

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Head Teacher

The school has been joining in with the national anti-bullying campaign this week. Students have been involved in special assemblies which have highlighted the effects that bullying can have. They also wore odd socks on Tuesday to promote the idea that everyone is different. We also had a winning poster designed by one of our students (Ella-Mae Jones) which is about to be displayed throughout the school and has been put forward for a national competition. Our Anti-bullying Ambassadors from Year 11 have been working hard to ensure that every student feels included at Dormston School.

Our Remembrance Day Assembly took place on Monday in the Sports Hall. Mr Hayward told us a little bit about the First World War and how it affected families' right here in Sedgley. Students read poems and the assembly finished with a two minute silence and the playing of the Last Post by Stephen Ward and James Lockley. Our students wore their poppies with pride.

On Thursday our Year 7s took part in a 'Bin It' Roadshow in the Theatre which educated them on the importance of not littering and respecting their environment.

It is good to see our Attendance has improved significantly during Attendance Week. Trent House had a particularly good day on Tuesday securing attendance of 98% attendance overall. The winning house will be treated to a special film and ice-cream afternoon in our Theatre... watch this space!

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 11 Parents' Consultation & Additional Dates Letter - 5 December 2019;
- Year 10 Art Parents - Art Equipment & Resources Letter;
- Year 10 Theatre Trip Cancellation Letter **Selected students only*;
- Year 10 Art Parents - Art Educational Visit to Oxford - 14 January 2020;
- Year 9 Art Parents - Art Educational Visit to Oxford - 14 January 2020 **Selected students only*;
- Year 9 - 11 Aspire HE Football Workshop - 3 December 2019 **Selected students only*;
- Year 7 - 9 Euro-Disney Activity Week Allocation Letter **Selected students only - not on website as mail merged*;
Please note that other activities will be allocated very soon. Euro-Disney has taken priority due to deposits needing to be in this month. If you have any queries please email slyman@dormston.dudley.sch.uk
- Year 7 - 9 Euro-Disney Activity Week Details & Payment Schedule Letter **Selected students only*;

Events/Trips

EVENTS

- Year 7 Oxbridge Aspiration Day - Tuesday 19 November 2019;
- Years 9 - 11 Future Fridays Career Event - Friday 22 November 2019 at 8.00am - 8.40am in PLC. *This week is the Armed Forces - Army. This session will be delivered by Major John Parkes.*

TRIPS

- Year 10 Textiles London Experience Trip - Friday 22 November 2019.

General Reminders/Updates

- Aspire to HE Football Workshop Reply Slip Deadline - Monday 18 November 2019;
- Don't forget to log-in to GO 4 Schools to be able to track your child's behaviour, homework and attendance. Log-in letters were emailed out. If you have not received this email please contact the School Office on 01384 816395. So far over 400 parents have logged in.
- As winter is approaching can we please remind you that coats should be black, navy blue or dark grey. No hooded tops are allowed.

Sporting Results

RESULTS

Football Results

Bonfire Night saw the Year 8's, away against Pegasus School. On the smallest pitch ever (according to Mr P Amos). The first half didn't really get going however the second half saw Dormston exploded into action...with goals from Jack Jones, Ethan Masson and Charlie Hawkes, securing the win 3 - 0. Massive well done to Todd Potter for keeping a clean sheet.

Badminton Results

The under 16's Boys and Girls Badminton squad travelled to Pegasus School on Wednesday 23 October 2019 for the first round of the Dudley School Tournament.

Dormston took an A and B side with rackets ready, the Boys A side won the tournament winning 8 games out of 9 and the B side finishing second winning 6 games out of 9. The team consisted of Harvey Cowie, Arun Phandey, George Hutton, Connor Prosser, Jack Harris, Hugo Chow, Ellis Taylor and Ethan Whitehouse.

The Girls A and B team were all level and it went down to the last game, the doubles team against each other. What a thriller, the A team triumphed winning the last point 15 - 14. The teams consisted of Isobel Eagle, Mia Emery, Kirree Tannahill, Lily Humphries, Elle-Jo Smith, Ellie Dovey and Anna MacDonald. A massive congratulations and well done to all who competed, especially the Boys and Girls A team, who progress to the next round.

Thank You & Well Done

Well done to the following student who has recently received a Head Teacher Commendation.

Gracie Wesson			
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