

DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride

19 September 2025 edition

After a brilliant set of exam results in the summer from our departing year 11 students, it has been an absolute pleasure to welcome students back to school for the new school year. They have made a fantastic start and are working incredibly hard in their new lessons. A particular mention must go to our new year 7 students, who are just an absolute delight. It's lovely to see them thriving already at Durrington!

We have lots of exciting things planned for this year. One of the things we are really excited about is our new approach to 'Pride Points'. Staff can now award these for the brilliant things that students do in lessons, such as putting a huge amount of effort into their work or giving a really thoughtful response to a question in lessons. They can also be awarded for high quality homework - something that is essential for academic success.

Pride points are going to

become a vital part of our school community, helping to motivate students, celebrate achievements, and foster a sense of belonging. They will encourage positive behaviour, hard work, and participation both in and out of the classroom, giving every student the chance to contribute to their house's success. By recognising effort, pride points reinforce the values we want to see in our students, while building friendly competition and teamwork across year and house groups. Ultimately, the system will help create a shared pride in our school and a culture where every success, big or small, is celebrated.

Please do ask your child how many pride points they have achieved so far and help them to be awarded even more, by supporting them to produce really high quality homework.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Shaun Allison &
Chris Woodcock
Co-Headteachers

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Durrington High School Head Boy & Girl



Hi, my name is Daisy Sharp and I am honoured to be the new Head Girl at Durrington. My journey at Durrington has always been about pushing myself to achieve the best I can whilst having fun with my friends. My favourite subject in school has to be drama where I can express myself and perform with my friends. I really enjoy all the extra-curricular opportunities that Durrington has offered including sport, especially netball and representing Durrington in the netball team and taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Throughout my next year here I hope to make a difference by helping all students feel welcome and included in our community wherever they feel they best fit. The most important message that I want to pass on to the younger years is that you should always strive to achieve your goals and through the tough times to stay positive and to always persevere.

Hi, I'm Callum Jillett, and I'm really honoured to be your Head Boy. For me, Durrington has always been about feeling welcome and supported. It's a place where you're encouraged to be yourself and to push yourself, both in and out of the classroom. One of the things I enjoy most is maths, I love the challenge it brings. I'm also proud to be part of the rugby team, where I've learned so much about teamwork, leadership, and perseverance. This year, I really want to make a difference by raising the profile of Durrington's academic successes. There's so much to celebrate here, and I want to help more people recognise that. And finally, to the younger students: I know high school can feel like a big and sometimes overwhelming place but just know you're never alone. There's always someone here to turn to.

Student Leadership

Our fabulous Year 7s



Durrington makes you feel so welcome when you step foot into the building, all of the pupils are very friendly, as well as the teachers, Durrington is such a nice environment to be in. Amelia in year 7



I think it's increased the opportunity for learning due to the calm environment. James in year 7

Durrington is really fun and I feel very welcomed. All the teachers are nice and I enjoy doing the lessons and classes. I have made new friends too. Durrington is fantastic! Alice in year 7



I love it here! I feel so welcome and the school is so fun! I can't wait for what's ahead of me. Best school ever! Elsa in year 7

Best school ever! I have made new friends, I like the lessons, and everyone is friendly. Freddie in year 7



I love year 7, all the teachers are great, it is so fun. Niamh in year 7

We'll be hearing lots more from year 7 in our next newsletter!

Team Durrington



KAPP awards for 2025

Each week we will be celebrating our KAPP values by sharing the number of Pride points each House has achieved.

We will also be sharing the top 5 students in each House, as well as the top 5 students in each year group.

Plus, prizes will be given to the students achieving the highest number of Pride points every fortnight!



Pride points this week

Attenborough	1173	Hopkins, Tess	7NWa	16
Malala	1236	Lyons, Savannah	7NWa	16
Pele	1097	Backshall, Isabelle	7JGI	15
Seacole	1176	Da Costa, Mila	7JGI	15
Turing	1296	Hibbert, Freddy	7LPi	15
Year 7	2173	Lloyd, Idris	8HPa	19
		Chiper, Alesia	8RBe	17
		Rebouh, Yasmine	8LWo	17
		Bowes, Skye	8EMa	16
		Lownds, Bailee	8EMa	16
		Day, Katy	9ECo	19
		Hibbert, Logan	9ECo	16
		Clark Rubio, Xuana	9JBa	15
		Ikeh, Favour	9JBa	15
		Lendrum, Dale	9MCh	15

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Going beyond our best

Knight, Dexter	10HTo	21	Newman, Henry	11IBa	14
Lyon, Donald	10HTo	20	Lalonde, Tyler	11BMa	13
Nyahuye, Nomsa	10HTo	19	Ballard, Elliott	11TPi	13
Mabiza, Grace	10HTo	17	Dean, Eli	11IBa	13
Rayland, Freddy	10HTo	17	Gunaseena, Nethini	11IBa	13

We also want your nominations and we want to hear about and celebrate all the amazing things that your children achieve outside of school.

