



Dormers Diary



From the Headteacher

Dear Students, Parents, Carers, and Members of the Dormers Wells Community, It is with great pride that I welcome you to the May 2025 edition of our Dormers Diary. As we move into the final half term of the academic year, this issue is a vibrant reflection of the energy, talent, and resilience that define our school. This term has been filled with inspiring achievements—from our students' leadership at the Include Me Conference and our Maths Challenge team's regional victory, to the outstanding musical performance at the Barbican by our MISST students.

One of the standout moments this term was the student-led Cost of Living event, organised by our Sixth Form students with the generous support of the KICK charity. This event was a powerful example of student initiative and community engagement. It brought together local professionals and organisations to offer practical advice and resources to families navigating financial challenges. The evening was not only informative but also uplifting, with students awarding shopping vouchers to families and creating a welcoming space for connection and support. The event was a true testament to the leadership, planning, and communication skills our students have developed. As Jasbir from KICK shared:

"The students did a fantastic job, and it was clear how much they've grown through the experience, learning about real-world planning and budgeting as well as teamwork and professional communication. It was especially great to see the event reach parents and members of the wider Dormers Wells community. A real achievement all round — the team should be very proud." We couldn't agree more.

The MISST (Music in Secondary Schools Trust) programme also continues to be a transformative part of our school's enrichment offer. This term, our MISST students performed as part of a full orchestra at the prestigious Barbican Centre. Their performance was not only musically accomplished but also a powerful demonstration of the confidence, discipline, and teamwork that

music education fosters. We are immensely proud of Sanmeet, Deeva, Jibril, Pavan, and Taha for representing Dormers with such excellence.

A heartfelt congratulations also goes to Iqra, whose journey from Dormers to the London School of Economics is a shining example of ambition and perseverance. Her story is one of many that remind us of the power of education to transform lives.

We are especially excited to honour our Year 11 & 13 students at their Leavers' Assembly, a moment to reflect on their incredible journey and growth. We also look forward to the Celebration Proms for Years 11 and 13, where we will mark the end of an era with joy, pride, and a few happy tears.

In support of all our students during this crucial public exam period, I am delighted to share that we are once again offering a free breakfast each morning before exams. We strongly encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity, as the link between nutrition and enhanced learning is well established. Beyond the nutritional benefits, this initiative also provides a calm and supportive space for students to connect with peers and staff, helping them begin each exam day with confidence and focus. We are also grateful to Equans for generously providing free bottles of water and fruit to all students taking part in the summer exams.

To our Year 11 and Year 13 students—your resilience and determination are inspiring. You have already overcome so much, and we are confident that your hard work will lead to success. Remember to pace yourselves, stay focused, and believe in your preparation.

Thank you to our entire school community for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Ms Walsh, Headteacher



From the Head Students

We would like to wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 students the best of luck throughout exam season at Dormers; your commitment is admirable! A huge congratulation to Iqra's outstanding accomplishment of receiving £2000 from the Jack Petchey Foundation to help her academic path at LSE. There have been a lot of fascinating happenings this term. While Miguel, Hibba, and Shayan led a forceful session at the Include Me Conference advocating for inclusion for individuals with disabilities, our Year 12 BIS students organised a contemplative Cost of Living event. Additionally, our MISST students had the incredible chance to play at the Barbican Centre, and many said that the performance was marvellous, so well done to all who played. Huge round of applause for our maths challenge team who came first place against 15 other schools. Year 9s enjoyed an action-packed adventure at PACCAR Scout Camp, while Year 11s celebrated their leavers' day. Finally, some advice to our Year 11s – stay focused, use active recall, and take breaks. Trust your preparation – you are more ready than you think! **Mavleen & Josiah**



Student Spotlight - Life in University

"Hello! My name is Iqra, and I'm a first-year law student at The London School of Economics. I'm studying public law, contract law, criminal law and tort law. The transition from Dormers Wells Sixth Form to The London School of Economics has been a whirlwind, exciting but a big adjustment. One of the biggest challenges has been adapting to the independent learning style. Unlike sixth form, where there's more structure and direct support, university throws you straight into managing your own workload. You have the freedom to approach your studies in a way that works for you, but that also means taking full responsibility for keeping up. As a law student, the workload is intense, just for one class, I had to read a 283-paragraph case, along with additional readings. That said, the experience has been incredibly rewarding. I've made great friends, and there's something special about studying a subject I'm genuinely passionate about. LSE offers amazing professional opportunities too, which I've made the most of. I was accepted into Slaughter and May's Spring Forward programme, a scheme designed to give first-year students insight into commercial law and the workings of a Magic Circle firm. I'm also running for society positions, including Treasurer for Women in Law, and have met inspiring professionals along the way. These connections have led to exciting opportunities, like becoming a brand ambassador for Casenappy and co-founding a newsletter to support aspiring law students. As for the gifted money, I've put most of it into savings, but as a commuter, I've used some to cover travel expenses. LSE is known for its professional events, so I also set some aside for business attire to make the best impression at networking opportunities. Overall, while the transition has had its challenges, my time at LSE so far has been full of new experiences, and I'm excited to see what's next!"



Cost of Living Event

After months of preparation, generously supported by funding from Kick Charity, our Sixth Form girls proudly hosted their Cost of Living event. It was a fantastic evening that connected local professionals with members of the community seeking practical advice on managing and making the most of their money. We were honoured to hear from Louisa McDonald, and grateful for the wide range of informative stands that provided valuable resources to families across the area. The highlight for our enthusiastic sixth form students was the opportunity to award £25, £50, and £100 shopping vouchers to three lucky families. A heartfelt thank you to Jasbir Ahluwalia, Learn Ealing, Mind Charity, Healthy Homes Ealing, Southall Community Alliance, Young Ealing Foundation, Family Information Service, Ealing Youth Service, Work Well North West London, and Shaw Trust for your support and participation in making this event a success.

