



# DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride

**16 June 2023 edition**



We can't quite believe that we are already so close to the end of the school year! We are already starting to plan for next year at the same time as having some exciting events during now and the end of term. Diversity week in particular (with the re-naming of our companies) will be a great event as will sports day in early July.

Year 11 have nearly finished their GCSE exams and we look forward to celebrating with them at their Summer ball.

As well as this year 10 have their first set of mocks coming up, it's key they remember that every little helps and securing a good grade in these gives them a huge advantage as they start in year 11.

There will be lots more to update you on before the end of term so please keep a close eye on future newsletters and or social media streams.

*Shaun Allison &  
Chris Woodcock  
Co-Headteachers*

## DHS Art & Design Show

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 4.30 – 6.00pm

Venue: Durrington High School



## DHS Best of the Best

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 5.00pm

Venue: Colonnade House

Visitors will be treated to our amazing students fine art, textiles, graphics & photography work.



## Important and exciting news ...

As you will be aware we remain fully committed to ensuring that each and every member of our community feels part of Team Durrington. We are so proud of the diversity that already exists within our school and equally of the richness this brings to our community. Diversity is what makes us all different. It can be our race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, physical ability or beliefs and many other ways. We are firmly of the view that diversity is something to be celebrated, supported and embraced and hence this letter to you.

### So what next?

During the week of the 26-29 June, we will be taking part in National Diversity Week, which is a celebration of inclusion for all. In the run up to and during this week, we will be running a range of events both inside and outside the classroom to highlight the importance and value of diversity. Events throughout the week will include

- writing tutor group pledges for inclusion,
  - decorating doors with diverse role models,
  - leading assemblies on respect for all,
  - teaching within subjects about how our subjects promote and celebrate diversity,
- putting on a range of extracurricular activities just to name a few!

# National Diversity Week @TeamDurrington

## Even more exciting news ...

As part of Diversity Week we are exploring new & diverse Company names which are truly representative of Team Durrington. All members of our community are welcome to put forward their suggestions and students will then have the opportunity to learn about these new role models and vote on the final names.

If you would like you to nominate an individual (s) who you think could be suitable to be the name of one of our companies please do so via the nomination form below. We are looking for names (role models) who have made a real and sustained difference to others (either locally or in a national/international context).

Our key criteria for nominations are:

- all nominated individuals embody one or more aspects of our KAPP values (kindness, aspiration, perseverance and pride) through their actions and achievements
- the individuals/names chosen as a group are representative of our diverse and brilliant student body

Please complete the nomination form which can be found here by 9am on Monday 19th June. [Company name nomination form](#)

## And finally ...

There will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 29th June where we ask students to bring in an optional donation of £1 in cash in support of “Just Like Us”, or to pay through the Arbor link.



# National Scientific Thinking Challenge



In 2021, a group of friends from 6 different university chemistry departments created a test for Year 10 students to try. It was the middle of the pandemic and learning had been badly disrupted.

They worked at Warwick, Southampton, Bristol, Newcastle, Manchester and Oxford Universities and wanted to encourage students and give them something positive and enjoyable to try at a difficult time.

After more than 6,000 people took the test, and positive feedback from teachers and students saying how much they enjoyed the challenge, they decided to make this an annual event.

This year four classes from Durrington High School entered the challenge in which students had to answer 34 questions in 50 minutes. No revision was undertaken and the questions were all based on the analysis of the tables and graphs.

Over 13.6K students took part from across the country and those scoring in the top 10% were awarded gold, the top 25% silver, and the top 40% bronze.

Our students did amazingly well and achieved 9 golds, 8 silvers, and 22 bronze!





74% BRONZE Robert Parsons  
 74% BRONZE Theo Seirlis  
 74% BRONZE Zak Samson  
 74% BRONZE Taran Walker  
 74% BRONZE Amber Cotten  
 74% BRONZE Sarah Landy  
 74% BRONZE Charlie McGeorge-Hinks  
 71% BRONZE Lily Denyer  
 71% BRONZE Luca Dragoi  
 71% BRONZE Gaby Keywood  
 71% BRONZE Flynn Hooper  
 71% BRONZE Ethan Robertson  
 71% BRONZE Amy Warren  
 71% BRONZE Heidi Palmer  
 68% BRONZE Phoebe Brookman  
 68% BRONZE Holly Elves  
 68% BRONZE Ethan Campbell  
 68% BRONZE Tamsin Roughton  
 68% BRONZE Taiya Moulding  
 68% BRONZE Evie Riley

