

DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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14 June 2024 edition

This half term has got off to a flying start! From Year 11 finishing their last GCSE exams to school sports competitions and trips. It was wonderful to see so many past and present Durrington students performing at the gala opening of our new Performing Arts Theatre last night. We were also delighted to welcome back former Durrington staff members Pete Woods, Julie Woods, Alan Button, Ann Button and Hilary McCall for a tour of the school and front row seats at the performance. Between them they have over 150 years of experience working at the school. The quality of the performances matched the quality of our superb new facility.

Over the past two weeks it has also been lovely to welcome the Y6 students who will be joining Team Durrington in September to our curriculum transition events. We know they are going to fully embrace their Durrington Journey. And of

course today we are looking forward to our Team Building Day!

There's also much still planned to look forward to in the remaining 5 weeks of this term. Year 10 will be undertaking their first series of formal exams, our new cohort of Y7 students will be joining us on 3rd July and of course we have sports day on the 12th July. We also look forward to saying farewell to Y11 at the Summer Ball on the 27th June.

It is fabulous that so many of our brilliant students are taking full advantage of everything that is on offer at Durrington and making such a positive contribution to our school. We thank all of you for your unswerving support..

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Curriculum spotlight

During year 7 students explore what this subject means and look at current technology and the advances being made.

During this time they will develop their analytical skills, and knowledge and understanding of material categories, being able to identify and give examples for each. They will also gain an in-depth knowledge of the three categories of timber.

Students will be able to articulate the health and safety rules and routines during practical lessons in the workshop, in addition to the names of tools/machines and processes when working with acrylic.

Our year 7s are currently working independently on manufacturing their own individual keyrings, from the initial design, to selecting specialist tools and machinery, as they work through the process of creating their own unique product.

Their final product is evaluated at each stage of the manufacturing process, using a 'Manufacturing Diary' where the students use consistent technical language.

Next will be designing on a computer using 2D CAD software and using the laser cutter to allow a comparison of CAD/CAM in manufacturing by hand.





Design & Technology

'It's fun and it is interesting, I like doing something active as well as the designing and planning prior to the actual making of your product.'



'I like making things in DT and being proud of the finished product.'



"The best thing about DT is the teacher and the way she teaches, explaining everything really well.'



'I like the hands on physical aspect of DT as well as designing.'



'I like the variety in DT lessons, it's more than just making things.'





During year 8 students revisit material types and properties with a focus on polymers and timbers.

CAD software is used to create CAD files to incorporate use of the laser cutter in their designs. Students will develop their 3D drawing skills and generate a creative design for a mirror or photo frame. These designs are fully annotated developing the students technical vocabulary.

They will then select from and use specialist tools, techniques, processes, equipment and machinery precisely and independently to produce their individually designed product which is evaluated at each stage of the process.

Going beyond our best

Design & Technology @ DHS

'DT is lots of fun and I am enjoying making my mirror frame.'

'DT is really creative and I enjoy making stuff for my family. My favourite piece so far is the mirror frame that I am making at the moment.'

'I like the complexity of DT lessons.'

'I really like making stuff and my favourite thing so far is a key ring that I made in year 7 which I still have'.





As students progress through year 9 they build on their technical knowledge, looking more in-depth at the properties of different materials, including modelling materials.

Students learn about the design process including the types of research, designing and prototyping. Maths content is introduced with scale, proportions, measuring/units.

Throughout year 9 students develop their drawing skills and generate a range of accurately created 3D designs. These designs are annotated fully using tier 3 vocabulary with the use of their own and peers opinions.

The first project requires students to work in pairs as architects/interior designers to convert shipping containers into housing that suits a specific design brief and specification set by clients. Floorplans are carefully designed followed by a 3D foamboard architectural model.

The second project is a pet toy design project that explores the use of prototyping with modelling clay with references to jobs such as toy design, product design and automotive design.

Students will select from and use specialist tools, techniques, processes, equipment and machinery precisely and independently which is evidenced with photographs in their workbooks.

#Design&Technology

'I have chosen DT as one of my GCSE options as I enjoy the engineering side and learning wood-working skills, I may go on to study DT further at college in the future.'



'I have really enjoyed designing my own building and I am now creating my own scaled down model.'



'DT is a fun subject, it's calming, and there is a lot to do. I am taking Art at GCSE and the skills I learn in DT will help me.'



'This subject is one of my favourites as you get to be creative with your design yet learn so much about the design process and technical aspects.'

'It's fun to make different products from your designs and see the end result.'

#TheDurringtonJourney



Design & Technology @ GCSE

Year 10s are almost half way through their GCSE Design & Technology course and during this year have been studying a number of topics including the Industrial Revolution, CAD/CAT/CAM, intellectual property and crowd funding.

