

DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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13 September 2024 edition

We can't believe we are already reaching mid-September. Time seems to have flown by since the start of term and it has been so lovely to see all our old (and new) students back with us. We have to say a huge thank you and well done to the students who have returned in such a positive and focused way. Uniform has been excellent, as has student's focus in lessons.

We have many exciting things planned for the term ahead. Dance Live and the school musical auditions are already underway, Autumn term clubs are up and running, there are some great plans

to develop our school values work and we will soon be sharing with students a range of new leadership opportunities they can get involved in.

Finally, a warm welcome to you, our new year 7 parents and carers. These fortnightly newsletters (alongside our social media streams) are the way in which we share a lot of the exciting things going on in school so please do keep an eye on them.

*Shaun Allison &
Chris Woodcock
Co-Headteachers*

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Senior Student Leadership Team



From Monday the 2nd of September, Durrington High School welcomed a brand new cohort of year 7s to the DHS family. Arriving from primary schools across Sussex (and beyond), they were introduced to their new peers and lessons by their fantastic new tutors. Whether swapping a former year 11 class with the new, or beginning their journey at Durrington alongside them, everyone was welcomed with kind words and a smile. They took part in 'Walk the Week' to learn the layout of our campus with their teachers, before setting off on their own. They seemed to be awestruck ooh-ing and aah-ing at the cornucopia of clubs, facilities and lunchtime food options offered by the school.

Going beyond our best

Welcome to year 7

After speaking to some of the new year 7 tutors, they spoke highly of their students' politeness, infectious positivity and overall enjoyment of school life so far. After such rave reviews after just a week, this year's cohort is shaping up to be one of the most eager Durrington has had for years! We hope each and every one of our new students has enjoyed their first week as much as we have enjoyed teaching, talking and smiling with them. Here's to the next 9 months being filled with as much learning as this one!

By Joseph Waterer Year 11 SSLT member



The Durrington Journey



DHS Summer 2024

We have been absolutely delighted to receive so many wonderful photos of our brilliant students taking on the Durrington Summer Aspiration & Kindness Challenge 2024. Huge congratulations to all of you who took part, we are extremely proud of you all, and it is a pleasure to share some of your brilliant achievements in this edition of our newsletter.

Well done to Jessica in year 8

- Completed the quiz
- Did the washing up
- Cooked a meal
- Made a poster about her favourite subject which is drama



#Kindness

Kindness & Aspiration Challenge



Congratulations to Harrison in year 9

- Made a birthday card for a friend
- Baked a cake for a family member
- Completed two swim sessions
- Washed a family member's car
- Volunteered as a young leader for the St. George's Church holiday club
- Cycled instead of getting a lift in a car to go to and from Scouts and a friend's house
- Helped with the washing and drying of clothes
- Sorted through his belongings and donated books and games to a charity
- Made a bug hotel from reclaimed wood with the help of his Grandparents



#Aspiration



DHS Summer 2024

Congratulations to Effie in year 8

- Donated clothes, puzzles, shoes and hats to charity
- Sent complimentary messages to friends
- Washed and hoovered the car
- Weekly visits to her Great Nan who recently celebrated her 101st birthday
- Attended 10 gymnastics sessions totalling 48.5 hours in the gym. Plus, Effie also attended the 4 day summer camp at Wickers Gymnastics club
- Walked round our local roads and collected lots of rubbish that had been left behind
- Crocheted bags, hair bows, various animals, plus a ghost was requested as a Halloween decoration by a family member! Effie also crocheted some matching scrunchies for her gymnastics squad



#Perseverance

Kindness & Aspiration Challenge

Congratulations to Oskar in year 8

- Collected litter from his local park
- Donated to charity from his belongings including books, clothes and sports equipment
- Washed both family cars
- Created a sporting challenge scoring points in archery
- Used the app calm for meditation

Congratulations to Ruby in year 8

- Went litter picking in a local park
- Washed the family car
- Walked the dog
- Donated items to charity
- Attending netball, gymnastics and pilates
- Designed a poster



#Pride



DHS Summer 2024

Congratulations to Ethan in year 9

- Completed a number of chores around the house such as washing up, hanging out washing, hoovering and changing sheets
- Cooked dinner for the family - chicken fajitas.
- Baked cakes including a banana cake he baked when we visited his Grandparents
- Wrote and delivered a quiz which he ran for his fellow camp mates on his Summer Scout Camp in August
- Helped his friend's family by looking after their cats whilst they were on holiday for 2 weeks, going to their home every day to feed them and to play with them.
- Chatting with and playing Scrabble with his Great Nan who had just returned home after being very poorly in hospital
- Swimming once a week at Worthing Swimming Club, plus attend his weekly Kung-Fu lessons and volunteered once a week with the younger classes
- Sorted through his wardrobe and took things he did not want to the charity shop and re-positioned his hanging rail in the wardrobe without help



