

DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride

15 November 2024 edition

This edition of our newsletter focuses once again on the success of so many of our students/your children.

We are exceptionally proud of each and every one of the students (and teams) mentioned in this newsletter. They really embody our school values and wider than this many of their contributions are making a real difference to others through committing their efforts to charity work in its many different forms.

This term continues to fly by and the SSLT will soon be launching the traditional Christmas hamper and stocking appeals, again with a focus on supporting those in our own community that

are in need and/or find Christmas a particularly difficult time.

Finally, we are very excited to share with you our new for 2024/5 winter lecture series. It is incredibly exciting to have both ex-DHS students and academics from local universities delivering open lectures on a diverse range of topics including cosmology, the challenges of international peacekeeping in the Congo, and neuroscience. Watch this space for more details.

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Curriculum spotlight



Year 7 started their year focusing on developing their individual skills and techniques, while our year 8s are developing their team attacking and defending strategies. In year 9 the focus is on developing, implementing and refining team and individual game plans to outwit opponents.

Sport@DHS

Physical Education



In invasion games the main intention is to invade your opponents' territory and to outwit them so that you can score points. Teams will be expected to plan strategies and implement them in different situations.

Students will work on a rotation of activities across the Autumn and Spring terms. Activities include; football, basketball, badminton, rugby, netball, handball, OAA, hockey, fitness, gymnastics, dance, table tennis and volleyball.



The Durrington Journey



Curriculum spotlight



Year 10 GCSE PE

Year 10s have started their GCSE PE course looking at health, fitness and well-being, as well as the socio-cultural influences in physical activity and sport.

Their introductory unit covers the components of fitness, including key words and definitions that underpin much of the paper 1 content.

#PhysicalEducation

Physical Education

In this unit they will look at the meaning of health and fitness: physical, mental/ emotional and social health, linking participation in physical activity to exercise, and sport to health and wellbeing.

They also look at the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle including obesity and how it may affect performance in physical activity and sport, how we use energy, and the reasons for having a balanced diet, including the role of nutrition such as carbohydrates, fat, protein, vitamins and minerals, and the importance of maintaining water balance (hydration).



#TeamDurrington



Curriculum spotlight

Year 11 GCSE PE

Year 11 are now in their second year of their GCSE course and are studying sports psychology, sociocultural influences, and well-being in physical activity and sport.

They will show examples of, and evaluations, of the types of feedback and guidance, including the arousal and the Inverted U theory, application of how optimal arousal has to vary in relation to the skill/stress management techniques, aggression and personality, and intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, including evaluation of their merits.



Going beyond our best

Physical Education

Year 10 GCSE Dance

Students began their GCSE course perfecting their performance solo piece. They will learn physical, technical and expressive skills, as well as learn about lighting, costume, set, aural setting, and movement content of professional works.



Year 11 GCSE Dance

Year 11s are refining their performance component. The students will learn the choreographic skills required in dance, for example; motif, stimulus, motif development, relationships, choreographic devices, accompaniment, and rehearsal process.

#DHSDance



Curriculum spotlight



Our 29 sports captains play an important role helping across the PE department assisting with clubs and other sporting events such as The Laurels Sports Day, Sussex County Cricket Club DIScoverAbility Day, and the DHS Team Building Day to name just a few.



#SportsCaptains

Physical Education

Sports round-up

The year 7 boys football team are still competing in the National Cup and are awaiting their 4th round fixture to be announced. They are also through to the final of the District League which will be played on Thursday at Steyning Town Football Club. We are also extremely proud of 4 team members who have made it into the West Sussex District squad, congratulations to Oaklie Corbett, Olive Hosier, Finley Barker and Riley Tapscott.

The year 8 football team have had a fantastic season so far. They won all 5 of their District League games qualifying for the semi-final where they beat Steyning Towers 7-2. In the final they played Shoreham Academy, in a fantastically competitive game that could have gone either way Durrington lost narrowly 3-2. Archie Waite scored both goals for Durrington. The team is also continuing strongly in both the County and National Cups and they have games next week to qualify through to the 4th round of both competitions.

