

# DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride

**20 December 2024 Christmas edition**

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*We would like to wish you all a  
very happy Christmas, however  
you choose to celebrate, and a  
peaceful New Year, from everyone  
at Durrington High School*



# Year 7

## Year 7

We have been so proud of how the Year 7s have settled in this year. As a year group, we have the best attendance, with our highest performing classes, 7RBe and 7ZLe, at 96.3%. 7RBe were our most improved from this half term and we gave out stacks of 96+% and 100% attendance letters. Our KAPP successes were too notable, with around 1000 KAPP badges being given out across Year 7, whilst 7KFo won both the 'Kindness Passport' and 'Summer Aspiration' challenges. 199 students received Perseverance badges after their first tracking point, with 119 students getting more than one of these awarded 'Ps' in their report and 22 students getting more than 5! A particular well done to: Emily Slaughter, who received 8 'Ps'; Ava Findlay-Evans & Elsa Cannon, who received 9 'Ps'; and Jenson Blackman, who received a whopping 10 'Ps' from his last report. Additionally, 33 students received their Bronze Seahorses, meaning they have received all of their bronze KAPP badges! The overall class winners were 7ZLe, who earnt 126 badges. This half term, Minecraft was the highest attended club with 7KFo attending the most clubs out of all the classes. Georgia Jeffery was our highest club attender for the girls, whilst Mrinal Shrestha was the highest for the boys and William Coventry attended the widest variety of clubs. We have had so many KAPP signatures this half term and as a team we couldn't be prouder. Well done Year 7, keep up the good work!

Year 7

# Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance, Pride

*Congratulations to our brilliant year 7s who have received their  
Bronze Seahorse awards!*



## The Durrington Journey







ANGELOU

*"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour, and some style."*



## Angelou

Angelou House have had a brilliant start to the year, there have been so many individuals and groups that have excelled. Some examples of this are 8JBa who as a tutor group have an average attendance of 97.10% and Matas V who has attended 25 extra-curricular clubs since the start of September. We are also really proud our Y11s who have performed excellently in their mocks, 100% of our Y11s attended revision sessions before with standout attenders being Tamsin P, Harry L and Ewan D with over 40 sessions attended.

Angelou

# Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance, Pride



*Congratulations to Isla Leadbeater - Bronze Seahorse for Aspiration, Maddie Jones - Bronze Seahorse for Aspiration, Leyla Karali - Bronze Seahorse for Aspiration, and Adela Bishop - Silver Seahorse for Perseverance.*

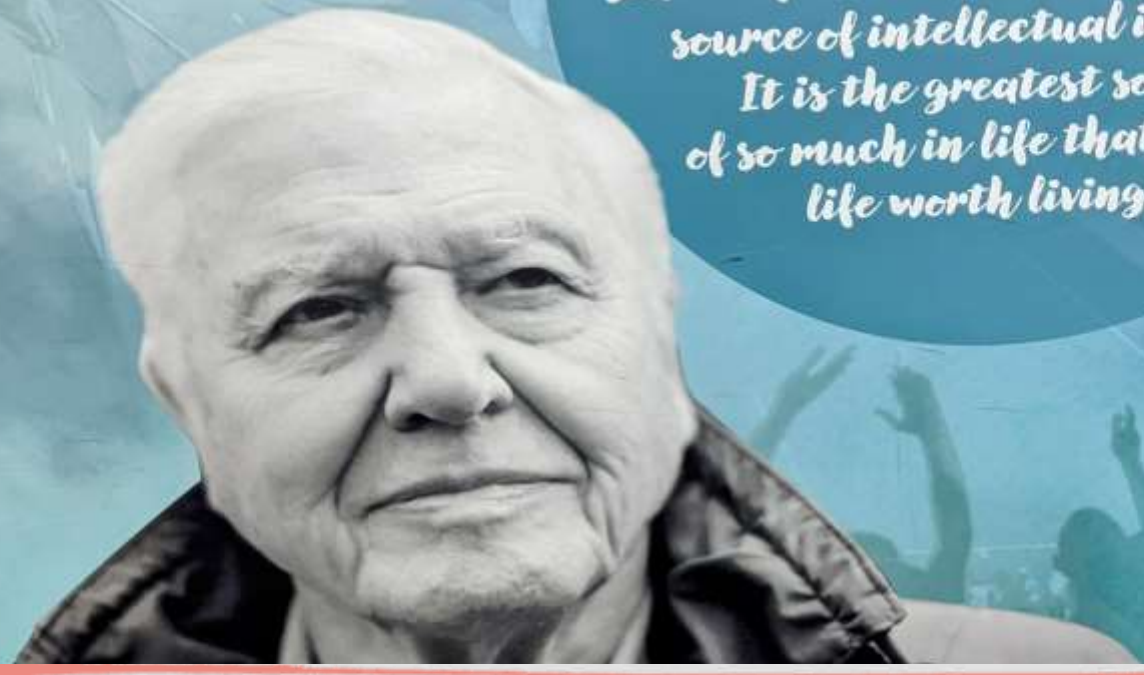
We also want to make a special mention to Harry Lawrence who is running 15 miles for charity on Sunday 22nd December and has already raised over £300 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We wish you all a happy Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



