

## Parental Communication & Engagement



### Message from Head Teacher

Our School Production has now auditioned for the cast and rehearsals have begun in earnest. With such a talented cast it should prove to be a good show and we look forward to February. This week has also seen the first of our Strategy Evenings for Years 8 and 9. I really hope that the parents who attended found the information useful and that it gave a small insight into what our pupils can expect in the coming year. Careers Education now plays a large part in our strategies and throughout the coming year pupils will be given lots of chances to explore lots of career avenues. Last Thursday evening the Atrium, Gallery, and Sports Hall were filled with Colleges, Universities, and training providers to help our Year 11 consider their options after Dormston. The attendance was fantastic with over 85% of the year group present and there was a real buzz in the air about their exciting future possibilities.

### Letters Sent Out Recently All Available on our Website

- ALL Parents/Carers - Derwent House Charity Day Letter;
- ALL Year 7 Parents/Carers - Year 7 Residential Trip Expression of Interest Letter;
- ALL Year 7 - 9 Parents/Carers - Parent & Pupil Reading Group Letter;
- Year 11 Parents/Carers - Applying to Top Tier Sixth Forms Workshop Letter - 19 October 2018 at 3.15pm (*Selected Pupils*).

### Events/Trips for Next Week

- Year 7 Olympic Athlete Assembly - Wednesday 10 October 2018;
- Derwent House Charity Day - Friday 12 October 2018.

### General Reminders/Updates

- This is just a reminder to parents/carers that we are allowed to issue 'No Notice' 10 minute detentions in exceptional circumstances.
- The fantastic book site, **LoveReading 4 Kids** has just announced the re-launch of their site which now includes some brilliant new features to help make it easy to choose the perfect book to read

next. Please can we particularly draw your attention to the KIDSZONE area where children can sign up to enable them to access video's and interviews with their favourite authors, read book reviews and have fun with book activities and competitions.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/kids-zone/>

- **'Shelf-Help': Books for parents to borrow from the PLC "It can be tough being a parent"**  
We are delighted to offer a range of books especially for parents. Titles range from how to help your child with homework through to supporting children with emotional or learning difficulties. Please email [sellsmore@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:sellsmore@dormston.dudley.sch.uk) for full details which includes a list of the titles currently available for you to borrow.

## **Sporting Results & Forthcoming Matches**

### **RESULTS:**

- The Year 8 & 10 Netball fixtures got underway on Thursday 27 September with both teams travelling away to rivals Hagley R.C.
  - Year 10 Team lost their first match 15 - 8;
  - Year 8 Team came away victorious with a nail biting 9 - 10 WIN 😊.
- Year 11 Football Team v Bishop Milner **(Home)** - Wednesday 3 October 2018 –**Match cancelled;**

### **FORTHCOMING MATCHES**

A busy week for all our Teams, competing home and away..... good luck ladies and gentlemen.....  
Results will be posted in the next bulletin.

- Year 8 & 9 Netball Match **(Away)** - Dormston v Windsor High - Tuesday 9 October 2018;
- Year 7 Football Match - Dormston v Ellowes **(Home)** - Tuesday 9 October 2018;
- Year 8 Football Match - Dormston v University of Birmingham School **(Away)** - Monday 8 October 2018;
- Junior Girls Football Match - Dormston v Highfields **(Away)** - Wednesday 10 October 2018;
- Year 10 Football Match - Dormston v Bishop Milner **(Home)** - Thursday 11 October 2018.

## **Thank You & Well Done**

- Thank you to all those that returned their Parent/Carer Communication Survey. All responses received by Friday 5 October will now be entered into our Prize Draw for a £50 shopping voucher of your choice. The winner will be contacted on Monday 8 October 2018 and announced in the next bulletin. Responses have been fantastic and your comments and suggestions will be taken on board.
- Well done to the following pupils who have recently received Head Teacher Commendations:
  - Mia Geddes;
  - Keira Delamare.