Year 10 boys' rugby has seen a record number of students attend the club and representing the school in District fixtures. The year 11 team have been competitive within the District League finishing 3rd overall.

The year 7 girls played their first basketball league game winning 58-4! In football the U14 girls are through to the 2nd round of the County Cup against The Littlehampton Academy. The year 10 girls' netball team have had a fantastic start to their season winning both their games against Bohunt and Worthing High School. The U16 girls' rugby team won both games in the first round of the Sussex Cup, and the U16 girls' football had a fantastic season coming a narrow second in the league. They are also through to the next round of County Cup with 6-1 win against Tonbridge House.

#TeamDurrington



Curriculum spotlight



Year 10 netball team



U14 football team

#Aspiration

Physical Education



Year 7 rugby team



U16 football team

#Perseverance



Curriculum spotlight



Year 11 rugby team



Year 7 basketball team

#DHSSport

Physical Education



U14 basketball team



Year 10 & 11 rugby team

#proudofDHS



Curriculum spotlight



Year 7

SME lessons in year 7 began by supporting their transition into secondary school, looking at the importance of kindness, teamwork and taking responsibilities. Year 7s first topic was a discussion on bullying, ensuring that every child is aware of how to report bullying both inside and outside of school.

"I think SME is a really useful subject because it can teach you lots of different things such as LGBTQ+, bullying, different cultures, and life in general. SME is helpful because you learn about so many things and it's really fun."

Aanchal in year 7

"It is a very thought provoking subject which makes me think of things I probably wouldn't normally think about." Adrian in year 7

Social & Moral Education

Year 8

Students start the year by looking at what it means to have an identity, how we identify ourselves, and then how that identity fits into larger communities of people in our local, national and international worlds. We explore people who are excluded from those communities, and ways that we can aid excluded people who are in need. Including learning about their rights supported by the Equality Act 2010.



"In this subject you learn really important things, we recently looked at 'risky behaviours' and the potential consequences." Ellie in year 8

"SME teaches you valuable life lessons to come, and you have freedom of speech to say your views and not be judged." Nathaniel in year 8

"SME is an interesting lesson because you cover a lot of things and it's very factual." Bradley in year 7



Curriculum spotlight ...



Year 9

Students in year 9 have explored the structure of our justice system in the UK. They have looked at Human Rights and how these are protected by our police and legal systems. Using the Equality Act 2010 and Human Rights Act 1998 students will evaluate how law and order is maintained in the UK. Students will also explore the efficiency of the prison system in the UK.

This half term they are looking at the effects and dangers of illegal drugs, including the law surrounding the possession and supply of drugs, understanding where to get help with addiction, and the short and long term consequences of drug use.

Students will also have two special careers lessons where they will discuss options linking to their GCSE option choices during the Spring term.

"I like SME as you get to learn about stuff that is actually happening in the world." Daisy in year 9

Social & Moral Education



"I like to learn about the different cultures and about the world. I like to have an understanding of what is happening in the world, it is such a broad subject."

Miraj in year 9

"SME gives you a better understanding of how the world works and the dangers within it."

Nomsa in year 9



"SME is an interesting subject as you learn about so many different aspects of community." Louie in year 9

"SME helps us to recognise the stresses and excitements of our GCSE's and has really helped guide me through my journey at DHS." Siaana in year 11



Curriculum spotlight

Year 10

Students in year 10 started their year learning about different types of abuse that people can be subjected to in relationships, spotting the early warning signs of these and also ways to seek help if you or anyone you know is involved in an abusive relationship. Students will also look at survivor stories, and inspirational figures as part of this unit.

“In my opinion SME helps support students with issues in society and how to tackle problems. It can also guide us through our school journey by supporting everyone.” Ewan in year 11



“You learn about other people’s lives, and how things effect them.”

