



Dormers Diary



From the Headteacher

Our final edition of Dormers Diary this academic year is another busy one, reflecting a very exciting and eventful end to the school year. The final half term is a time of reflection. Students and staff can reflect on what they have achieved and what they want to achieve when they return in September. As regular readers will know we always have a lot to celebrate, students prove success after success and we have much to be proud about.

A personal congratulations goes to Citius, who won the house competitions and therefore won the annual trip to Rock Assembly. I cannot not overstate the importance to every member as individuals collectively worked hard throughout the year. This includes everything from the participation in various competitions in which teachers were also heavily involved... to those students who ensured perfect behaviour throughout the year being rewarded with extra house points. Teamwork makes a difference!

Our first ever Cross Curricular Enrichment Programme including the Y9 Residential was nothing less than another success story to add to the book. These activity days allowed students to enjoy learning outside in PE, Science, History and CPSHE as well as learning further afield with the Languages trip to Valencia. I want to recognise the contributions of

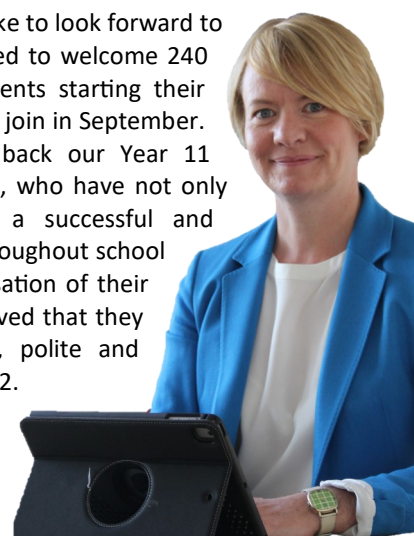
teachers and staff who never fail to impress. Teamwork in events like this indicate the ongoing opportunities granted to students whilst learning at Dormers Wells High School.

We achieved excellent exam results last summer and I am confident we will be celebrating again this year when the results are published. The summer break will be a well deserved rest for those who have worked so hard.

At this time of year we like to look forward to successes. We are excited to welcome 240 brand new Year 7 students starting their own journeys when they join in September. As well as welcoming back our Year 11 students into sixth form, who have not only proved that they are a successful and academic year group throughout school and through the organisation of their prom, but have also proved that they are incredibly pleasant, polite and will be an asset to Year 12.

I wish you all a safe and restful summer break.

Ms R Walsh
Headteacher



Meet the Governors

My name is Callum Anderson and I've been a governor at Dormers Wells High School since January 2017. I also became the chair of the Dormers Wells Learning Trust in December 2017. Away from school, I work within the Innovation and Growth Directorate at the City of London Corporation – the governing body for the Square Mile. There, I support the City Corporation's work in promoting London as a global leader in financial and professional services like law, accountancy and banking. For me, education is the golden key which opens the mind and unlocks the door to countless opportunities. Be it academic or vocational, education is priceless and should always be treated as such.



My favourite thing about being a governor at DWHS is undoubtedly the people. It's an absolute privilege to be associated with a group of teachers and young people who are committed to achieving excellence and realising their full potential. My favourite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* as it offers universal, enduring life lessons. For example, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." It's the same reason that if I could meet anyone, it would be Nelson Mandela. His life was the perfect illustration of perseverance, courageousness and decency – all values I try to follow myself.

If I have 30 minutes to spare, I like to read both UK and international newspapers, in order to keep myself informed about what, and why, things are happening in the world. I find it incredibly useful to expose myself to as many different perspectives as possible.

