

# DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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**21 March 2025 edition**

It's been another very busy few weeks in school! From a range of trips, to assemblies led by the history team on international women's day, there has been a great deal going on to enrich the experience of our students in school.

We are also midway through the process to recruit our new SSLT and wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the current team for all they have done.

In this edition of the newsletter we also shine a spotlight on the hugely important role that our house teams play in supporting students at

Durrington. Knowing our students (your children) as individuals is one of the most important roles that house teams and their linked tutors play in school. From supporting when times are hard, to recognising outstanding individual success it is truly a privilege for house teams to get to know and work alongside your children as they journey through secondary school with us.

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# Curriculum Spotlight

## Year 7

This term our year 7s are studying monarchs, religion and the later medieval period and you can find out more here: [Year 7 link](#)



## Year 8

Our year 8s have been learning about the changes in Britain during the Industrial revolution. Read all about it here: [Year 8 link](#)



## Year 9

Year 9s are currently studying global conflict with a focus on WWII and its impact on Britain. Read the full story here: [Year 9 link](#)



## Year 10

As part of our GCSE course, students undertake a modern depth study on Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-39.

You can find out more on the link here: [Year 10 link](#)



# History

## History Enrichment @DHS

The history team have also been busy organising extra-curricular trips to the Imperial War Museum, delivering inspirational talks across the year groups during Women's History Month, and welcoming a special guest speaker to talk to our year 9s about his families experiences of the Holocaust.

Full story here: [History enrichment link](#)



## DHS House Teams

It seems impossible that we are already half way through the academic year! Our year 11s are fast approaching their final exams, and our year 9s have chosen their GCSE options for next year. With so much going on in our school community we are delighted to share an update from our Durrington House Leaders:

[House Teams link](#)



*Going beyond our best*



# The Durrington Community



## Prom outfit showcase and borrowing event

All year 11s are welcome to come along to this event where they will be able to browse and try on suits, dresses and more.

All items are available to borrow free of charge so why not come and take a look.

3rd April from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre.



## Start the Day Right @ Durrington High School

We want to set up a breakfast club for our disadvantaged students so that they have the best start to their day with a healthy breakfast and a chance to play sport. Tesco has offered our school the opportunity to win a grant worth £1,500 and you can help us achieve our goal by voting for us with tokens received at the checkout. Find out which stores you can place your vote in [here](#).

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# DHS STEM

## STEM Festival 2025

Our annual STEM week took place this week culminating in our STEM Festival where we celebrated the students work alongside their families.

We will have a STEM special in the next edition of our fortnightly news!



## Clubs & DHS

Our full clubs list for the Spring term 2025 can be found [here](#).



*#TeamDurrington*



# Term dates

## Spring and Summer 2025

### 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

## Diary Dates

- Whole School Musical - Wednesday 26th March
- Whole School Musical - Thursday 27th March
- Last day of the Spring term - Friday 4th April

*The Durrington Journey*



## KAPP awards

Our system of KAPP rewards and recognition ensures we are able to award students for going beyond their best in a variety of ways. You can nominate your child on the link [here](#).

## 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:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)

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