

# DORMERS DIARY



## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As another busy summer term at Dormers Wells High School comes to a close, I would like to congratulate all our students on completing their end of year exams and thank them for the hard work, resilience, and determination shown throughout the year. You should all be incredibly proud of your achievements.

This term has been a vibrant celebration of our community, from the Sports Day festivities highlighting teamwork and house spirit to the impressive talent displayed at our Art Exhibition. We celebrated significant milestones, including the Year 11 Prom, where Balveen and Jasleen were crowned Prom King and Queen, and the Year 7 House Football victory for Invictus. Beyond these celebrations, our students have been preparing for their futures through the Year 10 Work Experience week, our annual Careers Conference, and specialized workshops like the RIBA architecture and BNP Paribas bank sessions.

Having already shared the full details of our recent Ofsted report with you, we are immensely proud that our commitment to Inclusion was graded as 'Exceptional', and that we achieved a 'Strong Standard' across Achievement, Behaviour, Teaching, and Leadership. However, "opening the door to success" means we are always looking for ways to improve. To continue in this vein of excellence, our focus for the coming year will be on sustaining and building upon these high standards across all subjects.

Following the dedication shown during the recent exam season, we are looking forward to outstanding results at KS4 and KS5 again this year. Our historically strong performance in national examinations gives us every confidence that this year's cohort will continue to achieve above national averages and progress to aspirational destinations.

I wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to seeing our students return in September:

- 4th September: Year 7, 10, and 12 return.
- 7th September: The whole school returns.

Ms Walsh  
Headteacher

## UPCOMING DATES

|                                           |                                                |                                         |                                              |                                             |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>17th July</b><br>Last day              | <b>4th Sept</b><br>Y7, 10, 12 Return to school | <b>7th Sept</b><br>Whole school returns | <b>14th Sept</b><br>Y6 Activities week       | <b>23rd Sept</b><br>Year 6 Open Evening     |
| <b>25th Sept</b><br>MISST Launch assembly | <b>5th/6th/7th Oct</b><br>Open Morning         | <b>8th Oct</b><br>Awards Evening        | <b>23rd Oct</b><br>Last day before half term | <b>26th - 30th Oct</b><br>October Half term |

## FROM THE HEAD STUDENTS



As another busy term comes to an end, we'd like to congratulate everyone on completing their end of year exams and thank you for all the hard work, resilience and determination you've shown throughout the year. You should all be incredibly proud of your achievements.

This term has been filled with exciting opportunities, from Year 10 Work Experience and the Careers Conference to workshops and enrichment activities. We hope everyone involved in the upcoming enrichment trips enjoys the experience, makes lasting memories and takes every opportunity to try something new. Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and House spirit, with students giving their all and supporting one another throughout the day. Year 11 also enjoyed a memorable Prom, celebrating the end of their journey at Dormers and sharing a well-deserved evening of fun with friends. We wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back and working with a lot of you in September. Jivraj & Sukhveen

## CHARACTER VALUES IN ACTION

- Annaley (Y9) for demonstrating **Service** by helping dining hall staff to clear plates that had fallen to the floor.
- Abdul M for showing **Service** and **Wisdom** through his patient support of a peer in accessing online learning.
- Gurveer (Y10), Annaley (Y9), Pavan (Y9), Nabihah (Y9), Jui (Y9), and Haddy (Y7) for their **Service** and **Determination** in preparing and rehearsing powerful performance pieces to represent the school.
- Cathleen (Y12), Balawal (Y12), Sana (Y12), Rana (Y12), Laiba (Y12), and Mariam (Y12) for their outstanding **Service** in organising and leading the Empower Hour sessions for the wider school community.
- Suhirnaa (Y7) for demonstrating great **Determination** and perseverance when faced with challenges.
- Shafayat (Y9) for exemplifying **Service** through regular support with setting up the Breakfast Club computer trolley.
- Shaan (Y7), Keenan (Y8), Lisa (Y9), Catarina (Y10), and Heba (Y10) for consistently embodying **Service** and **Wisdom** through their support of others, thoughtful contributions, and positive participation in CPSHE lessons.
- Jasnoor A (Y7) for showing **Service** and **Wisdom** by creating and delivering an exceptional RE presentation on worship in Sikhism and enriching Year 7 students' learning through his tabla performance.
- Velosha B (Y9) for displaying **Determination** and **Wisdom** by going above and beyond in RE and contributing insightful, mature perspectives to a complex debate on religion and the state.
- Devin (Y12), Yuosif (Y12), Selwyn (Y12), Zamzam (Y12), Mariam (Y12), Ethan (Y12) and Madina (Y12) for demonstrating **Determination** and **Service** through their consistent volunteering and invaluable support for the school food bank.