Finally, my advice to DWHS students would be simple: *be kind, be curious and always be true to yourself.*

Enrichment Days

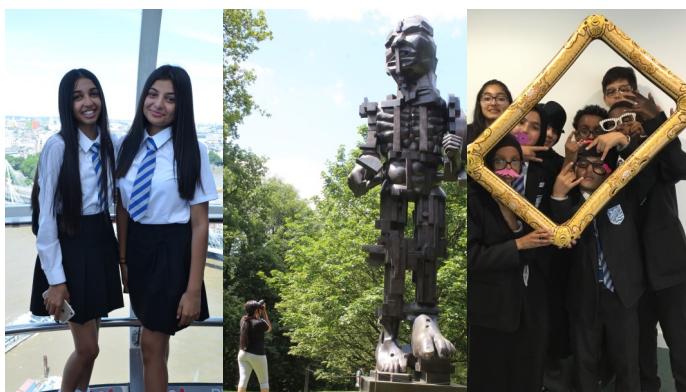
This term, between 3rd and 5th of July every student had the very exciting opportunity to participate in Enrichment Days. Each department arranged activities to enhance learning in their subject areas, this gave students the opportunity to look at learning in more depth or from a different perspective.



Throughout the enrichment days, students participated in various activities at a range of different locations. Many students visited impressive local landmarks such as The London Eye, The Globe Theatre and Thorpe Park. Some went as far as Brighton to explore the beach or Yorkshire to admire the art. A lucky few ventured across the sea to Valencia in Spain. Others opted to participate in school based workshops to reflect on visits or to enhance their skills in international cooking or computer coding.



These curriculum based trips broadened students learning in a fun and non conventional way whilst also allowing them to find new passions, have new experiences and make new friends.



Rock Assembly

Citius were crowned House Champions for the 2018/2019 academic year and triumphed with a total of 16,720 points! Laurus were a close second with 16,617 points and last year's winners, Fortius, came third with an impressive 16,498 points. The winners are granted the fantastic opportunity to attend the Rock Assembly, an annual futures fair and pop concert that attracts 10,000 students annually to Wembley. The event introduces students to industries such as media, engineering, arts and finance while combining education, inspiration and motivation for the future with fun and memorable experiences. This year students saw impressive performances from a range of artists including Chip and Professor Green. Students left the arena beaming, describing the event as being undoubtedly one of the highlights of their school year.



Year 9 Residential

Annually, a large number of Year 9 students pack up their rucksacks, tie their trainers and head for 'Resi', a three day camping experience in the New Forest, Hampshire. Over the course of their stay, students participate in various activities such as cycling, kayaking, walking, forest challenges and problem solving. The three day adventure allows students to develop resilience, collaborative working skills, independence and friendships, whilst exploring the beautiful English forests and surrounding small towns. Students loved every second of their time there.



Prom

June brought bright coloured dresses, dazzling jewellery and million dollar smiles, as well as an interesting new outfit accessory... air pods. The Year 11 and Sixth Form prom were both 'the talk' of the school. Sixth Form students were first to celebrate their prom at the Holiday Inn, Brentford Lock. A stunning and sophisticated evening where students arrived on a red carpet with complementary soft drinks followed by a three course buffet. Students were awarded fun certificates as memorabilia throughout the evening, one being awarded to Shreya Markenedy for 'Blog Queen'.



Year 11 were next to celebrate their prom, held at The Riverside Venue in Heathrow. A gorgeous evening with an unbelievable turnout and tasty Indian cuisine that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Students made full use of photo opportunities, posing in front of the indoor blossom tree and gathering into the photo booth. Awards and prizes were distributed, with the Prom King; Krish Dhamecha and Prom Queen; Renee Miles being crowned in front of the year group. Both evenings were a fantastic way to round off cherished years spent together at Dormers Wells High School and Sixth Form.



Year 8 Mathematicians

Congratulations to Hamsa Amirthalingam, Amijeet Sighu, Nakanavin Sivaketheesan, Smita Sharma and Vivek Prajapati on going through to finals of the maths challenge competition. The Count on Us Secondary Challenge is a unique, pan-London inter-school maths tournament for Year 8 and 9 pupils in partnership with the Jack Petchey Foundation. 80 schools across London take part and 12 groups make it to the finals. Our mathematicians finished second out of the 12 schools and are excited to compete in the finals.

