

DORMERS DIARY



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to this edition of the Dormers Diary. As we look back on an incredibly busy and productive spring term, I am filled with great pride at the collective achievements of our school community. The highlight of this term was undoubtedly our Ofsted Inspection in February 2026. I am thrilled to share that the inspectors recognised our school's relentless ambition, noting that inclusion at Dormers Wells is "Exceptional". Our motto, "opening the door to success," was seen in action throughout the school, with leaders and staff placing the best interests of every pupil at the heart of their work. The report highlighted our "Strong standard" in achievement, curriculum, and

leadership, specifically praising our students' exemplary attitudes to learning and attendance rates that remain significantly higher than national averages. This external validation is a testament to the hard work of our staff and the dedication of our students.

This commitment to excellence is reflected in our Student Spotlight, where we celebrate Deeva for winning the national Andrew Lloyd Webber Award. Chosen from over 14,000 students for being the 'Most Improved' in the Music in Secondary Schools Trust programme, Deeva was presented with her own flute at Westminster Hall—a shining example of our school value of determination.

We also welcome our new Head Boy and Head Girl, who have already begun their roles with a focus on serving the community and motivating their peers. They are joined by a fantastic new Sixth Form Leadership Team and our Mentors for Violence Prevention, who work diligently to ensure our school remains a safe and welcoming environment.

As our Year 11 and Year 13 students begin their study leave following their moving leavers' assemblies, we wish them the very best of luck in their examinations. They have shown the perseverance needed to shape their exciting futures.

Beyond the classroom, our students have been immersed in diverse experiences—from the "explosive" science experiments with our primary partners to the culinary mastery shown during the visit from "King The Chef". Our careers programme continues to go from strength to strength, with a successful Mock Interview Day for 240 students and an impressive second runner-up finish for our Year 12 team in the monday.com Makeathon for their smart wearable health device.

Whether through the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in the Chiltern Hills or our success on the rounders pitch, our students continue to flourish. I wish you all a restful May half-term and look forward to a final term of celebration and success.

Ms Walsh
Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES

1st June Back to School	22nd June Pre Induction Day	22nd - 26th June Y10 work experience	25th June Awards Evening	30th - 1st July Sports Day
2nd July Y11 Prom	6th July Careers Conference	9th - 10th July Enrichment Days	17th July Last Day of term	17th July - 2nd September Summer Break

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

A huge congratulations to Deeva, who was awarded the Andrew Lloyd Webber Award for being the 'Most Improved' student across the national Music in Secondary Schools Trust programme of over 14,000 students.

In recognition of her incredible determination and progress, Deeva was also presented with her very own flute at the annual MiST concert held at Westminster Hall.

We are incredibly proud of Deeva's achievement and the dedication she has shown throughout her musical journey.



FROM THE NEW HEAD STUDENTS



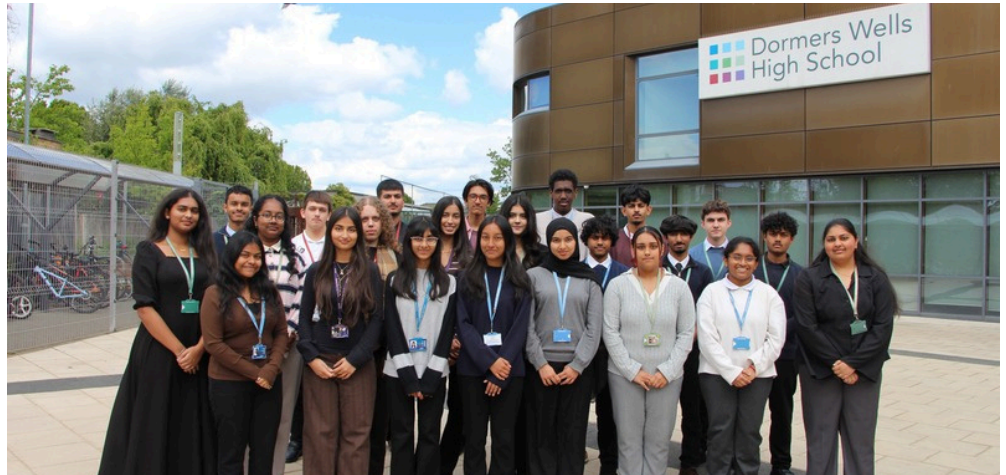
We feel extremely privileged and honoured to have been appointed this year's Head Boy and Head Girl of DWHS. We are looking forward to this opportunity to serve the school community and bring positive change to the school. This role will allow us to motivate other pupils to become more engaged in school life while also helping us develop our own leadership skills.

