

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

On Monday, a small group of Year 10s went on a visit to a UCAS Fair at the NEC. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to encounter a range of higher education providers, including Universities, apprenticeships and employers. They managed to have some really valuable conversations with prospective future universities and of course, take full advantage of all the freebies!



On Tuesday, I presented our Learner of the Month Award to Joby Turner - 7TX for his hard work and dedication in Geography. As always, it was a very emotional presentation and it was fantastic to welcome 3 generations of Joby's family into school to see him receive this very special accolade!



Our Year 10 Mocks have now finished. Well done to all our Year 10 students for their resilience and hard work. We will be holding a Year 10 Mock Results Day during the last week of term where the results will be shared with students. Further details will follow in due course.

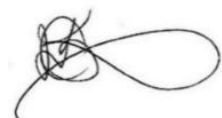
This week of course, our students and staff have had to cope in the extreme heat which I know has not been easy at times, but I am proud of how everyone has continued with their learning. Thank you so much for your support this week with our uniform modifications and our early close arrangements. The temperature is set to reduce so all students should be in normal uniform from Monday 29 June 2026.

This week, assemblies have been focussed around water safety. Please can we ask that you reinforce this message at home. The resources below will help with these conversations.

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Next week, our Year 7 - 9 exams will commence so please ensure your child comes to school fully prepared.

Best wishes.



Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- Selected 7N/8N Parents/Carers - All Saints Church Trip Letter.

Updates

Extreme Heat Alert

Please see below information from Dudley LA that we have been asked to share.

The Met Office has issued a Red extreme heat alert for the West Midlands from 9am on Wednesday to 11pm on Friday. Hot weather can be dangerous, especially for vulnerable people. For advice on staying cool, signs of heat exhaustion, swimming safely outdoors, fire safety, and more: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/summer-wellbeing/>

In particular, where settings are closing partially or fully, can we ensure that information being sent out to parents, carers and young people have a focus around Water Safety.

Swimming outdoors

If you swim outdoors in the sea, a pool or river to keep cool, make sure it's a safe place to swim. Look out for warning signs and hidden dangers by following the tips below:

- If there's no lifeguard – don't go in
- Check the depth – it can be deceptive
- Avoid floodwaters – never swim during floods
- Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in
- Hidden dangers – underwater hazards include rocks, glass, refuse, and pollution
- Raise the alarm – if someone is in trouble, call 999. Never attempt a rescue yourself
- If you fall in or become tired while you are in the water – stay calm, float on our back and call for help

- Don't drink and drown – avoid alcohol or drugs while swimming. They impair your abilities and judgment
- Rock bottom – avoid jumping from heights, especially bridges. The water below can be shallow with hidden dangers
- Wild water – swimming in natural waters is different from swimming pools. Be wary of strong currents and cold temperatures
- Look before you leap – check for safe exit points before entering. Steep and slippery banks can make it difficult to get out of the water

Children should never swim in these areas unaccompanied. Young children need constant supervision around water, they can drown in less than 2 inches of water. Organised open water swimming sessions take place all year round at Netherton reservoir. See the [Netherton Open Water Swimming website](#) for more details.

More advice is available from:

- [Royal Life Saving Society](#)
- [Outdoor Swimming Society](#)
- [National Water Safety Forum](#)
- [Healthy Dudley – Water Safety](#)

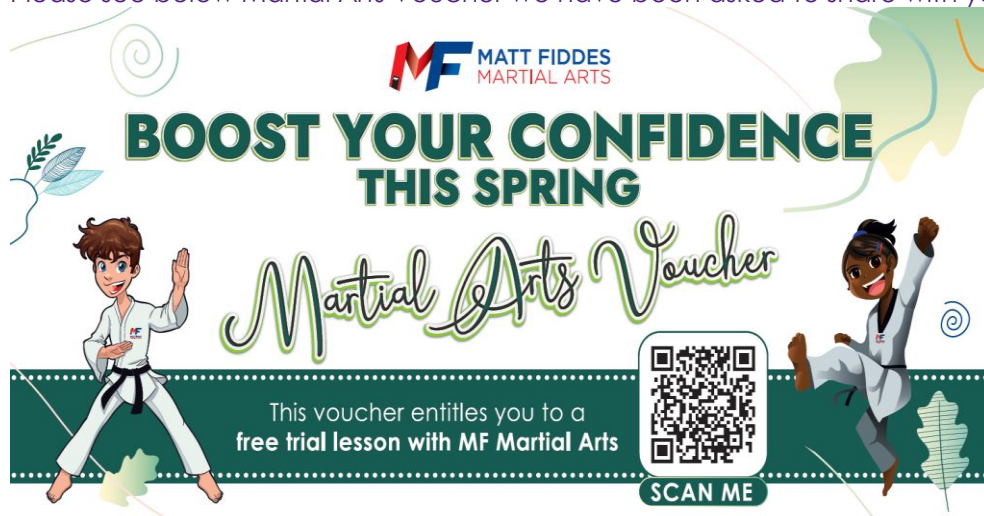
Eco Update

Pupils and staff have been working very hard on our eco garden. We have pulled down some dangerous decking (with the help of funding from Nature Park) and replaced this with grass. The grass is coming along nicely and we hope to have a lovely, calm space for pupils to sit. We will be placing benches and picnic blankets in this area soon!

We have also planted a small alpine garden at the side of our wild pond and we have planted a sensory garden in our dome. We are always looking for pupils to help in maintaining this area. If pupils are interested, please see Mrs Grundy. Finally, we would just like to thank the outgoing Year 11 eco pupils who have been committed to our eco committee for many years. We will miss you!

Martial Arts Voucher

Please see below Martial Arts Voucher we have been asked to share with you.



Events/Reminders

- Year 7 - 9 Exams - WC 29 June 2026;
- Year 6 Parent/Carer Induction Evening - Monday 29 June 2026;
- New York Trip 2026 Final Balance Due - Tuesday 30 June 2026;
- Year 7 Dudley Zoo & Castle Trip Payment Deadline - Thursday 2 July 2026
- Year 6 Transition Days - Tuesday 30 June 2026 & Wednesday 1 July 2026;
- Under 15s Cricket Trip - Wednesday 1 July 2026;
- Under 13s Cricket Trip - Friday 3 July 2026;
- Shrewsbury Prison Trip - Friday 3 July 2026;
- Year 11 Prom - Thursday 2 July 2026.