

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Our Year 11 GCSEs have of course continued this week! We appreciate how tired students are getting and we are trying to allow them to leave early when it is feasible. We have emailed arrangements out for WC 1 June 2026 to all our Year 11 parents/carers so please see this email for further details.

On Thursday, 53 of our Year 10s attended a trip to King Edward VI College for an A-Level taster day. They did sample lessons in Biology, Computer Science and Politics and were able to see much of the college site. The group were wonderfully engaged and had a great time!

We are currently looking for Parents/Carers to join our Governing Body. If this is something that you are interested in knowing more about please can you contact kotton@dormston.dudley.sch.uk in the first instance.

Today we had West Midlands Police in with their Knife Pole and I am pleased to inform you that The Dormston School is a weapon free school. The official letter has been emailed to all parents/carers.

As you know, we break up for May Half Term today, so school will be closed to students next week. Students should return to school on Monday 1 June 2026 to a Week 1 Timetable.

Wishing you all a great May Half Term!

Best wishes.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- Year 10 Art After School GCSE Sessions Letter;
- All Parents/Carers - West Midlands Police Pole Letter;
- Year 7 - 10 Parents/Carers - Uniform Consultation Letter.

Events/Reminders

- Year 11 GCSEs - WC Monday 1 June 2026;
- Year 10 RS Trip to Birmingham Buddhist Vihara/Cradley Buddhist Centre - Wednesday 3 June 2026;

- Year 10 UCAS Trip MS Forms Deadline - Friday 5 June 2026.

Updates

Uniform Consultation May 2026

A Uniform consultation letter was sent out earlier this week. Despite previous reminders, we have seen a growing number of instances where skirts do not meet our published uniform expectations, particularly in relation to length and suitability of fabric. In response, we are now seeking to gather the views of parents/carers, pupils and staff to ensure that any next steps are informed by the wider school community.

We believe it is important to approach this matter thoughtfully and collaboratively. Your feedback will help us determine a fair, practical, and sustainable uniform policy that reflects our shared expectations.

If you haven't already done so, please click on the following link to participate in the consultation. It should take you no longer than 2 minutes to complete. The consultation will run from 19/05/2026 to 29/05/2026.

[School Uniform - Parent/Carer Views – Fill in form](#)

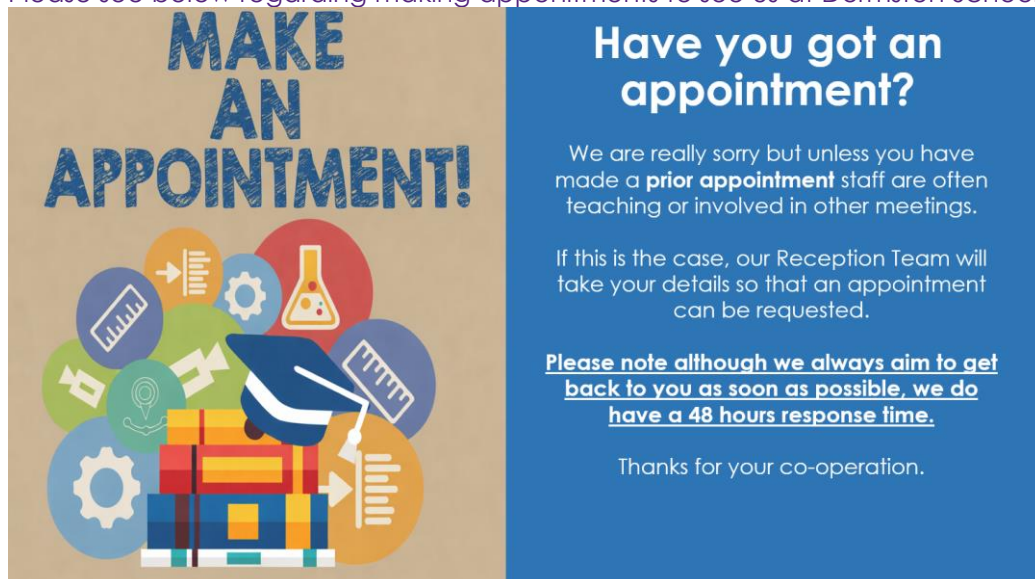
Pupils have also been asked to complete a pupil version of the forms quiz, via a homework task on go4schools.

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.

Routes & Reflections

Please see below information from Routes and Reflexions.

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.
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NHS
Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

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 of September.
- **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.

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 with Dudley Performing Arts (DPA) 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 15 minute group lessons are usually £10 a lesson but are subsidised to £5 for a 15-minute group lesson. Payment is made to school via ParentPay. Click this link and complete the form to sign up before Friday 12th June: <https://forms.office.com/e/qTQzjcVNaE>

Individual 20-minute lessons are available too at £14 a lesson but these need to be booked and paid directly with DPA: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-for-parents-and-young-people/music-lessons-in-schools/>

If you require more information please send an email to arichardson@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

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

Headteacher Commendations

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

Amelia Horton	Amelia Parkes-Simpson	Bella Smith	
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