As Head Boy, I have always enjoyed playing football from a young age. This hobby has taught me teamwork, discipline and leadership. In the future, I aspire to undertake a Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship in Business. As Head Girl, I hope to encourage every student to feel confident, included and motivated to achieve their full potential both inside and outside of school. In the future, I hope to pursue a career in medicine, and I believe this role will strengthen my leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

There have already been many exciting events scheduled for this academic year. For example, Year 11 Cultural Day allowed students to celebrate the diversity of our school community and represent their cultural heritage. In addition, the Year 7 Karaoke Event gave our youngest students the chance to showcase their talents and build self-confidence while participating actively in school life. We would also like to wish Year 11 and Year 13 students the best of luck in their upcoming examinations as they finally have the opportunity to demonstrate all the hard work they have put into their studies this year. We have also enjoyed working with and training the new Year 10 prefects, helping them develop the essential skills needed to become excellent prefects next year. Finally, we wish everyone a restful May half term and a quote from us for this term: "Success is built on the days you wanted to quit but decided to keep going anyway."

SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to Sukhveen, Jivraj, Amneet, Hetvi, Ravneet, Neenithy, Raahavi, Deeva, Arbi, Sajeel, Marcin, Ramim, Preet, Dharmit, Bernice, Maria, Andreea, Vanshika, Mohamed, Fahim, Rizwan, Aizah, Sandiah and Abenaya on being selected as our new headteachers ambassadors for the Student Leadership Team. We look forward to the positive impact you will make across the school.



CHARACTER VALUES IN ACTION

- Connor D-H for his ongoing **service** through valuable contributions to extra-curricular PE clubs and wider school life.
- Anzila, Nikodem and Ashburn for their **service** in supporting multiple Year 5 primary school visits and science taster lessons, always representing the school positively.
- Mrs Fernando would like to recognise Kabir, Arwinder and Yashvi in Year 10 for their **determination** in Maths, consistently tackling challenging problems with resilience and focus.
- Mrs Jabeen would like to congratulate Avnoor and Afsha in Year 7 for their **determination** in Maths. Their creative and engaging entries were shortlisted for the Maths Through Stories competition, and the Maths Department is extremely proud of their achievement.
- Harsimran in 9FN for her **determination** in making significant improvements to her attitude to learning, behaviour and overall contribution to school life throughout the year.
- Yousha showed **service** and **wisdom** for motivating his peers, helping them in core practical and encouraging them to participate in super curricular activities to build their profile.
- Asma R showed **service** and **wisdom** by creating a supportive environment, showcasing female role models, and connecting abstract concepts to real-world applications.

DETERMINATION



WISDOM



HONESTY



SERVICE



EVENTS



YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 LEAVERS

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students marked the end of their time at school this term with leavers' assemblies, shirt signing, and special presentations reflecting on the memories they have made from Year 7 through to today. As they begin their study leave, they close one important chapter and prepare to start another. They have worked incredibly hard to reach this point, and their dedication and perseverance will help shape the exciting opportunities ahead of them. To all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students: we are incredibly proud of you. We wish you the very best of luck and look forward to celebrating your successes in the near future.



YEAR 7 KARAOKE EVENT

To celebrate their fantastic behaviour, our Year 7 students enjoyed a fun filled evening of karaoke and food, as well as fun props and photo opportunities. And yes... Mr Job definitely stole the show hitting those high notes!



EXPLOSIVE EXPERIMENTS

Dormers Wells Primary School had a blast during Science Week, visiting our high school to take part in explosive science experiments. We look forward to hopefully welcoming these students to our school in the future.



CULTURAL DAY

Year 11 and Year 12 wowed the school in beaded, bedazzled and sequined gowns, celebrating their heritage on Cultural Day. Students also wore their traditional clothing to school to raise money for their prom fund.

CURRICULUM



KING THE CHEF - BY NIKODEM AND NABIHA

"King The Chef (also known as Enekeme) is a West African chef who grew up in Britain. He has worked with many famous people, including Kevin Hart and John Cena, and is also the personal chef of Idris Elba. He specialises in West African cuisine combined with modern cooking techniques. He is also the founder of a culinary brand called Ama'Kiye, which provides luxury dining experiences.

