

Parental Communication & Engagement



Message from Head Teacher

It has been a 'giving' week at Dormston as Derwent House have been collecting for their chosen charities; 'Teenage Cancer Trust and 'Variety the Children's Charity'. It all started on Saturday with pupils and staff collecting money in Sedgley Asda. It continued on Monday with a Teacher Auction (we now have some very worried looking teachers in school!). On Wednesday, our students showed how talented they really are in the Charity Talent Show. Friday will see the finale of the charity week with stalls all around the atrium at break and lunch. We can't wait to see how much Derwent have raised!

On a sporting front, I was thrilled to hear this week that Libby Cartwright, Lilli Holmes, Emily Wilkinson and Daisy Westwood are all now playing at County netball level. This is a fabulous achievement. They actually got the taste for playing Netball competitively when they came to us for the day to play in the Dormston Cup when they were in Year 6! Another sporting success this week is ex-student Olivia RabJohn who was featured on BBC Radio 1 - Football Academics Make or Break. Congratulations to all of our sporting superstars.

The trip to Krakow also departed on Friday and returned Sunday for our GCSE History students. Visiting Auschwitz is a moving experience but one that is so valuable for our students. We also have pupils departing for the WW1 Battlefields in Belgium on Sunday 14 October 2018.

Letters Sent Out Recently All Available on our Website

- Year 7 Theatre Trip Letter - 5 December 2018;
- GCSE Textiles Trip Cancellation Letter;
- Year 10 Parents' Introduction Evening to Year 10 & GCSEs - Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 6.00pm;
- Year 11 Parents' Information & Support Evening - Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 7.00pm.

Events/Trips

TRIPS

- WW1 Battlefields Trip - Sunday 14 October to Wednesday 17 October 2018;

- Derwent Alton Towers Trip - Sunday 21 October 2018.

EVENTS

- Year 10 Strategy Evenings - Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 6.00pm;
- Year 11 Strategy Evening - Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 7.00pm;
- Open Evening - Thursday 18 October 2018 *Early Close of 1.00pm. If your child is coming in to assist please ensure they have returned their permission slip;
- Year 11 Application to Top Colleges Workshop (Selected Pupils) - Friday 19 October 2018 at 3.00pm.

General Reminders/Updates

- Following on from the success of previous years, Dormston School will be holding an Activities Week which will be taking place from Monday 15 July to Thursday 18 July 2019. During this time, pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 will not be in normal timetabled lessons, but will have a range of exciting activities to choose from. Letters with more information will be given to pupils next week.

Sporting Results

RESULTS:

- Year 8 Netball Match - Dormston 29 v Windsor High 11 - **WIN!**
- Year 9 Netball Match - Dormston 0 v Windsor High 28. *Even though the team lost this fixture, they played with one less player and with two year 8 pupils playing up an age category! The odds were very much stacked against them, but the resilience showed was excellent. Absolute valiant effort, especially playing in the top division of the borough!*
- Year 7 Football Match - Dormston 6 v Ellowes 6 **DRAW!**
- West Midlands Football Cup Junior Girls - Dormston 5 v Highfields 3 - **WIN!**
- Year 8 Football Match - Dormston v University of Birmingham School - **CANCELLED TBR.**

Thank You & Well Done

- Well done to Mrs Taylor (Parent of Aimee Taylor - 9SY & Sophie Taylor - 7SY) who won our £50 Communication Survey Prize Draw. Thank you to everybody who took the time to respond. We received 176 responses at the last count. All responses are now being analysed and will help shape any communication improvements we make. We will share some of our plans for communication improvements with you in due course.
- Well done to the following pupils who have recently received Head Teacher Commendations:

Lydia Salt	Amy Robinson	Luke Carroll
Winnie Mushore	Nathan Morris	Jake O'Sullivan
Mia O'Farrell	Libby Cartwright	Mia Sullivan
Bethan Brayshaw	Lilli Holmes	Joseph Wills
Isobel Eagle x2	Emily Wilkinson	
Chelsea-Paige Price	Daisy Westwood	