



DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride

End of term celebration edition



As the year draws to a close, there has been so much to celebrate. Just this week we have had the amazing Art Exhibition at Colonnade House in Worthing and of course, our Pride of Durrington awards ceremony. We were delighted that our local councillor, Sophie Cox, was able to join us for the Pride of Durrington and celebrate the many inspirational stories and achievements of our students. Each and every one of them have gone 'beyond their best through kindness, aspiration, perseverance and pride'. As well as that, this

weekend our GCSE geography students are off to Dorset for their field trip. These are just a few examples of how incredibly proud our students make us feel – each and every day.

Thank you for all your support this year. We hope you have a great summer and manage to find some time to rest and recharge with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming students back to school in September.

*Shaun Allison &
Chris Woodcock
Co-Headteachers*

PRIDE
of Durrington

Pride of Durrington 2023

Post-Covid our school values of kindness, aspiration, perseverance and pride have never been so important, your children are leading the way in demonstrating these so successfully to others and we are delighted to share the achievements of some incredible members of our school community with you in our end of term celebration edition.

End of term arrangements

The last day of the summer term is Friday 21st July and school will close early at 12.25pm



Art & Design @DHS



The DHS Art & Design Show 2023

Student work from across the art department was on display for parents, carers, friends and family to come and view last week at our annual show.

The range of media included fine art, textiles, photography and graphics, and the standard was phenomenal.

Guest were so impressed with the students talents and the diverse

subject matter on display, which truly represented the art departments hard work and commitment to ensuring each student is encouraged and supported to reach their potential.

Thank you to everyone who came on the evening, it was great to hear your comments and see the delight on your faces as you appreciated our students incredible achievements.



PRODE

of Durrington

Kindness in the community

Volunteers of the Year

Awarded to individuals who have gone above and beyond with the giving of their time/service in the community.

Our winners: **Peyton Brown & Kaytee Hawkes**

Charity Fundraiser of the Year

Awarded to an individual who has gone above and beyond in personally raising significant funds for a charitable cause. The cause could be local, national or international.

Our winner: **Ben McKay**

Unsung Community Heroes

Awarded to individuals who have gone above and beyond and, through their actions, made an incredible difference to the lives of others within the community.

Our winners: **Salmaan Korim-Kamali & Sophie Ball**

Peer Support

Awarded to an outstanding friend who has, over time, supported a friend through challenges and difficulties.

Our winner: **Alisha Clark**

Aspiration

Outstanding Contribution to Extra-Curricular Activities

Awarded to an individual who has gone above and beyond and, through their actions, made an incredible difference to the life/lives of another/others within the community.

Our winner: **Ellie Leaver**



Going beyond our best through kindness, aspiration, perseverance and pride.

Outstanding Commitment to Sport

Awarded to an individual who has made a significant and sustained contribution to supporting their teammates across a range of sporting activities within school.

Our winner: **Bettie-Rose Martin**



Outstanding Contribution to PE

Awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to physical education.

Our winner: **Maisy McCallum**



Spirit of Adventure

Awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Duke of Edinburgh team and embraces opportunities to go beyond their best.

Our winner: **George Grover**



Perseverance

Student of Courage

Awarded to an individual who has, over a sustained period of time, demonstrated outstanding courage in the face of adversity.

Our winner: **Louie Denyer**



Young Achiever

Awarded to an individual who has achieved significant achievements due to their commitment to going beyond their best.

Our winner: **Peggy-Lee Martin**



Trips @ DHS

Business

Year 10 Business students went to Out of Bounds on Tuesday 11th July 2023 and received a tour and talk from the Founder of Out of bounds about how it all began and how the centre has expanded. The operations manager explained how the day-to-day operations of the park worked and answered many questions from the students on different aspects of their business. Afterwards, the students experienced one of the centres activities and played adventure golf.



Geography

A group of budding geographers in year 9 visited Marwell Zoo where they learnt all about ecosystems and conservation, linking in with both their KS3 and GCSE units in geography.