This workshop was an amazing opportunity to immerse ourselves in Nigerian culture and try food that we may never have considered if it were not for this experience. King The Chef was an extremely optimistic and passionate chef, and his team were all very friendly and welcoming, leaving us with an easy yet delicious recipe and a newfound love for cooking. Watching King cook, we could clearly see how much he loves what he does and how passionate he is about sharing his skills with others.

He taught us how to make chicken suya, which is traditionally made using peanuts. However, due to allergens, we replaced the peanuts with fried onions, followed by paprika powder, garlic powder, and ginger powder for the seasoning. The chicken, cut into bite-sized pieces, was then marinated and cooked to perfection on soaked skewers."

By Nikodem and Nabiha.



EXPERIMENTING WITH PINK SALMON

We were delighted to receive canned Alaska pink salmon again this year, courtesy of the Food Teachers Centre and Alaska Seafood UK. It's part of the Fish Heroes project, which encourages young people to learn about, cook and taste fish. Pupils also learned about the health benefits of fish in the diet as well as aspects of sustainability.

Pupils will be using the salmon to prepare fish cakes, sushi and salmon ravioli with lemon and dill sauce, learning new food skills which they will be able to use in the future.

As part of the lesson, they will also taste the salmon dishes they prepared.



CHOPPING BOARDS AND CHUTNEY JARS

Students from Mayfield Primary School recently visited to take part in an exciting workshop where they collaborated with Year 7 students to create delicious homemade chutney. During the workshop, students developed a range of practical culinary skills, including grating, chopping, boiling, and seasoning, before designing and labelling their very own unique creations to take home.



PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Year 9 Food and Nutrition pupils Muna, Raya, Zamzama and Maryam proudly presented the product they developed at the Belazu Ingredient Company Headquarters. The project followed workshops in class and a competition against seven local schools. Although they did not win, the pupils enjoyed the experience and received excellent feedback from the judges. Many thanks to School Food Matters for supporting our food education programme and to Belazu for hosting.



SOUTHALL TRIP

Students in Year 11 took part in the annual trip to Southall as part of their GCSE Geography studies. During the visit, students carried out an environmental survey in different areas of Southall, investigating land use patterns and doing questionnaires with members of the public to gather valuable data.



CENTRAL MOSQUE

Year 10 GCSE RE students spent the day in central London visiting St Marylebone Parish Church, Regent's Park and the London Central Mosque. During the trip, students experienced worship in both Christian and Islamic settings, gaining a deeper understanding of different faith traditions. They also enjoyed time to socialise and explore one of London's landmark parks together.

HOUSE AND CLUBS



★ CLUB OF THE TERM ★

Laila and Amirah from 7AB spoke about their experiences at swimming club. The girls explained that attending the club helps them spend less time on their phones and encourages them to enjoy physical activity, which they feel is beneficial for both their physical and mental wellbeing. They also shared that swimming has helped them develop important life and survival skills, particularly learning how to stay safe in the water. Laila and Amirah mentioned that their swimming abilities have improved significantly, as they are now able to dive down and retrieve items from the bottom of the pool. Most importantly, they said they have so much fun at the club that they return every Tuesday.



ROUNDERS CHAMPS

The Year 10 Rounders team delivered an excellent performance at their tournament, winning two games and narrowly losing one. The team showed very strong, powerful batting throughout, with standout performances from Gulalai, alongside fast, committed fielding and a particularly strong contribution from Carina. A fantastic effort from all involved and a great representation of the school.



PREFECT TRAINING

Students took part in training for their new roles as prefects, preparing to take over responsibilities from our current Year 11 prefects as they focus on their upcoming examinations.



HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Invictus for beating Magnus 4-1 in the Sixth Form House Football competition.



ART OF THE MONTH

"For my Art exam, I chose the theme 'Nature', I looked at several artists but liked the Surrealist artists the best. I found images of endangered animals including two rhinos. I took photographs of the school and decided to put the rhinos on and around the table tennis table and this created a humorous and surreal image. I included a clock to symbolise that time is running out for some species." Anish 11 KV



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Year 9 and Year 10 students recently completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. Throughout the experience, they demonstrated outstanding teamwork, resilience and determination. Students hiked for several hours through the beautiful Chiltern Hills, successfully navigating using only a map and compass to reach their campsite. All students successfully passed the practice expedition and are now looking forward to completing their assessed expedition in July.

