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Message from Headteacher

It's been 'Staff Appreciation Week' in school this week, so students have been given the opportunity to send thank you postcards to any staff they would like to thank and there have been some truly lovely messages being sent!

This week, Mr Hussain and Mrs Barley hosted the next round of the Spelling Bee for Year 8. Pupils were very passionate about their spellings and ultimately the competition was fierce at the final tiebreakers! Successful pupils moving through to the final round in December are:

- Will Dowen - 8SX;
- Harlon Burton - 8AX;
- Oscar Williams - 8DX;
- Freddie Nicholls - 8DX;
- Chaise Farmer - 8DY.

On Tuesday, we hosted an Inter-School Book Quiz in the PLC. Five schools took part. Each school entered a team of students who were required to have read the four selected books and answer a 10-question round on each book. It was a very closely fought contest and went to a nail-biting tie break between The Dormston School and The Wordsley School! Well done to 'Team Dormston' and to all students who took part. The PLC was full of excitement, enthusiasm and lively debate. Congratulations to winners - The Wordsley School!

On Thursday, we held another of our Sweet Treat Rewards with a spooky Halloween Theme, well done to everyone who was nominated.

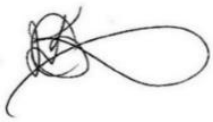
Our New York Trip departed today. We wish them all a wonderful trip and look forward to sharing how they got on after half term.

Today marks the final of our Black History Month celebrations, with forms going through information on black people throughout history who have shaped our society, an assembly on honouring black people's impact on our communities, subject resources on famous black heroes in the fields and today- our celebration day. We have had singing and music from black origin, specialist foods in the canteen, patties and snacks for sale, hair braiding, arts and crafts and Just Dance with a special MOBO twist! We hope that our students have enjoyed the festivities and that by embellishing the British Value of 'mutual tolerance and respect', we are making our school inclusive for all. A special thanks goes to Mrs Downie for all her hard work in organising these fantastic celebrations!

As you know, we break up today for October Half Term! Students should return to school on Monday 2 November 2026 to a Week 1 timetable.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term!

Best wishes.



Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Events/Reminders

- Year 10 Textiles Birmingham Botanical Gardens Trip - Friday 6 November 2026.

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- Year 7 - 10 Parents/Carers Roller-Skating Reward Permission Letter;
- Year 10 Religious Studies Parents/Carers Coventry Cathedral Trip Letter;
- School Production Parents/Carers Hoodies & Totes Letter;
- New York Trip Parents/Carers Final Update Letter;
- Wombourne Choral Society Singing Opportunity Letter **Selected students;*
- Germany Trip 2028 Payment Schedule Letter.

Updates

School of Rock Tickets – ON SALE NOW!
Tickets are now officially on sale for our School Production of 'School of Rock'! So much time, hard work and effort goes into our School Productions so it would be great if as many parents/carers and students as possible could show their support by seeing this fantastic show. Tickets are available now from https://www.seaty.co.uk/schoolofrock

For this year's school production of School of Rock, we really need some old musical instruments. If you have any broken, old or unwanted instruments you would be happy to donate to the show, could you please contact Mr Richardson via email: arichardson@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

In particular we require:

- Drum Kit;
- Electric guitars;
- Bass guitar;
- Orchestral instruments like violins, cellos etc;
- Amplifiers;
- Microphones.

Thank you for your support!

DMBC School's Out - October Half Term Activities

Please see below website link that we have been asked to share with you from Dudley MBC with regards to activities that are on offer over October Half Term.
School's out - October half term

Head Lice Update

Just to let you know that there have recently been a couple of cases of head lice at school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread. Please follow the simple routine below to ensure that you are doing all you can to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

- Your child's hair once a week;
- Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice;
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately;
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at the hair of all the family.

Please speak to your local chemist for treatment and continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.
For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

Sweet Treat Rewards Update

Please see below regarding our Sweet Treat Rewards!



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.



Congratulations/Well Done

Headteacher Commendations

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

Evie Darby	Jenson Fellows	Eli Greaves	Blake Hurst
Hattie Jenkins	Scarlet Merriman	Jess Wilkes	