"Being part of this event taught me so much about planning and leadership. It felt amazing to see our hard work create a space where families could relax, enjoy, and learn together. I'm proud of what we achieved." - Navpreet

"It was a great opportunity that opened doors to success and allowed us to provide the community with support" - Mariya

"Seeing the community come together during this cost-of-living crisis reminded me that when resources are limited, unity becomes our greatest asset." - Mannat

"This event showed me how coming together can transform lives. One effort can leave a lasting impact on a community" - Parthvi

"This wasn't just an event it was a unique opportunity to spark the change we all needed. Every conversation, every connection made" - Amritpal



Breaking barriers

Last year, Hibba, Florin, Miguel and Shayan, attended the 'Breaking Down the Social Barriers for People with Disabilities and Additional Needs' conference, organised by the LA. This year, they were invited to take on a leadership role by facilitating a workshop focused on 'Travelling Safely in the Local Community.' The team have dedicated the past couple of months to organising the presentation, preparing tasks for the delegates to complete and creating a video message.

The LA, who came to preview the students' work. They were highly complementary of the students' efforts and communication skills. Hibba, Miguel and Shayan presented their presentation with confidence, skill and personality. They went out of their way to engage with the crowd, giving members in the audience a spotlight to share their experiences with a group of likeminded people. All attendees were incredibly impressed with our bright students and sang their praises for their articulation, professionalism and presentation skills.



Maths Challenge WIN

A team of Year 8 and 9 students performed excellently in the Jack Petchey Foundation Mathematics competition, coming first place out of 15 schools to win the regional heat and qualify for the national grand final. They have been training for this since December, so it is great to see their diligence paying off. Well done Mikhel, Yousha and Nitinpreet in Year 9, and Shajani and Alisha in Year 8.



Year 11 and Year 13 leavers

To our Year 11 and Year 13 students, as you begin your study leave, we want to wish you all the very best in the weeks ahead. This marks the end of one important chapter and the beginning of another. You've worked incredibly hard to get to this point. Remember, your efforts now will shape your future opportunities. We're proud of you, good luck, and we look forward to celebrating your successes soon.



Upcoming Dates

26th - 30th May	Half term break
2nd June	Back to School
24th June	Summer Careers Conference
26th June	Awards Evening
30th June	Sixth Form Sports Day
1st-2nd July	Sports Day
10th-11th July	Enrichment Days
w/c 14th July	Celebration Assemblies
18th July	School finishes for summer

Paccar Scouts Trip

Year 9 had the privilege of going on a trip to the Paccar Scouts outdoor adventure experience. Students embraced the challenges with great spirit and determination, designed to promote team building, resilience, and problem-solving skills. From climbing, laser tag, and orienteering, to Nightline and the Gladiator Challenge, the activities built communication, confidence and trust through physical and mental challenges. Every student had the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and support one another along the way.



MISST concert

Huge congratulations to our incredible MISST students, who delivered an outstanding performance as part of an orchestra at the prestigious Barbican Centre. Their performance was beautiful, and it's inspiring to see how their musical talents have blossomed over the past few years of dedicated study. Congratulations to Sanmeet, Deeva, Jibril, Pavan and Taha.



Art of the month



Mariyyah chose the theme 'Close up' for her exam. She has used colour pencils to make a beautiful and intricate drawing of her lovely cat.

Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to the Duke of Edinburgh students who went on their three day camping trip for expedition practice. They finetuned their map skills, wild cooking and hiking skills in the gorgeous Surrey Hills ahead of their graded expeditions.



Y8 House Winners—Laurus!



Character values in action

This term **Palek M** has been nominated by Ms Mohmud in recognition of her **determination** this half-term.

Being recognised for her **wisdom** in showing outstanding academic contribution in her studies with effective economic research gathered is **Almera A** in Economics.

Also recognised in Economics for **Determination** is **Maliha B** for engaging in wider reading resulting in a deeper awareness of key themes which have been shared with peers through a written publication.

COST OF LIVING EVENT

As mentioned elsewhere in Dormers Diary a **team of year 12 students** also put on a **cost of living event**. This feedback was given by Ealing Council's Head of Cost of Living:

The team of students from Dormers Wells High School recognised that families within their school community were struggling with challenges arising from the cost of living crisis. In response they worked to host an event, open to all parents to raise awareness of the support that was available and enable them to make connections with local services and organisations that could help. They wanted the event to focus on providing practical help and long term solutions to those who were struggling.

They engaged with the local authority and also key representatives from the voluntary sector to ensure there was a wide variety of support showcased at the event.

Being responsible for the event from start to finish meant that they were able to learn and put into practice a variety of skills that meant the event was successful on the day. They secured funding, executed a marketing campaign and carried out all the practical tasks required to put on an event at scale.

Approximately 30-50 people attended, all of whom were able to access advice and information on support available and specific services like adult learning and employment support, council services that can help if people are struggling, energy efficiency advice for the home, support for families and children, mental health support along with others.

The feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive. The team did an incredible job to ensure the event ran smoothly and everyone was made to feel welcome. Guests were provided with delicious food, had the opportunity to win prizes and everyone walked away with a goodie bag packed with essential items.

It's the conversations at this type of event that really matter though. Attendees were leaving with access to more information than they arrived with, many committing to actions afterwards that will go on to have a positive impact on their circumstances. This would not have happened had the team not come up with the idea. It was incredible to see the passion and care this team of young people had to do something positive to support their community."

Well done Mariya K, Navpreet K, Parthvi F, Amritpal K and Mannat B

