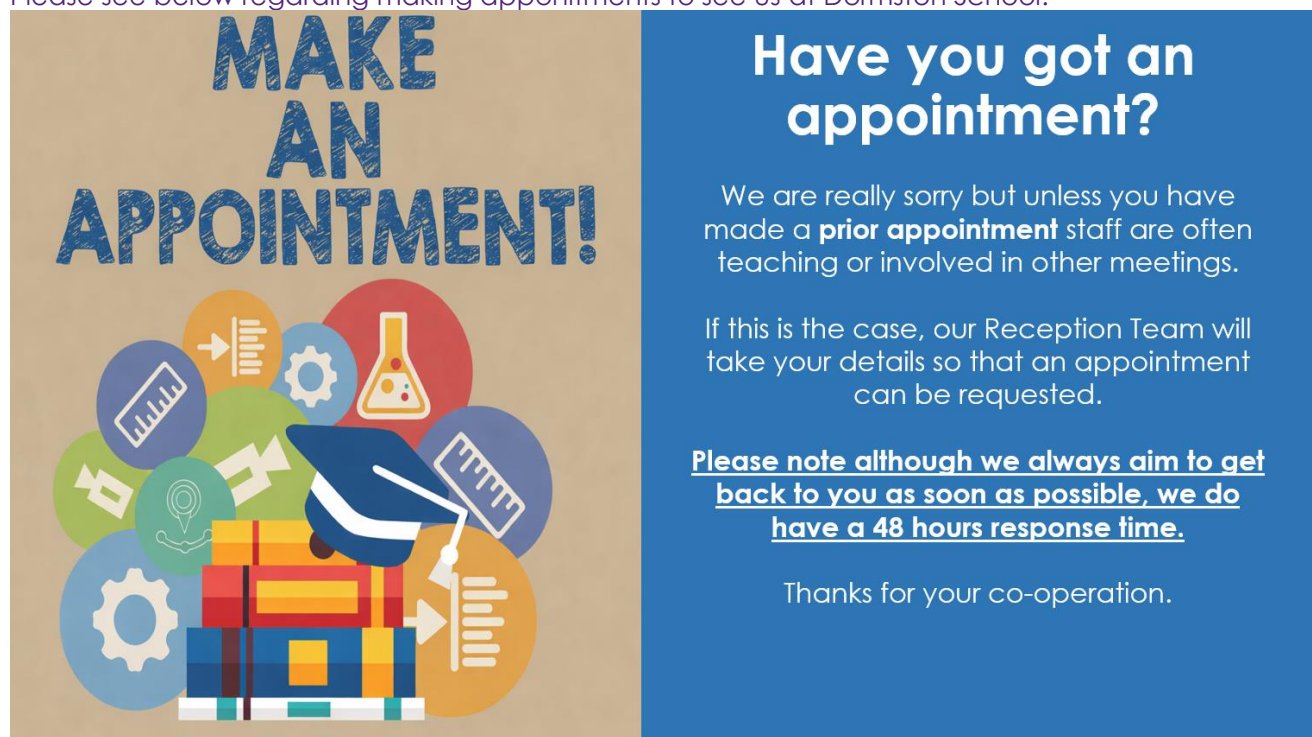
Events/Reminders

- Year 10 Keel University Trip - Wednesday 22 April 2026;
- Year 10 Consultation Evening Booking System Closes - Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 3.00pm;
- Year 10 On-line Consultation Evening - Thursday 23 April 2026;
- INSET - Friday 24 April 2026 ***SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS;**
- Silver DofE Assessment Expedition - Friday 24 April 2026;
- School Choir Carmina Buruna Concert - St John's Church - Saturday 25 April 2026.

Updates

Making Appointments

Please see below regarding making appointments to see us at Dormston School.



Have you got an appointment?

We are really sorry but unless you have made a **prior appointment** staff are often teaching or involved in other meetings.

If this is the case, our Reception Team will take your details so that an appointment can be requested.

Please note although we always aim to get back to you as soon as possible, we do have a 48 hours response time.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Risk Assessments for Physical Injuries

If your child sustains a physical injury which will impede their mobility around school it is really important that a Risk Assessment takes place **before** they return to school. **As a parent/carers you will need to accompany your child to school for this Risk Assessment meeting.** Where possible, please ensure you contact the school in advance so that an appointment can be made for the Risk Assessment meeting to take place. Please be aware that sometimes members of staff who are qualified to do this Risk Assessment for you are not always instantly available if you just turn up at school without prior notification.

Black Country Food Bank Update

Please see below message from Black Country Food Bank following our recent collection before Easter.

Thank you very much for choosing to support Black Country Foodbank with your recent collection. All the food collected and donated will go towards helping those in your community who are in crisis. You collected and donated 164.5kgs of food and 28.8kgs of non-food, an amazing amount. Please find your certificate attached. Once again, many thanks for your support.



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Congratulations/Well Done **Headteacher Commendations**

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

Jensen Fellows	Evie Johnson		