*If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't*





*"It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living."*

## Attenborough

It has been a fantastic term for Attenborough House. There is such a lovely atmosphere in all form groups during Period 1 and it was great to see the teamwork in action in our recent Christmas Hamper drive. Thank you so much for your support in being so generous with your donations, it is such a great Durrington tradition that supports our local communities. There have been so many individual and team success stories, whether that be through representing the school in sports, behaving in a super way on our school trips, getting involved in the Musical in a weekend, our recent Carol Service, or achieving success away from our school gates.

# Attenborough



# Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance, Pride



*Congratulations to Megan Neal - Platinum Seahorse for Aspiration, and Jack Calvert - Bronze Seahorse and Silver Aspiration award.*

Our year 11s MKY and RKE excelled themselves during the recent mock period and were a credit to themselves, we hope they feel their hard work has paid off when they have their results assembly in the New Year and we welcome them back to their last full term as Durrington students (where does the time go!). Notable individual success includes Amy Harrocks performing in the Nativity production in Worthing and Megan Neal winning a song writing workshop through an in school competition. We are incredibly proud of all our students and wish you a happy, healthy and relaxing break however you celebrate. We can't wait to see you all in the new year!'



*"What humans do over the next 50 years will determine the fate of all life on the planet". David Attenborough*



*"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."*



## Malala

It has been an exceptional term for Malala. Firstly, I want to personally thank all of the students for making me feel so welcome as House Leader and being warm and open. I would like to extend a massive thank you to Miss Penny who joined the team in October as Pastoral Manager and has settled in to the role, making a great contribution to the team. Lastly, A massive thank you to the tutor team and Mr Burgess for their on going work with the House.

It continues to be a successful year for Malala. It has been amazing to see the tutor groups embrace the KAPP values by going in with school events such as the odd sock and Christmas Jumper Day.

## Malala



# Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance, Pride



***Congratulations to Travis Chenery - Bronze Seahorse for Aspiration,  
and Jamie Ward - Bronze Seahorse for Kindness.***

A special shout out to Thumira 10RGe, Team 9JGa (Adam, Nathan and Jenifer) for their contributions to the Christmas Hampers with some really creative designs. 9ACa were also nominated for their generosity, and Year 11 deserve a special mention for their conduct during the recent mocks, attendance to revision sessions and for all those who have made college applications already.

We would like to wish all of Malala and their families a very happy Christmas.



***"I tell my story not because it is unique, but because it is the story of many girls." Malala Yousafzai***





PELÉ

*"Success is no accident.  
It is hard work,  
perseverance, learning,  
studying, sacrifice  
and most of all, love of  
what you are doing or  
learning to do."*



## Pele

We are extremely proud of our Pele students this term. Huge congratulations to Kristian Byfield who has just earned his Platinum Seahorse, the first student in Pele to achieve this. The highest KAPP achievement a student can get.

We have awarded 95 badges for Kindness, 59 for Aspiration, 759 for Perseverance and 187 for Pride. 1100 badges between 200 students!

We are also really proud of the students efforts in their lessons, as is shown on their recent tracking point reports.

