

# DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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## 4 July 2025 edition

As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, we want to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful events and milestones that have recently taken place in our school community.

Firstly, we must commend the incredible talent on display at our annual School Art Show. It was truly inspiring to see the creativity, skill, and passion of our students brought to life through such a diverse range of work. The exhibition was a powerful reminder of the importance of the arts in education, and we'd like to thank all the staff, students, and families who supported this fantastic event.

We also recently said farewell to our Year 11 students, who have now completed their exams and marked the end of their time with us. Their Summer Ball at Avisford Park Hotel was a joyous and fitting celebration, full of laughter, pride, and well-earned memories. We wish them all the very best for the exciting journeys ahead - whether that be further study, training, or employment.

It has also been lovely to welcome our newest members of Team Durrington. The Year 6 taster day was a fabulous event. It was great to hear how excited the Year 6 students were about joining Durrington. We look forward to seeing them all in September.

Looking forward, we are already preparing for the next academic year with enthusiasm. One of our key focuses will be launching a whole-school reading campaign to develop a culture of reading for pleasure and academic success across all year groups. More details will follow soon, but we are excited to build a community where reading is celebrated in every classroom and beyond.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer break when it arrives.

Warm regards,

Shaun Allison &  
Chris Woodcock  
Co-Headteachers

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# Durrington High School

Our annual art show took place on Tuesday 24th June, and alongside family and friends we celebrated the outstanding work of our exceptionally talented year 11 GCSE students.

Work on display included incredible textiles, graphics, photography, and a wide range of traditional and contemporary art work, all of which impressed our guests who were delighted by the remarkable high standards.

We are extremely proud of our GCSE Art students as they have worked so hard during their courses, supporting one another along the way with their projects, and each of them have shown true aspiration as they have gone beyond their best.

See more of our fabulous student work [here](#).





# Art Show 2025





# Year 11 leavers celebration

Durrington High School were proud to celebrate year 11s journey through high school as they came together for a special leaver's morning and final assembly.

"We are incredibly proud of everything this group of year 11 students has achieved and everything they are going to go on to achieve. They are an exceptional group of young people who have worked incredibly hard this year. Furthermore, they have done so with warmth, care for each other and good humour. We look forward to celebrating with them in the summer when they get their results. We also look forward to following their successes, beyond Durrington and welcoming them back in the future to talk about these successes to our younger students as a part of the Platinum Academy programme."

Mr Allison, Co-Headteacher



Read the full story [here](#).

*Class of 2025*

# Getting Durrington Reading



As we come to the end of another successful year at Durrington High School, we'd like to share some exciting plans for developing reading across the school in 2025–2026.

From September, we will launch a new strategy entitled Getting Durrington Reading, which brings together students, teachers, and parents to help every child enjoy more quality books during their time at the school.



The strategy has three key aims:

1. Foster a love of reading
2. Embed reading across the curriculum
3. Support struggling readers

The project will be led by Mr Tharby, associate senior leader and co-leader of English, and Mrs Decosta, our school librarian.

You can find out more [here](#).

*The Durrington Journey*



# Summer Concert



Last night Durrington's own performing arts centre was shook to the rafters by the music of over 70 performers ranging from different soloists, duets, bands and the KS3 Drama Club. The 2025 end of term extravaganza aimed to provide a platform for the wonderful talent that we have in Performing Arts. The night kicked off with a stellar performance from the Year 9 band performing 'You Give Love A Bad Name' and finalised with Durrington's Finest performing a set of 'Message In A Bottle' and 'Aeroplane'. Sandwiched between the two came tear jerking pop ballads like 'Wildflower', 'Birds of a Feather' and 'Slipping Through My Fingers', and thundering drum solos from Nirvana. It was wonderful to see over 30 members of KS3 Drama Club performing an extract of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

You can read the full story [here](#).

*Going beyond our best*



# Best of the Best



We are delighted to be back at The Colonnade gallery in Worthing this year showcasing the excellent student work from the Art department. The work on show is a selection from our GCSE Fine Art, Textiles, Photography and Graphics students.

As a department we are so proud of our students hard work and commitment and are really excited for you to see what they have created this year!

The exhibition takes place at Colonnade House, 47 Warwick Street, Worthing, and will run from Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 5pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Proud of DHS*



# Summer Ball 2025

Our fabulous year 11s celebrated the end of their Durrington journey in style at the Summer Ball 2025 held in the Grand Hall at Avisford Park Hotel.

Over 300 students and staff attended this special event on a glorious sunny evening, with friends and family invited along to watch them arrive in a variety of transport, including a motorbike cavalcade, a go-cart, an American police car, and even on horseback!

Ethan Rees-Luker and Jasmine Field were crowned the Class of 2025 Summer Ball King and Queen, and together the students danced the night away making further happy and treasured memories of their school days at Durrington High School.

Further photos are on our website [here](#).



*Class of 2025*





## Term dates

### Summer term 2025

The final day of the Summer term is Tuesday 22nd July

**2025 / 2025**

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

## Clubs

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



## Diary Dates

- Best of the best art show @ The Colonnade Worthing - Tuesday 8th July
- Pride of Durrington Awards - Thursday 10th July
- Sports day - Friday 11th July
- Last day of term - Tuesday 22nd July, students will be dismissed at 12.35pm
- GCSE results day - Thursday 21st August

*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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