

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

This week and in the weeks ahead, GCSEs are of course going to be our key focus. They have got off to a great start and we are really impressed and proud of the maturity and confidence that Year 11 have demonstrated this week!

As part of our planned transition away from skorts, the new black/purple PE leggings that will become part of our uniform from September are now available to purchase from our suppliers. During the GCSE examination period, when some pupils may attend school in their PE kit on days when they have PE lessons, we are happy for pupils to purchase and wear these leggings in advance. Please note that, in line with our PE uniform policy, all other style leggings must be worn with skorts. Plain black tracksuit bottoms are also acceptable.

Good luck to our Bronze DofE students who set off on their practice expedition today. We will share how they get on with you next week.

Best of luck also to all our Year 10s who will be out on Work Experience next week. We hope that this will be a valuable and interesting experience for them all as they venture into the world of work for the very first time! A massive thanks to Mrs Froggatt and Mrs English for all their hard work in making this opportunity possible. Any students who have not secured a placement or are doing a placement on a different date must attend school as normal.

Best wishes.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- Year 10 UCAS Trip Letter; **Selected Year 10 Parents/Carers*
- Year 10 King Edward VI Sixth Form Visit Letter. **Selected Year 10 Parents/Carers*

Events/Reminders

- Year 11 GCSEs Continue - WC 11 May 2026
- Year 10 Work Experience Week - WC 11 May 2026;
- Mental Health Awareness Week - WC 11 May 2026;
- Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - Tuesday 12 May 2026.

Updates

We are a Kiwi Free School and 'strive to be' a Nut Free School

Please note that we are a Kiwi Free School and 'strive to be' a Nut Free School! Please support us by ensuring your child does not come into school with either of these allergens.

KIWI FREE & 'Strive to be' NUT FREE

Kiwi & Nuts

Please note that we are a **Kiwi FREE School** and also **'strive to be' a Nut FREE School!**

We kindly ask that you refrain from bringing food in containing either nuts or kiwi of any kind in packed lunches/snacks.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Dormston SCHOOL
Knowledge is Strength

This includes:

Almonds Brazil nuts Cashews
Pine nuts Pistachios Walnuts Peanuts
Hazelnuts Macadamia nuts Pecans

Common foods containing nuts:

- Nutella and chocolate spread
- Cereal/breakfast bars
- Granola
- Chocolate bars
- Crackers
- Snack pots
- Pesto

SAFE FOOD MATTERS: ALLERGEN AWARENESS

We kindly ask that you refrain from bringing/sending food in containing nuts of any kind, both in packed lunches and in snacks.

Reminder - Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience Week is next week - Monday 11 May to Friday 15 May. If placements have been agreed by the school and the Local Authority, the majority of students will be on Work Experience next week. However, some placements are taking place at later dates and there are some students without placements - these students will be expected in school next week and any absence will be classed as unauthorised. We hope that all students have an insightful and valuable week in the world of work.

Dudley Performing Arts Opportunities

Please see below information from Dudley Performing Arts that we have been asked to share with you.

DPA Super Demo Evening

Dudley Performing Arts is holding a drop in Super Demo evening on Thursday 21st May at Cable Plaza between 16:30 – 19:30 for children interested in starting instrumental lessons. DPA teachers will be on hand to show you the range of instruments that children can learn, either in school or after school at Cable Plaza. Children can have a go at playing an instrument, find out about singing lessons, meet the teachers and ask any questions you have. Enrolment for September lessons will be available during the evening. Come and drop in on Thursday 21st May, Cable Plaza, Waterfront West, Brierley Hill, DY5 1LW between 16:30 – 19:30. If you have any questions please contact dpa.cs@dudley.gov.uk



**Dudley Performing Arts
Super Demo
Evening!**

Thursday May 21st - 4.30pm -7pm
Cable Plaza, Waterfront West,
Brierley Hill, DY5 1LW

Would you like to learn a musical instrument
but unsure which one?
Why not come along and see what's on offer?

- See and hear the different instruments.
- Try out instruments you are interested in.
- Meet the teachers.
- Find out about music lessons in school or at Cable Plaza.
- Ask any questions you may have.

No need to book, just turn up.
Any further questions contact dpa.cs@dudley.gov.uk
or phone 01384 813865

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Come and Play Projects

Come and Play in the Park with Dudley Performing Arts - Sunday 5th July 2026

To celebrate the end of your child learning an instrument or singing in school we would like to invite them to join Dudley Performing Arts Festival in the Park performance, where you will be able to invite friends and family to watch them free of charge.

Where: Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge

When: Sunday 5th July 2026

Time: Between 1pm - 4pm (exact times published soon)

All music will be taught in their weekly school lessons or choir rehearsals with a massed rehearsal at Cable Plaza (address below) a few days before the park event.

There is no charge to take part; this project is open to anyone who has been having whole class instrumental, whole class singing lessons or is a member of a school choir. If they don't bring an instrument home every week don't worry, your child can still take part, and we will sort the instruments.