Upcoming Dates

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| 4th Sept 2019 | Year 7, 10, 12 and 13 return to school |
| | School Photos |
| 5th Sept 2019 | All years return to school |
| 12th Sept 2019 | Awards Evening |
| 16th Sept 2019 | Year 6 Activities Week |
| 19th Sept 2019 | Year 7, 11 and 12 Focus Evenings |
| 24th Sept 2019 | Year 6 Open Evening |
| 15th Oct 2019 | UCAS early entry deadline |
| 18th Oct 2019 | School closed (Occasional Day) |
| 21st Oct 2019 | Half term begins |

Ask yourself...

"If I send my friend this photo, what might they do with it one day if we fall out?"

Holocaust Survivors Story

July brought the incredible opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor, Hannah Lewis, who bravely shared her testimony to our Year 8 students. The students were very engaged as they listened to Hannah recall tragic memories, including watching members of her family being taken away or killed by SS soldiers. She also shared the joyous feeling of being liberated from the camps. Although Hannah has experienced such devastation, her intentions remain positive by hoping to help young people understand the impact the Holocaust has had on the contemporary world today.



Art of the Month

This piece of art is by Zulaikha Iqbal in 10 DA who is studying Art and Design GCSE. The inspiration for this ceramic face comes from the artist Arcimboldo who created surreal portraits by replacing the features with something else such as natural forms. Zulaikha made the whole piece out of clay and skilfully painted the details on after firing.



Sports Leaders

Our Year 9 sports leaders Seerat Dang, Nutaylah Shawwal, Jiya Salhorta, Abinaa Thamilvanan, Nanya Birdi and Jasmeet Kaur were fantastic role models in their Year 6 sports session. The leaders were confident, enthusiastic and motivated the Year 6's really well. As a result the Year 6's were very well behaved and enjoyed themselves. One student even begged to come back as it was "the best fun ever". Well done Girls.



Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to the Duke of Edinburgh students who embarked on their Silver award practice expeditions to Surrey Hills and South Downs. As usual, the team of Year 10 and 12 students combined showed courage, resilience and displayed impressive skills of survival towards an impressive award that takes dedication and persistence.



Brilliant Graduates

The end of May saw our Year 10 Brilliant Club students graduate from the Scholars Programme at Royal Holloway University and become part of the alumni. They endured six university-style tutorials to develop knowledge, skills and ambition which help the students to secure places at highly selective universities. Throughout this time they wrote a 2,000 word essay in which they were coached by a University tutor and had it graded at a university standard. A fantastic achievement that required hard work, perseverance and determination from all students, congratulations to; Salma Abdullahi, Jesan Ahmed, Muhammad Ahmed, Sahirah Ali, Debora Antanistipan, Amal Dahir, Dhiren Daialal, Arturs Dobrecovs, Shyleen Hasnani, Lamisa Hossain, Yaquub Ibrahim, Preetha Jayaprakash, Danvir Kalsi, Hasnayn Mahmood, Tamanna Malek, Marwah Nabizada, Roisin Phull, Zinia Raian, Zainab Raja, Javeria Salam, Harveen Sarna, Harman Sarna, Ibrahim Sharif and Zahra Sheikh.



Debating Cup

July saw Year 6 students from Allenby Primary, Dormers Wells Junior and Year 7 students from Dormers Wells High battle it out in the first annual Debating Cup. Students debated the motion "This house believes you should be fined for not recycling" and gave very convincing arguments throughout. After a long discussion featuring a tough choice the judges mutually agreed and crowned Allenby Primary as 2019's Debating Cup Champions. Well done.



Cricket Success!

Congratulations to the Year 7 cricket team who beat Twyford by over 30 runs in the Ealing borough league game. Dormers batted first, scoring 86 runs in 10 overs. Twyford made 53 runs which gave our cricket team a comfortable win.