#TeamDurrington

Kindness & Aspiration Challenge

Congratulations to Josh in year 9

- Donated a bin bag of his clothes to a clothes bank at Tesco
- Donated his old football boots, 4 old puzzles and a bunch of books to charity
- Made a card from things he found in a craft drawer at home
- Cooked chicken and leek pie and baked a chocolate cake for dinner, plus he always clears the table and loads the dishwasher
- Joined fit 4 gym and took a gym induction, attended the gym, went swimming and played multiple games of badminton
- Ran for at least 20 minutes each time at the gym
- Did a litter pick with the Scouts
- Cycled on his new bike multiple times to the corner shop
- Made a bird feeder



#DHSCommunity



DHS Summer 2024

Congratulations to Hollie in year 8

- Volunteered to carry out the warm up and barcode scanning at Worthing Junior park run, plus volunteered as a Marshall at another event
- Went through her clothes and books and dropped a bag off to the Guildcare charity
- Completed the Hyndburn 5km park run, the Worthing Junior 2km park run, the Guernsey 5km park run, the Worthing 5km park run and the Family 5km park run event challenge
- Competed in the Storrington junior Tennis Tournament U12 singles / U12doubles / U14 Doubles, plus played 12 matches (4 x Singles, 8 x Doubles), winners in the U12 and U14 girls doubles
- Took part in the water sports week at Hove Lagoon with activities including sailing, paddle boarding, wind surfacing, raft building, wake boarding
- Attended Worthing Swimming club sessions at Splashpoint, Arundel Lido and K2
- Took part in Blaze Rebels and Cardio tennis at David Lloyd Worthing
- Attended Arundel Smash Tennis Junior Camp
- Washed and cleaned the family cars and did chores around the house such as hanging out and bringing in the washing
- Hollie made chocolate brownies for friends and family - to take to Storrington tennis event
- Visited her grandma and grandad, aunts, uncles and cousins



#ProudofDHS

Kindness & Aspiration Challenge

Congratulations to Artem in year 9

- Litter picking in his community
- Caring for the family cat
- Cooking a meal
- Helped to clean the house
- Sorted and organise his belongings and making donations to charity
- Created a bird feeder with objects found around the house
- Wrote a poem about being kind to the environment



#KAPPSummerChallenge



DHS Summer 2024

Congratulations to Theo in year 8



- Helping his dad with a building project
- Washing the car
- Visiting family and friends
- Cooking a meal
- Walking the dog

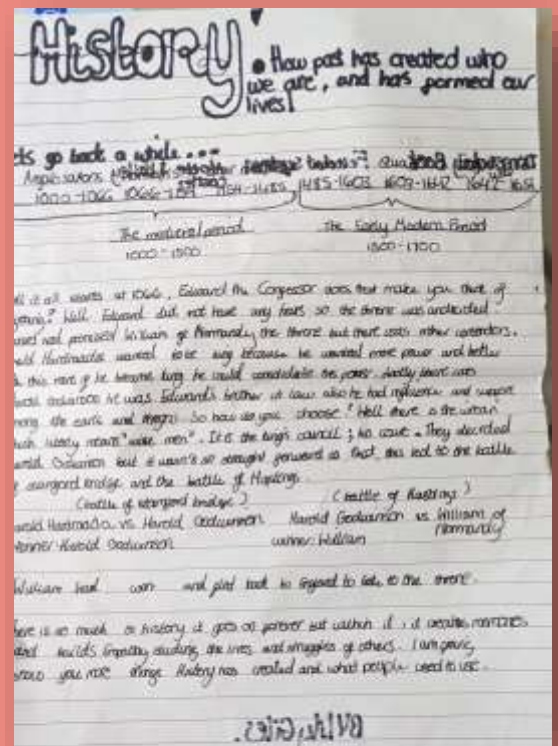


Going beyond our best

Kindness & Aspiration Challenge

Congratulations to Lily in year 8

- Made a card for one of her friends
- Spent quality time with a relative
- Cooked a meal for her family
- Helped with household cleaning
- Created a poster about her favourite subject
- Walked instead of getting a lift in a car



In our community our KAPP values are at the core of everything we do from in lessons, to extra-curricular activities, and how we conduct ourselves in the local community. This is why the Student Senior Leadership Team decided to create this summer challenge to remind all of our students of our KAPP values, and to encourage you to engage with our key principles throughout the break.