All you have to do:

Enrol your child using the link below

Instrument players (violins, clarinets, flutes, fifes, recorders, guitars, ukuleles and brass instruments)

Dudley Performing Arts Come and Play in the Park Project, Sunday July 5th 2026 – Fill in form

Singers (take part in a choir or have whole class vocal lessons in school)

Dudley Performing Arts Come and Sing in the Park Project, Sunday July 5th 2026 - Vocal – Fill in form

Bring them along to the correct rehearsal at Cable Plaza (details below)

Bring them to Mary Stevens Park on Sunday 5th July and enjoy being part of Dudley Performing Arts Festival in the Park

Rehearsal Dates

| Where: Cable Plaza Waterfront West, Brierley Hill DY5 1LW | When: |
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| Violins | Thursday 25 th June 16:45 - 17:45 |
| Wind and Brass (flutes, fifes, recorders, clarinets and all brass instruments) | Thursday 25 th June 18:15 - 19:15 |
| Guitars and Ukeleles | Thursday 2 nd July 16:45 - 17:45 |
| Singers | Thursday 2 nd July 18:15 - 19:15 |

Routes & Reflections

Please see below information from Routes and Reflexions.



Join us for... **GAME & CHILL**

Join the Reflexions team for a fun day where children, young people and families can enjoy their favourite board games together – a chance to make friends, connect and share laughs in a relaxed, supportive space.


Parents to accompany children under 13 years old

Thursday 28th May 10.30am – 3pm
Halesowen FC
Old Hawne Lane
B63 3TB

What People Loved!

- ★ The environment was inclusive and staff were kind and accommodating, looking forward to more of this!
- ★ 'Big impact on my families mood, we've all been happy to be here'
- ★ I was a bit stressed and now I feel more relaxed

For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net or feel free to pop in!

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Exam Stress Workshop

Stressed about Exams & Deadlines?

We've got your back!
 Join us to explore simple and effective ways to manage stress and take care of your mind during high pressure periods, such as exams or approaching deadlines!

Ages 13-17

Friday 1st May 2026
CRANSTOUN ROUTES
 Unit L14, The Boulevard
 Merry Hill Shopping Centre
 Dudley
 DY5 1QX
12:00pm – 1:00pm



NHS
 Black Country Healthcare
 NHS Foundation Trust

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Support with Low Mood Workshop

Feeling low, unmotivated or not quite yourself?

We can help!
Join us to explore simple and effective ways to boost your mood and take care of your wellbeing. Learn practical tools to help you boost your mood!

Ages 13-17

Friday 3rd July 2026
CRANSTOUN ROUTES
Unit L14, The Boulevard
Merry Hill Shopping Centre
Dudley
DY5 1QX
12:00pm – 1:00pm

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Managing Anxiety Workshop

Feeling Anxious or Overwhelmed?

Your not alone - we've got your back!
Come along to learn simple ways to manage anxiety, feel more in control and look after your mental health. No pressure, just a safe space to talk and learn new techniques.

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Term Dates 2026 - 2027

We appreciate lots of our parents/carers are keen to know our Term Dates for 2026/2027, but as the Staff Academic Calendar is not usually finalised until July each year, it is difficult for us to confirm exactly when our INSET days will be. We do however follow Dudley Term Dates, so please see the below link which will give you a good idea of Term Dates for 2026/2027 (excluding any of our INSET days). <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-term-dates/>

Making Appointments

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

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

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.

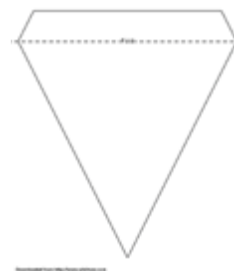
If this is the case, our Reception Team will take your details so that an appointment can be requested.

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.

David Attenborough Geography Competition

Students are invited to design a bunting triangle to create big bunting in the Geography corridor celebrating the life and birthday of David Attenborough at 100. All entries will get a positive point and a prize will be given for the overall winner. Bunting needs to be 10cm wide at the top and no longer than 15cm deep. If students want a printout of the template they need to go to the Geography Department. All entries to be in by Thursday 21 May 2026.



Congratulations/Well Done

Silver DofE Success - Explorer Scouts

Well done to Daniel Gobourn, Miles Ricketts and Tessa Gobourn for successfully completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award with Explorer Scouts. They completed a range of activities over the last 12 months between them including being Young Leaders for Beaver Scouts, gaining first aid qualifications, and working on skills such as fencing, cricket, astronomy and learning to play the ukelele. For their 3-day expedition, they had to travel by train to Penhelig and navigate from Aberdovey to Machynlleth via 2 campsites in wild, wet weather but it was a great experience.



Headteacher Commendations

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

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| Freddie Banks | Eloise Darby | Ava Humphriss | Bianca Leung |
| Amelia Parkes-Simpson | Tily-Rose Rickett | Miles Ricketts | Isla Ringham |
| Alexia Robson | Oliver Short | Billy Tinsley | Emma Trinfa |
| Alex Turner | Lillian Rushton | | |