

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Head Teacher

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you all had a great Christmas break. On Monday each Year group had an assembly in which we reminded students of our expectations and the school's Core Values of Effort, Knowledge, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Students were reminded that they should always try and be the very best version of themselves. Yesterday our Year 11s watched a performance of a 'Christmas Carol' and 'An Inspector Calls'. We hope this has provided them with further valuable insight into these two set texts for their English Literature GCSE.

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.

- Year 9 & 10 Art Trip Revised Venue Letter (Liverpool) - Tuesday 14 January 2020.

Events/Trips

TRIPS

- Year 9 & 10 Art Trip to Liverpool - Tuesday 14 January 2020.

EVENTS

- 'Friends of Dormston Community' Meeting - Thursday 16 January 2020 at 6.00pm;
- Future Friday - 17 January 2020 at 8.00am in the PLC. Is your child considering a career in Hair Dressing? Tammy from Fierce Hairdressing will deliver this week's session <http://fiercehairdressing.com/>. This is an informal drop-in session open to all interested students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

General Reminders/Updates

- Year 7 Book Club Reply Slip Deadline - Monday 13 January 2020;
- **Activities Week Update**
 - Disneyland Paris Trip - Thank you for your recent payments for Disneyland Paris. The next payment date is the 31 January 2020. An itinerary will be sent out this month and further information will follow;
 - UK Activities payment date is Friday 24 April 2020. You are welcome to pay in instalments now via ParentPay. All information regarding the trips will be sent out after the payment date;

▪ **Uniform Reminder**

At the start of the year can we please remind you about our uniform standards. Further clarification can be found on our website.

- only plain black/navy or dark grey coats (no hooded tops);
- one stud in each ear lobe;
- no false nails or eyelashes;
- no trainers.

Year 11 Apprenticeship Vacancy Opportunity!

There is an exciting apprenticeship vacancy with Jaguar Land Rover available for our Year 11 students. If students need help to apply they can come to see either Nina Bradnick or Lou Dawes in the Careers Office.

[Please click on the attached hyperlink for further details.](#)

Thank You & Well Done

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

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| Ruby Jones | Lily-Mae Bull | Maddison Weaver | Ethan Hunt |
| Samuel Burton | | | |