

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Head Teacher

This week our assemblies have focussed on the importance of great attendance. The students were shown data from the DfE which proves that missing 17 days of education can have a dramatic effect on GCSE results by as much as 1 grade decrease. Next week is Dormston's Attendance Week and our aim is to have 100% attendance for every student. There are prizes on offer for forms and houses.

This week has also been our Logic Competition. This is where students representing each house compete in computer based quizzes and skills tests. As always, the winning house will receive 1,000 house points towards the house total.

Mock Exams are up and running for Year 11 and so far I have been very impressed with the committed and mature attitude shown by the students. They are certainly trying their best and demonstrating resilience which bodes very well for their future.

In the next few days you will receive a letter via email which explains how you can gain access to GO 4 Schools. As I am sure you are aware this is our on-line system for handling all of our behaviour, attainment, attendance and homework information. On first glance it looks a little bit complicated but I can assure you it is very simply when you have logged in and I hope it really gives you more up-to-date information about your child.

**Head Teacher**

### Letters Sent Out Recently

\*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.

- ALL Parents/Carers - GO 4 Schools Login Letter;
- Year 7 Oxford & Cambridge Aspiration Day Letter - Tuesday 19 November 2019;
- Year 7 - 9 Activities Week Options Reminder Letter *\*Selected students only;*
- Year 8 David Baddiel Author Event Letter - Friday 15 November 2019 *\*Selected students only;*
- Year 9 Strategy Evening Letter - Thursday 14 November 2019;
- Year 11 Change of English Language Exam Board Letter.

## Events/Trips

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- Attendance Week - WC 11 November 2019;
- Pizza Reward Evening - Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 6.00pm - 8.30pm;
- Year 9 Strategy Evening - Thursday 14 November 2019 at 6.00pm - 7.00pm;
- PTA Annual General Meeting - Thursday 14 November 2019 at 7.00pm;
- Years 9 - 11 Future Fridays Career Event - Friday 15 November 2019 at 8.00am - 8.40am in PLC. *This week it is Accountancy and Emma Clewes, Director for Corporate Tax for Crowe UK LLP is coming in to school. Crowe UK are an international accountancy firm offering services including Audit, Tax, Advisory & Risk. Please see attached link to the company website <https://www.crowe.com/uk/croweuk>*

### TRIPS

- Year 10 Citizenship Houses of Parliament Trip - Tuesday 12 November 2019;
- Year 10 & 11 An Inspector Calls Theatre Trip - Wednesday 13 November 2019 at 5.00pm *\*Selected students only.*

## General Reminders/Updates

- GCSE Geography Italy Trip 3<sup>rd</sup> Deposit Due - Tuesday 12 November 2019;
- Year 9 Strategy Evening Reply Slip Deadline - Tuesday 12 November 2019;
- Year 7 - 9 Activities Week Options Reminder Reply Slip Deadline - Wednesday 13 November 2019.

## Thank You & Well Done

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

Chantelle Field	Billie Hill		
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