



Dormers Diary



From the Headteacher

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

As we welcome the arrival of spring and the promise of new beginnings, I am delighted to share with you the latest edition of Dormers Diary. This term has been filled with remarkable achievements, exciting events, and inspiring stories that reflect the vibrant spirit of our school community.

I am thrilled to announce that Dormers Wells High School has been recognised by SSAT (The Schools, Students and Teachers Network) in this year's Educational Outcomes Awards. This prestigious award acknowledges that our school is among the highest performing secondary schools in the country, based on 2024 performance data and information from Ofsted. Dormers Wells High School was recognised for being in the top 20% of schools nationally for student progress in the 2024 end of KS4 exams. This significant achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our entire school community.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT, commended our school by saying, "Congratulations to Dormers Wells High School on winning an SSAT Educational Outcomes Award. This success is down to the superb learning and teaching, outstanding support, and inspirational leadership of staff. You have made a huge difference to the lives of the young people in your school."

This recognition is a proud moment for us all and highlights

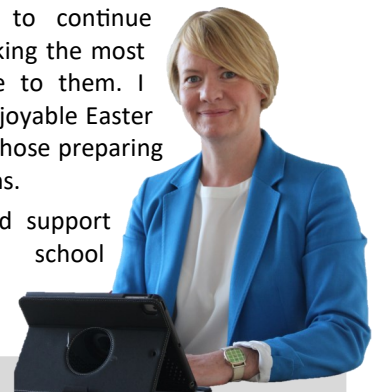
the exceptional efforts of our students, teachers, and support staff. It is a reflection of our commitment to providing a high-quality education and ensuring that every student reaches their full potential.

In addition to this wonderful news, our school has been buzzing with activity. We celebrated World Book Week with great enthusiasm, where staff and students alike embraced the theme 'Read your way' with creative costumes and engaging activities. Our Year 8 students had the opportunity to participate in a Heathrow STEM Generation workshop, gaining hands-on experience in coding and robotics. We also welcomed back alumni who shared their experiences and insights on degree apprenticeships, inspiring our current students to explore various career paths.

As we look forward to the upcoming term, I encourage all our students to continue striving for excellence and making the most of the opportunities available to them. I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and the best of luck to those preparing for their GCSE and A-level exams.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.

Ms Walsh



DWHS wins award

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From the New Head Students

We are excited to introduce ourselves as your new head boy and girl. We aspire to embody the core DWHS values of determination, wisdom, honesty and service. We want to continue to maintain the welcoming and supportive atmosphere that DWHS has always given us while assisting students to unlock their full potential.

Students took part in several events throughout this half-term. As students engaged in various events that were held during world book day week, they bonded over their shared love of reading, creating a unified spirit. Additionally, teachers offered numerous book suggestions to encourage students to explore new genres. In order to teach students about future employment, year 10s participated in a number of career initiatives. One of the career programmes was mock interviews to help students learn about the interview process for a job. Furthermore, geography students travelled to Swanage, where they completed fieldwork for their studies and spent some time in a new place. Similarly, the MFL department took some students to visit Seville, Spain, where they explored a beautiful city and learn about Spanish culture and language.

We are deeply appreciative for being given this opportunity and privilege to serve our school. We hope everyone has a fantastic Easter break and we wish students sitting their GCSEs and A-level exams next term good luck.

Mavleen & Josiah—Head Students.



World Book Week

We saw a buzz around school with World Book Week and our chosen theme 'Read your way'. Staff members entered the week in fancy dress and did not hold back. Students were beaming when they saw our librarian Ms Cattell as Maleficent, Ms Murray as Carrie and Mr Marker as Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, to name a few. It was a fantastic week where a range of activities took place during form time, lunch and afterschool. Amongst the favourites was the Waterstones Rep distributing books for tokens, the PE sports quiz featuring a surprise rap from Mr Brown, as well as Art with Ms Baines. There was something for everyone. It was a fantastic week and we are looking forward to next year!



Science Week

During Year 5 Science Week we welcomed students from all over the borough including; Three Bridges Primary School, Tudor Primary School, North Primary School, Dormers Wells Primary School, Durdan's Park Primary School and Hambrough Primary School. Each school spent the morning making Bath Bombs and getting to know students and teachers at Dormers Wells High School. They quickly felt comfortable and at ease; it was the perfect opportunity for potential students to experience a taster of life at Dormers.



Careers @ DWHS

HEATHROW WORKSHOP

Dormers Wells High School had the privilege of hosting members from SPARK and volunteers from Heathrow Airport, who facilitated an exciting Heathrow STEM Generation session for Year 8 students. This two-hour workshop introduced students to the fundamentals of coding and robotics. Students programmed a vehicle to navigate an A2 map of Heathrow Terminal 5. Fully engaged in the hands-on challenge, students developed their problem-solving abilities and gained practical experience that will aid them in making informed choices for their GCSE options. This workshop was a fantastic chance for students to interact with professionals from one of West London's largest employers and explore potential career paths for the future.

ALUMNI VISIT

We also hosted a series of workshops designed to support students interested in pursuing degree apprenticeships. We were thrilled to welcome back alumni Nakanavin and Dev, who are currently enrolled in degree apprenticeship programmes with Amazon and KPMG. They shared their valuable experiences and offered insightful advice on how to secure apprenticeships with renowned companies. Additionally, Alison Delius from the University of West London joined us, providing students with expert guidance on the benefits of degree apprenticeships and how to navigate the opportunities they offer.



Student Spotlight—Amin Nabizada



We spoke with **Amin Nabizada**, Watford FC Football Player and Ex Student, about life after Dormers Wells High School.

How have you been since leaving DWHS?

It's been a good transition, and I've settled in well at Watford. Moving from school to a professional football environment was a big step, but I was prepared for the challenge. The support system at the club has been great, and I've really enjoyed pushing myself to improve every day.

