

DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride

12 July 2024 edition

With the school year almost at a close, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your support over the year. What may seem like small things, such as encouraging your son/daughter to complete their homework, come into school when they are feeling a little under the weather, making sure they have the right equipment or you coming along to a school production to watch them perform, are actually really important. These things all ensure that our students are ready to get the best out of their time at Durrington.

Last night we celebrated the incredible achievements of our students and staff at the 'Pride of Durrington' awards. What an impressive group of people! There will be a special edition of our newsletter that focuses on this event, published next week - so please keep an eye out for that.

This week we had the privilege of interviewing members of our fabulous 'Senior Student Leadership Team' for the role of Head Students. All of the

students were amazing and the whole process was thoroughly inspiring. They are a fantastic group of confident, articulate and thoughtful young people. Following this process, we are delighted to announce that Armin Merati and Greta Hite were appointed as Head Students for 2024-25. You can read more about them in the special edition, next week.

Sadly, due to the weather, we have had to postpone our annual Sports Day. We are hoping that things will pick up next week and that we will be able to go ahead with Sports Day on Friday 19th July. Fingers crossed!

Talking of fingers crossed, let's hope that the match on Sunday is more straightforward and less stressful than recent games and that it does indeed 'come home'!

Have a great weekend

*Shaun Allison &
Chris Woodcock
Co-Headteachers*

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Sports Awards 2024

Year 7 Sportsperson of the Year

Archie Waite

Well done to Archie who has represented the school in football, basketball, rugby, cricket and indoor athletics.



Year 7 Sportsperson of the Year

Mia Coldridge

Well done to Mia who has represented the school in football, netball, basketball, rounders, rugby, athletics and cross-country.



Year 7

Year 7 Team of the Year Award



The Year 7 Boys Athletics Team

Congratulations to our year 7 athletics team who represented the county and finished in an impressive 2nd place.

Dante Gater, Jackson Dumbrill, Kylan Hassan Olum, Harry Kushata, Korben Allen, Callum Bird & Finn Lagdon.

#proudoofDHS

Sports Awards 2024

Year 8 Sportsperson of the Year

Deborah Chibinjana

Well done to Deborah who has represented the school in netball, athletics and rounders and has a fantastic attitude to all sports played.



Year 8 Sportsperson of the Year

Leo Hoarty

Well done to Leo who has represented the school in football, rugby, cricket and basketball as well as attending as many clubs as possible.



Year 8

Year 8 Team of the Year Award



The Year 8 Boys Indoor Athletics Team

Congratulations to the year 8 team who were 1st in the Indoor Athletics and 3rd at Steyning Novices!

Myles Paul, Louis Croft, Max Salvucci, George Walter, Asher Adebisi, Will Standing & Louie Lawrence.

#Aspiration



Sports Awards 2024

Year 9 Sportsperson of the Year

Jacob Edwards

Well done to Jacob who shows an absolute passion and commitment for sport and has represented the school in football, rugby, cricket and as a Sports Captain.



Year 9 Sportsperson of the Year

Mylie Corbett

Well done to Mylie who has represented the school in athletics, cross-country, rugby and rounders, is a newly appointed Sports Captain and a role model for younger students.



Year 9

Year 9 Team of the Year Award



The Year 9 Girls Basketball Team

Congratulations to our year 9 basketball team who have been committed to training and improvements in their performance.

Daisy Sharp, Chloe Young, Grace Zitouni, Lena Stanowska, Alisha Tiangco, Imani Mangat-Engelen, Maddie Langdell, & Esme Harris.

#Perseverance

Sports Awards 2024

Year 10 Sportsperson of the Year

Milena Ramashkevich

Congratulations to Milena who has represented the school at handball, basketball and rugby and is a brilliant role model for younger students.



Year 10 Sportsperson of the Year

Joseph Waterer

Well done to Joseph who has represented the school in football, cricket and badminton, and has been a great Sports Captain.



Year 10

Year 10 Team of the Year Award

The Year 10 Team of the Year Award...

The U16 Girls Rugby Team- 1st in District Tournament & 1st in Sussex Cup



Harriet Hopson-Northam, Daisy Hopson-Northam, Amber Martin, Clissy Mujikeni, Indiya Lilley, Milena Ramashkevich, Sienna Perry, Effie Moore, Lucia Maine, Olivia Maine

The U16 Girls Rugby Team

Congratulations to the year 10 rugby team who won the District Tournament and the Sussex Cup!