Pele

# Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance, Pride



***Congratulations to Kristian Byfield Platinum Seahorse for Aspiration.***

For having an effort average of 1 we had George, Elyssia, Max, Nara and Greta in year 11, Nazmine, Kristian, Freya, Reece, Olivia, Callum J, Oliver K, Rachel, Poppie, Daisy, Sophie and Alicia in year 10. Megan, Amelia, Effie, Isobel, Lily, Sophie, and Eliza in year 8. Our year 11s have been attending their Period 0 and Period 7s regularly and have persevered even when faced with the challenge of sitting their mock exams.

We want to wish you all a restful and enjoyable break however you choose to celebrate.

Ms Trignano and Mrs Morley



***"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." Pele***







SEACOLE

*"Time is a great restorer and changes surely the greatest sorrow into a pleasing memory."*



## Seacole

To all Seacole,

We just wanted to say an amazing well done to all of you! You have made us so proud, and you have all made such a phenomenal start to the year.

Thank you all for your hard work and donations for the Christmas hampers, it makes us so proud to see how much you give, and we know what a fantastic difference that will make for so many people.

There have been so many fantastic things that have happened already, we are so proud of our year 11s who have been revising so hard and have completed their mocks, special shout out to Imogen L who has attended over 56 revision sessions!! Year 11s also had so much fun on the mud run, we are excited to see how they continue to flourish through this year.

Seacole

# Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance, Pride



***Congratulations to Hayden Clegg - Platinum Seahorse for Perseverance, and Jack Angell - Platinum Seahorse, our youngest student ever to receive the Platinum Seahorse at Durrington High School!***

Seacole students have been part of so many extra-curricular clubs and we have been delighted to see you take part in Six the musical and most recently the carol services among so many others! Special mention to Adam S who has attended over 30 clubs already!

We are so proud of the hard work you all put in every day, a massive congratulations to Mrs. Easement's form who had the highest attendance in all Seacole with an impressive 96.7%!! Huge well done to Hayden C and Jack A who received their Platinum Seahorses this term, we are so proud of you both and to everyone who has received their KAPP certificates so far.

Rest up and have a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you back to continue your brilliant start.



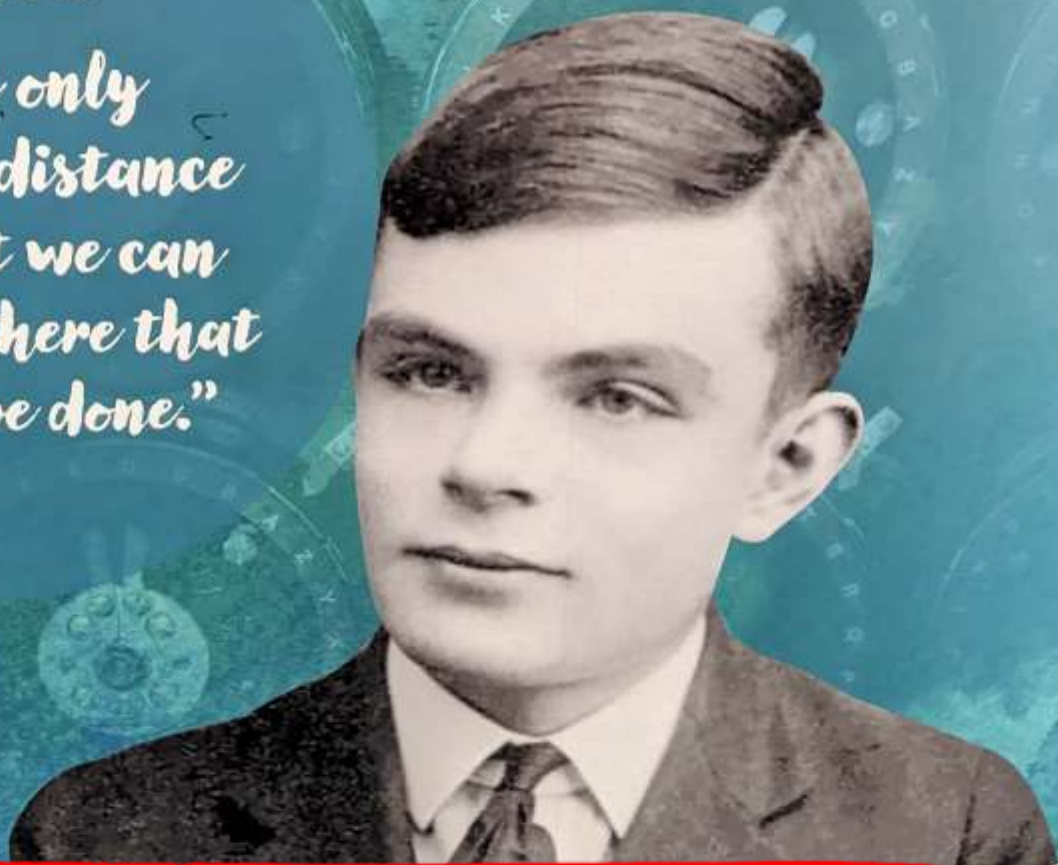
***"Unless I am allowed to tell the story of my life in my own way, I cannot tell it at all." Mary Seacole***





