



DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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It's been a very positive start back to the new half term with lots already underway in both support of your children academically in their lessons but also in school-wide enrichment. In terms of academic updates all students will be completing their termly subject based tracking point assessments. The results of these will come to you in the form of a report which will also include information on effort, homework, attendance and punctuality. The vast majority of Y11s are also working exceptionally hard in preparation for their mock exams which are just a few school weeks away now. Well done to them and thank you to parents/carers who are doing so much to support them in their revision. Assemblies across next week will focus on the important topic of Remembrance Day and we are delighted once again to have these being led by members of our history

department. We are also very much looking forward to the first Student Senior Leadership Team challenge of this year which is happening on Friday 10 November and titled "Threads of Hope". As part of this challenge we will all get the chance to make a real difference within our local community. Your support of this (if you are able to) will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, in the arts, there is a great deal going on. Dance Live (we were National winners last year!) rehearsals continue apace and we offer a warm welcome to all parents/carers and students to come to one of our Christmas events; The Carol Service on Monday 11 December and/or The Christmas Concert on Thursday 14 December. Tickets for both events can be secured by emailing bmaughan@durring.com

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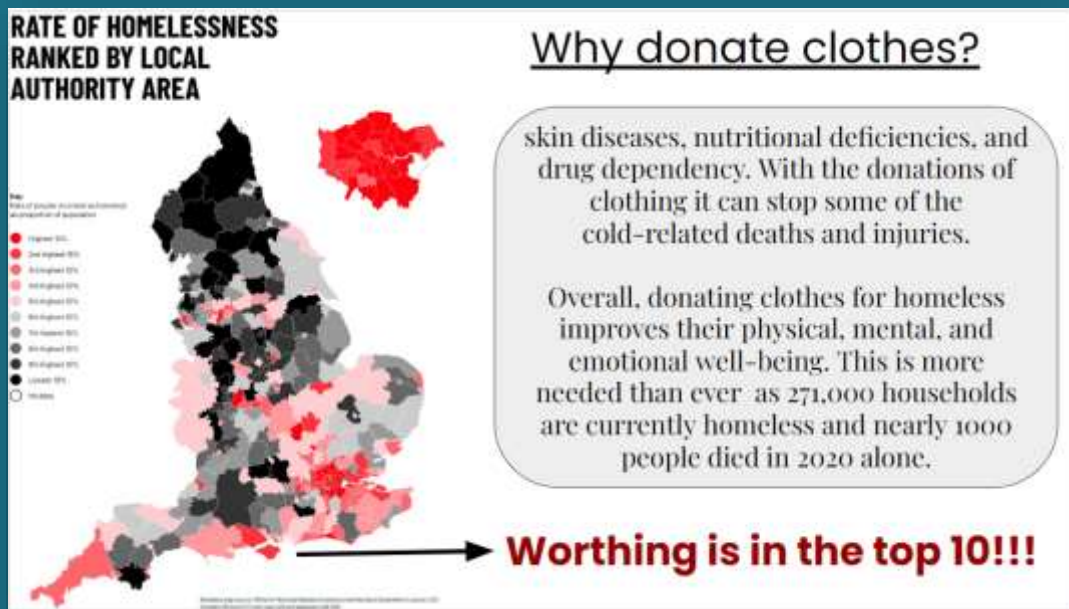
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Threads of Hope Durrington inter-house charity challenge

This year we are going to be focussing our inter-house challenge around clothing! In our local community there are a number of charities who help people who are in desperate need of clothes. Some of them are homeless, but more often than not, these people are struggling to make ends meet and *need your donations*.



Threads Of Hope Charities:



Turning Tides

Is a charity that helps people who are homeless. The charity was established in Worthing but now covers all of West Sussex.

Their aim or mission is help people find their way out of homelessness and to empower them to achieve sustainable lives.



Guild Care

Guild Care is a charity dedicated to helping people who are in need live a fulfilling and secure life.

They have a number of shops across Worthing and ask for clothes donations for those that can not afford it.



St Barnabas house

Another local charity to Worthing and one that owns a number of charity shops.

The funds raised at these stores goes towards supplying life ending treatment to a number of people.

Through a small act of kindness, you have the chance to make a real difference to someone's life.

How to Help:

Donate clothes!!!

