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Message from Headteacher

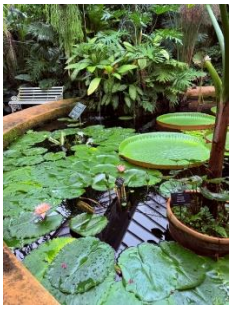
I hope you all had a lovely October Half Term! It was great to welcome all our students back to school on Monday. It's been another busy week, with lots going on around school.

This week we have had some great sporting success as our Year 9s had their second round of the Dudley North Netball League, winning both games against St James and Kingswinford. Player of the matches were Sophie Jones - 9TX and Ruby Baker - 9AY. The Year 11s played their first round yesterday winning all 3 games against Wombourne, Bishop Milner and Wordsley! Player of the tournament was Lily Mallin - 11SX. Well done to everyone!





Year 10 Textiles students visited Birmingham Botanical Gardens today to gather inspiration for their GCSE coursework. Students explored the gardens and took photographs of plants, flowers, colours, patterns and textures to use as primary research and evidence for their coursework. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop creative ideas and gain inspiration from the natural world!







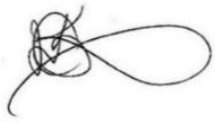




Today we also held our 'Diwali Celebration Day' where students have been educated on the story and meaning of Diwali. We also have decorated the atrium to mark the event and held activities at lunch including selling samosas, Indian food on sale in the River Cafe, arts and crafts and henna hand designs. We hope that our students have enjoyed the day and inclusivity has been promoted to

ensure all of our students feel welcome. A huge Happy Diwali to all that celebrate and thank you to Mrs Downie for all her hard work in organising yet another great Celebration Day!

Best wishes.



Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Events/Reminders

- Fly Spray Vaccinations (1 of 2) - Monday 9 November 2026;
- Whole School Remembrance Assembly - Wednesday 11 November 2026;
- Tie Reward - Thursday 12 November 2026;
- House Arts Performance Permission Deadline - Friday 13 November 2026.

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- All Parents/Carers - November/December Monthly Update Sheet 2026;
- Year 11 English Intervention Letter; **Selected Year 11 students only*
- Year 11 Maths Intervention Letter; **Selected Year 11 students only*
- Year 11 Science Intervention Letter; **Selected Year 11 students only*
- KS3 Assessment Letter - A New Approach;
- Year 9 GCSE Drama Workshop Letter **Selected 9 students only;*
- Year 8 Virtual Consultation Evening Letter;
- Hamilton Theatre Trip Opportunity Letter; **Selected students only.*

Updates

Dudley Performing Arts Message

We are delighted to be hosting our first Children's Open Mic Night of the year at Cable Plaza on Monday 9th November, from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. If you have never attended an Open Mic event before, it is a relaxed and informal evening that gives our young performers the opportunity to share their talents in a supportive and encouraging environment.

An accompanist can be provided if required and we can also assist with any technical requirements for those performing with backing tracks.

There is no charge to take part or attend, so why not bring along family and friends and enjoy an evening of music and performance together? The Friends of Dudley Performing Arts (yellow tee shirts) will be providing teas, coffees and cakes for a small donation.

To register your child, please complete the form using the link below and we will be in touch with further details.

Open Mic at Cable Plaza - 9th November 5.00 - 8.00pm – Fill in form

We look forward to seeing you there!

Dudley Performing Arts Teachers

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!

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 was Friday 30 October 2026!