They have worked on projects that include designing for children that involved designing , gaining feedback, and hand prototyping using a variety of modelling materials. Their independent projects have to fit under a context of 'A secure holder,' students followed the design projects from primary and secondary research through to 3D printed prototypes. Students have also looked at products from famous designers such as Harry Beck and Philippe Starck, as well as international companies including Dyson and Alessi.

During this year the students have been strengthening their technical drawing skills along with their analytical skills. Students have been looking deeper into specific materials such as timber and the different surface finishes which can be applied and how it is processed into standard form. Next is the different polymer manufacturing processes including injection moulding, vacuuming forming, extrusion and blow moulding.

As they move into year 11 they will write their own design and specification brief. Generate their own unique designs and prototype these. This will form 50% of their final grade. They will also look at the composition of smart materials, technical textiles and the sustainability and life cycle of products.



#DHSDesign



'I really like the theory part of DT, it is so interesting and can help you in loads of different jobs in the future.'

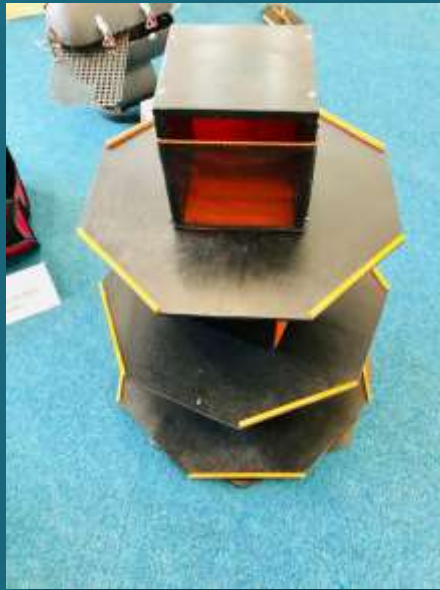
'I like coming up with ideas and being creative, plus you meet like-minded students in this subject.'

'I enjoy the theory and the practical, you are always doing something, creating, designing, producing, and learning.'

#DHSCreativity



KS4 Design & Technology



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Student work



Going beyond our best



DT extra-curricular



The Design & Technology department invites students to come along after school on a Tuesday to work on their own independent projects where the staff are on-hand to assist them.

The students creative ideas are fantastic and it is a pleasure to see them enjoy working through the different processes as their ideas come to life!

Currently there is a wide variety of innovative projects taking place, from ingenious phone holder designs to original and inventive game logo frames.

One student has been working on a very special project using resin to mould a special heart shaped memory trinket box in honour of a pet who very sadly passed away.

Another student is working on their own uniquely designed box which will contain a 'Magic the Gathering' deck of cards. The box will have a decorated inlay lid using the colour spectrum from the cards , and each side will have logo's that will be produced using the laser cutter.

We are very excited to see the end results.

#DHSenrichment



Food Preparation & Nutrition



During year 7 students develop their practical cooking skills as well as increasing their knowledge and understanding of ingredients and healthy eating.

The students will begin to apply food science to practical cooking situations, and explore a range of ingredients and processes from different culinary traditions. They will learn the principles of nutrition and health in relation to the eat well guide, and look at a range of ingredients and processes from the British tradition.

They will also learn valuable skills around safety in the kitchen, and during their first year at Durrington they will take part in the great egg experiment, as well as produce their own dishes including a Mediterranean tart, a seasonal crumble, couscous, and flapjacks.

#DHSFoodTech

@ Key Stage 3

'I like food lessons as it's so different from primary school. Here we get to use the oven and the utensils, at primary school the teachers did all of that.'

Year 7 food preparation and nutrition students are currently learning about the science behind boiling an egg and are experimenting with varying cooking times.

Isaac in year 7 said: "To be fair, this experiment is no yolk!"





Year 8s are deepening their understanding of ingredients and healthy eating, and are learning about consumer food and drink choices. They will begin to apply food science to practical cooking situations, as well as explore a range of ingredients and processes from different culinary traditions.

Students will experiment with cake baking, cheesecake, scones, a pasta bake and sausage rolls and will self-evaluate their dishes using the ranking and rating methods against sensory analysis descriptors.

'I like cooking at home and at school, it's really fun and enjoyable.'

'You can also carry on what you have learnt in class and practice at home too.'

'I like Food Technology lessons as I get to eat what I have made!'

#DHSFutureChefs



Year 9 students are developing their technical knowledge looking at food safety and storage.

They are also learning about the culture of food, and why it is made up of certain ingredients. Students will also learn about different dietary requirements such as vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, lactose and celiac.



During this year they will make a variety of dishes including: vegetable samosas, quiche, risotto and make their own pasta.

'I really enjoy cooking and I am quiet good at it, it is a really fun lesson and teaches you useful skills for life.'



