



DormersDiary



From the Headteacher

Our penultimate edition of Dormers Diary this academic year is another packed one, reflecting a very exciting and eventful term.

I was very pleased to receive correspondence from SSAT informing us that once again we have received an award in recognition of being in the top 20% of schools nationally for progress. Sue Williamson from SSAT said our school knows the importance of “deep social justice” and is “pleased to recognise the quality of leadership and the hard work of all staff to ensure the success of every child.” Another brilliant success story we can add to the book.

One of the term’s highlights was the fabulous International Evening, an annual sell-out show that celebrates bringing diversity together. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the different cultures in our school coming together whilst raising money for the charity CALM (campaigning against living miserably). It was the accumulation of hard work, talent and planning that brought about such a brilliant evening, those involved should be extremely proud of themselves.

As a maths and computing specialist school, it is fantastic to see so many maths and computing achievements this half term such as the Pi Challenge, the data handling projects and the annual robotics event. Our maths progress score places us in the top 4% of the country as of last year.

The wide range of opportunities for young people provided at our school this term ranged from Year 8 students looking at careers in construction, to our Duke of Edinburgh students heading to Surrey Hills developing skills in survival. Dormers Wells High School continues to provide more and more exciting opportunities for students.

We are in the midst of exam season and

I am pleased to know our students are well prepared following their Easter revision sessions. It is important to remember that good nutrition is essential during this time and so we have provided Year 11 students free breakfast every morning to ensure they start their day feeling calm, supported and ready to sit their exams. I look forward to seeing their outstanding grades in August.

I wish you all a happy and restful half term break.

Roisin Walsh
Headteacher



From the Head Boy and Girl

This term has undoubtedly been marked by a number of success stories across the school. To begin with, one of the main highlights was International Evening, where students from all years gave a range of amazing performances which celebrated the diversity of our school. These performances varied from students singing in Japanese and French to Bhangra and African dancing. The turnout was astounding, and we have to commend the hard-work and commitment to excellence of those who performed. In addition, it is great to see students pursuing various extra-curricular activities, which are great for meeting new people, developing personality and enriching school life. After months of volunteering, physical training and developing their personal skills Year 10 and sixth form students partook in the expedition training for the Duke of Edinburgh award, hiking in Surrey Hills. Finally, we have entered the last term of the school year; we hope that everyone continues to work hard and focus in the run up to the examination season before summer break.

We wish you the best of luck!



International Evening

Thursday 25th April saw a range of diverse acts coming together for one of the best events of the year, International Evening. Talented performers drew in a large audience of parents, friends and family to enjoy this sell-out show. The diversity displayed throughout the evening was astonishing; we enjoyed songs in French, Albanian and Japanese from students as young as Year 8, loved Bhangra and African dancing that brought the audience to their feet and appreciated the talent of students playing instruments such as the tabla, piano and guitar. It was fantastic to see that we could celebrate so many diverse cultures together and acknowledge the gifted and talented students in our school. Congratulations to Mrs Chohan for choreographing such a wonderful evening that portrays our school community perfectly. We look forward to next years event already.



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If you're angry or upset, it's best to leave that comment until you've had a chance to calm down and think about it.

Enterprise Day

Our Year 10 students had a very exciting opportunity this half term. They worked in their form groups learning key skills to create a sales pitch for a bar of soap. Working with a range of business entrepreneurs, students spent the day brainstorming ideas, learning marketing techniques and practicing presentation skills. They pitched their sales ideas to a panel comprising of judges, teachers and their fellow students. The presentations were professional, well researched and informative and the judges were impressed and complementary about the innate talent of our students. The winning group captivated the audience with their humour and salesmanship. Their soap will now be professionally made and involved in a school enterprise event.



Upcoming Dates

3rd June 2019	Return to School
19th June 2019	Year 7 Trip to London
27th June 2019	Year 11 Prom
28th June 2019	Year 6 Induction Day
2nd July 2019	DWLT Debating Cup
3rd-5th July 2019	Enrichment Days
11th July 2019	Rock Assembly
12th July 2019	Year 10 Mock Interviews
16th July 2019	Summer Fayre
22nd July 2019	Sports Day
23rd July 2019	End of Summer Term
15th August 2019	A Level Results Day
22nd August 2019	GCSE Results Day

Art of the Month

This term, the art of the month goes to Melbin Binu in Year 13, currently studying A level Art. On a recent trip to Kew Gardens the contrast of the natural and the man-made shapes and forms. His final piece will show how the organic, natural structures of the plants at Kew Gardens appear even more unruly against the background of the complex architecture of the conservatories.