91% GOLD Jessie Hopkins  
 88% GOLD William Townson  
 85% GOLD James Barnard  
 82% GOLD Eduards Barkovskis  
 82% GOLD Charlie Bell  
 82% GOLD Heidi Redman  
 82% GOLD Oscar Turnbull  
 82% GOLD Kevin Vokel  
 82% GOLD Raffe Young

79% SILVER Liam Elliot  
 79% SILVER Macey Roberts  
 79% SILVER James Cook  
 79% SILVER Keaton Gilmore  
 79% SILVER Rosalyn Purser  
 79% SILVER Luke Puttock  
 76% SILVER Tamara Clayton  
 76% SILVER Ollie Marett  
 74% BRONZE Henry Fellingham  
 74% BRONZE Beau Hutchby



# Steyning Athletics Event

The DHS KS3 athletics team had a superb day at Steyning Novices last Wednesday. Ten schools in the district were competing at what was a fantastic event for all involved. All students represented the school brilliantly with some key stand out performers:

- \* Louie Lawrence – 200m 1st place
- \* George Walton – 100m 2nd place
- \* Chiem Gurr-Enyi – 100m 3rd place
- \* Jacob Grant – 300m 3rd place & 1500m 2nd place
- \* Year 7 - boys relay 1st place
- \* Deborah Chibinjana – 100m 2nd place
- \* Alisha Tiangco – 100m 2nd place

- \* Esme Harris – 200m 2nd place
- \* Harriet Hopson-Northam – 300m 1st place
- \* Mylie Corbet - 800m 2nd place & 1500m 2nd place
- \* Elise Aston – 800m 1st place & 1500m 1st place
- \* Year 9 – girls overall 1st place
- \* Team Durrington – overall 1st place

5 out of 6 of our teams placed in the top 3, with the Y9 girls team coming 1<sup>st</sup>, leading to an outstanding overall 1<sup>st</sup> place for Durrington.

Well done to all our superb athletes, a brilliant team!



## Duke of Edinburgh qualifier expedition

In stark contrast to the when the practice expedition was completed in the wet weather in March, the sun shone for the whole weekend at the end of May when the 4 teams completed their expedition section of their Bronze Award. Teams started just north of Falmer and hiked up and over the South Downs towards Plumpton and the good weather helped boost their energy levels as nearly all teams completed the first day in good time. As part of their expedition challenge, teams had to complete a project along the way of their choice, and so one team recorded the amount of litter they found, while another team took photos of a toy lizard at various notable points along the way.

At the overnight campsite, the local ice cream van allowed us to reward the teams' efforts of the first day with 99's before they pitched their tents and then cooked their evening meals, ending their day relaxing with card games and ball games. All were in bed by 10pm since the next morning they were up by 6am to get breakfast cooked, cleared up



and kit packed away ready for their second day start at 9am.

This time the teams headed south towards Ditchling before heading back over the steep escarpment slope of the South Downs towards Brighton, passing the Chattri Indian War memorial before finishing by the A27. Again, the sun shone the whole way, and the assessors who had been monitoring the teams were very complimentary about how well they had done in the heat.

In September Year 10 students will be able to sign up for the next Bronze Award launch so look out for more details.







# DHS Careers week

There has been a buzz around the school this week as the students have been engaging with over 20 employers and vocational college departments. Briefings on each day's visitors have gone out each morning along with challenge questions. These have covered topics such as the impact of AI on the future job market and what it means for a job to make a difference.

School staff have been displaying pathway plaques on their doors to encourage discussions about their career journey and the skills they've learned along the way. Quizzes and challenges have also been running

through the week with the Year 7 & 8 passport stamp challenge proving very popular.







The visitor feedback has been amazing, and we have been so impressed with how engaged the students have been as well as with the confidence they've shown in talking to them each day. We want to develop the idea of broad options and these sorts of events are really valuable in helping young people explore future possibilities.

Visitors have included teams from HSBC, The Grand Hotel, The Army, The RAF, HMRC Digital, Lagoon Water Sports, Plumpton College, Grace Eyre, The Sussex Dolphin Project, Brighton University, Sigta Engineering, DV8 and the Chichester College Group. A massive thanks to all of them!





