

# DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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## 17 October 2025 edition

As we move into the heart of the Autumn term, it's been fantastic to see continued energy and enthusiasm that continues to define Durrington.

Our sports teams have once again shown what determination, teamwork and pride look like in action. From National cup fixtures to local league triumphs, our students have represented the school brilliantly—showing not only skill, but the resilience and respect we value so highly. Congratulations to all who have competed, the staff who have coached the teams and all those other students and staff who have taken the time to support the home fixtures!

Our new Year 7 already feel like part of the DHS team. From huge numbers attending clubs to their enthusiasm with the reading challenge, from book donations to accumulating

mountains for pride points they are doing so well as a cohort.

Finally, our Get Durrington Reading campaign spearheaded by Mr Tharby continues to build momentum. Whether through tutor-time reading, book donations, or shared recommendations, we're seeing more students engaging with reading for pleasure—and that's something worth celebrating. Not only does this ignite imagination we know it is also the foundation of success in their studies. A big thank you to every one of you who has given your child the encouragement to get involved at home; together we're helping every child grow as a confident, curious reader.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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# Team Durrington

It's been a great start to the season for all our sporting teams who have gone beyond their best in various sporting disciplines.

Our year 7 netball team came a very impressive second in the district netball tournament! They beat 12 other schools to reach the final, where they lost 3-1 to Davisons. This was the first time the girls had played together and we are extremely proud of their achievement.

The year 7 girls football team headed to TLA to play in the year 7 discovery tournament. The girls won their pool drawing against Angmering and beating SRWA and Steyning. They went on to win the semi-finals against TLA and won the final 1-0 against St Oscar Romero.

The year 10 netball team won their first fixture against Worthing High School winning 17-7. The whole team performed fantastically well.

The Year 11 boys rugby team started their season with a competitive game against Shoreham Academy. Some great performances were on display and the boys represented the school brilliantly.



Year 7 netball team



Year 7 girls football team



Year 10 netball team



Year 11 boys rugby team

*Sports @ Durrington High School*

# Sporting success



Year 7 girls basketball team



U13 girls football team



Year 9 boys football team



U14 girls basketball team

Our Year 7 girls basketball team played their first competitive matches this week playing against 5 other teams. One of our teams came 2nd with only one-point separating them with 1st place. Our other team came 3rd on goal difference.

The U13 girls football team produced a convincing win over Longhill School and are through to the next round of the National Cup.

The year 9 boys football team have made it through to the 3rd round of the EFSA National Cup. They have played some excellent football putting in impressive performances.

The U14 basketball team won their first league match 14-4 against Shoreham Academy and have gone on to win further matches displaying great team work.

The Year 10 boys rugby team have shown an impressive start, after narrowly losing a tightly contested game against Steyning, they went on to beat Worthing High School and St Andrews with their performance on the pitch improving each week.

*Team Durrington*



# Senior Student Leadership Team

The Durrington High School Senior Student Leadership Team are launching their new charity drive 'Share a story'. The idea is that students and staff bring in old books suitable for children aged between 4 and 12 which will be donated to local schools and charities.

This event will now take place on 20th October and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to get involved.



## **Share a story**

**Durrington High School.  
Charity event 2025.**



If you have old books at home that are no longer being used, why not let somebody else enjoy them?

This year we want to give back to other schools and charities by reusing our books.



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# Charity KAPP event

## What is it all about?

We are asking for you to bring in your unused books to be reused by other children in different schools and charities.

Our aim is:

- To spread and support our school's idea of, "getting Durrington reading", but now to "get everyone reading".
- To promote reading, as it is extremely important in helping our minds grow.
- To help the community and give to those less fortunate.

Over the course of the event, there will be a competition between forms in houses on who can collect the most books in height by stacking up all the books your form has collected to see who can make the tallest tower of books.

The form with the tallest tower will win a prize.

Individuals who bring in the most books will also be recognised and given a prize.



## Our criteria:

- The books need to be in decent condition (not falling apart or missing pages)
- Books should be suitable for ages between 4-12
- All books are brought in between the 13th and 24th of October.

Please try and bring in as many books as you can to help the community.

**Good luck!**

*Proud of DHS*



# Pride @ Durrington High



Huge congratulations to Form Group 7GEa who are celebrating this morning after winning the Pride trophy for achieving the highest number of Pride points in year 7!

Our KAPP cup House winners for this half term are:

Malala winners of the Kindness cup, Angelou winners of the Aspiration cup, Turing winners of the Pride cup and the overall KAPP cup!

We are also extremely proud to announce the individual achievements of our students who obtained the highest number of Pride points in each year group.

Well done to William in year 7 who has been awarded the highest number of Pride points in his year group.



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# KAPP High Achievers



Highest Pride points in year 8  
Congratulations to Tillie!



Highest Pride points in year 9  
Congratulations to Katy!



Highest Pride points in year 10  
Congratulations to Donald!



Highest Pride points in year 11  
Congratulations to Reuben!

*The Durrington Journey*



A close-up photograph of a grey suit jacket. The jacket is adorned with several award pins: a yellow 'CAPTAIN' badge, a red 'Durrington' badge, two gold 'KAPP' pins, and a colorful 'KAPP' pin. A blue and red pocket square is visible in the breast pocket.

# Year 7 KAPP awards

We are delighted to share our first Year 7 KAPP Awards for Aspiration. Thirteen of our brilliant year 7s have achieved this award in only five weeks of their Durrington journey. Congratulations to Hollie, Alfred, Laila, Dominick, Mandy, Amber, Amelia, Sienna, Mason, Robin, Amelie, Henry and Danica on achieving your Bronze Aspiration award!



We are looking forward to seeing you proudly wearing your KAPP Aspiration badges around the school and inspiring your peers. Well done to you all.

*Going beyond our best*



# Get Durrington Reading

Our 'Get Durrington Reading' strategy brings together students, teachers and parents to encourage every child to read more widely and enjoy the many benefits that reading offers. While many of our students already have strong reading habits, we are keen to support all students in developing a lifelong love of books.

Students have the opportunity to take part in reading challenges such as 'Ten to the Top' and 'Read the Curriculum', as well as leaderboards, KAPP points, prizes for the most books or pages read, and the chance to apply as a Reading Ambassador which will help celebrate and motivate readers throughout the year.

Our school has one of the best-stocked school libraries in the south east and every child in Key Stage 3 visits the library once a fortnight during an English lesson. Students in all year groups can visit the library before school, during break and lunchtimes, and afterschool, as well as attend the silent reading club on a Thursday. With half term on the horizon now is the perfect time to come and choose a book to enjoy during the holidays. With over 15,000 books to choose from our staff librarians, student librarians and student reading ambassadors are happy to help you with your selection ... so get reading!

*Get Durrington Reading*



## 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

- Musical in a weekend - Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October
- Year 11 mock support evening - Thursday 23rd October
- Half term - Monday 27th to Friday 31st October
- Year 7 form tutor drop in - Thursday 6th November
- BBC Bitesize careers day - Friday 7th November

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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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Perseverance and Pride*



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