Pi Day

DWHS recently held Pi Day, where students were set the challenge of spending a week learning digits of Pi



and then writing down or reciting their memorised numbers for rewards and prizes. Congratulations to Sikandar Khan, who came third and memorised 202 digits, Ramandeep Khosla who came second and memorised 205 digits and the winner Irfanur Rahman who memorised 358 digits. Irfanur won a 5 days canteen queue jump pass for him and a friend as well as 15 house points.

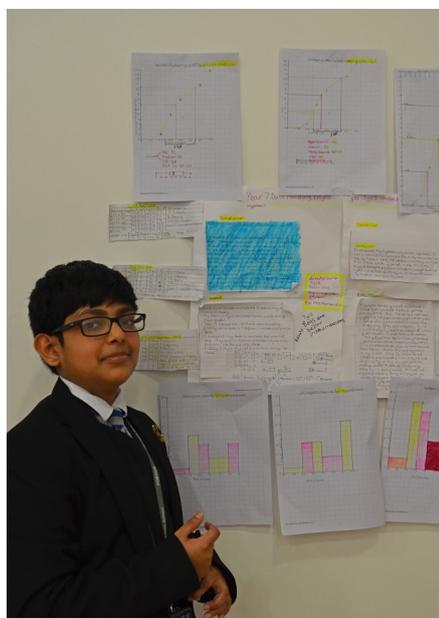
Robotics Competition

Dormers Wells High School was delighted to host the Year 8 annual robotics event in March with the help of volunteers from Heathrow Airport; Public Affairs Manager Craig Owen and Ex-student and lead technical architect Harcharan Sidhu. Students spent the day in workshops assembling Lego robots and programming them to navigate around a racetrack. The event was made even more special when local MP Virendra Sharma visited to watch the winning races.



Mathematicians

Year 7 students have been working on Data Handling Projects and proudly exhibited their work in the hall inviting teachers and students to come and see what they had achieved. They have been working for around 6 weeks independently on testing their chosen hypotheses and were keen to explain and show guests their findings.



Moreover, Congratulations to the year 8 mathematicians; Hamsa Amirthalingam, Amijeet Sidhu, Nakanavin Sivaketheesan, Smita Sharma and Vivek Prajapati on getting through to the semi-finals of The Count on Us Secondary Maths Challenge. It's a unique, pan-London inter-school maths tournament for Year 8 and 9 pupils delivered by the Mayor's Fund for London in partnership with the Jack Petchey Foundation. Around 80 schools across London take part. What a fantastic achievement, we wish them every success in the finals.

Students take to the stage

Congratulations to Adnan Shinwari and Shreya Markenedy in Year 13 who had the incredible opportunity of being chosen to host the Duke of Edinburgh Awards 2019 at Ealing Town Hall. The evening proved an ultimate success with 14 of our students being awarded bronze and silver badges.



Awards Assemblies

On Friday 5th April, Dormers Wells High School was preparing to break up for Easter Holiday. Celebration assemblies took place throughout the day. Students were awarded certificates and prizes for outstanding progress, fantastic effort or excellent attitude to learning. The assemblies were a lovely round off to a busy and successful term before wishing students a happy, safe and restful two week break.



A trip to Southall Waterside

A group of Year 8 students visited Southall Waterside to participate in the 'Have a go construction challenge 2019!' The students explored the wider career opportunities in construction and learnt new STEM related skills. They worked in teams to compete in practical challenges which developed their communication and teamwork skills. The winning DWHS team will be returning for the final in July!



Year 7 Cricket success

Our Year 7 boys cricket team secured their first win at their first game against Brentside High School on 1st May. A fantastic win as this was the first hard ball cricket match for more than half the team, they showed outstanding persistence and courage throughout the game, well done.



Students head for the Hills

Our hardworking Duke of Edinburgh Year 10 and sixth form students ventured to Surrey Hills at the end of April, for their bronze award practice. The team demonstrated resilience, team work and greatly improved their map reading skills.

Congratulations also goes to the following Year 13 students on their wonderful DofE achievements. Adnan Shinwari, Hassan Tariq, Shreya Markenedy, Krusha Gohel, Mishaal Rasheed, Kajol Sharma, Fiza Ali, Keren Sondji, Tanvir Thaker, Priyanka Balamurali, Manraj Virdee (silver) and Anjali Sagar (silver).



Year 8 netball triumph

Well done to our triumphant Year 8 netball team who won their netball tournament and are now ranked first in the league! An outstanding accomplishment representing DWHS.