Harriet Hopson-Northam, Daisy Hopson-Northam, Amber Martin, Clissy Mujikeni, Indiya Lilley, Milena Ramashkevich, Sienna Perry, Effie Moore, Lucia Maine, Olivia Maine.

Going beyond our best



Best of the Best 2024

We are delighted to be back at Colonnade House this year, exhibiting the work of our talented artists' from years 10 & 11.

Our students have once again gone beyond their best showing huge amounts of commitment, dedication and pride in all they do. As an Art department we are super proud of their achievements.



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Going beyond our best

Art Exhibition



#DHSArt&Design

@ Colonnade House



#TheDurringtonJourney





National Scientific 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 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, 4 silvers, and 11 bronze! We are extremely proud of everyone who entered and enjoyed taking part in this challenge, well done to you all.

National Scientific Challenge

with year 10



Gold

Ethan Acevedo
Gabriel Chan
Alex Cunningham
Ruby Fullwood
Zachary Gale
Jacob Grant
Jacob Hoarty
Louie Woodcock

Silver

Hridansh Kawatra
Jasmine Lawrence
Cobi Luke
Sienna Perry

Bronze

Iman Ali
Max Fivash
Iman Ali
Max Fivash

Sam Froggart
Charlie Hollick
Arfa Miah
Yisrael Nwobi
Matthew Potgieter
Kyle Vernon
Oli Wells
Darcie Willmott
Alex Wood

Going beyond our best



Our inaugural Humanities awards event celebrated the character and achievements of a select group of students across years 7-9.

Geography, History and SME each recognised 9 students who have embodied our KAPP values within their respective subjects since September 2023.

The culmination of award giving in this fantastic ceremony was for the Humanitarian of the Year, with one student from year 7, 8 and 9 proudly bestowed with this honour as recognition of their brilliance across all of the humanities subjects.

Our landmark event was closed with an inspirational keynote speech by Cameron Saul, founder of Bottletop and Togetherband, organisations which strive to meet the needs of people and planet in the most innovative and sustainable ways.

We would like to congratulate again all of our wonderful award winning students, and to thank Cameron again for his generosity and support.

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Humanities Awards 2024

Geography

Attainment Aspiration

Alexie Charles Year 7
Tamzin Edey Year 8
Reuben Bowdery Year 9

Effort Pride

Jamie Ward Year 7
Elijah Gair Year 8
Will Hewett Year 9

Most Improved Perseverance

Harry Simons Year 7
Harrison Carter Year 8
Rocco Hanson Year 9

History

Attainment Aspiration

Henri Wells Year 7
Tom Karalus Year 8
Ryan Young Year 9

Effort Pride

Lillie Giles Year 7
Erin Spicer Year 8
Kristian Byfield Year 9

Most Improved Perseverance

Harrison O Rourke Year 7
Harrison Lillywhite Year 8
Josie Upperton Year 9

SME

Attainment Aspiration

Paul Ashmore Year 7
Natalia Bzdyra Year 8
Sophia Barron Year 9

Effort Pride

Megan Austin Year 7
Donald Lyon Year 8
Aimee Tandy Year 9

Most Improved Perseverance

Seinan Adelyar Year 7
Amira Ayari Year 8
Eleanor Chrystal Year 9

Humanitarian of the Year

Ben Wain Year 7
Freddie Page Year 8
Willow Tandy Year 9

#DHSHumanities





Year 7 SME



Year 7 History



Year 8 Geography



Year 8 History



Year 8 SME



Year 9 History



Year 7 Humanitarian



Year 8 Humanitarian



Year 9 Humanitarian

Going beyond our best

DHS Humanitarians 2024



These students were nominated for showing aspiration, perseverance and pride across all three humanities subjects. They embody what it means to be a humanitarian in all senses, in terms of their work ethic, care for others and for the planet.

#TheDurringtonJourney

Festival of Speed

The Festival of Speed takes place each July in the parkland surrounding Goodwood House. This year's event celebrated the evolution of motoring and motorsport, bringing together classic machinery and next-generation sustainable, hybrid and alternatively-powered technologies, under the theme Horseless to Hybrid: Revolutions in Power.



Students got inspired by spending the morning in the Future Labs tech stand, an unmissable hive of innovation, creativity and technical achievement, the interactive technology showcase inspires visitors to experience transformative visions of future technology.

