

Parental Communication & Engagement



Message from Head Teacher

It was great to see parents/carers and pupils attending Reading Group on Tuesday night. Mr Fox gave a brief introduction into the book they will read together and then discuss. 'The Darkest Mind' was recently made into a film and looks like it should be an entertaining and exciting read. I think it is critical that we try our best to improve and expand the language skills of all of our students. Our Literacy Working Party is made up from teachers from each department and we are discussing ways that we can develop the vocabulary skills of all our students so that they can express themselves articulately in both written and spoken form. It makes a huge difference to students when parents/carers encourage them to read at home and therefore I would ask all of you to provide your child with as much reading material as possible and talk about what they have read.

Also on Tuesday, some of our pupils attended 'Youth Speaks', a public speaking competition run by the Rotary Club. Dormston had the largest entry numbers with 7 groups in total taking part. Our Year 9 group won the intermediate round speaking on 'On-line Safety' and our Year 10 group won the senior round speaking on 'Smoking'. This means that both groups go on to the final! Congratulations to all of our speakers.

Thursday was our Year 11 Photos. I think it is really starting to hit home now with our Year 11s that they are entering their final phase of their secondary school education. As in previous years, we will be offering all Year 11 pupils the opportunity to purchase a Year Book as a memento of their time spent at Dormston.

Head Teacher

Letters Sent Out Recently Available on our Website

- ALL Year 11 Parents/Carers - Key Dates & Information Letter;
- 11V1 History Pupils - History Revision Sessions Letter.

Events/Trips

EVENTS

- Understanding Progress 8 & School Data Information Evening - 29 January 2019 at 6.30pm;
- Year 11 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening - 31 January 2019.

TRIPS

- There are no trips this week.

General Reminders/Updates

- Deadline for returning 10V What CAREER What UNIVERSITY Reply Slip - 30 January 2019;
- Express Company Dancers 'Move it' Convention Reply Slip & Payment Deadline - 31 January 2109.

Sporting Results

Year 7 Boys 5 a-side Football Champions - Lead the way into Birmingham....

This year's Brierley Hill & Dudley Schools Champions have now progressed as Borough Winners into the Regional Area competition. This is being held as an indoor all day tournament on Monday 4 February 2019 in Birmingham. Pupils representing Dormston are:- Todd Potter, Oliver Hall, Myles Davies, Charlie Hawkes, Dugan Porter, Ethan Masson, Tom Nicklin and Matthew Cox. We will be keeping our fingers crossed, and hope they have a great day!

AUSTRIA SKI TRIP 2019

Dry Slope Skiing - GROUP 3

Monday 28 January 2019/Monday 4 February 2019/Monday 11 February 2019

For all those pupils in group 3, they must meet in the Atrium Area at 3.15pm, they MUST bring gloves, warm jacket and long socks. No JEANS. Pupils return to school at approx. 7.15pm (please tell your child to check for their name on the Display Board outside the PE Office).

EVERY Monday, in The Gym, starting at 1.10pm

There will be weekly Ski Meetings until pupils leave for their adventures on the slopes. There will be important and valuable information shared at these meetings so it is vital that your child attends.

Year 9 Girls success ON THE PITCH and IN THE POOL

A huge congratulations and well done to two sporting stars for their performances just after the festive period:-

Evie Rabjohn 9AX representing Dormston for the West Midlands Schools Under 14's Football Team, beating Cambridgeshire in a frustrating 1 - 0 victory. With the goal coming in the last minute of extra time, the team literally battling till the final minute. A semi-final awaits the team in a sunny Lancashire in the coming months.

Jessica Bowkley 9SX had a very busy weekend in Sheffield, competing in the pool over the two days. A very tired but successful Jessica achieved personal bests in the 200m Individual Medley/Backstroke, 100m Freestyle/Backstroke and 50m Butterfly/Backstroke. With these times she has progressed to the Regional's in the 200m, 100m & 50m Backstroke. Good luck for your County trials in Stafford in February.

Thank You & Well Done

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

Sharne-Leigh Drew-Hitchcox	Evie Rabjohn	Jessica Bowkley	
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