Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Last Friday, we celebrated YoungMinds Hello Yellow. All staff and students were encouraged to wear a yellow item to show their support for World Mental Health Day. We also sold cakes at breaktime and lunchtime to raise money for YoungMinds and all students completed their 1-mile walk/run in their PE lessons during the week.



As you may know, we had Ofsted in school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week for a routine Inspection. I would like to thank all our staff, students, governors and parents/carers for their support during these two days. Due to the quality assurance process that must be followed, I am unfortunately unable to disclose any information at present, but as soon as the report is officially published, I will be pleased to share the outcome with you all.

On Tuesday evening, we launched our Parent and Pupil Reading Group for this year with the book Sin Bin Island by Doug Naylor. This is an amazing read that we think will be enjoyed by both parents/carers and pupils alike. It was lovely to meet with the families who have signed up to take part. Parents/Carers and their child will now read the book. Families will be invited back to the PLC in the new year for a meeting where we will all get together to discuss the book. It is not too late to sign up! Please contact Mrs Ellsmore if you would like to take part. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the PLC.

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

Best wishes.



Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Events/Reminders

Year 8 & 9 Football Training - 20 October 2026

Please note that there will be no Year 8 or 9 football training on Tuesday 20 October 2026 due to other school fixtures taking place. Thank you for your understanding.

- House Arts Auditions - WC 19 October 2026;
- New York Trip Departs - Friday 23 October 2026;
- House Art 'Art' Deadline - Friday 23 October 2026;
- Break Up for October Half Term - Friday 23 October 2026.

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- All Parents/Carers - Dormston Reading News - Autumn 2026.

Updates

House Arts Competition

Please see below details for our House Arts Competition this year which has the theme of 'Conflict'.



Year 7 Theatre Trip

Please see below information for our Year 7 Theatre Trip to Treasure Island. Don't forget that the payment deadline for this trip is Friday 30 October 2026.

