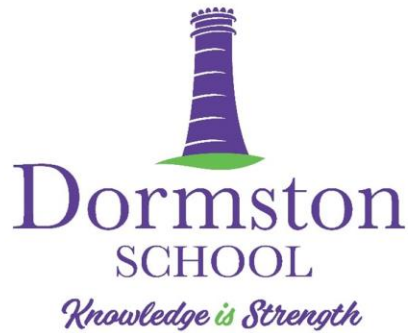


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ALL YEAR 8 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Year 8 Year Leader at The Dormston School. Having recently taken over the Year 8 cohort from Mr Cooksey, I am very much looking forward to working with your children and supporting them throughout the next stage of their journey at Dormston.

I have been a member of staff at The Dormston School for 25 years, initially joining as a PE teacher. Over the past five years, I have had the privilege of taking on pastoral leadership roles, first as Head of Avon House and subsequently as a Head of Year. These experiences have given me a real passion for supporting young people, helping them to overcome challenges, recognise their strengths and achieve their potential.

I am particularly excited to take on Year 8 because I already believe this is **the best year group in the school!** There is so much positivity, talent and potential within the cohort, and I firmly believe that every child has something special to offer.

Mr Cooksey and Mrs Garrett have given your children an excellent start to their journey at Dormston, and I would like to thank them for the work they have done. It is now my responsibility, alongside my Deputy Year Leader, **Mr Richardson**, to build on that strong foundation and help shape the next stage of their journey through our school.

"Higher Standards, Greater Success"

This will be the motto for Year 8, and it is something I strongly believe in.

My message to the pupils will be simple: **aim to meet your potential in every lesson, every day.** Success does not happen overnight, but consistently setting high standards, working hard and making the most of every opportunity will lead to success over time.

I also want every pupil to believe in their own ability. Confidence, self-belief and a willingness to challenge themselves are essential if they are to become the **best versions of themselves.**

Alongside our new motto, I will be placing a strong emphasis on our five school values:

- **Effort;**
- **Knowledge;**
- **Respect;**
- **Resilience;**
- **Responsibility.**

These values will underpin everything we do as a year group. I want our pupils to understand that success is not simply about academic achievement; it is also about the type of person they become along the way. Of course, school should also be enjoyable! Throughout the year, I will be introducing a range of **competitions, challenges and fun activities**, giving pupils plenty of opportunities to demonstrate their talents and be rewarded and recognised for their achievements. I want Year 8 to develop a real sense of identity and pride in their year group.

I am incredibly excited about what we can achieve together. I have very high expectations for this year group because I genuinely believe they have the ability, character and potential to achieve great things.



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I look forward to getting to know your child and working closely with you as parents and carers over the coming years. Together, we can ensure that their time at Dormston is a successful, enjoyable and memorable experience.

Yours sincerely

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