

DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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What a busy fortnight!

More of our year 10 students than ever before embraced the opportunity to take part in a brilliant Work Experience Week, representing the school superbly in workplaces across the community. There were so many individual successes which were lovely to hear about. We hope you enjoy reading more about this too.

Pride too has been in abundance this week across the school. From the energy and commitment shown by the 100 strong Dance Live team, to our quite brilliant Year 7 football team who have reached the last 8 of the National Cup, students have competed and performed with determination and teamwork. A large number of our mathematicians also rose to the challenge in the UKMT Maths Challenge, demonstrating resilience and intellectual curiosity. Well done to all medal winners.

Meanwhile, Tyler and Nethini (SSLT and Anti-Bullying leads) have launched yet another initiative to support West Sussex Mind through collecting donations for their Kilo sale. Every donation shows true Kindness, reminding us of the importance of community and looking after one another.

Finally the rest of SSLT launched their KAPP Quest for their peers to engage in. We hope as many students as possible will engage in this fun challenge which again, is themed around the values our school stands for.

Well done to everyone who has achieved so much this half term and thank you to you too, our fantastic and supportive parent/carers community.

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Work Experience Week



Over the past few weeks, the majority of our Year 10 students have taken part in Work Experience. This programme is about far more than a week away from lessons. It is about preparation, confidence, independence, and reflection.



Before placements began, students were busy doing something genuinely grown up. They approached employers, wrote emails, made phone calls, organised transport, and thought carefully about what kind of experience they wanted to gain. With support from families and the Careers Team, they learned that opportunities are created through effort and perseverance.



During placement week, students travelled far and wide. Some headed as far as London and Surrey, while others worked across the local community. Most students were placed with local businesses, schools, charities, and organisations that sit at the heart of our area.

Work Experience is not about choosing a job for life at 15. It is about building confidence, developing essential skills, and understanding the world beyond school. It gives students real experiences to draw on, in interviews, applications, and future decisions.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Durrington High Careers

Year 10 Careers Day



Our recent Year 10 Careers Day was a highlight of the term and a fantastic example of students rising to the occasion.

Across the day, students took part in a carousel of carefully designed activities focused on employability, future pathways, and confidence building. These included mock interviews with visiting professionals, interactive discussions about different jobs and sectors, and sessions exploring post-16 options such as apprenticeships, and further education. Students also spent time reflecting on their work experience placements and thinking about how to present their skills and experiences effectively.

What stood out most was the way our students conducted themselves. They were polite, engaged, and curious, asking thoughtful questions and showing genuine interest in the experiences shared by our volunteers and presenters. Many visitors commented on how well prepared the students were, and how confidently they communicated, particularly during the mock interview sessions.

[Read the full story here.](#)

The Durrington Journey



The KAPP Quest

As the half term is getting closer and closer, at Durrington High School, we are ready to make it more enjoyable, productive, and exciting than ever before. The KAPP Quest is a challenge that we provide to the students to give them a chance to experience our school's core values: Kindness, Aspiration, Pereserverance, and Pride, in real-life scenarios.

We are providing the students with a 'passport' that contains all the information and different activities that they can take part in for each KAPP value, which will earn them a set amount of KAPP points; this will also act as their logbook for evidence. The SSLT have selected a wide range of activities from reading books, volunteering, and exploring new things that you might be passionate about.

As for the rewards of the KAPP Quest, each person who completes the most activities from each form group will be awarded tons of KAPP points, on top of the points you get for completing each individual activity. This is also a chance for you to win some well-deserved sweet treats whilst embracing our values at the heart of Durrington.



TAKE PART WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND HELP US TO DISPERSE OUR WONDERFUL VALUES FURTHER INTO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. GOOD LUCK!

THE SENIOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

[All students have received their KAPP Quest passport which can also be downloaded here.](#)

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West Sussex Mind Kilo Sale

As part of our ongoing commitment to community engagement and student leadership, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been busy raising awareness and collecting donations for the West Sussex Mind Kilo Fundraising Event.

West Sussex Mind is a charity that has been supporting children, young people, and adults across our county for over 50 years. They provide vital local mental health support, services, and community activities, making a real difference to the lives of many.

The Kilo Fundraising Event offers a fun and sustainable approach to fundraising. Donations of pre-loved clothing are sold by weight rather than individually priced, promoting both affordability and environmental responsibility.