How can you nominate your child?

It's very simple. Just let us know if your son/daughter has gone beyond their best and shown a real act of kindness in the community, be it volunteering, helping those less fortunate than themselves, or giving their time to others and making a difference. Complete the form on the link below to nominate your child for a KAPP Kindness Award.

KAPP Rewards and Recognition Form



Student Rewards



Durrington students summer of volunteering

15 of our fantastic Durrington students spent part of their summer holidays volunteering for the local charity Chanctonbury Community Playscheme.



This is an incredible charity providing respite for children aged 5 to 18 with complex SEND each summer.

Our students effort, time, commitment and selflessness was truly amazing and they really do represent everything about KAPP through their volunteering efforts.

Each and every one of them have done so much more than just the "hours". As you will be able to see, from the photos on the charities Facebook page ([link here](#)), there is a huge program of activities and crazy fun to make summer memories like no other.

Well done to you all, we are extremely proud of each and everyone one of you.

Student name	Voluntary hours given this summer
<i>Ivy Robertson</i>	100+ over 3 weeks
<i>Bella Cloake</i>	100+ over 3 weeks
<i>Emily Pollard</i>	33 hours over 1 week
<i>Amy Harrocks</i>	70 hours over 2 weeks
<i>Eva Busson</i>	33 hours over 1 week
<i>Immi Duggan-Rees</i>	21 hours - 3 days
<i>Isla Halliwell</i>	100+ over 3 weeks
<i>Jessica Staveley</i>	33 hours over 1 week

Student name	Voluntary hours given this summer
<i>Josie Upperton</i>	100+ over 3 weeks
<i>Olivia Kelly</i>	33 hours over 1 week
<i>Peyton Brown</i>	100+ over 3 weeks
<i>Tyler Green</i>	70 hours over 2 weeks
<i>Edie Sheen</i>	70 hours over 2 weeks
<i>Leo Scrace</i>	33 hours over 1 week
<i>Hannah May</i>	70 hours over 2 weeks

Going beyond our best

Success beyond the classroom

Congratulations to Mei in year 11 whose artwork has been selected as one of the winning entries for a competition organised by Japan House London, and is now on display in the gallery. Mei attended the open evening at the end of July and was greeted by Mr Suzuki, Japan's Ambassador to the UK. An incredible achievement Mei, well done!



Congratulations to Isaac in year 8 who will be playing the lead role as Charlie Bucket in Worthing Pavilion's production of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. We are extremely proud of you Isaac, you have shown true aspiration and perseverance, and we wish you all the best with your performances.



Congratulations to James Peckham in year 8 who has been selected to join the England development squad for Judo. The England Squad program is a development program which aims to prepare players with the necessary technical, tactical, physical, mental and lifestyle attributes to progress through the GB Pathway onto the World Class Performance Programme and achieve success at senior international level. An amazing achievement James, well done!



Proud of DHS



Prospective Parents & Carers Open Evening

We are delighted to invite prospective parents, carers and students to our Durrington High School open evening on Thursday 2nd October from 6pm to 8pm.

We can't wait to see you there!

**AN INVITATION TO
DURRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN EVENING**

**Thursday 2nd
October 2025
6pm to 8pm**

Presentations by the Headteachers at 6.10pm and 7pm

Open Morning Tours
Monday 6th October to Friday 10th October
9am to 10am

Where will your Durrington journey take you?

Academic Excellence
Outstanding Art
Elite Sports
Performing Arts
PRIDE of Durrington
Rewards & Recognition

Kindness
Aspiration
Perseverance
Pride

SPORTS CAPTAIN
Prospectus

In order to prepare for this event school will close early on this day, with students being dismissed at 1.35pm. A letter has been sent home to all parents and carers via Arbor.

Durrington High School Open Evening

Get into teaching event



South Downs Teacher Training

Are you interested in training to teach in your local schools from next September? Come along to our open evening at Durrington High School and find out how you could embark on a career with excellent progression opportunities.

Please register [here](#).



Inspiring Future Teachers



Term dates

Autumn term 2025

Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December

Half term

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

INSET days

Wednesday 3rd September, Thursday 4th September
& Friday 21st November

Clubs

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



Diary Dates

- DofE recruitment parents evening - Wednesday 24th September
- Year 11 careers evening - Thursday 25th September
- Prospective parents & carers evening - Thursday 2nd October
- Year 10 GCSE support evening - Thursday 9th October
- Year 11 celebration event - Thursday 16th October

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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