

Parental Communication & Engagement



Message from Head Teacher

Firstly, I would like to offer my congratulations to Sanjana Bala in Year 10 on achieving our Learner of the Month Award for January 2019. Since joining the school Sanjana has demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and has been both resilient and responsible for her own learning; a real inspiration!

On Monday our Year 10 triple scientists were lucky enough to attend a lecture delivered by Robert Winston. Robert is an expert in embryo technology and gave our students the chance to take part in a question and answer session regarding his research at the Imperial College, London.

On Thursday, our Year 7s took part in an Oxford & Cambridge University Day. Student representatives from both universities talked about how they got in to their prestigious colleges and told our students a little bit about university life. One of our Year 7 pupils said; 'I can't wait to go to University and I now really want to work hard to get what I need to go to Oxford'.

Head Teacher

Letters Sent Out Recently Available on our Website

- Year 11 Parents/Carers - Year 11 Yearbook Letter;
- Year 11 Parents/Carers - Apprentice Advice Evening & Real Apprentice Event Letter **40 selected pupils only;*
- Year 10 & Remaining Year 11 Parents/Carers - Apprentice Advice Evening Letter;
- Dudley Children's Book Awards Letter **Selected pupils only;*
- School Production Backstage Support Letter **Selected pupils only;*
- Year 8 Mentoring Opportunity Letter **Selected pupils only.*

Events/Trips

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- Year 9 Option Support Workshops - Monday 11 February 2019 (Periods 1 - 4);
- 'High School Musical' - Monday 11 February to Thursday 14 February 2019;
- Dudley Teen Book Awards - Tuesday 12 February 2019;
- Year 10 GCSE Computing Group - Coding & Robotics Workshop - Friday 15 February 2019.

TRIPS

- Austria Ski Trip - Friday 15 February 2019. You can follow the trip on Twitter!

General Reminders/Updates

- As requested by staff and pupils we have now extended our Quick Note System to include KS4 pupils. Look out for a GroupCall & Quick Note card letting you know if your child has worked particularly hard in a lesson!;
- Year 7 Manufacturing at Work - Black Country Museum Trip Reply Slip Deadline - Friday 15 February 2019;
- Year 11 Parents/Carers Yearbook - If you **DON'T** wish you child to appear in the Year 11 Year Book please let Mrs Otton know by Friday 15 February 2019.
- In order to ensure that pupils return their library books so they are available for other pupils who want to read them we now operate the following system:
 - pupils are reminded of overdue books by their Form Tutor on Mondays;
 - any overdue books need to be returned or renewed by Thursday first thing;
 - pupils with a book still outstanding after this will go on to the detention list (if they return the book before the detention then they will be removed from the detention list);
 - if they serve the detention and the book remains unreturned the next day a red letter will be issued asking for either return or replacement of the book.

Thank You & Well Done

Well done to the following pupils who have recently received Head Teacher Commendations.

Sanjana Bala	Antonnia Pratt	Keeley-Mai Price	Matthew Brown
Robert Miles	Cameron Austin		