



Monthly Parent Update Sheet

February 2016/March 2016

Term Dates 2016 - 2017

Please find attached School Term Dates 2016 - 2017. Please note that Election Day on Thursday 4 May 2017 will not be finally confirmed by the Local Authority until nearer the time and may therefore be subject to change.

Munich Update

Very many thanks to all parents and carers for ensuring that payments are kept up to date. We only have a few outstanding January payments. We will be sending out detailed information very shortly. Ted Higham, our tour guide, spent last weekend in Munich doing a 'trial run' in order to make sure that our trip runs as smoothly as possible. What a great job he has! We will very soon be asking for all passports to come into school to enable us to pass on information to the flight company. We will need to take a photocopy of the passport initially, so if you would rather photocopy the important passport pages at home and send in a copy then we would very gratefully receive it.

PSHE Update - Wednesday 3 February 2016

On Wednesday 3 February 2016 all pupils will be involved in the 3rd of our PSHE mornings. Year 7 will be taking part in a sponsored keep fit programme as they have been studying healthy lifestyles; Year 8 will be visited by Dudley Youth Offending Team to discuss local issues of youth crime and its consequences; Year 9 will be looking at GCSE options; and Year 10 will need to bring in materials as they are putting on stalls to raise awareness about a Global Citizenship issue - such as poverty, natural disasters, global warming etc. This always proves to be good fun and an excellent learning experience for your child. PSHE is a highly important part of your child's learning experience at Dormston and we eagerly anticipate the day's events!

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 4 February 2016

We will be holding a Year 7 Parents' Consultation Meeting on Thursday 4 February 2016. Please ensure your child makes appointments with all of their subject teachers so that we can update you on their progress.

Trent House Charity Day - Friday 5 February 2016

On Friday 5 February 2016 Trent House will be putting on a whole school Charity Day. The theme for the day is promoting active life-styles. All pupils are invited to pay £1.00 and come to school wearing mufti. All pupils will also be taking part in an 'active mile run' at some point during the day, come rain or shine! Please ensure your child brings appropriate footwear and clothing to take part in this event. During the afternoon, 100 pupils will be taking part in the first Dormston 5k Race. Pupils will get sponsored to do this. During lunchtime there will also be various sporting activities available for pupils to take part in. If you know of any local sports club that might be interested in getting involved please contact Mr Plant. All monies raised will go to the Georgina Unit at Russell's Hall Hospital.

National Internet Safety Day - Tuesday 9 February 2016

National Internet Safety Day is on Tuesday 9 February 2016. More information about the day will follow shortly.

School Production - Tuesday 9 February 2016 to Friday 12 February 2016

Tickets are now available at £6.00 each (including 0.50p booking fee) for our school production of 'Return to the Forbidden Planet'. The show runs from Tuesday 9 February to Friday 12 February 2016 at 7.30pm. Pupils have worked extremely hard and it promises to be a fantastic show. Tickets will be available from 1.00pm - 1.30pm & 3.00pm - 3.30pm from the Dormston Centre Reception. If parents wish to phone and make their payments via card they will need to do this between 5.30pm - 8.30pm when the Dormston Centre Reception is open, the pupils can collect the tickets the next day.

February Half Term - Monday 15 February 2016 to Friday 19 February 2016

School will be closed for Half Term from Monday 15 February 2016 to Friday 19 February 2016. Pupils should return to school on Monday 22 February 2016. They will be returning to a Week 2 timetable.

Year 7 & 8 Pizza Reward Evening - Tuesday 1 March 2016

We look forward to hosting our Effort Reward evenings in March, where the top effort pupils in each house will be invited to join us for pizza and a film. This will be shown in the Dormston Theatre and give pupils an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and receive a well-deserved reward. Invitations to successful pupils will be sent out during February. Year 7 & 8 Pizza Reward Evening will take place on Tuesday 1 March 2016.

Year 9 & 10 Pizza Reward Evening - Thursday 3 March 2016

We look forward to hosting our Effort Reward evenings in March, where the top effort pupils in each house will be invited to join us for pizza and a film. This will be shown in the Dormston Theatre and give pupils an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and receive a well-deserved reward. Invitations to successful pupils will be sent out during February. Year 9 & 10 Pizza Reward Evening will take place on Thursday 3 March 2016.

Year 9 Options Evening - Wednesday 9 March 2016

There will be a Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7.00pm. Options Evening will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the courses being offered in Key Stage 4, both the compulsory subjects and the ones in the 'option blocks'. Staff from each course will be available to speak to you about the requirements of the course. This information will be really important in helping your son/daughter make their final decision on their 'options form'.

Severn House Charity Day - Friday 18 March 2016

Severn House Charity Day will take place on Friday 18 March 2016. All proceeds raised will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital. All pupils are invited to pay £1.00 and come to school wearing mufti. There will also be lots of stalls selling food, a raffle for a Pandora Charm, Guess the Weight of the Easter Egg and lots of other fun activities to get involved with.

Year 11 Art Update & Exam - Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 March 2016

Please be aware that the Year 11 pupils studying Art or Photography GCSE have now started their set task which is the preparatory work for their exam. It is vital that all pupils are working through their strategy packs and attending after school sessions on a Tuesday or Wednesday in order to achieve the best possible results. The Art exam is on the 21 and 22 of March 2016. Photography is on 11 and 12 of April. The Art department will once again be holding an exhibition to showcase the outstanding work produced in school. This will allow parents and carers to see the outcome of all of the pupils' hard work. The exhibition will be on the 18th of May 2016 and all pupils will need to attend. More details and invites to follow. Good luck Year 11!

Year 9 Parents' Consultation - Wednesday 23 March 2016

We will be holding a Year 9 Parents' Consultation Meeting on Wednesday 23 March 2016. Please ensure your child makes appointments with all of their subject teachers so that we can update you on their progress.

Easter Holidays - Friday 25 March 2016 to Friday 8 April 2016

We will be breaking up for the Easter Holidays on Thursday 24 March 2016 at 3.00pm. Pupils should return to school on Monday 11 April 2016 and will be returning to a Week 1 Timetable.