

## Parental Communication & Engagement



### Message from Head Teacher

Our Year 11 Student Leadership Team are now looking exceptionally dapper in their new grey blazers. Their new uniform really shows the rest of the school how important their role is and I know they are proud to wear it.



Our NEW Leadership Team Blazers

Tuesday saw our 'Freshers' Fair' launched to Year 7. This gave all of our younger pupils a chance to sign up for extra-curricular activities. The uptake was fantastic with over 85% of our pupils wanting to join in. The Archery Club remains very popular (however, you may want to avoid walking down the side alley by the field between 3pm and 4pm!!!!!!!!!!!!). There is a great deal of excitement in school this week as the auditions are taking place for our new school production 'High School Musical'. Once again, we are expecting a very large turnout which proves just how talented Dormston students are. The show will run mid-February and tickets will be advertised after Christmas. It has been an absolute pleasure this week to hand out Head Teacher Commendations to pupils who have excelled or gone the extra mile at school. A number of our Year 11 pupils were rewarded for outstanding Resistant Materials Coursework with other pupils receiving them for English and Reading.

*Steve Dixon*

### Letters Sent Out Recently All Available on our Website

- ALL Parents/Carers Student Update Form & Consent Letter **\*IMPORTANT PLEASE RETURN;**
- ALL Parents/Carers Open Evening Early Close Notification Letter - 18 October 2018 at 1.00pm;
- Year 11 Parents/Carers - GCSE Support Arrangements Letter;
- Year 11 GCSE Geography Parents/Carers Field Trip Letter;
- GCSE Geography Parents/Carers - Geography Revision Guide Letter;
- Year 9 Chemistry at Work - Black Country Museum Trip Letter - 9 November 2018 *\*Selected pupils only;*
- An Introduction to Year 8 Evening Letter - 1 October 2018 at 6.30pm;
- ALL Year 7 Parents/Carers Olympic Athlete Visit Letter - 10 October 2018.

## Events/Trips for Next Week

- Introduction to Year 8 Evening - Monday 1 October 2018 at 6.30pm;
- Introduction to Year 9 Evening - Monday 1 October 2018 at 7.30pm;
- New Head Teacher Introduction Evening - Thursday 4 October 2018 at 7.00pm;
- Year 8 Girls HPV Injections Dose 1 - Friday 5 October 2018.

## General Reminders/Updates

- Year 8 Parents/Carers please make sure you have returned your Consent Forms for the Year 8 Girls HPV Injections;
- Don't forget to return your Parent/Carer Communication Survey **by Friday 5 October 2018** to gain entry to win a £50 shopping voucher of your choice. Winner will be announced in the next Bulletin;
- Please note that our Year 7 Parent/Tutor Evening will now take place on Monday 22 October 2018 NOT Thursday 11 October 2018 as stated in our last Parent/Carer Monthly Update Sheet. This will be for selected Year 7 Parents/Carers only and you will be contacted directly if you are invited.
- As we take the safety and welfare of your children very seriously at Dormston can we please remind you to continue to speak with your child about stranger danger. If at all possible, we advise that pupils walk to and from school in small groups and if they are ever approached that they ignore the request and go immediately to a safe place such as a school, shop and then ask for help. Further guidance on stranger danger can be found on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H95m0v2sIMY>
- Attendance Polite Notice Reminder - We would like to remind you that Dormston School expect children to attend every day that the school is open. Our attendance target is 97%. We do acknowledge that there may well be genuine reasons for absence such as illness but we do expect pupils to attend even if they have a cold. We have an on-site fully trained nurse who is able to see pupils if they become unwell during the day. Statistics prove that a fall to 95% attendance leads to a 10% drop in the percentage of students gaining 5 or more grade 4+ GCSEs.

## Sporting Results & Forthcoming Matches

### RESULTS:

- Year 9 Football Cup WIN: Dormston 6 - Grace Academy 2. Go Dormston!

### FORTHCOMING MATCHES

- Year 11 Football Team v Bishop Milner (**Home**) - Wednesday 3 October 2018;
- Year 8 Netball Team (**Now Away**) - Match was due to take place Tuesday 25 September 2018 but is now due to take place on Thursday 27 September 2018. Results will be posted in next bulletin);

- Year 10 Netball Team **(Away)** - Thursday 27 September 2018. Results will be posted in next bulletin;
- Year 9 Netball Match **(Home)**. This was due to take place Thursday 27 September but is now being re-arranged);
- A huge Well Done to Tom Harris 9AX. He competed in a Level 2 National Swimming Meet in Derby at the weekend. He managed to swim his way to 4 Golds, 3 Silvers and 2 Bronzes. His performance in the 400m Individual Medley, means he is ranked in the TOP 25 in the Country.

## **Thank You & Well Done**

Well done to the following pupils who received Head Teacher Commendations this week:

- Owen Robertson;
- Zoe Cottam;
- Freya Butlin;
- Shanan Bala;
- Navneet Sekhon;
- Sophie Bradshaw;
- Sophie Lines;
- Lucy Taylor;
- Rhiannon West;
- Siobhan Jones;
- Lauren Hodgetts;
- Mansi Singh;
- Morgan Jones.