### DETERMINATION



### WISDOM



### HONESTY



### SERVICE



# EVENTS



## YEAR 11 PROM

July saw Year 11 come together for one of the highlights of the school calendar, the Year 11 Prom! Students arrived dressed to impress, ready to create lasting memories with friends throughout the evening. The night was filled with laughter, music and memorable moments, including speeches from the Year 11 Team, as well as the long awaited 'Most Likely To' Awards, which recognised students for their unique talents and personalities. Congratulations to this year's Prom King, Balveen, and Prom Queen, Jasleen. Your outfits were show stopping! Following a delicious Indian meal, students took to the dance floor to round off an unforgettable evening. It was a fitting send off for a fantastic year group and we wish them every success.



## SPORTS DAY

Sports Day took place over three exciting days, bringing together Year 7 and 8, Year 9 and 10, and Sixth Form students. Throughout the event, students demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and leadership as they competed across a range of activities, including discus, javelin, shot put, long jump, triple jump, and track events. The event concluded with races and an awards ceremony, where students celebrated their achievements and proudly collected medals for first, second, and third place.



# CURRICULUM



## GIRLS STEM EVENT

Forty Year 7 girls took part in an exciting STEM event delivered by Equans. Throughout the morning, students worked in teams to design and plan a structure within a set budget. They were challenged to carefully calculate costs and manage their allocated funds while purchasing enough materials to create a strong and stable prototype, requiring students to make thoughtful decisions about how to spend their money. The activity combined elements of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, helping students develop their problem solving, teamwork and budgeting skills while experiencing the challenges faced by real engineers and designers.



## CINEMA EVENT

"Year 12 BTEC Business students hosted a cinema event for Year 7 students, who enjoyed a movie and tasty snacks. The event ended with an exciting raffle, where five lucky winners received special prizes. The money raised was donated to Missionaries of Charity, supporting its soup kitchen for homeless and vulnerable people in the local community. Well done to all the students involved for organising such a successful event."

*Yuosif S in SSD*



## ART OF THE MONTH

"I have been inspired by the work of Sean Norvet who creates surreal portraits with elements of junk food. To develop ideas for my painting, I considered the food that I like to eat, good and bad. My painting is based on a bride who I have given spaghetti hair and an avocado nose."

*Aamna S*



## RIBA WORKSHOP

Year 10 Art and Design students spent the day working with staff from the world-famous Rogers Stirk Harbour and Partners architectural practice and the Royal Institute of British Architects. Working in teams, they responded to a design brief; created plans; mini architectural models and pitched their work. The project enabled students to work with professionals within industry and broaden their understanding of possible careers.



## ART EXHIBITION

This year's Art Exhibition showcased an impressive collection of artwork created by our talented students throughout the year. Students, staff and families came together to celebrate the creativity, skill and hard work on display. Visitors had the opportunity to speak with the artists about their work, learning more about the techniques, ideas and inspirations behind each piece. The exhibition was a fantastic celebration of artistic achievement and a reminder of our students incredible talent.

# ENRICHMENT



## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Enrichment Days are always a highlight of the school year, offering students the opportunity to get outside the classroom and engage in a wide range of exciting activities, workshops and educational visits. With something for everyone to enjoy, this year's programme provided experiences that combined learning, creativity and teamwork. Students took part in a variety of trips and workshops, including visits to Hampton Court Palace, the London Dungeons, the RAF Museum, Horsenden Hill, Brighton and the Surrey Hills. Other activities included ice skating, bowling, an escape room challenge, a sustainability workshop, a human rights workshop and opportunities to visit local businesses. Students also explored their entrepreneurial skills through Dragons' Den, developed their engineering knowledge by building bridges, and gained valuable financial insight through a mathematics trip to the Bank of England. Creative minds flourished through the Upcycling Fashion Show, clay pot making, drawing and sculpting workshops, while aspiring chefs enjoyed taking part in Ready Steady Cook. Tech enthusiasts engaged in a robotics workshop, and competitive spirits were on display during the Olympics activities. Students also immersed themselves in historical and strategic challenges through activities such as Fight for the Throne. These enrichment experiences allowed students to learn in new and engaging ways while spending quality time with their friends, a fantastic conclusion to the academic year.

