

## Parental Communication & Engagement



### Message from Head Teacher

On Monday our annual Roll of Honour Presentation took place. Each year, 4 pupils from the Year 11 that have just left are selected to have their names appear on our Roll of Honour Board. There are still 64 years left to go on the board so..... *we have invited this years' selected pupils to return to Dormston when they are 80 years old and I have offered to show them their names again (I will only be 111!).*

We also presented our first Learner of the Month Award. This is a very special prize given to a student nominated by the staff who has gone above and beyond with their commitment to learning. We were inundated with staff nominations and choosing was difficult with so many hard working pupils worthy of the title. The Learner of the Month for November is Connor Courtney for his hard work and commitment in Maths.

We also hosted the Rotary Chef of the Year Competition on Tuesday. It was a very close competition. Ellowes Hall School won and Dormston came a close 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to all our budding Master Chefs.

As you know, we are closed for INSET on Friday 30 November 2018 and also on Monday 3 December 2018.



Left - Sarah Knight, Navjeet Khakh, Andrea Cunningham, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hillary Bills and Deputy Consort Mr John Bills. Right - Learner of the Month Trophy - Connor Courtney

**Head Teacher**

## Letters Sent Out Recently All Available on our Website

- Tie Reward Evening Letter *\*Selected Parents/Carers only - not on website as personalised;*
- House Arts Showcase Letter - 27 November 2018 *\*Selected Parents/Carers only;*
- Year 7 - 9 Activities Week Option Choice Confirmation Letter - *not on website as personalised;*
- School Production Cast T-Shirt Letter;
- Year 10 & 11 High Achievers' Evening Parents' Talk - 5 December 2018 *\*Selected Year 10 & 11 Parents/Carers Only.*

## Events/Trips

### EVENTS

- House Arts Evening - Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 6.30pm (*invited Parents/Carers only*);
- Year 11 RAF Lunchtime Drop in Session - Tuesday 27 November 2018 (*1.00pm - 1.40pm*);
- Ski Trip Parent/Carer Information Evening - Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 7.00pm;
- INSET Day - School Closed for Pupils on Friday 30 November & Monday 3 December 2018.

### TRIPS

- Dry Slope Skiing Group 2 Trip - Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 3.15pm.

## General Reminders

- 10V1 ScienceLive Reply Slip Deadline - Monday 26 November 2018;
- Year 11 History Krakow Trip Initial Deposit Due (£150) - Friday 30 November 2018

## Updates

### Parent Commination & Engagement Survey Results & Our Next Steps

As you may recall, we undertook a Parent/Carer Survey on Communication & Engagement in September 2018. We received 187 response in total. Overall, the results are very good but we want to be even better! Some really valid suggestions were made as result of the survey. Our next steps in how we further improve in this area will now become a regular feature in our Weekly Update Sheet. To start with however here are the statistical results of the survey for your information.

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| <p>Do you think we currently communicate effectively with you as a 'Parental Body'? Keeping you informed of whole school issues/news/information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes - 99%</li> <li>▪ No - 1%</li> </ul>      | <p>How would you currently rate us in terms of how we communicate with you as a 'Parental Body'?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Poor - 0%</li> <li>▪ Average - 4%</li> <li>▪ Good - 61%</li> <li>▪ Excellent - 35%</li> </ul> |
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| <p>Do you find our Monthly Parent/Carer Update Sheets of value?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes - 99%</li> <li>▪ No - 1%</li> </ul>  | <p>Do you like our NEW Parent/Carer Weekly Bulletins?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes - 96%</li> <li>▪ No - 4%</li> </ul>  |

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| <p>How would you currently rate us in terms of how we communicate pupil praise and achievements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Poor - 2%</li><li>▪ Average - 16%</li><li>▪ Good - 57%</li><li>▪ Excellent - 25%</li></ul>  | <p>Do you think our website contains useful and relevant information for parents/carers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Yes - 97%</li><li>▪ No - 3%</li></ul> |
| <p>Would you be interested in joining a Parent/Teacher Association if one was set up?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Yes - 19%</li><li>▪ No - 81%</li></ul>   | <p>Would you be interested in joining our Parents' Committee?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Yes - 20%</li><li>▪ No - 80%</li></ul>                           |
| <p>Please circle if you would like to see us use any of the following new communication mechanisms as a way of keeping you informed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ As parents/carers selected several options for this question it is difficult to provide a clear % figure. The majority preference did however support the development of a ParentApp option. We may however look into the use of Twitter as an additional option where appropriate.</li></ul> | <p>Do you feel you are able to contact the school easily by phone?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Yes - 75%</li><li>▪ No - 25%</li></ul>                      |

## **Sporting Results**

### **RESULTS**

Wednesdays Senior Girls Football match game against Sandwell Academy was cancelled 😞.

### **FORTHCOMING MATCHES/EVENTS**

#### **Netball Fixtures**

- Tuesday 27 November 2018 - **Year 8 - Away** - Holy Trinity School;
- Tuesday 27 November 2018 - **Year 9 - Away** - Holy Trinity School.

#### **Basketball Fixtures**

The Basketball fixtures are now up and running:

- Thursday 29 November 2018 - **Year 11 - Home** - Beacon Hill.

#### **Dry Slope Skiing - GROUP 2 - Tuesday 27 November 2018**

For all those pupils in Group 2, please meet in the Atrium at 3.15pm, you **MUST bring Gloves, Warm Jacket and Long Socks. No JEANS.** Pupils return to school at approx 7.45pm (please check for your names on the Display Board outside the PE Office).

The snowboarding group lists have been put up on the PE Notice Board (outside the PE Office). Pupils need to check what groups they are in. The dates sessions start will be added soon.

#### **Ski Trip Parent/Carer Information Evening** **Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 7.00pm in the Theatre**

The meeting will include the arrangements for the next 3 months; passports, kit requirements and details of the trip. There will be regular meetings during school time for pupils attending the Ski Trip from now until they leave for their adventures on the slopes, times and dates will be put up on the PE Notice Board (outside the PE Office). Please get your child to check the dates and times of these meetings as it is vital that they attend.

## **Thank You & Well Done**

- Well done to the following pupils who have recently received Head Teacher Commendations:

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| Chad Watkins | Ellis Taylor | Danny Bolton | Conor Courtney |
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