Siaana Hearn Y9 said: "It was an amazing day out with loads of fascinating animals to learn about. This trip was not only fun but it helped me learn further into interdependent ecosystems, adaptations and the abilities of the diverse creatures of Marwell Zoo."



Computing

70 students from year 8 got to go to Legoland this week where they all completed the Lego spike programming workshop. The 25 students from code club completed the advanced workshop and massively impressed the Lego educators with their skillful programming to get their robots to follow a coloured line. Once the line ends the Challenge was for the robot to find the next coloured line or turn 360 and follow the line right back again, without hitting another self- driving robot, there are some future self-driving car programmers amongst the students!



Art

Year 10 art and photography students visited Leonardslee Gardens where they photographed and sketched sculptures, flowers and plants which will support their project work as they move up to their final year in September.



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Perseverance

Environmental Champion

Awarded to an individual who has gone above and beyond in making a positive difference to the environment over a sustained period of time.

Our winner: **Mary Thomas**

Overcoming Adversity

Awarded to an individual who has shown exceptional personal resilience despite the most challenging of times.

Our winner: **Joseph Harper-Holding**

Outstanding Commitment to Home Learning

Awarded to an individual who has shown exceptional personal commitment to their studies through their academic studies and work outside of school.

Our winner: **Teodora Cholakova**

The Sally Baker Reading Award

Awarded to the individual who has made a significant difference in engaging and inspiring others to love reading.

Our winner: **Liberty Johnson**

Outstanding Contribution to Performing & Creative Arts

Awarded to an individual who has gone above and beyond with supporting the creative arts and made a significant contribution to the school performances.

Our winner: **Keira Rowling**



PRIDE of Durrington

Outstanding Contribution to Careers

Awarded to an individual who has achieved significant achievements in working towards their chosen career, due to their commitment to going beyond their best.

Our winner: **Paris Sawyer**

Outstanding Scholar

Awarded to a student who goes above and beyond in their academic studies to go beyond their best.

Our winner: **Paris Sawyer**

Diversity Champion

Awarded to a student who goes beyond their best to ensure that all students are supported and included in our diverse community.

Our winner: **Oliver Mangoro**

Pride

Darren Fox Award

Outstanding contribution to science

Our winner: **Oliver Mangoro**

Sam Bassett Award

Outstanding contribution to performing arts

Our winner: **Max Hopkins**





Diversity @DHS

Diversity Doors

The Student Senior Leadership Team have been busy selecting the winners from the various competitions that took place during Diversity Week.

Congratulations to Miss Leeming's tutor group 8PLe who are the winners of the Diversity door competition. Students will be treated to a Dominos pizza for their lunch next week.



Student Voice Award from The Rainbow Flag initiative

We have now received all six awards from The Rainbow Flag and are proud to share our 'Student Voice' award 2023.

Our thanks go to Mrs Ward and the Durrington student, staff and governor body for making this possible.

Together we have worked hard to ensure diversity is recognised, appreciated and respected by our whole school community.



Diversity Lanyards



The winners of the diversity lanyard competition were also chosen by the Student Senior Leadership Team.

Congratulations to:

Saffron Chandler 7Ego

Lewis Howard 7ECu

Olivia Yard 8SOk



PRIDE of Durrington

Pride

Pride of Company

Awarded to 6 different students (one in each company) who have gone above and beyond with giving back within their company and have made a significant difference to the lives of others.

Our Coubertin winner: **Rebecca Hartry**



Our Da Vinci winner: **Amy-Louise Rooke**



Our Franklin winner: **Esme McCarthy**



Our Mercator winner: **Kristian Byfield**

Our Roddick winner: **Mylie Corbett**

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Greatest Contribution to School Values

Awarded to an individual student in each year group who embodies the KAPP values in all they do.

Our Year 7 winner: **Ellie Zeegers**

Our Year 8 winner: **Reuben Bowdery**

Our Year 9 winner: **Sianna Hearn**

Our Year 10 winner: **Ollie Marrett**

Our Year 11 winner: **Ava Crawley**

Headteachers Special Recognition

Awarded to an individual who goes beyond their best and embodies the spirit of Team Durrington in every aspect.