Year 9 food technology students are currently researching their 3 final dishes and will make nutritional labels for each. They will then choose their favourite one's to cook for their final dish of this academic year.

#TheDurringtonJourney



GCSE Food Technology

Our fabulous year 10 Food Technology students have been getting creative in the kitchen producing their 3 courses for their assessment.



#Aspiration

with year 10

The results are fantastic and their final dishes are certainly worthy of a place in any MasterChef kitchen. Well done to you all!



#Pride



Meet the Author

Year 7 were excited to take part in our 'Meet the Author' live online event this week which took place in our brand new Performing Arts Centre.

Students got to listen to bestselling author Liz Kessler and hear about her new wartime book *Code Name Kingfisher*, which explores the lives of two sisters who get involved in the Dutch resistance in Amsterdam during World War Two.

They heard stories about the unknown women and girls who worked in the Dutch resistance and helped fight the Nazis through secret missions and acts of bravery.

Liz also talked about the process of writing, including the research and the sources she uses to bring her work to life. All of these are vital skills students learn in their English lessons, as well as History at KS3 and beyond.

Liz's previous wartime book, *When the world was ours*, won numerous awards, including the Amazing Book Awards run by our school Library team.

Code Name Kingfisher has also been nominated for several awards, including The Children's Book Award 2024, and has been described by librarians as a *must read*.

This was a really enriching experience for our students and it gave them some real life exposure to subjects that are not only important in school but the wider world as well.

#TheDurringtonJourney



If you would like to order copies of Liz's books we are delighted to share we have been given special discounted prices through Ebb & Flo Bookshop, an independent bookshop that Liz is supporting through this tour.

You can order books online at the Ebb & Flo bookshop through the school author visit menu, or by following the links below. Include the name of your child and school on the order and all books will be posted to school after the **order deadline of 18th June**.

Code name Kingfisher – Signed bookplate edition with School discount (£7.50)

When The World Was Ours – Signed edition with School discount (£8.50)

Both books as above (£16)

#Year7



Updates for year 11

TheBUZZ Event Photography, a professional photographic studio & viewing, print station, will be in attendance at the Durrington High School Prom 2024.

Students will be able to take home on the night a 9" x 6" high-class print(s) in a quality strut-mount @ £10.00 each. There will be special offer only available on the night of buy 2 get the 3rd free. You can mix and match the 3 photographs, all different poses and Individual shot(s), couples, group shots with friends.

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.



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Event Photography

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#Year11

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies can now be ordered with the school logo on the front and 'Leavers 24 Durrington High School' on the back at a cost of £17.99.

These hoodies will be available to pick up directly from Broadwater Sports 3 weeks after the payment deadline or they can offer postage. The hoodies are of a unisex size and can be ordered in XS, S, M, L and XL in a variety of colours.

Please follow the link directly to Broadwater Sports order page for more details and how to pay: <https://broadwatersports.co.uk/.../durrington-high.../>

The deadline for orders is Monday 17 June 2024. For any queries, please contact Broadwater Sports directly: <https://broadwatersports.co.uk/contact-us/>

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Year 11 Leavers Hoodies 2024

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Transition

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome over 360 year 5s and 6s to our transition events over the past two weeks. Thank you to all our current students who have stayed to help out and make them feel welcome to Team Durrington!

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#DHSTheDurringtonFamily



Personal achievements



Year 8 Durrington student Myles, who swims for Worthing Swimming Club, has qualified for the English National Swimming Championships following a medal winning performance at the South East Regional event.

Myles was first off the blocks winning two silver medals in the 100 meters and 200 meters freestyle events held at K2 Crawley, both in personal best times. He added a bronze to his medal haul in the 50 meters freestyle at a further event in Winchester. He will now compete in the England Nationals to be held in Sheffield.

Having swimmers progress to this level is a testament to their hard work and commitment to rigorous training.

Well done Myles we are very proud of you!

Further news to celebrate



There has been so much going on at Durrington High School and the next edition of our newsletter will include our fabulous Performing Arts opening celebration show, trips to Legoland with the Computing team and Hampton Court with the History team, plus our hugely successful Careers week organised by our brilliant Careers team. Plus of course a special feature of our DHS Team Building Day!