Social & Moral Education

Year 11

During the first half term all students have completed their CV and have been looking at career paths of interest as they begin to plan for their continued education Post-16.



This half term our year 11s are looking at identifying the similarities between physical and mental health and are encouraged into open discussion about mental health and what may impact on this. Common mental health disorders will also be discussed as well as ways to look after their own mental wellbeing. They will look at health checks and services that students should visit in the future with their GP such as smear tests, as well as look at how they can check their own bodies for signs of illness.

"SME is about learning life lessons, not just academic, and it's important to learn about things that will be a part of our lives."



Curriculum spotlight

Year 10 GCSE citizenship

At the start of their GCSE course students got to grips with who we are in the UK; specifically, tackling questions such as 'Who is in our community?' (Local & National) and 'How are groups in our community treated?' Students will use this knowledge to assess how groups in our community are treated, what is happening to the UK population, discrimination and the law, as well how human rights protect citizens.

"I choose Citizenship as a GCSE to learn about justice and helping people by learning more about society." Bella in year 10

"This subject is useful for your own life as well as it tells you about the world, and all the laws every citizen needs to know." Sima in year 11

"This subject is really interesting and useful as you can apply it outside of school." Holly in year 11

"It's interesting to learn about the world around you and what is happening." Isaac in year 11



It is interesting learning about how the country is run and the different cultures." Amara in year 10

GCSE Citizenship

Year 11 GCSE Citizenship

Students have been tackling questions around democracy, political participation, and global organisations including: NATO, The UN and The WHO. They are also studying the media and how the media supports democracy.



"SME and Citizenship in my opinion are the most important lessons you can take, as SME helps you learn the basics of surviving in the future, and Citizenship helps you understand the overall state of the world and how we can take part in changing it." Sam in year 11

"You learn about your rights and what is allowed in our country."

Lydia in year 10



Curriculum spotlight ...



During the year the SME team also prepare and present special assemblies across the House groups. Last month they delivered an assembly on World Mental Health Day, and next term they will run an assembly focusing on International Women's Day.

SME & Citizenship Department Ambassadors

Congratulations to our newly appointed Department Ambassadors in SME and Citizenship. Eric Regan, Archie Leaver, Williams Ogunyemi, Sophie Osborne, Megan Brackston, Isaac Northeast, Aliyah Albano, Daisy Doe, Orla McKirkard, Jack Smith, William Standing, Miraj Ahmed, Ivy Robertson, Dilara Robertson, Bella Cloake, Lydia Lawal and Amara Bulut.

#TeamDurrington

Social & Moral Education



SME & Citizenship Ambassadors

Citizenship Effort and Perseverance Awards

Seven of our year 11 students have also received recognition for their effort and perseverance in Citizenship, well done to Sam Ashford, Isaac Cox, Siaana Hearn, Matilda Cutting, Olivia Warner, Evie Jeffrey and Holly Jeffery.



#StudentLeadership



DHS & Oakgrove Charity Concert

Talented students from DHS and Oak Grove College shared the stage in a joint charity musical extravaganza raising funds for local charity Chanctonbury Community Playscheme.

“The biggest of thanks to everyone at Durrington High School and Oak Grove College who participated or supported the fundraising concert. It was wonderful to see students from both schools performing at the same event. Zac and Ruby, both Durrington students and CCPS helpers, were amazing hosts for the evening, and the event raised £1,200 which is so, so kind.” CCPS



#CharityConcert

in aid of CCPS



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CCPS student volunteers

Chanctonbury Community Playscheme (CCPS) are a volunteer-led charity based in Worthing who provide fun and inclusive summer experiences for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. This summer, 13 DHS students were part of the volunteering team, and we are extremely proud of them all.

Each one of them would have given a minimum of thirty hours of completely voluntary time working 1:1 with children with complex additional needs. The friendship, care and genuine desire to make a positive difference to the children was incredible. Some of the children are extremely complex in terms of their additional needs (non-verbal, challenging behaviour and/or no sense of risk/danger) and yet our students were amazing and worked so hard to make their experience a positive one.