Our Year 11 winner: **Bethany Evans**



Mathematics

On Monday 3rd July four year 9 students took the train to Liverpool so that they could take part in the National Maths Challenge Final at Edge Hill University. We stayed on campus in university halls that night ready for the presentation the next morning. Although a little nervous Siaana Hearn, Jasmine Lawrence, Darcie Wilmott and Tamsin Pollard presented their answer to the question that got them a place in the final to a panel of senior university lecturers. They were confident and relaxed when explaining how they reached their final answer using Powerpoint and props. The girls excelled when answered questions from the judges. During the day at the University the students got a real feel for university life, seeing the fantastic sports facilities, the media centre amongst other areas of the campus. It was a fantastic day and we are very proud of the students. Well done Siaana, Jasmine, Darcie and Tamsin.





As you know in Maths we use Sparx Maths for all homework tasks. For each question completed in the homework XP points are awarded. Extra points are collected for spending time on XP Boost and XP Target. On these students can practise maths skills that have been covered across the year and that they found trickier in previous homeworks. Well done to these students who have got the most XP points in each year group this year!

Year 7 - Savannah Tall (29,132)

Year 10 - Kaytee Hawkes (31,619)

Year 8 - Coby James (34, 225)

Year 11 - Scarlett Smith (18,849)

Year 9 - Siaana Hearn (42,814)

Year 11 - Scarlett Smith (18,849)

Sparx Maths



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Staff awards

Outstanding contribution to student support

Given to a member of staff who consistently goes over and above in their support to our students. They embody our KAPP values and ensure they make a sustained and positive change to the lives of our students.

Our winner: **Sally Baker**

Colleague Support Award

Given to a member of staff who has gone over and above in supporting colleagues in school throughout the academic year.

Our winner: **Simona Trignano**

Unsung Hero

Given to a member of staff who goes about their business every day, making Durrington a better place for everyone to be. They are relentlessly positive, willing to go the extra mile and their all round contribution adds immense value to our community as a whole.

Our winner: **Karen Chester**



Staff long service award

Jason Philips - Site Leader

It was a very nice surprise recently to receive a lovely letter of commendation from the Chair of Governors on behalf of Durrington High School Governors for 25 years of service to the school .

I have had the privilege of working with many excellent people through the years here at the school and have made some great friends and memories. There have been many changes and I have been involved in many great projects during the past years .

It has been and continues to be a pleasure to be part of this truly great school team and community. I look forward to seeing many more successes and future accomplishments.



Alumni - Ruby Childe



I was head student with Eddie Pullen 2019/2020. One of the best experiences I have had and I still really miss my Durrington days, despite leaving 3 years ago (feels like yesterday!) I am currently working at Google in London as a digital marketing apprentice. I started working at Google in October of last year after planning to go to Exeter University. Decided I couldn't miss the opportunity to work for Google and since, I have had the chance to visit the Google HQ in Silicon Valley as well as the New York, Austin, San Francisco and Dublin offices. The apprenticeship ends in January next year and I am just figuring out what I want to do afterwards. I am currently interested in applying for a role overseas, perhaps at Google in The States. Or do some travelling!



Year 6 transition

Transition day and activities evenings have been brilliant and it was an absolute pleasure to meet our new year 6 cohort.

Here is what year 6 had to say after their first day at Durrington High:

"It's been amazing! The library and art department are so cool."

"The teachers have been so nice and kind."

"I love how big and free the field is."

"Everything about this school is so cool."

"I loved it and I'm really looking forward to being in the netball team."

"My form tutor was really fun and kind."

"I'm so pleased to have got a place in this school. It's awesome!"

"I'm definitely going to go beyond my best!"

"I've made a new friend already!"

"My tutor Mr Rahman was really nice and funny."

Year 6 were joined by students in year 5 at the activities evenings where students took part in range of subjects, including sport, science, English, maths, computing and performing arts so they could get a real taste of what we have to offer across the curriculum as well as enjoy our superb modern facilities.



Head Students



We are delighted to share with you our new Head students who have been appointed following interviews with the Headteachers and Senior Leadership Team.