We would also like to hear from you, if your son/daughter has achieved a personal goal outside of the classroom and you would like to share with our community please do get in touch via email at socialmedia@durring.com

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Lunchtime Clubs Summer 2024

Day	Club	Year	Staff	Venue
Monday	Dance	All Years	Miss Johnson	Bistro
	Basketball	10-11	Mr Crane	Sports Hall
	Basketball	7-9	Mr Pickford	New Sports Hall
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro
	LGBTQ+ Club	All Years	Sawyer	G31E
	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
Tuesday	Dance	All Years	Miss Johnson	Bistro
	Basketball	10-11	Mr Crane	Sports Hall
	Basketball	7-9	Mr Pickford	New Sports Hall
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
	Nordic Club	All Years	Mr Chambers	G27M
Wednesday	Chess Club	All Years	Mr Borrett & Mr Venness	G21M
	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
	Dance	All Years	Miss Johnson	Bistro
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Basketball	10-11	Mr Crane	Sports Hall
	Basketball	7-9	Mr Pickford	New Sports Hall
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro
Thursday	Book Club	All Years	Mrs Baker & Mrs Dacosta	LRA
	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
	Dance	All Years	Miss Johnson	Bistro
	Basketball	10-11	Mr Crane	Sports Hall
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Basketball	7-9	Mr Pickford	New Sports Hall
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro
Friday	Fashion/Textiles	9	Mr Bloomer	F03T
	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
	Dance	All Years	Miss Johnson	Bistro
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Basketball	10-11	Mr Crane	Sports Hall
	Basketball	7-9	Mr Pickford	New Sports Hall
	LGBTQ+ Club	All Years	Sawyer	G31E
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro

#GetInvolved



After-School Clubs Summer 2024

Day	Club	Year	Staff	Venue
Monday	Film Club	All Years	Mrs Baker	LRA
	Minecraft Club	7	Mrs Aston	F24T
	Lego Spike Club	8	Mrs Taylor	F26T
	Y7 Cricket Fixtures	7	Mr De Gruchy	PE Office
	Code Club	9	Mr Scott	F27T
Tuesday	Choir	All Years	Mr Gasson & Miss Maughan	F20T
	Drama Club	7-9	Miss Cross	Performing Arts
	KS4 Art Portfolio	10-11	All Art Staff	Art Rooms
	Eco Club	All Years	Mrs Steele	F29H
	MFL Film Club	7	Mr Gilbert	U06L
	French Club	8	Mrs Cooper	U03L
	Spanish Club	8	Ms Smith	U05L
	Y7 + Y8 Rounders Fixtures	7	Mrs Wallis-Taylor	PE Office
Wednesday	Y9 Cricket Fixtures	9	Mr Brombley	Pe Office
	Science Club	Y7	Mr Finch Miss Laming	G09S
	Science Club	Y8	Mr Morrice & Mr Gatenby	G11S & G13S
	KS4 Art Portfolio	10-11	All Art Staff	Art Rooms
	E-Sports Club	10	Mr Jackson, Mr Burgess & Mr Scott	F26T
	Rounders Club	All Years	Miss Johnson + Mrs Fuller	PE Office
	Y10 Cricket Fixtures	10	Mr Mott	PE Office
Thursday	Tennis Club	All Years	Mr Pickford & Mr Brombley	PE Office
	School Magazine	All Years	Miss Foster & Ms Stone	G32E
	Whole School Musical	All Years	Mrs Isham	Main Hall
	Gifted & Talented Art	Invite	Mrs Gray	Art Rooms
	Dodgeball Club	All Years	Mr De Gruchy & Mr Mott	PE Office
	Y9 + Y10 Rounders Fixtures	9-10	Miss Johnson & Mrs Wallis-Taylor	
Friday	Y8 Cricket Fixtures	8	Mr Pickford	PE Office
	School Band	All Years	Mr Gasson	F20T
	Dance Club	All Years	Miss Lamper & Miss Connolly	Main Hall
	Cricket Club	All Years	Mr Poole & Mr Burnett	Sports Hall

#DHSEnrichment



Term dates 2024/2025 reminder

Please find below a few updates in advance of the new school year. These updates relate to scheduled INSET days and a small change to the timing of the school day.

Timing of the school day from September 2024 onwards

The updated timing of the school day will be as follows.

- **Arrival:** All students expected on site by 8.40am each morning
- **Fridays:** The Friday timetable will become standardised with the other days of the week. This means that students will now finish school on Fridays at 3.10pm (the same as every other day of the week)

Dates of the 2024-25 academic year

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September – Friday 20 December

Half Term

- Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

INSET Days

- Monday 2 September
- Tuesday 3 September
- Friday 22 November

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January – Friday 4 April

Half Term

- Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

INSET Days:

- Thursday 23 January
- Friday 24 January
- Monday 10 March
- Tuesday 11 March

Summer term 2025

Tuesday 22 April – Tuesday 22 July

Half Term

- Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

INSET Days:

- Friday 27 June

Bank holidays

- Monday 21 April
- Monday 5 May

The Durrington Journey



Diary Dates

- Year 7 consultation evening - Thursday 20th June
- Year 11 leavers assembly - Wednesday 26th June
- Year 11 Summer Ball - Thursday 27th June
- INSET Day - Friday 28th June
- Pride of Durrington awards night - Thursday 11th July

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