How did you get started in your football career?

I was always playing football, whether it was at school, in the park, or just kicking a ball around at home. I trained with my brother's team, which helped me develop my skills and understand the game better from an early age. Playing with older players made me stronger, more competitive, and more determined to keep improving. Those early years gave me the foundation I needed to take football seriously.

What motivated you to pursue football professionally?

I love the game. It's something I've been passionate about for as long as I can remember. My older brother was a huge inspiration—seeing him train and take football seriously pushed me to do the same. I also wanted to make a name for myself, to prove that I could make it at a high level. Beyond that, I knew I didn't want to go down the wrong path in life. Football gave me a purpose, discipline, and something positive to focus on.

What has been your greatest achievement so far?

Making my Championship debut against Leeds United, who were top of the table at the time. It was a special moment because it was something I had worked towards for so long. Playing in front of a big crowd, against a top team, and proving that I belonged at that level was an incredible experience. It made all the hard work and sacrifices feel worth it.

What has been your greatest challenge so far?

Getting injured during my first England call-up was a really tough moment. Representing your country is one of the biggest honours in football, and to have that opportunity taken away because of an injury was frustrating. It was a test of my mindset—I had to stay positive, focus on my recovery, and use it as motivation to come back stronger. Setbacks happen in football, but it's about how you respond to them.

What are your ambitions for the future?

I want to play at the highest level possible. That means continuing to work hard, keep improving, and take every opportunity that comes my way. Whether that's playing in the Premier League, representing my country again, or testing myself against the best players in the world, my goal is to keep pushing myself and see how far I can go in the game.

Any advice for our current students?

For those feeling confused about their future—don't stress too much. Everyone's journey is different, and sometimes you don't figure things out straight away. Keep trying new things, work hard, and trust that things will fall into place. School is about learning, growing, and discovering what you love. Try different activities, meet new people, and focus on becoming the best version of yourself. Whatever you do, give it your all, and remember that effort and attitude will take you far in life.

Upcoming Dates

7th-21st April	Easter Break
22nd April	Back to School
5th May	Bank Holiday
23rd May	Last day before break
26th-1st June	Half term break

Exploring far and wide

Our students had the best time on their trip to Seville, representing Dormers Wells High School phenomenally. Our students showed curiosity, respect, and enthusiasm, making the most of every experience. They visited the cathedral and climbed La Giralda, the iconic bell tower giving the students a stunning panoramic look over the city. They also explored the Alcázar, as well as the bullring, which plays a key role in Spanish culture.

"¡Me encantó el viaje a Sevilla! La ciudad de Sevilla es conocida por los monumentos históricos y la cultura y por eso vimos muchos edificios interesantes como el Real Alcázar y la Catedral de Sevilla. También entramos en la Plaza de Toros donde pudimos ver toros pasados. De vez en cuando tuvimos tiempo libre con amigos y caminamos por las calles hermosas de Sevilla. Lo mejor fue que probamos la comida española como la tortilla y fue muy rica. Por desgracia, tuvimos que quedarnos en el hotel a veces porque llovió. Sin embargo, disfrute mucho el viaje y ¡me gustaría volver!" Wisam Thabit Y10BT



The Geography department embarked on their annual sunny trip to Swanage for field work. The trip was fully enjoyed by the Year 10 Geography cohort, especially with the misty weather on the first day adding a fun 'spooky' atmosphere to Durdle Door! Our students represented the school fantastically. On two separate occasions, members of the public approached the teachers with praise for the students. Members of the public complimented their politeness and manners, as well as how keen they were in their learning. Keep up the fantastic work!



Art of the month



These 3 paintings have been made by year 9 students within the theme of 'emotional portraiture'. Jeevika, Taranpreet and Zulaikha have been inspired by the paintings of the German Expressionists and have responded with these amazing self-portraits.

Character values in action

This half-term many of our year 12 students have been showing outstanding service and wisdom in setting up projects with the KiCK charity group. They successfully wrote bids for funding, organised and co-ordinated stakeholders' resources and planned events on life saving and fighting the cost of living to share with the wider community. Well done to: Navpreet K, Pathvi F, Amritpal K, Mariya K, Mannat B, Rames S, Jasmeen K and Hafsa J.

Maths Award

Congratulations to our students who received Gold and Silver awards in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge Ryan, Dhruv, Ameer, Urwa, Bhalhaar, Riddhi, Abdul Rehman, Naman, Darsh, Joshan, Thamiran, Wisam and Yasir.



Chess Champs

After a thrilling half-term filled with intense weekly chess tournaments, where students showcased their sharp minds and strategic moves, we finally have a champion! Akaar from Year 7 amazed the crowd by securing the crown (or the queen) in a hard-fought final against his worthy opponent. A huge congratulations to all who participated, and a special shout out to Nelson and Alexander for their unwavering dedication and support throughout the tournament and Chess Club. Your time and effort made this event a success!



Maths fun

Students in Year 7 spent a lot of time and effort building miniature cities, using geometric shapes, angles and special reasoning. The cities were incredible and even featured some well known spots like Crumbl, Wingstop and McDonalds... all the essentials for the best cities according to Year 7.



The maths department also celebrated Pi-Day for a whole week! There were tricky tongue twisters, teachers wearing Pi T-shirts, Pi badges, Pi posters and eating actual pie!



Sports

Well done to the Year 9 House Football Winners, Citius!



Well done to the Year 8 netball girls who won their netball game against Greenford with a 5-4 score.



Our girls also took part in the Ealing Borough Girls Basketball Competition. They came second after professional basketball club, London Pulse, beating Northolt High School, Ellen Wilkinson and William Perkins. Fantastic work, keep it up!