# THE BUZZ

Event Photography



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Event

Durrington High School  
Prom 2023

Venue

Avisford Hotel, Arundel

Date

Thursday 29th June 23

## Year 11 summer ball

The **BUZZ** Event Photography (a professional photographic studio & viewing, print station) will be in attendance at the Durrington High School Prom 2023. Students will be able to take home on the night a 9" x 6" high-class print(s) in quality strut-mount at £10.00 each. There is a special offer available only on the night where if you buy 2, you get the 3rd free. You can mix and match the 3 photographs, all different poses. Individual shot(s),

couples, or group shots with friends. **Cash** or **card** will be taken on the night.

Following the prom, a website link and access code will be sent out for parents, friends and families to purchase additional copies of low/high resolution Jpegs, other print sizes and various products of any photographs taken on the night.

## Donations

Next term year 9 will be working on a new art project redesigning and up-cycling old shoes. If you have any old shoes you no longer wear please drop off at reception during the school day. Any size, shape or style welcome!



## Opportunity: volunteers aged 14+ needed to help make a real difference this summer

Chanctonbury Community Play Scheme (CCPS) is locally based charity that works to provide summer holiday provision for children with additional needs. Each year we offer young people (generally aged 14+) the opportunity to volunteer and become a helper to work 1:1 with our amazing children. For many volunteers this experience can truly be life changing! What can be better than knowing you have made a real difference whilst having fun at the same time.

To find out more about CCPS (and potentially encourage your teen to

volunteer) please click [here](#). The helper application form is available on [this link](#). Included on the form is a short video showing more about our day-to-day provision. Should you have any further questions the CCPS organiser Vikki, can be contacted on [CCPSOrganiser@gmail.com](mailto:CCPSOrganiser@gmail.com)





# Stephen Spender Prize

**The leading prize for poetry translation, open to all ages. This year's competition is open for entries until 14th July 2023. Read on for more details on how to enter!**



## MFL poetry translation competition

The MFL department are offering an exciting opportunity to take part in the Stephen Spender Poetry Translation competition. This is a prestigious prize open to everyone throughout the country. There will also be prizes for best entries from DHS. You just have to translate any poem, rap or song published in ANY language (apart from English) into English. Students are invited to attend after school translation workshops with Ms Smith every Wednesday where you can get support in choosing a poem and making creative writing decisions to make sure your poem sounds good in

English and conveys the same tone and message as the original. It could be a poem written in the language you are studying at school or a poem written in your home language or another language you speak. Let's celebrate the diversity of our community by sharing the many different languages we have amongst us!

For more information see Ms Smith or email [vsmith@durring.com](mailto:vsmith@durring.com)

The deadline to submit entries is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

# Sport

It's been a very exciting couple of weeks in PE with plenty of action. Summer extra-curricular clubs are still in full swing with good attendance, with the addition of tennis club this half term.

Good luck to our U13 girls who will be competing in the cricket competition at Steyning, and to our Y7 boys who play their last cricket match against Angmering competing for a chance to reach the semi-final of the district league.

Three of our amazing DHS students recently competed in regional and national trampolining competitions, all putting in outstanding performances.

## ***Evie Belchamber - Year 9***

Evie competed at the British Gymnastics Age Group Championships at the Telford International Centre; Evie competed in FIG 13-14 Women and finished in a Fantastic 7th Place in Great Britain. This is the highest level in Great Britain; Evie finished 8th after the preliminary rounds where she then had one more performance against the Top 8 which included athletes that are on the BG Junior Squads and have

competed on the world stage! Evie finished in 7th place overall.

This event is also a qualifier to the British Championships in September, where the top 24 gymnasts in Juniors (13-14 Females and 15-16 Females) are invited to compete. Evie is ranked 19th out of both 13-14 and 15-16 and we have up to 4 weeks to wait for BG to send out their invites!

## ***Anais Merritt - Year 10***

Having only returned to Trampolining this year Anais has successfully earned herself a place on the South East Team to compete nationally later this year. Anais competed in the Trampoline Regional Challenge Cup Level 2 15+ Female and finished ranked 1st in the South East after three qualifiers.

## ***Peggy-Lee Martin - Year 8***

Peggy-Lee excelled this year on Double Mini Trampoline and has successfully earned herself a place on the South East Team to compete Nationally later this year. Peggy competed in the DMT Regional Challenge Cup Level 1 13+ Female and finished ranked 1st in the South East after three qualifiers.