# TURING

*"We can only see a short distance ahead, but we can see plenty there that needs to be done."*



## Turing

It was a hub of excitement in the Turing House when we returned in September as we welcomed back all of our wonderful students. It has been a great term with lots of positivity including, charity collections, sporting achievements and the Christmas hampers to name but a few. It was fantastic to see our students involved in the 24-hour musical 'Six' and your hard work and passion really shone through in your performance on the Sunday evening. We have seen so many examples of the fantastic generosity of our students and their families, supporting causes for the local community such as the Worthing Foodbank which we contributed towards the grand total of a whopping 931.8KG of food which is amazing! Lots of our students have been on school trips, representing our school and the Turing House with pride. Our Year 11s were superb in their mocks and we are really looking forward to them getting their 'mock results' in January and being able to identify our strengths and what areas we need to develop before May.

## Turing



# Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance, Pride



***Congratulations to Eva Busson - Silver Seahorse for Kindness, Evie Jeffrey - Silver Seahorse for Kindness, and Imogen-May Jenkins - Silver Seahorse for Perseverance.***

The Carol Service was a lovely occasion with our students being a part of this, and we are really privileged to welcome Miss Cann to our team this term as Deputy House Leader. We loved our celebration assembly where we were presented with the KAPP CUP!!!! This means we have had the most KAPP awards this term. It is important that we haven't peaked too soon and we continue on the upward trend and retain the cup in the following 2 terms! (not that we're competitive!) We are really proud of all our students and the progress they have all made. We hope you have a relaxing break and enjoy Christmas; however you choose to celebrate. We can't wait to see everybody back in January.



***"We can only see a short distance ahead, but we can see plenty there that needs to be done." Alan Turing***



# DHS Christmas Charity Appeal

The return of Durrington's Christmas hamper and stocking initiative was upon us once again and gave us the chance to demonstrate our kindness for a great cause.

Our Christmas stockings have been taken to local primary schools in the surrounding area and were hand delivered by the Durrington Student Senior Leadership Team. Filled with books, games and stationary, the contents will be distributed within the schools to students from varying years, focusing on students from less privileged backgrounds in our community, the toys will make a real difference to their Christmas this year.

The decorated hampers were filled with toiletries like toothbrushes, shower products and deodorants, and distributed to our partners at Guildcare and The Trussel Trust. These products will help a wide variety of people in many ways.

Merry Christmas from the Student Senior Leadership Team



*Going beyond our best*

# Kindness in the community



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# Christmas Carol Concert



On Monday 16th December Durrington High School choir led the annual Carol Service at St Andrew's Church. The Carol Service was a wonderful chance for members of the community to join in the festive celebrations. The Choir performed a variety of songs to highlight Christmas and the KAPP values accompanied by our very talented musicians Harry and Jamie Ward. The students from Year 7, 8 and 9 Drama Club performed the readings of the Christmas Story along with wonderful congregation carols. We would like to thank everyone, particularly the community of St Andrew's, who made the evening possible and the generosity of the local community for their contributions to Turning Tides which raised £150!