It's a huge commitment and genuinely amazing the time our students gave, and also absolutely brilliant to see how each one of them grew in both skills and confidence during their time volunteering.

CCPS said: "As a very small charity we would not be able to run without their support, the kindness they showed to each of the individual children they worked with was wonderful." Find out more about the CCPS Summer of Fun 2024 here: [Chanctonbury Community Playscheme](#)



#Kindness

Our inspiring students



Well done and thank you to Alfie Bennett, Arabella Cloake, Cobi Luke, Dylan Austin, Emilie Pollard, Hannah May, Hayden Clegg, Josephine Upperton, Lilly Halliwell, Peyton Brown, Ruby Fullwood, Tyler Green and Zac Wood.

#Aspiration



CCPS student volunteers ...



“Summer 2024, was my first experience volunteering with CCPS and it definitely won’t be my last. I felt so welcomed on my first day by everyone. Spending time with the amazing children made me feel so happy. CCPS was such a rewarding experience, seeing the children get involved with such amazing trips and opportunities, and also giving their parents support over the summer. I have made so many friends and memories at CCPS and it was so sad on the last day, but I am so excited for next summer. I have learnt so much about the way all the children live and it has given me a way to see future career paths and jobs that I wouldn’t be interested in otherwise. I had so much fun and it was an amazing way to spend my summer. I am so grateful for finding all about this amazing community.”

Peyton Brown in year 10

#Pride

in their own words

“I love CCPS! I am so privileged to have known the playscheme most of my life as my mum is a Trustee for the amazing charity and both my parents were helpers and team leaders when they were younger. I first started volunteering 3 years ago and every year since then. Volunteering at the playscheme has brought me so much pride in myself. Seeing the smiles on the children’s faces enjoying something that they usually wouldn’t get the opportunity to do is such an incredible feeling. We did so many activities, trips and parties and every day is so fun! When I talk about the playscheme, many teenagers my age ask why I would spend my summer volunteering here, but I wouldn’t want to spend my time doing anything else, I spend all year waiting for the playscheme as it’s such a memorable, rewarding experience that I constantly look forward too. The playscheme has led me to want a job working with children with disabilities when I am older because it has opened my eyes to these amazing children that never fail to make me laugh. I also want to thank the adults involved in CCPS, all the team leaders, coordinators and trustees, who are so friendly and never hesitated to help me with anything or any of the children.”

Arabella Cloake in year 10



#proudoofDHS



Learning Resource Area

Over the past fortnight students in the library have been looking at KAPP related books to inspire them to meet the challenges set out and reach their potential.

Kindness



To aid his recovery from a life-threatening illness, Jordan and his family move out of the city for a healthy new start. Jordan's getting enough funny looks as the new boy at school as it is, without his Mum giving him homemade soup every day for lunch! But when Ethan meets a homeless man called Harry, and gives him the soup, it is the start of an unlikely friendship

Be Kind is your handbook on how to use your own voice to empower yourself and others to spread kindness. Award-winning children's author Marcus Sedgwick tells the story of kindness - where it comes from, what it feels like and perhaps most importantly why it matters - and asks YOU what would you do in different everyday scenarios.



Year 9

Alice has been in love with her best friend, Teddy, for the last three years. When she buys him a lottery ticket for his birthday & he wins 32 million dollars, they are thrown together with the world at their feet. Teddy decides that he will spend his money committing random acts of kindness, and who better to go on that adventure with him than Alice? In the process they get to know themselves and each other better than they ever have before, but money can't buy you love ...



Aspiration



Fearless men, women, boys and girls who have spoken out and changed our lives for the better. They did it, so why can't you?

Frida Khalo, Malala Yousafzai, Nelson Mandela and Maya Angelou.

Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, who is non verbal, have spent most of their lives in a refugee camp in Kenya. Life is hard there: never enough food, achingly dull, and without access to the medical care. So when Omar has the opportunity to go to school, he knows it might be a chance to change their future . . . but it would also mean leaving his brother, the only family member he has left, every day.




Year 9

Four girls have been friends since kindergarten. Now they're in their senior year, facing their biggest fears about growing up and growing apart. One of these girls is destined to become the president of the United States. The mystery, of course, is which girl gets the gig. This is the story of four best friends -proving that great friendships can help young women achieve anything...even a seat in the Oval Office.



Recommended reading

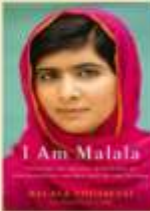


Perseverance

When Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone—left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned.

With no one to rely on, no power, and no working phone lines or internet access, Maddie slowly learns to survive on her own. Her only companions are a Rottweiler named George and all the books she can read. As months pass, she escapes natural disasters, looters, and wild animals. But Maddie's most formidable enemy is the crushing loneliness she faces every day.

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive.



Pride

This is a fictionalised retelling of one of the most famous female football teams in history. Dick, Kerr Girls. All members of the team worked at the Dick, Kerr munitions factory. The team remained in existence for 45 years, with as many as 50,000 supporters.


This books tells the story of a teenager called Hettie, who is desperate to help the war effort and goes to work in the factory before joining the team.



Year 9

Fed up with her small-town Texas high school that thinks the football team can do no wrong. Fed up with sexist dress codes and hallway harassment. But most of all, Viv Carter is fed up with always following the rules.

Viv's mom was in a punk rock band in the '90s, so now Viv takes a page from her mother's past and creates a feminist zine that she distributes anonymously to her classmates. She's just blowing off steam, but other girls respond. Pretty soon Viv is forging friendships with other young women across the divides of cliques and popularity rankings, and she realizes that what she has started is nothing short of a girl revolution.



Celebrating achievements ...

Congratulations to Elena in year 7 who represented her swimming club, Arun Tridents, over half term at the Portsmouth Northsea Gala.

She competed in 6 races, two of those were relays winning Gold in the mixed 200m medley relay and Silver in the mixed 200m free relay with her team.

Well done Elena, a brilliant achievement.



#Kindness #Aspiration #Perseverance #Pride

Going beyond our best

outside the classroom



Congratulations to Kyle Vernon in year 11 who spent half term at a Royal Navy camp at HMS Sultan in Portsmouth with his Explorer unit. They learnt about life in the Navy and did lots of activities including sailing, water sports, power boating, STEM etc. They also got to watch an amazing firework display on their last night. Kyle is now looking at possibly joining the Navy, or going on to University after his A levels to study Palaeontology.

Kyle is also part of the Worthing District Scout shooting squad and took part in the National Scout Rifle Shooting competition at the end of October. Kyle shot 3 different pistols and performed well; the club are now waiting for confirmation on the final results.

Kyle also volunteers with the Cubs every Monday night to work towards his Silver DofE Award and he has been doing lots of hiking and cooking practice to work towards this.

Well done Kyle, Team Durrington are extremely proud of you.

#Kindness #Aspiration #Perseverance #Pride



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KAPP nominations

Our system of KAPP rewards and recognition ensures we are able to award students for going beyond their best in a variety of ways.

How can you nominate your child?

It's very simple. Just let us know if your son/daughter has done/achieved something amazing and you think it might be worth a Kindness or Pride badge. We have tried to make things as simple as possible. The only thing you need to do is complete the form below, telling us about your child's accomplishments.

[KAPP rewards recognition form](#)

Aspiration and Perseverance badges will be rewarded by the school, through teaching staff and house teams.

#KAPPAwards

Durrington High Values

Durrington High School



Kindness

Giving to and caring for others.

Aspiration

Aim high, dream big and believe you can get there.

Perseverance

Digging deep and never giving up.

Pride

Being proud of who you are, what you achieve and the success of others.