You can donate most clothing items from any age from anyone in your family

- All 3 of our selected charities want clothes donations.
- Some of the clothes will go directly to help those in need of clothes.
- Some will go to charity to be sold and then the money will be used to help those that the charities are supporting.

Clothes checklist.

We want you to bring into School your old clothes that you no longer wear.

This can include the following.

Tee- Shirts ✓
Trousers ✓
Jumpers ✓
Hoodies ✓
Jogging bottoms ✓
Coats ✓
Wooly hats ✓

No underwear, socks or shoes. ✗

What's Threads of Hope?

In your form groups, we are going to see who can bring in the biggest selection of clothes.

This is going to be based on number of items brought in.

Through a small act of kindness, you have the chance to make a real difference to someone's life.

Bring clothes in on November 10th !!! (2nd Friday back)

On this day and **only this day**, all clothes need to be brought into School.

Your form tutors will record how much stuff is brought in and then members of the SSLT will collect your bags of clothes and re count them. The clothes will then be taken to the charities where they will be used accordingly.

Prizes!

As this is a house competition, we will be giving prizes to the following categories.

1. House that brings in the most items.
2. Form groups that bring in the most items.
3. Individuals who make a significant contribution to the cause.



24 hour musical



We are so proud of each and every one of our team who made our production in 24 hours such a success. The hall was packed with support for our performance and the students were incredible. They embodied the core values of our school and every performer worked tirelessly to put on a high-quality performance. They were supportive and kind and a joy to be around. Memories of a lifetime were made for staff and students alike. Thanks to all involved.



The British Museum



Year 11 Art & Graphics students took a trip to the British Museum at the end of half term. A sunny London greeted us as we walked through into the Impressive 'Great Court' at the museum. Graphics students sketched in the Mitsubishi Corporation Japanese Galleries, looking at ancient and modern Japanese art and artefacts.

Our Art students explored the many ancient Greek and Roman statues dating from around 2000 years ago. After sketching from life, reconstructed temples and sculptures from the Parthenon (showing the birth of Athena and accompanying deities) we all enjoyed the nice weather while having a break for our packed lunch.



Community matters ...

Shout.
Street Homeless Outreach

 **Worthing
Soup Kitchen**

We are delighted to have set up a long term partnership with Worthing Soup Kitchen with the specific purpose of providing food for those in need within our local community. Kindness is one of our core values and we wanted to show that we are committed to not just improving our community educationally but also in making a wider difference to people in need. Donations can be brought to reception and dropped in the fantastic food box that has been created by our site manager Mr Phillips. The list of items will be periodically updated; so please do consider dropping off an item or two on your next visit to reception. Items can also be deposited by students each morning.



Wear it Pink 2023 update

Our brilliant Cucina IFG catering staff spent a day dressed in pink last half term in support of Breast Cancer Awareness and raised a fantastic £50 for the charity!



Durrington Alumni

Calling all ex DHS students, would you be interested in returning to school to speak to a group of current year 10 & 11s about your achievements in your chosen further education or career path? We will be running a number of aspirational sessions over the academic year and would love to hear from you. Please email Lisa Edwards on socialmedia@durring.com

#DHScommunity #TeamDurrington



Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance & Pride

During the first half term our brilliant students were awarded over 300 Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance and Pride badges, plus Bronze and Silver Seahorse awards!



Our traditional 'Tutor Kindness' awards were presented during the end of half term celebrations. This involves one student from each form, who is nominated by their peers and tutor, to receive their Kindness certificate and badge in recognition for their caring contribution to the class.



Plus, the much coveted KAPP Cup, which is awarded half termly to the House who has achieved the highest number of Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance and Pride badges was awarded to Attenborough House. Many congratulations to you all.



Our 4 key principles of KAPP are constantly demonstrated by our students

The Year 7 Kindness Challenge



We were so impressed with how year 7 rose to this challenge set by Mr Woodcock.

As students worked to complete their Kindness Passports it was an absolute pleasure to see their achievements both in and out of school. From volunteering in the community, trying out new clubs and activities within school, and making new friends along the way, the challenge was a great success.

Congratulations to 7ECo who were the overall winners achieving an average of 20 points per student. As their reward they all enjoyed a special Domino's lunch together in their form room.

Mr Allison and Mr Woodcock met with the top 16 achievers from across the year and congratulated them on their brilliant efforts.



