

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Head Teacher

Our Year 10 Citizenship students have been visiting Wolverhampton Crown Courts all week and have been allowed to sit through real cases. I think for many of our students this has been a real 'eye opener' and has allowed them to see first-hand how the judicial system works in this country.

On Wednesday it was our Year 9 Careers Fair, this included Dudley, Halesowen and Sandwell colleges delivering sessions on Post 16 pathways, option choice support and employability skills. We also had a representative from Aston University promoting modern foreign languages at GCSE, A-level and degree. Aspire to HE brought employers from various job sectors and our students had an opportunity to engage to find out their career paths. The feedback from outside agencies, staff and students alike was really positive. The students were commended for their behaviour and involvement throughout the day.

On Thursday evening "Friends of Dormston Community" met and have started to plan the best ways they can support Dormston students in the future. I would like to thank them for taking an interest and wanting to make a difference to the future of Dormston.

Following on from the Australian Fires, some of our Year 7 students wrote to me about their concerns and as a result they are about to hold fund raising events selling ribbons and cakes. The sincerity in their letters was really compelling so I have included a couple of extracts below;

*"We need to do something to help, we need to do something, anything. We could raise money by a sponsored football match or cake sale for example. Therefore Mr Dixon, I urge you to consider my suggestions and take action now together with the whole school, staff and pupils." Joseph Rhodes - 7SX*

*"I have come to the conclusion that I need to write to you, Australia is in danger! We, as a school, could raise some money for a good cause! 6,000 civilians have unfortunately been evacuated from their homes. Made to stand and watch as maybe their whole life burns down right in front of their own eyes. 24 people have died!" Isabelle Hill - 7SX*

*"Most of those battling Australia's fires are unpaid volunteers, thousands of people have given up their time and risked their lives to help deal with the crisis. One volunteer fire fighter told the BBC "We're doing it because it's a passion, it's a brotherhood!" Lauren Teruel - 7SX*

We are so proud of the compassion that our students demonstrate to those in need.

**Head Teacher**

## Letters Sent Out Recently

**ALL letters are now emailed home, hard copies are ONLY provided for 'Reply Slip' Letters.** \*Selected student only letters are given out to your child by hand or are posted directly home. The criterion for 'selected student only' opportunities are based on various factors depending on the trip and its focus. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow every student the opportunity to be involved with every activity which we understand sometimes causes disappointment. If you require more details about the selection process for any opportunity please contact the event organiser.

- Year 11 Geography Trips Letter - March 2020;
- Disney Land Paris Travel Arrangements Letter & Parental/Medical Consent Form;
- Italy Trip 2020 Itinerary/Travel Arrangements Letters & Parental/Medical Consent Form;
- Year 9 Mentoring Programme Letter *\*Selected students only*;
- Year 9 & 10 Aspire to HE - The New Art Gallery Trip Letter - 13 March 2020 *\*Selected students only*.

## Events/Trips

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- School Production Cast Off Timetable - Monday 10 February 2020;
- School Production Week - Tuesday 11 February 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020;
- Dudley Children's Book Awards - Tuesday 11 February 2020 - Period 5;
- PSHE - Wednesday 12 February 2020 - Periods 3 & 4;
- Year 10 & 11 RE Mock Exam - Friday 14 February 2020.

## General Reminders/Updates

- GCSE Geography Italy Trip Final Payment Deadline (£105) - Saturday 15 February 2020.
- Don't forget to buy your tickets for the School Production at <https://seaty.co.uk/>

## Thank You & Well Done

Well done to the following students who have recently received a Head Teacher Commendation.

Brooke Dalley	James Duncan	Daniel Evans	Ethan Morby
Craig Mackintosh	Henry Thomas	Annika Price-Patel	Morgan Jones
Ruby Hammersley	Aaradhya Tidke	Rifat Ahmed	Bella Church