



# DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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Firstly we would like to say how proud we were of all the brilliant students who took part in Dance Live 2023. To win the final, against such impressive competition, is an incredibly impressive achievement. Every single member of the team epitomised our KAPP values.

The coming weeks are going to be incredibly important for Y11 as they enter their exam period. We know that if they continue to work hard in and out of lessons during this period, they will be justly rewarded in the summer and do themselves and us proud.

*Shaun Allison & Chris Woodcock*  
Co Headteachers



## Sporting Success

The Y11 rounders team celebrated in style as they won their last ever rounders tournament winning all their matches and taking the title of District Tournament Champions!

Congratulations to our Y10 football team who triumphed in the penalty shootout against The Angmering School to reach the final of the District League!



## Dance Live Winners 2023!

It is hard to find the words to sum up the experience we had at Dance Live on Tuesday, the whole team excitedly met up at the start of the day for a few quick rehearsals before heading off to Portsmouth. Having already won our heat in Eastbourne the team were just excited to perform their piece again and for our year 11 students the realisation that this would be their last performance representing our school was starting to dawn.

We arrived at Portsmouth Guildhall and assembled in the auditorium to watch the other schools rehearse, the standard was high and everybody was so supportive, the atmosphere throughout the day was filled with energy and excitement. We rehearsed the piece twice in the afternoon and then headed to the dressing room to start the process of hair and make-up.

We were the last school of the evening to perform and nerves started to creep in! The performance

was amazing, every single member of our team including our fantastic stage crew were committed and focussed and gave the performance their all.

After we performed, we heard feedback from one of the judges who commented on how amazing the piece was, she felt immersed in our world and every time she watched any one of the performers, they were telling the story with every fibre of their being. I was beaming with pride at her comments and the icing on the cake was being crowned overall winners.

Every member of the Dance Live team is truly deserving of that title, I am so proud and honoured to work with my inspiring team of staff and to have the opportunity to work with young people who are such an asset to our community, hardworking, dedicated and supportive. Dance Live team - we are so proud.

*Mrs Isham - Director of Performing Arts*





# KS4 Geography Trip to Iceland

During the Easter break 6 staff and 56 students from across Y10-11 took part in the geography trip to Iceland. Over a period of 3 nights and 4 days, the group had an incredible time visiting some of the most breath-taking natural features in the world including raging waterfalls, volcanic craters, erupting geysers and lava fields still steaming and cooling from a 2022 eruption.

During their stay the group also visited Hellisheiði Power Station (amongst the ten largest geothermal power stations in the world) and took time to explore the beautiful city of Reykjavik - the northernmost capital city in the world. It truly was a once in a lifetime experience for all involved!

*Mr Atkins - Head of Geography*

## The Rainbow Flag

We are delighted to share our two further awards from The Rainbow Flag; 'Supportive Governors and Parents' and 'Inclusive Curriculum'. These awards celebrate our diverse and inclusive community, as a school we are committed to ensuring each and every one of our students receive the best possible education, as well as the guidance, support and pastoral care each individual student requires. As ever we are extremely proud of Team Durrington.



30th May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

## Virtual Work Experience

STEM insight for students between years 10-13

- How GSK takes products from molecule to market
- Learn about different career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths
- Gain job application hints and tips
- Gain an industry-accredited Bronze Industrial Cadets Award



Scan the QR code or follow the below link to apply:

<https://survey.gsk.com/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=mlK0no860>



Ahead Together

## Careers

Year 10 students interested in STEM pathways should check out a virtual work experience offer from GSK during half term. Full day sessions run during half term with a further week available to complete the Bronze Industrial Cadets Award.

Mr Henry - Careers Leader

## Science

This week over 100 Year 10 students will be participating in the National Scientific Thinking Challenge. This looks at how well students can reason and logically answer a set of questions on topics that they have not seen before.

Thousands of students from across the UK will be taking part in the challenge which was set up by UCAS and several universities including: University of Oxford; Durham University; University of Warwick. Last year, 5 students at Durrington scored in the top 10% in the UK.