Well done to Hollie, Finley, Seraphina, Carla, Courtney, Maxi, Alfie, Franklin, Eponine, Arthur, Effie, Mia, Katy, Maya Wilfred and Ellie.

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TeenTech Festival

This virtual event was attended by over 30 year 9 students who took part in the interactive live event hosted by Maggie Philbin. The aim of the event was to change the students' perspectives of technology jobs and break down stereotypes as well as opening their eyes to realise that tech jobs are everywhere and on the increase.

Gareth Sear from Gatwick, gave an insight to the technology that they use at the airport to keep the airport safe and also running so smoothly on a day to day basis, with a focus on the self-driving robotics that will be parking your cars in the near future.

Through the morning the students also got to answer some questions, these ranged from VR to coding in gaming, all with the aim to shape and challenge their thinking of technology.

Anson Lai and Hassanah Khodabocus from AWS gave a real insight into cloud computing and how AI and machine learning is used in the web services that they work with.

Students could ask questions directly to the experts throughout the morning, and we had a number of our questions asked to the panel through the event.

You can find out more about TeenTech on the link below.

<https://teentech.com/festivals/>



The Duke of Edinburgh Award

Half term DofE expedition

Over 50 of the year 10 students who have started working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award spent a morning hiking during half term. They hiked a 9km route on the South Downs in preparation for their Expedition part of the award.

Despite the rainy weather on the previous days and earlier that morning, the sun shone and the ground was not too muddy. The students were divided up into 3 groups, tackling the steep slopes of

the Downs and completing the hike in 3 hours. They will have several more day hikes before completing a practice expedition and then a two day qualifying expedition.



Dare to dream with Year 10



We were delighted to welcome back Jack the Lad from More Radio and the Dare to dream team. Jack delivered yet another inspirational talk to year 10, and the team worked with a selected group of year 10s throughout the day. Thanks go to the Love Local Jobs Foundation for organising this event.



Year 11 celebrations and opportunities

Year 11 celebration event

Our year 11 celebration evening was a fantastic event and staff were delighted to present so many awards to our year 11s who have worked so hard, and achieved so much during their Durrington Journey.

78 students received awards for 'Excellence in academic success', plus a further 79 students were presented with 'Perseverance awards' from across the curriculum.

It was wonderful to share the students hard work and dedication with family, friends and the school community.

Plus a big thank you to our extremely talented vocalists and musicians whose performances throughout the night were the perfect accompaniment to a wonderful celebration of our Durrington students. A perfect way to end the half term.

Mock exam preparation

Last night we welcomed year 11 parents, carers and students to our Mock Support Evening.

This event focused on the process of the mock examinations, as well as the support available within school and how parents / carers can support students at home.

The mock exam period prepares our students for the process of an extensive examination period prior to their GCSEs in the summer.

Year 11 will also have the opportunity to hear from last years cohort who will speak about their experiences of the mock examinations during a special assembly.

Links to our exam support page and last night's presentation are below.

GCSE exam support

Year 11 mock support presentation

#TheDurringtonJourney

#Classof2024



Revision opportunities

Our period 7 and morning revision provision is another opportunity for your child to practice and embed key content and skills with a subject specialist.

These sessions are a mix of master classes (where all students are invited to attend) and tutorials (where selected students will be invited to attend). If students have been specifically invited to attend a tutorial you and your child will be informed.

We expect all our students to access the excellent period 7 provision that our staff have laid on for them. Students that typically start the revision process earlier not only excel in the GCSEs, but show more resilience to the challenges of the year.

Next steps in further education

Our brilliant careers team work closely with year 11 and provide information on further education, apprenticeships and future career paths. Colleges and Sixth Form events held throughout this term are open to year 10 and 11, and are listed below.

Chichester College

4th November 10am-1pm

BHASVIC

8th & 9th November 4pm-8pm

Collyers 6th Form

8th & 9th November 6.30pm-9pm

St Phillip Howard 6th Form

9th November 6pm-8pm

Northbrook College

11th November 10am-1pm

GB MET College Brighton

18th November 10am-1pm

Plumpton College

25th November 9am-12pm

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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

- Year 7 form tutor drop-in Thursday 9th November
- Threads of Hope - Charity Challenge donation day Friday 10th November
- INSET day Friday 24th November
- Year 11 mock exams begin Monday 4th December
- Year 8 consultation evening Thursday 7th December

Vacancies

- Catering assistant (Cucina IFG)

Social media

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

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



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