We are extremely proud of all of you who took part, you are all brilliant!



Kindness Aspiration Perseverance Pride



Personal achievements

Year 11 Durrington students Zac Wood and Lilly Halliwell were part of a four strong team of teens who took on and completed the 3 Peaks Challenge at the end of August.

The challenge was taken on to champion a local charity for whom Zac and Lilly volunteer each summer supporting children with additional needs. The team of four teens were supported by their parents, and through their incredible success have raised over £8500 for the charity in this one event!

In total the event consisted of over 16 miles of hillwalking, reaching the peak of Ben Nevis 1345m, Scafell Pike 978m, and Snowdon 1085m, in under 36 hours. The weather was dismal with 60mph winds and driving rain for both Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike which made the event even more of a challenge.

Lilly said she wanted to take part to help raise money for CCPS which is a charity for children with special needs and learning disabilities. After the team had completed this huge challenge Lilly said she felt tired, relieved, yet had an incredible sense of achievement. Lilly added that Durrington High School's values of kindness, aspiration, perseverance and pride all came together as one during this challenge, and all played a part during the climb.

Zac was keen to take on this challenge and help raise funds for CCPS as he has been volunteering with the charity for a number of years. Once Zac had

#Kindness

The 3 Peaks Challenge



completed all three peaks he said that although he was tired he felt extremely proud of his accomplishment. Durrington's ethos of perseverance certainly helped me to keep going, especially getting down Snowdon in the dark.

Lots of our students volunteer for this local charity and we are extremely proud of them all. You can find out more about CCPS on their facebook page here: [Chanctonbury Community Playscheme](#)



#Aspiration



English National Champion



Worthing swimmer Strikes Gold at English Nationals

Year 9 Durrington student Myles represented Worthing swimming club in August 2024 at the English national swimming championships in Sheffield. Myles' goal was to touch the wall first, and he was crowned National Champion in the boys 13 years 200 metre freestyle event.

#Perseverance

Myles takes Gold!

He entered the final seeded in first position after knocking eight seconds off his previous personal best time in the heats.

His performance in the final was faster still, coming home in 2:04:93 and Myles achieved another personal best time.

Myles also won the bronze medal in the 100 meters freestyle with another personal best time!

These achievements have led to his selection to represent Sussex in the Go-Cardless National County Team Championships in October. Additionally, Myles has been selected for the 2024/2025 Regional Development Programme for 13 years old, with its syllabus prescribed by the Swim England Talent Team.

Myles' selection for these prestigious opportunities is a significant milestone in his journey to becoming an elite swimmer and his long-term goal to compete at the Olympics and Commonwealth games.

Congratulations Myles, everyone at Durrington High School is immensely proud of your fantastic achievements.

#Pride



Durrington High School Open Evening

Durrington High School



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Open Evening

Thursday 3 October 2024

6pm to 8pm

Presentations by the
Headteachers at 6.10pm
and 6.50pm



Open Mornings

Monday 7 to Friday 11
October 9am to 10am each
morning

Book on the QR code below



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Durrington High School Prospectus

Durrington High School is highly aspirational for all, with strong traditional values, expert teaching, excellent facilities, and care and support with our dedicated pastoral team. Find out more in our prospectus here: [Durrington High School Prospectus](#)



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Lunchtime Clubs September 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
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro
	LGBTQ+	All Years	Sawyer	G31E
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
Tuesday	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
	Dance	All Years	Miss Johnson	Bistro
	Basketball	All Years	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
Wednesday	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
	Rubix Cube Club	All Years	Miss Gover	G26M
	Chess Club	All Years	Mr Borrett & Mr Venness	G21M
	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
	Dance	All Years	Miss Johnson	Bistro
	Basketball	All Years	Mr Crane	Sports Hall
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
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	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
	Fashion/Textiles	9	Mr Bloomer	FO3T
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro

After-School Sports Clubs Autumn Half-Term 2024

Day	Club	Staff
Monday	Yr 7 Boys Football Fixtures	Mr Brombley
Tuesday	KS3 Girls football club	Miss Johnson
	Yr 8 Football Training	Mr Pickford
	Yr 9 Boys Football Fixtures	Mr Burgess
	Yr 10 Boys Rugby Training	Mr De Gruchy & Mr Burnett
	Yr 11 Boys Rugby Training	Mr De Gruchy & Mr Burnett
	U16 Girls Football Fixtures	Mrs Fuller
Wednesday	U14 Girls Basketball Fixtures	Mrs Wallis-Taylor
	Yr 9 Boys Football Training	Mr Burnett & Mr Pickford
	KS4 Netball Training	Miss Cann
Thursday	Yr 10 Boys Rugby Fixtures	Mr De Gruchy
	KS3 Girls Basketball Club	Mrs Wallis-Taylor
	Yr 8 Boys Football Fixtures	Mr Pickford
	Yr 7 Boys Football Training	Mr Brombley
	Yr 10 Netball Fixtures	Miss Johnson
	Yr 11 Boys Rugby Fixtures	Mr De Gruchy & Mr Burnett
Friday	Yr 11 Netball Fixtures	Miss Cann
	KS3 Girls Netball Club	Miss Cann & Miss Johnson
	Badminton Club	Mr Poole & Mr Brombley

#GetInvolved

After-School Clubs September 2024

Day	Club	Year	Staff	Venue
Monday	Writing Club	All Years	Miss Foster & Mr Gaffney	G32E
	Y7 Boys Football Fixtures	Y7	Mr Brombley	PE Office
Tuesday	Y9 Gifted and Talented Art (Oct Half Term)	Y9	Mrs Gray, Mr Bloomer, Miss Kingwell & Miss Grimes.	FO4T
	Choir	All Years	Mrs Maughan	F20C
	Minecraft Club	Y7	Mrs Carter	F27T
	MFL Film Club	All Years	Mr Gilbert	U06L
	Code Club	Y9	Mr Scott	F24T
	KS4 Spanish Speaking Club	Y10-11	Mrs Baquedano	U01L
	Arabic Club	All Years	Mrs Farah	U02L
	Y8 & Y9 French Club	Y8-9	Mrs Cooper	U03L
	Y8 & Y9 Spanish Club	Y8-9	Miss Smith	U05L
	KS3 Girls football club	Y7-9	Miss Johnson	Pavilion
	Y8 Boys Football Training	Y8	Mr Pickford	Pavilion
	Yr 9 Boys Football Fixtures	Y9	Mr Burgess	PE Office
	Yr 10 Boys Rugby Training	Y10	Mr De Gruchy & Mr Burnett	Pavilion
	Yr 11 Boys Rugby Training	Y11	Mr De Gruchy & Mr Burnett	Pavilion
	U16 Girls Football Fixtures	Y9-11	Mrs Fuller	PE Office
Wednesday	Y10 & Y11 GCSE Portfolio Enrichment	Y10-Y11	All Art Staff	All Art Rooms
	Drama Club	All Years	Miss Cross	Performing Arts Theatre
	Y7 Science Club	Y7	Miss Gurgen & Miss Lee	G15S
	E-Sports	All Years	Mr Scott	F24T
	U14 Girls Basketball Fixtures	Y8-Y9	Mrs Wallis-Taylor	PE Office
	KS4 Netball Training	Y10-Y11	Miss Cann	PE Office
	Y9 Boys Football training	Y9	Mr Burnett & Mr Pickford	Pavilion
	Yr 10 Boys Rugby Fixtures	Y10	Mr De Gruchy	PE Office
Thursday	Lego Spike	Y8	Mrs Taylor	F26T
	Y10 & Y11 GCSE Portfolio Enrichment	Y10-Y11	All Art Staff	All Art Rooms
	Whole School Musical	All Years	Mrs Isham	Performing Arts Theatre
	KS3 Girls Basketball Club	Y7-Y9	Mrs Wallis-Taylor	Sports Hall
	Y8 Stem Club	Y8	Mrs Laming	G09S
	Yr 8 Boys Football Fixtures	Y8	Mr Pickford	PE Office
	Yr 7 Boys Football Training	Y7	Mr Brombley	Pavilion
	Yr 10 Netball Fixtures	Y10	Miss Johnson	PE Office
Friday	Yr 11 Boys Rugby Fixtures	Y11	Mr De Gruchy & Mr Burnett	PE Office
	Yr 11 Netball Fixtures	Y11	Miss Cann	PE Office
	Dance Live	All years	Mrs Isham	Performing Arts Theatre
	KS3 Girls Netball Club	Y7-Y9	Miss Cann & Miss Johnson	PE Office
	Badminton Club	All years	Mr Poole & Mr Brombley	Sports Hall

#DHSEnrichment



Term dates 2024/2025

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 10 DofE evening - Wednesday 25th September
- Year 11 careers evening - Thursday 26th September
- Open evening - Thursday 3rd October
- Open morning tours - Monday 7th October to Friday 11th October

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