

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Head Teacher

A huge congratulations to our Year 10 boys football team who played a match against Alderbook School in Solihull in a West Midlands Cup game on Tuesday and had a fantastic victory of 7 - 4. We have so many talented sports men and women to be proud of at Dormston. I am sure you have seen some of their achievements detailed in previous newsletters.

Our Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday was exceptionally well attended and we hope our new on-line booking system has provided you with a much easier way of ensuring contact with your child's teachers. We are also now giving you more information about some of our extra-curricular activities and other activities that your child can get involved with during these evenings. We always welcome feedback from parents and if you have any future thoughts please let us know. All week, children chosen to be part of our Effort Lottery have been getting their effort cards signed each lesson. I have already seen many of these cards and I am pleased to see students trying hard and achieving grade 1s and 2s. Next week we will find out which house has the highest score who will win a film afternoon for all students in their house.

Finally, we are also working hard towards achieving a Bronze Award for supporting Stonewall and next week Mr McLaughlin will be leading assemblies to highlight some of the issues supported by this good cause.

Head Teacher

Letters Sent Out Recently

ALL letters are now emailed home, hard copies are ONLY provided for 'Reply Slip' Letters. *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.

- All Parents/Carers - Student Feedback Letter;
- School Production Support Letter **Selected students only*;
- Year 7 - 9 Student & Parent Reading Group Letter;
- Year 10 Mentoring Successful/Unsuccessful Student Letters **Not on website as personalised to students*;
- Year 10 Parents Mentoring Letter **Selected students only*.

Events/Trips

EVENTS

- Year 9 History Holocaust Performance - Tuesday 4 February 2020 (in school);
- Year 9 Careers Fair (Periods 1 to 4) - Wednesday 5 February 2020;

- Year 9 - 11 Intermediate Maths Challenge - Thursday 6 February 2020;
- School Production Cast Off Timetable - Friday 7 February 2020;
- Future Fridays - 7 February 2020 at 8.00am in the PLC. Is your child interested in a career as a Flight Attendant? If so, Sandwell College are coming in to discuss this career option. This is an informal drop in session open to all interested students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

TRIPS

- 10A Citizenship Trip to Wolverhampton Crown Court - Monday 3 February 2020;
- 10C1 Citizenship Trip to Wolverhampton Crown Court - Tuesday 4 February 2020;
- 10C2 Citizenship Trip to Wolverhampton Crown Court - Wednesday 5 February 2020;
- 10D1 Citizenship Trip to Wolverhampton Crown Court - Thursday 6 February 2020;
- 10D2 Citizenship Trip to Wolverhampton Crown Court - Friday 7 February 2020.

General Reminders/Updates

- Please note that our Leadership Team Interviews that were scheduled for W/C 3 February 2020 have now been postponed. We will let you know when they have been re-arranged;
- Year 9 & 10 Languages 2020 Trip 1st Deposit Deadline (£110) - Monday 3 February 2020;
- Year 10 Art Large Canvass Payment Deadline (£10) - Friday 7 February 2020;
- School Production Support Reply Slip Deadline – Friday 7 February 2020;
- Year 11 Revision Guides Reply Slip Deadline – Friday 7 February 2020.

Thank You & Well Done

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

George Hutton	Joseph Rhodes	Billy Ebblewhite	Isabelle Hill
Lauren Teruel			