



# Monthly Parent Update Sheet

## July 2015/September 2015

### Summer Break

We would like to wish you all, a safe, happy, and relaxing summer break. We have achieved a huge amount this year and look forward to the challenges and successes of the next academic year. We would like to thank you for your continued support over the last academic year.

### Social Media/Selfies

With profile pictures, selfies and photographs in general forming such a huge part of social media we would like to share the attached parent guidance link. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Nude-Selfies-What-parents-and-carers-need-to-know/>. This link can also be accessed via our school website and VLE.

### Bronze, Silver, Gold Tie Award Evening - Tuesday 14 July 2015 at 6.30pm

It is that time of year again when we add up all pupil's effort points and award them their next tie. Our Tie Award Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 14 July 2015 at 6.30pm in The Theatre. Letters inviting parents and pupils have been sent out. Please ensure you return your reply slip ASAP.

### Last Day of Term - Friday 17 July 2015 \*EARLY FINISH

We will break up for the summer holidays on Friday 17 July 2015 at the earlier time of 12.30pm.

### GCSE RESULTS DAY - Thursday 20 August 2015

We will be receiving our GCSE Results on Thursday 20 August 2015. Pupils can collect their results from 10.00am - 12.00pm. If they are not able to collect their results themselves and wish somebody else to collect them on their behalf they **MUST** provide a signed letter, signed by the pupil themselves.

### Year 11 Post 16 Evening - Thursday 17 September 2015

We will be holding a Year 11 Post 16 Evening on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 6.00pm - 8.00pm. The event is aimed at parents and pupils. Local colleges and providers will be present to help pupils decide on what their next steps might be. A letter will follow in due course with further details.

### INSET DAY - Wednesday 2 September 2015

Please note that school will be closed on Wednesday 2 September 2015 for INSET. **Pupils should return to school after the summer break on Thursday 3 September 2015.**

## **INSET Early Finish - Friday 11 September 2015 at 12.45pm**

As in previous years, we will be closing early to enable some extremely important staff training to take place in readiness for the forthcoming academic year. On Friday 11 September 2015 we will therefore be closing at the earlier time of 12.45pm. Pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will still be able to collect their lunch before leaving school.

## **Year 11 Pupil Personal Statements Deadline - Friday 18 September 2015**

Personal Statements are created to assist Year 11 pupils in applying to colleges and work placements and form an extremely important part of your child's next steps. The deadline for pupils to complete their Personal Statements is **Friday 18 September 2015**. On this date, all pupils **MUST** hand their Personal Statements into their Form Tutor. Could we please ask that you encourage your child to complete this important statement within the deadline and ensure that your child has put appropriate thought and effort into creating a strong and effective Personal Statement. Pupils will be given time and guidance on how to do this in school but your support and interest with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

## **Goodbyes & Hellos 2015**

As with any school, we will be seeing some of our staff leaving us to go on to pastures new. We would therefore like to wish the following staff well in their future careers and thank them for all their hard work and support whilst here at Dormston:

- Miss Powers, Assistant Head Teacher
- Mrs Waldron, Science Teacher & Work Related Learning Co-ordinator;
- Mrs Burn, Science Teacher;
- Mrs Cooper, RE Teacher;
- Mr Wilkes, English Teacher, Deputy Head of Severn House;
- Mrs Hodgson, Attendance Officer
- Mrs Walker, Receptionist.

We would also like to welcome and introduce the following staff who have recently joined us or will be joining us in September 2015:

- Ms Jones, Attendance Officer;
- Miss Higgins, MFL Teacher;
- Miss Wadeline, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Science;
- Miss Chaplin, English Teacher;
- Ms Lowe, Receptionist.