Head boy: James Cook

Head girl: Grace Bridger

Deputy head boy: Ollie Marett

Deputy head girl: Esme McCarthy

Congratulations to you all.

DHS Alumni

We would love to know what our previous Head Students are up to now. We are always delighted to hear from ex-students so get in touch by emailing socialmedia@durring.com

<i>Durrington High School Head Students</i>		
2005/06	Carla Wye	James Ellwood
2006/07	Stan Holt	Briony Chesterman
2007/08	Rebecca Clare	Stuart Stirling
2008/09	Jason Whitehouse	Hayley Ellis
2009/10	Laura Freeman	Patrick Kelly
2010/11	Joe Butcher	Natalie Wilmott
2011/12	Hollie Chalmers	Hakeem Haldar
2012/13	Chandler Goddard	Lauren Bromley
2013/14	Zoe Chellingworth	Tom Walker
2014/15	Ben Gardner	Niamh Willbor
2015/16	Nahida Usha	Simon Almond
2016/17	Morton Woodburn	Holly Ann Rice
2017/18	Love Onwuzurike	Alastair Lee
2018/19	Marcus Foxwell	Leonnie Nuala
2019/20	Ruby Childe	Eddie Pullen
2020/21	Serena Fellingham	Esme Pailthorpe-Peart
2021/22	Alfie Browne	Ivy Hite
2022/23	Therese Tate	Oliver Mangoro



Best of the Best

The Colonnade

The Best of the Best was on display at the Colonnade Art Gallery in Worthing this week.

Fine Art, Textiles, Graphics and Photography adorned the walls and visitors were blown away by the incredible talent on display.

Students have worked so hard this year and we are super proud of what they have created and are absolutely delighted to showcase their work in a professional gallery.





Careers

Worthing College Taster Days



Y10 students had the opportunity to attend Worthing College on Thursday 6th July. Over 150 students took part with a chance to explore the college on a beautiful sunny day. They had two lessons they could choose from with an option of subjects they know like Maths, English and Science to those they don't, like Criminology, Psychology and Travel and Tourism. It was also a first visit to the college for many as they start to think about what their pathway after Year 11 might look like. The careers team were on hand to assist, and Mr Henry was really impressed with the level of engagement in the lessons.



Year 9 Work Experience Launch

Following an assembly, year 9 students started receiving their application packs on Wednesday with further instructions being sent home to parents and carers on how it all works. We are excited to offer the opportunity in February 2024 for the (then) year 10's to find a workplace in the local community or perhaps even further afield!

Mr Henry, the Durrington careers leader said "Work experience is a fantastic opportunity for young people to find out about work as well as about themselves. They can gain insight into industries and make contacts that can help them in the future. We want to encourage as many students as possible to take part."

A video talk for parents / carers can be viewed [here](#).

Community matters ...



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<https://www.activ8forkids.co.uk/classes/holiday-clubs/>



PE celebrations

With so many outstanding teams across the year groups there was lots to celebrate this week during the sports awards assemblies.

Durrington is proud of the extra-curricular and sporting opportunities we have to offer all students, across the age and ability range.

Clubs and sporting fixtures include:

Football	Athletics
Netball	Cricket
Rounds	Rugby
Basketball	Handball
Gymnastics	Dance
Trampolining	Indoor Athletics

Medals were awarded to team members who had shown perseverance, dedication and great sportsmanship throughout the year, and we congratulate them all.





Sports Celebration Assembly

Sportsperson of the Year

It was an honour to award the following students Sportsperson of the Year 2023.

Year 7

Libby Grover

Theo Crowley

Year 8

Alisha Tiangco

Kian Davies

Year 9

Harriet Hopson-Northam

Ruben Atkins

Year 10

Tamara Clayton

Ryan Angell

Well done to everyone who has taken part in a sports club ,or played in a fixture representing our school, and we can't wait to see what you will achieve next year.



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](#).



Diary Dates

- Wednesday 19th July - Sports Day
- Thursday 20th July - Summer Concert
- Friday 21st July - Last day of term
- Term dates for the academic year 2023/2024 can be found [here](#).

Social media

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

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