

# DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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## 7 March 2025 edition

With the sun finally beginning to shine, it's been a fabulous first two weeks back after half term, here at Durrington. Year 9 have been thinking about the direction their future will take as they finalise their option choices. This is always a really important time for them as, for the first time in their education, they get the opportunity to choose some of the subjects they wish to study in Y10 and 11. We've also seen the whole school community fully embrace our 'aspiration challenge' which resulted in numerous acts of kindness in and out of school. We hope you felt the benefit of this at home!

Outside of lessons, our students have done us proud. Our U16 girls football team have made it to the County Cup Final, whilst the Year 8 boys rugby team did incredibly well at the Christ Hospital 7s tournament, just narrowly missing out on first place. We also did really well at the Lego League Challenge tournament at Gatwick Airport and our Y9 Historians have enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Imperial War Museum.

For Year 11, the countdown to their summer exams is well and truly underway. We have all been incredibly impressed with how hard they are working in lessons, as well as in P0 and P7. We know that you as parents

are keen to support them with the revision they do at home, as this will be such an important contributory factor to their success in the summer. To support you with this, we will be sharing some great '*study hacks for parents*' from this site <https://www.fromthesidelines.uk/study-hacks> - please do take a look.

We are really looking forward to looking through the applications we receive from Y10, to join the 'Senior Student Leadership Team' (SSLT). The quality of applications we receive is always amazing and we are sure that this year will be no different. The SSLT are an integral part of our school, so this is always a really exciting time for us.

Finally, a reminder that the 10th and 11th March are INSET days - although Year 11 are in school on Monday 10th March for a maths and English Literature exam. We look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 12th March.

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Chris Woodcock  
Co-Headteachers

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# The Durrington Journey

## Year 10

We are exceptionally proud of our year 10 students who completed their work experience week prior to the half term break. You can read all about this as well as our Careers Day and Employer Workshop on the links below.



[Work Experience link here](#)



[Careers Day link here](#)



[Workshop link here](#)

## Year 7

Our fabulous year 7s are now half way through their first year at DHS and they have been chatting about some of their favourite subjects, find out what they had to say [here](#).



*Going beyond our best*

# Aspiration @ DHS

## Half a million minutes Aspiration Challenge



Together we smashed our target reaching a whopping 1,248,289 minutes in total, way to go Team Durrington! Read the full story of how together we achieved this remarkable total [here](#).

## FIRST® LEGO® League Sussex Regional finals



Team Durrington competes at the FIRST® LEGO® League Challenge tournament, hosted by London Gatwick, read all about it [here](#).

*Team Durrington*





# Student Leadership

## Student Librarians



Meet our fabulous DHS Librarians on the link [here](#).



## 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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# Achievements outside the classroom

Congratulations to Ethan in year 11 who has completed 100 games as a match referee for the Sussex FA Affiliated Youth Football Matches.

Ethan said: "I ref because I love to teach kids the laws of the beautiful game and it is a great experience to learn new things and meet new people."

Well done Ethan, a brilliant achievement!



Congratulations to Myles in year 9 who attended a swim clinic run by Olympic Champion Adam Peaty. Adam signed his National swim top and also gave Myles a note book with a personal message. This was hugely motivating for Myles who went on to win several of his races over the weekend!



## Clubs & DHS

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



*#proudoofDHS*



# 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

- INSET day - Monday 10th March
- INSET day - Tuesday 11th March
- Whole School Musical - Tuesday 27th March
- Last day of the Spring term - Friday 4th April

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## 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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