## The Seahorse Magazine

Open, download, share, the latest edition here: [The Seahorse](#)

We have a whole range of literature for you to feast on with short stories, poems, comics, limericks and some of the students' upcoming novels! All written, produced and edited by our creative writing club.

## Perseverance

Huge congratulations to DHS student George who completed his 100-mile trek across the South Downs in just 4 days!

George is raising funds for a once in a lifetime trip to the World Scout Jamboree in SaeManGeum Korea.

If you would like to donate to George's fundraising you can do so on the link here:

[Help George get to South Korea \(gofundme.com\)](#)





# DHS Alumni - Professional Football

Three former DHS students who have gone on to play professional football all scored superb goals during their recent matches!

Read more about our inspirational PE department [here](#).

Ex-DHS student and professional footballer Harrison Reed invited current DHS student Rossi, in year 8, to watch the Fulham match. After the game Rossi got to meet all the players and received a signed shirt. This was an amazing experience for him and one he will never forget.

Such a lovely gesture from an ex-student to a current one, thank you Harrison.

## Clubs update

The after school sports clubs for this half term have been updated and start this week. For all DHS clubs please follow the link below:

[Durrington High School Club List](#)

Why not come along and try something new this term!

### DHS Alumni - Professional Football A great weekend for our former DHS students



- Harrison Reed scored for Fulham in the Premier League against Everton
- Conor Chaplin scored a hat-trick for Ipswich in League One beating Charlton
- Mickey Demetriou, Newport captain, scored against Hartlepool in League Two

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# Bletchley Park trip

Students spent the day at the site of the WW2 code breakers, where mathematical minds and technological achievements came together to not only help end the war early, but also shape the world in which we live in today.

Students completed cipher workshops, where they had to put their maths skills to use to break a series of cipher codes. They also learnt during the tour of the site how the code breakers had to use probability in their everyday life. They knew that some things were more likely than others and they worked out probabilities mathematically as a way to help narrow down the number of ways a message will have been encrypted.

From Alan Turing's office, to the ballroom of the mansion house, lunch on the lawns where many codebreakers would have rested between long shifts, the students got a good insight to what life would have been like at Bletchley.

*Mrs Taylor – Director of Business and Computing*







## Can you help make a difference

### **Help us to make a real difference to young people in need:**

You may be aware that a small proportion of the children at Durrington, for one of a number of reasons, live in extremely challenging circumstances when compared to their non-disadvantaged peers. With the continued rise in the cost of living, energy bills, and cuts to family support services the opportunity to attend their end-of-school prom appears out of reach of them/their family. As a school we continue to do a great deal to make the event as accessible as possible, we have reached a point where we need just a little bit more help and hence are contacting you, our fantastic local community.

### **How you can help:**

We are asking for any business to help support these students with the opportunity of going to our prom; the final celebration of their school lives. If

you feel like you could help by offering something as simple as haircuts, nails being done, a suit, prom dresses or transport on the night then please click on the link here and let us know.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VGBA34ziyXLLy0vZAbn-P9VWC\\_Lq-e02zqrTEKIR7d4/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VGBA34ziyXLLy0vZAbn-P9VWC_Lq-e02zqrTEKIR7d4/edit)

Our promise back to you is to ensure that we match your kind donation to a student in real need. As a further token of our appreciation we will also be happy to add your business to the prom programme and thank you on our social media platforms.





# Recruitment

## SCITT

Are you a parent or carer interested in becoming a teacher? Come and train with an Ofsted outstanding provider!

Our school is part of a partnership of schools leading the way for more school-led teacher training as part of The South Downs SCITT. This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent and develop them into teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for the students at Durrington High School.

We have vacancies now to start training from September 2023 and we would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher or know someone who is.

Get in touch with the friendly team at The South Downs SCITT - Tel: 01903 705671

(Durrington Multi Academy Trust, The Boulevard, Worthing).





# Diary Dates

- Monday 1st May - Early May Bank Holiday
- Thursday 4th May - Year 11 dance performance evening
- Monday 8th May - King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday
- Thursday 11th May - Year 10 consultation evening
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Half term

## Social media

Don't forget you can follow all the latest news on our social media pages including our brand new Instagram page!

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)





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