

# DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride

## 6 June 2025 edition

What a busy first week back after the half term break! We've had trips to Legoland, Hampton Court Palace and much more going on. Our lovely year 11 are heading towards the final full week of GCSE exams, our Platinum Academy sessions are up and running once again and it has been great to see our new Senior Student Leadership Team taking assemblies for the first time. Hearing them speak about British Values and what they mean to them as individuals has been truly heart-warming.

Looking forward, the plans for the Pride of Durrington Awards are in full swing, please do take time to put in a nomination if your child (or one you know) has made

an exceptional contribution.

Details of how to nominate have been sent by email and are in this edition of the newsletter. We are also still seeking sponsors for the few remaining awards so please don't hesitate to get in contact with Mr Frost ([jfrost@durring.com](mailto:jfrost@durring.com)) if you, or someone you know, can help.

Shaun Allison &  
Chris Woodcock  
Co-Headteachers



### Inside this edition

*Curriculum Spotlight  
Computing*

*Pride of Durrington 2025  
nominations*

*Platinum Academy &  
Oxford Scholars*

*Headteachers Special  
Recognition Award*

*Year 7 Hampton Court  
Palace trip*

*Extra-curricular clubs list*

*Term dates for 2025 / 2026*

*Diary dates*

*KAPP nominations*

*Sign up to the newsletter*

*Follow us on social media*

# Curriculum Spotlight

## Computing Curriculum

Year 7 are programming their own 3-D gaming project, year 8s are discovering how computers work, year 9s are working on either a festival project or a 3D graphic design project, and our year 10s are currently preparing for their upcoming mocks.

[Find out more here.](#)



## Computing Clubs



Minecraft club takes place on a Tuesday, and continues to be the most popular club in year 7. The year 8 Lego Spike club are busy building their robots. Year 9 Code club are developing their programming skills, and the E-Sports club are gaming on Rocket League and League of Legends.

[Find out more here.](#)

*Computing @ DHS*

# Computing

## Computing Subject Ambassadors

Mrs Carter works with our Computing Ambassadors and meets with them on a regular basis. This year the Ambassadors have run a whole school competition open to all students to design an APP, plus they have also been busy looking at developing the department and are currently testing out some brand-new kit!



## Computing Trips



Extracurricular is always important to us and this month the computing department took 100 year 8 students to Legoland. [You can read all about it here.](#)

They are also in the planning stages of their annual trip to the Future Tax Stand at Goodwood's Festival of Speed event which a number of year 8s will be attending.

*Going beyond our best*



# Pride of Durrington 2025



This year's Pride of Durrington awards are quickly approaching and we want your help with some of our special award categories. If you know of a student that you believe should be nominated for one of awards below, please complete the form and in no more than 150 words tell us why.

1. Charity fundraiser of the year. Do you know of a student that has taken part in raising money for charity this year? If so, how much did they raise and for which charities?
2. Volunteer of the year. Do you know of a Durrington student that has been involved in volunteering over the course of this academic year? How have they made a difference? Does the charity hold a special place in your family?
3. Unsung hero of the year. Is there a DHS student that you know of that deserves to be singled out for praise? Do you know of a student that does not seek praise but absolutely deserves public recognition? Let us know.
4. Peer support award. Students supporting students is what life is all about at DHS. Would you like to nominate any student for this award?

**[Make your nomination here](#)**

We can't wait to read your nominations and celebrate all the amazing students in our community.



# Sponsor an award



## Calling all local businesses

We would like to invite you to sponsor an award for our Pride of Durrington 2025 celebration event. This awards night recognises our inspirational students who have gone beyond their best in various aspects of school and community life, which embody our core values; kindness, aspiration, perseverance and pride.

Full details of how you can get involved can be found here:

[Pride of Durrington](#)

## Clubs @ DHS

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



*#ProudofDHS*



# Platinum Academy & Oxford Scholars



## Platinum Academy & Oxford Scholars

At Durrington we are proud of all the achievements and successes of students whether this is in performing arts, in sports or their academic endeavours.

The Durrington Super-Curriculum programme aims to take our students beyond the boundaries of their normal curriculum, exposing them to knowledge beyond their normal lessons, and encouraging them to aspire to achieve the highest levels of academic success.

Our Super-Curriculum provision has multiple pathways that students can openly take part in and/or be invited to be a part of. Engaging in these pathways will help develop students' love for their favourite subjects, gain greater insights into how our world works and show them the rewards that can come with hard work and perseverance.



This includes the St John's College Oxford Scholars programme for years 9 to 11, our year 7 Scholars Academy, and the KS4 Platinum Academy.

Students also have the opportunity to attend Oxford University Summer School.

**You can find out more about all of these opportunities here.**

*#DHSSuperCurriculum*

# Headteachers Award & Year 7 History trip

## Headteachers Special Recognition Award

Congratulations to James in year 7 who has been awarded the Headteachers Special Recognition Award.

James has been learning the art of Judo since he was just 3 years old, and he recently competed in the Southern Area Inter-County Championships alongside his Sussex team mates.

Well done James, a fantastic achievement!



## Year 7 trip to Hampton Court Palace

The History department took 120 year 7 students to Hampton Court Palace, on two separate trips, where they explored the significance of the Tudor period.

They toured the impressive Great Hall and Royal Chapel, before taking part in a global influences workshop which took place in the Clock Court. [Read the full story here.](#)



*#TheDurringtonJourney*



# Term dates

## Summer term 2025

Tuesday 22 April – Tuesday 22 July

**INSET Days:**

- Friday 27 June

### Half Term

- Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

## 2025 / 2025

Term dates for the academic year 2025 / 2026 can be found [here](#).

## Diary Dates

- Careers week - Monday 9th to Friday 13th June
- Year 7 consultation evening - Thursday 19th June
- DHS Art Show - Tuesday 24th June
- Year 11 leavers assembly and Summer Ball - Wednesday 25th June
- INSET day - Friday 27th June

*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](#)

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride



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



Durrington High School  
The Boulevard  
Worthing  
West Sussex  
BN13 1JX

01903 244957  
admin@durring.com  
durringtonhighschool.co.uk