## DWPS PHYSICS LESSON

Year 6 students from DWJS enjoyed a morning of hands on Physics activities, led by our Year 10 and Year 12 Physics Ambassadors as part of our Ogden Trust Physics Partnership. Our ambassadors put their training into practice by explaining key concepts, encouraging curiosity and making the younger students feel welcome throughout the session.



## Y7 HOUSE FOOTBALL WIN!

Congratulations to Invictus winning the Year 7 House Football cup! What a way to finish your first year of High School



# CAREERS



## CAREERS CONFERENCE

The annual careers conference gave students the opportunity to meet a range of speakers from universities, colleges and industry professionals to learn more about different courses, career pathways and future opportunities. These sessions helped students' to broaden their aspirations, explore their options and gain valuable insight into the world of work and further education.



## EMPOWER HOUR

We are delighted to have been supported by the Akshaya Patra charity with our empower Hour sessions. These special events give selected students the opportunity to enjoy a fine dining experience in our dining hall, complete with decorated tables and floral displays. Students had the chance to sample a variety of dishes broadening their appreciation of global cuisines while developing social skills and dining etiquette. The sessions have been a fantastic way to celebrate cultural diversity, encourage positive social interaction and create memories for our students.



## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

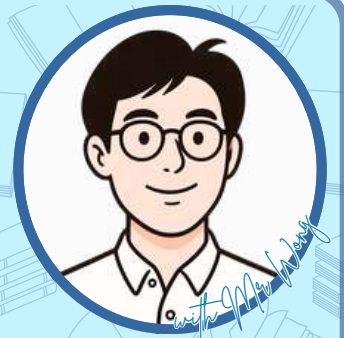
Our Year 10 students recently completed a week of work experience, giving them an insight into a wide range of careers. Students were placed in a variety of settings, including primary schools, libraries, universities, charities, community organisations, property companies, healthcare services, financial organisations, and local businesses.



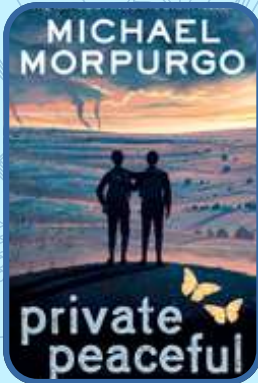
## BNP PARIBAS BANK WORKSHOP

Year 9 students took part in an inspiring enterprise workshop delivered by BNP Paribas in partnership with Capgemini. Working collaboratively, they explored how to identify products to sell, creating and delivering an effective business pitch and understand how to generate a profit. In the afternoon, students in Years 11 and 12 had the valuable opportunity to network with a range of professionals, gaining insight into pathways into rewarding and high paying careers.

## Dormers Wells Library READING RECOMMENDATIONS



### YEAR 7



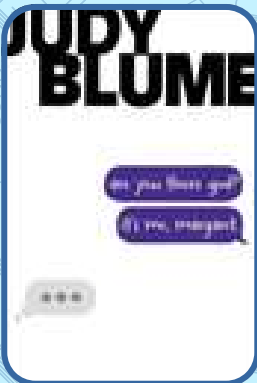
**Private Peaceful**  
by Michael Morpurgo

### YEAR 8



**Treasure Island**  
by Robert Louis Stevenson

### YEAR 9



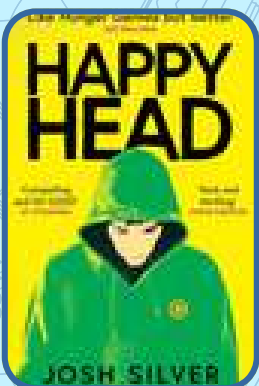
**Are You There God? It's me, Margaret**  
by Judy Blume

### YEAR 10



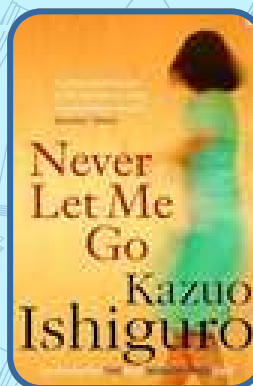
**Five Survive**  
by Holly Jackson

### YEAR 11



**HappyHead**  
by Josh Silver

### SIXTH FORM



**Never Let Me Go**  
by Kazuo Ishiguro