

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Head Teacher

As you will be aware we had a positive COVID-19 case this week. In line with the latest national guidance we followed the track and trace approach for all students who had been in direct contact with the positive case. This resulted in us sending home 32 Year 10 students who should all return to us on Friday 16 October 2020 providing they have no symptoms. We do appreciate that for some parents/carers with health concerns/shielding issues this can be an anxious time. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if this is the case so we can discuss the risks and allow you to make the decision that you feel is right for your family.

We have been busy filming this week for our Open Evening. All videos will be on the school website by Thursday 15 October 2020. If you are a parent/carers with a Year 6 student who may be joining us at Dormston in September 2021 we strongly advise that you sit down together to watch these information videos.

We have also been celebrating World Mental Health Week and it has been lovely to see and hear students talking and sharing their views on this important issue.

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 7 - 9 Parent/Pupil Reading Group Letter;
- Year 11 Parents/Carers English Revision Guide Letter.

General Reminders/Update

Open Evening 2020 - Thursday 15 October 2020

All our Open Evening videos will be available to view on Thursday 15 October 2020 via our website (Parents > Open Evening 2020). Please make sure you take a look at this if you have a child in Year 6 who may want to join us in September 2021.

IMPORTANT - Dismissal Arrangements in case of Partial School Closure

Some parents/carers have still not returned their reply slip for Dismissal Arrangements in case of a Partial School Closure. If you have not done so please can you now do this as a matter of urgency.

PLC Overdue Library Books

Just a reminder that ALL overdue books should have been returned by **Friday 9 October 2020 for Years 8 - 11**. A new procedure for overdue books will now start from Monday 12 October 2020 as follows:

- Form Tutors will remind students who have an overdue book at the beginning of each Week 1.
- Students need to have returned their book by Wednesday Week 2 to either their dedicated book return box for Years 7 - 9, Year 10 & 11 can return their books direct to the PLC.
- If this has not happened on Thursday Week 2 Parents/Carers will be sent a text notifying them that their child will be put into detention the next day.
- On Friday Week 2 any students who have still not returned their book back will serve a detention and a letter may then be sent to parents/carers requesting replacement of the book.

Book Return Points

- Year 7 - Outside A7;
- Year 8 - Block Staff Room (for pupils in F Block Classrooms);
- Year 8 - Outside C101 (for students in C Block classrooms);
- Year 9 - Outside A101;
- Year 10 - Return books to the PLC;
- Year 11 - Return Books to the PLC.

We are sorry that this seems like a very strict procedure but otherwise many students simply do not return books that other students may benefit from having access to. Your child is able to renew their book simply by emailing Mrs Ellsmore. She will renew the book and email the new return date which students should then write in the book label at the front of the book. Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Courtesy with Drop Offs

We appreciate that parking near the school has never been ideal and the school drop off may have become even more stressful for parents/carers who are having to make multiple drop offs. Can we please ask however that parents/carers are patient with each other and treat each other with courtesy and respect during these busy times.