



Monthly Parent Update Sheet May 2016/June 2016

House Email System

In order to improve parental communication, we now also have the option of House email accounts so that you can send emails regarding any queries you may have. We aim to respond to all emails within 48 hours. Email addresses are as follows:

avon@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

derwent@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

severn@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

trent@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

Holiday Reminder

Please be aware that should you, as a parent/carer, take leave of absence for your child in term time that has not been authorised by the school, we will refer the matter to the Education Investigation Service requesting that they consider issuing of a Fixed Penalty fine.

Term Dates 2016/2017 *UPDATED

Please see attached slightly amended Term Dates for 2016/2017. Please note that the only change is that the INSET day arranged for Monday 19 June 2017 has now been moved to Friday 30 June 2017.

SEN News

Year 7: There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to meet with the SENCO to discuss their child's Special Educational Needs in the week beginning 16 May 2016. Pupils will be given an appointment letter to take home and should return the reply slip to the school office as soon as possible.

Year 8: Parents/carers may meet with the SENCO to discuss their child's Special Educational Needs on 12 May 2016 during the Year 8 Parent's Consultation evening. No need to make an appointment.

Year 10: Parents/carers may meet with the SENCO to discuss their child's Special Educational Needs on 26 May 2016 during the Year 10 Parent's Consultation evening. No need to make an appointment.

All parents of pupils with Special Educational Needs are always welcome to make an appointment to see the SENCO at any time or to ring with any concerns or queries.

Trip to Munich

Wow, what an amazing time we had! Football, food, Bierkellers, Oompah Bands, cars and the sun shone on us the entire time. Dormston pupils did us proud and an amazing time was had by all. We still haven't stopped smiling. Coming down the players' tunnel at the Allianz Arena was a fantastic experience. A super big thank you to, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Baker, Mr Rogers and Mr Fox for giving up some of their holiday to make it all possible. The planning for the 2017 languages trip to the German/French border - The Black Forest and Strasbourg - is well underway. Thank you for all of the reply slips, it is going to be brilliant. The payment schedule will be with you shortly and the deposit of £50 will be due at the very beginning of June. Here's to another great one!

Thursday 12 May 2016 - Year 8 Parents' Consultation

We will be holding a Year 8 Parents' Consultation on Thursday 12 May 2016. Please ensure your child makes appointments with all of their teachers so that we can update you on their progress.

Pizza Reward Evening - Tuesday 17 May 2016

We will be holding a Pizza Reward Evening for pupils on Tuesday 17 May 2016. Letters inviting selected pupils will be sent out in due course.

Year 11 Art Exhibition - Wednesday 18 May 2016

The Art Department will once again be holding an exhibition to showcase the outstanding work produced in school by our Year 11 pupils. This will allow parents and carers to see the outcome of all of the pupils' hard work. The exhibition will be on the Wednesday 18 May 2016 and all pupils will need to attend. Pupils will need to be present on the evening to stand by their display and be available to answer any questions about the work they have produced. Pupils will therefore need to arrive at 5.45pm, dressed in school uniform.

Avon Charity Day - Friday 20 May 2016

It's here again - Avon's annual Charity Day! Last year, as a house, we raised £1,500 for Beacon Centre which was very welcomed by this extremely valued local charity. This year, we are hoping to beat this figure! The date for your diaries this year is Friday 20 May 2016 and it will be a day full of fun and fund-raising! There will be more information sent shortly to all pupils, but if you have any prizes for our raffle or further ideas to raise money then please bring them in and they will be very gratefully received. Many thanks in advance.

Thursday 26 May 2016 - Year 10 Parents' Consultation

We will be holding a Year 10 Parents' Consultation on Thursday 26 May 2016. Please ensure your child makes appointments with all of their teachers so that we can update you on their progress.

Half Term Holidays - Monday 30 May 2016 to Friday 3 June 2016 *SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed from Monday 30 May 2016 to Friday 3 June 2016. Pupils should return to school on Monday 6 June 2016. Pupils will be returning to a Week 2 timetable.

Whole School Examination Week - WC Monday 13 June 2016

To better prepare our students for end of year examinations and all the revision and pressure that they generate we have decided to introduce an exam week. This year it will begin on Monday June 13th and for students in years 7, 8 and 9 will last for 3 days. Year 10 students will finish by Monday 20th June. Lessons will be suspended and students will sit examinations in most subjects to judge their current levels of performance.

They will need to be fully equipped including specific mathematical equipment (ruler, compass, protractor, calculator) and we would strongly encourage all parents and carers to promote revision in the weeks and days leading up to this week. Teachers will be giving advice to students on how and what to revise over the next few weeks and an exam timetable will show students exactly where they need to be at any given time. Results of these examinations and all end of year levels/grades will be sent home in the weeks that follow. Good luck to all students!

EU Election Day *SCHOOL CLOSED - Thursday 23 June 2016

The school will be closed on Thursday 23 June 2016 for the EU Elections.

INSET Day *SCHOOL CLOSED - Friday 24 June 2016

School will be closed on Friday 24 June 2016 for INSET.

Oscar Awards Evening - Wednesday 29 June 2016

We will be holding our Annual Oscar Awards Evening for Years 7 – 10 on Wednesday 29 June 2016. Look out for your child's gold envelope invitation to this prestigious event. As always, there will be awards, prizes and live entertainment and it promises to be a fantastic evening.