"It was really great, I enjoyed watching the jumps the cars managed to do on the off road track." Dylan in year 8



#DHSComputerScience



Via a VR headset and AI technology, students were able to interact with Tim Peake, they asked him a range of imaginative questions. Other students even managed to test out Apples' new VR headset (a whole day before they were released in the UK).

They were amazed by the eVolare: the Lilium Jet that's the world's first all-electric vertical take-off and landing jet. Which was parked right outside the Future Labs stand.

"I really enjoyed seeing all the robotics in the future lab." Jake in year 8



#DHSTrips

The students loved interacting with the robots from the Shadow Robot, the world's most robust dexterous robot hand series, designed and built for industry applications and AI research. To Earth Rover: featuring CLAWS, an autonomous weed control and crop data gathering robot. Sheffield Robotics, the universities in Sheffield brought along a number of robots to show off the skills from the small rabbit like robots learning to drive their way through a maze to a fully standing interactive robot.



Drones featured heavily in the Future labs, there were drones of the future for cargo drone airline, to delivery drones, drones built at scale for industrial uses like the National Grid. Lots to inspire the upcoming generations of drone coders, pilots and builders.

"It was really fun and so much to see, loads of cars and way more STEM stuff than I thought." Jennifer in year 8



#FestivalofSpeed

After being inspired by all the STEM innovation, students had time at the festival. They watched the famous hill climb racing, visited the car stands looking at some of the best supercars to the latest car technology.



Students also saw a very impressive display from the red arrows and also a day time firework show to wrap the day off with. We would like to thank Goodwood Motor sport for the grant, which enabled the students to all have a fully funded access on this trip, so no payment from the students was needed to experience this. We hope to be back next year, to inspire even more students to the world of STEM and motorsport.

"It was my first trip at Durrington and such a great experience, cars, red arrows and STEM." Aaron in year 8



#TheDurringtonJourney



Uniform - can you help others in need?

Do you have spare uniform items at home that are clogging up drawers or cupboards? Are you able/willing to support other local families/children in need? If so, we can help!

We are asking our parents/carers for any donations of spare, good quality items of uniform with the aim of creating a stock that we are able then to pass on or sell on at very low (or no) cost to families in desperate need.

If you can help and have one or more suitable items to donate (be these blazers, shirts, skirts, shoes, trousers, PE Kit and/or even ties) please feel free to drop these in at the main office.

At the start of the next academic year we hope to have enough stock to be able to open our DHS uniform shop event. The shop will sell items on a not-for-profit basis with incoming funds being used to purchase more stock, making uniforms more accessible and affordable for our students and their families.

Finally, we wish to thank you in advance for any donations made. Being able to provide this service to families/students who are living in very difficult circumstances will mean a great deal.

Mrs Chester & Mrs Baker
Community Uniform Support



#DHSCommunity

TO BE WORN AGAIN
PRE-LOVED
TO BE WORN AGAIN

Prices

Blazers - £10
Hoodies and Rugby tops £7.50
PE shirts - £4

Thank you to all those who have donated uniform to our pre-loved uniform project. Donations can be made throughout the school year by dropping off items at our reception.

If you would like to find out more about this project please contact our Community Uniform Support leads Mrs Chester or Mrs Baker.

Community
Uniform Support

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Summer Ball 2024



#Classof2024









DHS Summer Ball 2024



Good luck year 11



Pride of Durrington



Year on year it is really special to be able to celebrate the achievements of some amazing members of our school community.

Our school values of kindness, aspiration, perseverance and pride have never been more important and the winners of our Pride of Durrington awards are leading the way in demonstrating these to others.

#PrideofDurrington

Celebration event 2024

31 awards were presented on the night across four categories representing our KAPP values, and our brand new state-of-the-art Performing Arts Centre was the perfect venue to celebrate.

Our fabulous students never cease to amaze us and we will be sharing our winners and their achievements in a special Pride of Durrington end of term newsletter next week.



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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 Da Costa	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	FO3T
	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	F22T
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	G115 & G135
	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

- Last day of the Summer Term - Tuesday 23rd July - students will be dismissed early at 12.35pm

Sign up to our newsletter

- Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to parents & carers and we aim to cover as much as possible from across the school. If your family and friends would like to receive our fortnightly editions they can sign up here: [Newsletter](#)

Social media

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

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