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride

#DurringtonValues



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Thursday 16th January 2025/ 8:30am – 9:30am
Durrington High School, The Boulevard, Worthing, BN13 1JX

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Going beyond our best

Get into teaching event

**Get into Teaching –Information Coffee Morning on 16th January 2025
at 8.30am to 9.30am**

Venue: Durrington High School

Find out about Teacher Training with Inspiring Future Teachers - South Downs Teacher Training and what a career in teaching has to offer.

This event is for anyone interested in training to teach in either the primary or secondary sector - start date September 2025.

This Get into Teaching event will include a presentation about our Postgraduate School Based Teacher Training programmes as well as the chance to ask experts about your teacher training options and what it's like to teach. You will also receive one-to-one advice on the application process, the training program, and finances.

Please complete the form in full. Any queries should be directed to info@southdownsscitt.co.uk

Express your interest in attending here: [Get into teaching event](#)

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Lunchtime Clubs November 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
	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
Tuesday	Dance	All Years	Miss Johnson	Bistro
	Basketball	All Years	Mr Crane	Sports Hall
	Basketball	7-9	Mr Pickford	New Sports Hall
	Debate Club	All Years	Mrs Leney	S2
	Careers Club	All Years	Mr Henry	Careers Library
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro
	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
Wednesday	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
	Basketball	7-9	Mr Pickford	New Sports Hall
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro
Thursday	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
Friday	Fashion/Textiles	9	Mr Bloomer	FO3T
	Computing Club	All Years	Mr Burgess	F24
	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
	LGBTQ+	All years	Sawyer	G31E
	Football	All Years	Mr De Gruchy	Astro

After-School Sports Clubs Autumn 2nd Half-Term 2024

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

#GetInvolved



After-School Clubs November 2024

Day	Club	Year	Staff	Venue
Monday	Writing Club	All Years	Miss Foster & Mr Gaffney	G32E
	Y7 Boys Basketball Fixtures	Y7	Mr De Gruchy	PE Office
Tuesday	Y9 Gifted and Talented Art (Oct Half Term)	Y9	Mrs Gray, Mr Bloomer, Miss Kingwell & Miss Grimes.	F04T
	Choir	All Years	Mrs Maughan	F20C
	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 Basketball Training	Y8	Mr Burnett	Sports Hall
	Yr 9 Boys Basketball Fixtures	Y9	Mr Brombley	PE Office
	KS4 Boys Basketball Training	Y10-Y11	Mr Pickford	Sports Hall
	U14 Girls Football Fixtures	Y7-Y9	Mrs Fuller & Mrs Wallis-Taylor	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
	Minecraft Club	Y7	Mrs Carter	F27T
	Y7 Science Club	Y7	Miss Gorgen & Miss Lee	G15S
	E-Sports	All Years	Mr Scott	F24T
	Y7 Girls Basketball Fixtures	Y7	Miss Johnson	PE Office
	Netball Training	All Years	Miss Cann	PE Office
	Y9 Boys Basketball training	Y9	Mr Brombley	Sports Hall
	Yr 10 Boys Basketball Fixtures	Y10	Mr Poole	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	Miss Johnson	Sports Hall
	Y8 Stem Club	Y8	Mrs Laming	G09S
	Yr 8 Boys Basketball Fixtures	Y8	Mr Burnett & Mr Mott	PE Office
	Yr 7 Boys Basketball Training	Y7	Mr De Gruchy	Sports Hall
	Yr 9 Netball Fixtures	Y9	Miss Cann	PE Office
Friday	Yr 11 Boys Basketball Fixtures	Y11	Mr Pickford	PE Office
	Dance Live	All years	Mrs Isham	Performing Arts Theatre
	Badminton Club	All years	Mr De Gruchy & 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

- Ex Year 11 certificate collection - Thursday 21st November
- INSET day - Friday 22nd November
- Year 8 consultation evening - Thursday 5th December

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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