CAREERS



MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

Our Year 10 Mock Interview Day was a huge success, with 240 student interviews taking place in just five hours, supported by thirty four volunteers from sixteen different organisations, including the likes of Pfizer, Heathrow and the Metropolitan Police. The event gave students a valuable opportunity to practice interview skills, build confidence, and receive constructive feedback ahead of future employment opportunities.



MONDAY.COM MAKEATHON TRIP

Our students achieved an impressive second runner up position out of twelve teams in the final Makeathon competition organised by monday.com, a leading global technology company. Led by Harshdeep in Year 12, the student start up team combined their skills in AI, 3D printing, and the Internet of Things (IoT) to design and build three prototypes of smart wearable glucose monitoring devices. The innovative project aimed to support people living with diabetes by providing real time monitoring through continuous sensing and wireless data, helping users make proactive health decisions. Congratulations to Harshdeep and the team on this outstanding achievement and for showcasing such creativity, teamwork, and innovation.



JPMC TRIP

Our students took part in an inspiring careers experience at the JPMorgan Chase offices at 60 Victoria Embankment, in partnership with The Dream Opportunity and JPMorgan Asset Management. Over 100 students from Dormers Wells and Rosedale College engaged in workshops, insight panels, and elevator pitch activities designed to build confidence and understanding of careers in finance.

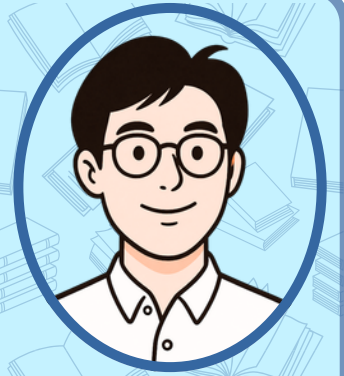
A highlight was hearing from a former Dream Opportunity participant, now completing a Master's-level apprenticeship at Grant Thornton UK, who shared their journey and demonstrated the wide range of pathways into corporate careers.



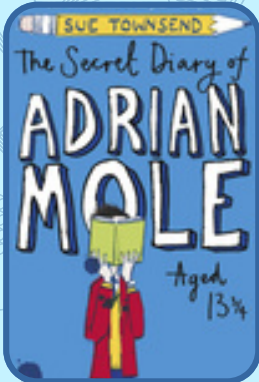
WOOD MACKENZIE TRIP

As part of #WoodMacDay, eighteen employees from the London office of Wood Mackenzie welcomed forty five of our students for an exciting careers day focused on the energy industry. Students took part in interactive activities, presented on energy related topics, and heard from professionals during a careers panel discussion. The day was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn more about future careers and connect with industry experts.

Mr Wong's Reading Recommendations



Year 7



**The Secret
Diary of
Adrian Mole
Aged 13 ¾**
by Sue
Townsend

Year 8



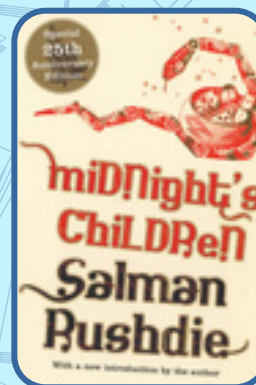
**Green
Rising**
by Lauren
James

Year 9



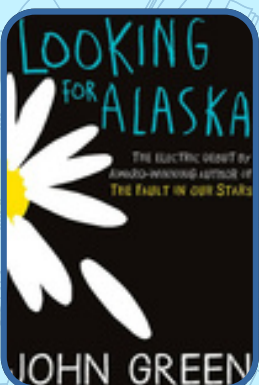
**This Book
Kills**
by Ravena
Guron

Year 10



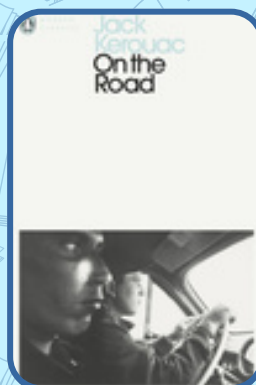
**Midnight's
Children**
by Salman
Rushdie

Year 11



**Looking for
Alaska**
by John
Green

Sixth Form



On the Road
by Jack
Kerouac