

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Our Year 11 GCSEs continue at pace, with two big exams taking place this week; Maths and English! Students are taking everything in their stride and their attitude and behaviour remains exemplary. As you may know, we allowed them to leave a little bit early today in recognition of all their hard work and to allow them to reset for their exams next week!

On Tuesday, our Year 8 HPV vaccinations took place which is no mean feat. A big thank you goes to Mrs Malanaphy, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Kaur for all their hard work in ensuring that things ran smoothly. A final vaccination catch-up session will take place on Friday 26 June 2026.

Year 10 have been on Work Experience this week and we look forward to hearing about how they got on when they return to school on Monday.

Our Year 9 Bronze DofE students went out on their practice expedition last Friday! They walked 16 miles over 2 days around the Wombourne, Perton area and camped at Kingswood Trust in Wolverhampton. The weather was perfect - sunny during the day and rainy at night so they all stayed in their tents! Pupils set up the camp and cooked their evening meals and their behaviour was great on the campsite during the night. Once again, we had lots of positive comments from the Gecko staff who lead the expeditions. Thank you to Mr Fox and Mrs Millership for making this brilliant opportunity possible.

Don't forget that we break up next Friday for May Half Term!

Best wishes.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- All Parents/Carers - National Year of Reading Letter & Strategies;
- Ingestre Hall Update Letter;
- Year 10 Religious Studies Birmingham Buddhist Vihara & Cradley Buddhist Centre Trip Letter;
- New York Trip Update Letter - May 2026.

Events/Reminders

- Year 10 Religious Studies Birmingham Buddhist Vihara & Cradley Buddhist Centre Trip Permission Deadline - Monday 18 May 2026;

- Year 10 Religious Studies Birmingham Buddhist Vihara & Cradley Buddhist Centre Trip Payment Deadline - Wednesday 20 May 2026;
- Year 10 King VI College Trip - Thursday 21 May 2026 at 8.45am - 3.00pm;
- David Attenborough Geography Competition Deadline - Thursday 21 May 2026;
- New York Trip Passenger Information Deadline - Friday 22 May 2026;
- New York Trip Hoodie Order Deadline - Friday 22 May 2026;
- Break up for May Half Term - Friday 22 May 2026.

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!


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




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





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.

Ages 13-17

Friday 5th June 2026
CRANSTOUN ROUTES
Unit L14, The Boulevard
Merry Hill Shopping Centre
Dudley
DY5 1QX
12:00pm – 1:00pm



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Updates

PE Expectations During Exam Period

Students are expected to attend PE on their scheduled days in full PE kit, in line with the school's PE and uniform policy.

- **PE Leggings:** The new PE leggings are now available from our suppliers and can be worn. Pupils are welcome to purchase and wear these in advance.
- **Other Leggings:** All other styles of leggings must be worn with skorts.
- **Tracksuit Bottoms:** Plain black tracksuit bottoms are also acceptable. No other colours will be permitted.
- **Shorts:** Plain black shorts are permitted; no other colours will be accepted.
- **Tops:** Students must wear their Dormston PE top. They may also wear the ¼ zip Dormston top or the new mid-layer top, which is now available to purchase. Coats or other tops are not acceptable in PE lessons and must not be worn in other lessons on PE days.

BTEC Sport Students:

Students should check G4S regularly, as teachers will inform them there of the days they are required to attend in PE kit and the days they should attend in full school uniform and get changed for lessons. Please ensure your child follows these expectations to maintain consistency and adherence to the school uniform policy.

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.



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.



Dudley Performing Arts Opportunities

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

Instrumental Music Lessons 2026 – 2027

We are now opening up registration for instrumental lessons starting in September 2026. Lessons are available on most instruments including Keyboard, Piano, Electric Guitar, Classical Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Drum Kit, Voice, Trumpet, Trombone, Cello, Violin, Saxophone, Clarinet, and Flute. Instrument hire is available on most instruments except Piano, Keyboard, Guitar and Ukulele. The lessons are usually £10 a lessons but are subsidised to £5 for a 15-minute group lesson. Individual 20-minute lessons are available too.

If you would like more information or to sign up for instrument lessons in September then please email Mr Richardson: arichardson@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

Why learn a musical instrument:

https://inews.co.uk/news/education/learning-musical-instrument-higher-results-gcses-793078?srlftid=AfmBOopc2n9JDFKMUUS3CWOFsXHsYUPNuXA5tSt6doFqtLoLbKxA_ZFg

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 013865

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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:
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

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.