*Christmas Carols*

# St Andrew's Church

Thanks to our superb DHS choir and readers:

Ruby Fullwood, Ellie Leaver, Jacob Grant, Eleanor Bradley, Louie Cooper, James Rickus, Maisie Lockyer, Olivia Kelly, Amelia Brown, Sophie Hopkins, Beth Evans, Grace Packer, Jennifer Appleton, Ella Zeegers, Peyton Brown, Lucy Royall, Megan Brackston, Lily McGill, Adela Bishop, Molly Brackston, Ellana O'Loughlin, Jess Moore, Lily Giles, Anashe Chitaunhike, Zachary Kelly, Jess Stavely, Megan Neal, Leyla Karali, Bethany Lofthouse, Sophie Ball, Natalia Bzdyra, Bailey Lownds, Imogen-May Jenkins, Laila-Suki O'Loughlin, Kyra Sutherland, Maelys Blackman, Emily Slaughter, Xuana Clarke-Rubio, Maisie Edwards, Poppy Tullett, Millie Fuller, Mia Fox, Megan Neal, Alex Meadows, Josh Last, Effie Dean, Mia Rodgers, Jerome Matthews, James Skelton, Harry Ward and Jamie Ward.



*The Durrington Community*



# Tutor Kindness Awards

At the end of each term our form tutors are asked to nominate one of their tutees for their Tutor Kindness award. As you can imagine, this is not an easy decision to make! Our award winners this term have been recognised for their constant acts of kindness, and have always been willing to help out, both within the classroom, and across the school in extra-curricular clubs and activities, often encouraging others to join in too.

Congratulations to our 'Tutor Kindness' winners this half term.

## Year 7

Leo	Whyatt
Sophie	Peters
Joshua	Garland
Idris	Lloyd
Jenson	Blackman
Yasmine	Rebouh
Toby	Wakeford
Mashiyat	Mohsin
Toby	Young
Milan	Sushil
Sammy	Short
Jayden	Mead

## Year 8

Archie	Leaver
Madisyn	Webb
Ela	Akdag
Max	Barron
Poppy	Tulett
Xuana	Clark Rubio
kyra	Sutherland
Jamie	Ward
Oliver	Neal
Amy	Townsend
Harry	Weeden
Alfie	Mallett
Jack	Ridley

*Going beyond our best*



# The Durrington Journey

## Year 9

Tom	Rackley
Elijah	Gair
Lilia	Meed
Isla	Hughes
tom	karalus
Alfie	Day
Reggie	Fullelove-Carter
Tilly	Cripps
Adiyana	Isidore
Gabriel	Lamond
Amber	Ledwidge
David	Pedder
Jamie	Lewer

## Year 10

Maisie	Raynsford
Rosie	Sanders
Izzy	Marter
Khaleel	Abimbola-Alli
Rosie	Collins Downs
Brandon	Green
Eva	Busson
Isla	Wilson
Lexi	Warneford
Chloe	Young
Thumira	Ranaweera
Ava	Martin
Louie	Denyer
Ciaran	Rumsey

## Year 11

Otis	Stobart
Kyle	Vernon
Alfie	Baker
Lucy	Chambers
Lexi	Calladine
Storm	Douglass
Evie	Jeffrey
Jessica	Moore

## Year 11

Noah	Childe
Keira	Palmer
Harry	Lawrence
Sam	Froggatt
Matilda	Cutting
Callum	Cummins



# Performing Arts



On Wednesday afternoon our KS3 Drama club students performed their adaptation of Oliver the Littlest Elf to primary school students from The Laurels. The performance started with the professional recording of our winning song-writing entry by Joseph Waterer, followed by a video of James and Louis' entry Reality Christmas and then a live performance of a song composed and performed by Megan and Ellana. The Laurels students were then treated to the outstanding, creative performance from our Drama club, a huge thanks go to Joseph, Isabel, Ambrose and Miss Cross for the amazing amount of effort that went in to putting this performance together with so many students involved. We are all so proud of each and every one of them who performed to such a high standard.

*DHS Performing Arts*

# Children's Matinee Performance



*Children's Christmas Performance*





*Going beyond our best through  
Kindness, Aspiration,  
Perseverance and Pride*



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