# Pride of Durrington 13th July 2023



## Award categories

### Kindness in the community awards

- Volunteer of the year
- Charity fundraiser of the year
- Unsung community hero award
- Peer support award

### Aspiration awards

- Outstanding contribution to extra-curricular activities
- Commitment to sport award
- Outstanding contribution to PE
- The spirit of adventure award





## Perseverance awards

- Student of courage award
- Young achiever award
- Environmental champion award
- Overcoming adversity award
- The Sally Baker reading award
- Outstanding contribution to performing arts award
- Outstanding contribution to careers award
- Outstanding scholar award
- Diversity Champion award

## Pride awards

- Pride of company (special recognition/contribution) awards
- Greatest contribution to school values award

Based on the huge success of last year's inaugural Pride of Durrington awards evening, we are delighted to announce that it will return this year on Thursday 13th July 2023.

We continue to be inspired by so many of our students. Pride of Durrington allows us to celebrate these outstanding achievements (both within school and the wider community) more formally.



# How can you help?



## Parents / carers & members of the community

We need your help to nominate our brilliant students so we are aware of their achievements.

We welcome nominations from adults however, please be understanding and aware that

- a) as in life, not all individuals nominated will receive an/the award.
- b) it is preferable (where possible) that nominations come from third parties.

If you wish to put forward the name of an exceptional student to be considered for one of this summer's Pride of Durrington awards please now use the form to do this below.

You will need to select which award (s) best fits the student you are nominating.

[Pride of Durrington nomination form](#)

An independent panel (none of whom will nominate) will review all nominations and decide on award winners. All nominations must be received by Monday 3rd July 9am please.

**Finally, there will be a few other awards but they have specific staff making the nominations due to the nature of the award.**



## Perseverance

Digging deep and never giving up.



## Pride

Being proud of who you are, what you achieve and the success of others.

# Pride of Durrington 2023

## Local businesses

We are asking for your help to make the celebration evening a resounding success again. Specifically, we are seeking either individuals or local businesses to help us showcase how valued our young people are. Individuals and/or businesses could help by sponsoring a specific award and/or by contributing to the evening itself: decorations, catering or certificate printing, to name a few examples.

We intend to recognise students in a wide range of categories and are therefore seeking minimum donations of £25 to support each award as well as helping us to cover the cost of running the evening. If you feel your business is aligned with our key values of Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance and Pride, we would love to hear from you.

In return for your donation, we can offer:

- Your business name and details published in the event programme.
- Recognition of your support shared on our social media pages.
- Coverage of the night in the local newspaper.
- The opportunity for you to attend as a VIP guest.

If you, or your business, can help please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Email

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to find out more information.





# Durrington High Leisure

At Durrington High Leisure we are proud to open our state of the art facilities to the local community and create a space for learning, sports and special events.

## **Sports Hall & Outdoor Pitches**

We can accommodate a range of indoor and outdoor sports activities. Our facilities are suitable for Football, Rugby, Hockey, Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Badminton, Martial Arts, Fitness, Dance and Yoga classes.

## **Dance Studios & Performance Space**

We have great facilities for dance or exercise classes and the performing arts including rooms for rehearsal space or for larger events.

## **Events, Training, Meetings, Fayres & Exhibitions**

We have a range of rooms ideal for meetings and training sessions as well as large Mall areas ideal for fayres, exhibitions and events.

## **The Brewhouse - Bistro**

Our very own bistro 'The Brewhouse' offering a wide range of snacks and drinks (opening times vary).

To check availability or to arrange a viewing please complete an enquiry form [here](#).

## Recruitment

Teaching Assistant

Student Welfare Support & Main Office Assistant

Apply by 9am on Friday 23rd June 2023



## Diary Dates

- Thursday 22nd June Year 7 parent/ carer evening
- Thursday 29th June Year 11 leavers assembly and Summer Ball
- Thursday 29th June - Diversity Week non-school uniform day
- Friday 30th June - INSET day
- Thursday 6th July - Art & DT show
- Thursday 13th July - Pride of Durrington 2023
- Thursday 20th July - Summer Concert
- Friday 21st July - Last day of term

## Social media

Don't forget you can follow all the latest news on our social media pages:

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