We are incredibly proud to share that our school community has once again risen to the challenge. Thanks to your generosity we now have a minibus full of donations which we will be delivering to West Sussex Mind later today, and we will be announcing the total number of kilos made in donations once they have all been weighed!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed. By working together as a school community, we are helping to support mental health initiatives and make a meaningful, positive impact.



Team Durrington

Dance Live



We are so proud of the whole team from this year's Dance Live. Our theme was Ink, Wind and Fire; From windswept moors and the fire of imagination, we follow the Brontë sisters as they write under oppression, grief, and fierce hope. Their early worlds of Gondal and Angria ignite into *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights*, and *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*. Through hardship, their wild, storm-lit voices rise—bold, defiant, and enduring, inspiring future generations.

We are pleased that our piece supported the message of Getting Durrington Reading! The team conducted themselves so well throughout the day, supporting one another and cheering other schools on. Spirits were high as we took to the professional stage, some of the team for the very first time. To gain second place was a huge achievement but we are more proud of the behaviour, kindness and support the whole team demonstrated throughout the day.

Durrington High Performing Arts

Year 7 Football Success

Congratulations to our incredible Year 7 football team on a brilliant performance against Glyn School! After going 1–0 down at half-time, the boys showed outstanding determination and teamwork to fight back and secure a fantastic 3–1 victory. With this win, Durrington High School are through to the QUARTER FINALS of the English Schools' Football Association Cup!



A huge well done to our U12 girls football team who have made it to the County Cup Final following their 3-2 win against Patcham yesterday. It was a well deserved win and we can't wait for the final. A huge thank you to Davisons School for allowing us to use their 3G at short notice due to our pitches falling foul to the weather. Well done girls! We're super proud of you all! A real squad effort!



Durrington High Sport



UKMT Maths Challenge

On 28th January, sixty of our year 10 students (and four year 11s) sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. The challenge is a 60-minute, 25-question multiple-choice challenge designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency. The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge provide challenges for more experienced students, promoting careful thinking and problem-solving.



The following students are our top performers:

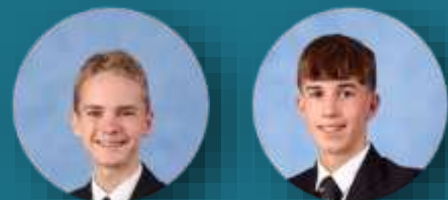
Gold Certificate:

Max Salvucci
Rueben Bowdery (Yr11)
Dylan Beardsley (Yr11)

Silver Certificate:

Kayden Chan
Tilly Cripps
Lewis Howard
Owain Phillips

Gold certificate winners



Bronze Certificate:

Joseph Beddoe
Theo Birri
Annabel Conway
Dylan Cooper
Daisy Doe
Olivia Dummer
Elijah Gair
Ethan Hardy
Luke Jones
Tom Karalus

Jack Kovacs
Evie Musgrave
Charlie Newman
Joy Prince Nwojo
Erin Spicer
George Tharby
Henry Witty
Lenny Young
Thurmira Ranaweera
Pavel Stamov

Silver certificate winners



A fantastic achievement, well done to you all.

Durrington High Mathematicians

DofE Hike

Our intrepid DofE students set off on their third training hike early on Saturday morning across the Angmering estate. Their routes were tweaked to avoid known 'swamps' from the recent rain and to ensure we were off a path before a local marathon came through. Each team carried a tent and their cookers - which were set up and used at the half-way point. They were all wet and muddy by the time they arrived at the finish point. Well done to you all, the definition of perseverance!



Get Durrington Reading

We are looking to provide a wide selection of free books that will be available for students to take from bookshelves located around the school building. If you have any suitable books you no longer require we would be extremely grateful to receive them.



The Durrington Journey



Term dates

Spring term 2026

Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March

Half term

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

INSET days

Thursday 22nd January, Friday 23rd January
and Monday 9th March

Clubs

Our full clubs list for the Spring term 2026 can be found [here](#).



Diary Dates

- INSET Day - Monday 9th March
- Prom outfit showcase and borrowing event - Tuesday 10th March
- STEM week - w/c Monday 16th March
- Whole School Musical - Wednesday 18th March & Thursday 19th March
- STEM Fair - Thursday 19th March

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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](#)
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