

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back our students this week, all rested and eager to begin the new school year.

Throughout the week I have been delivering face-to-face assemblies to each year group, the first time in two years that I have had the opportunity! During these assemblies, it gave me great pleasure to share our fantastic GCSE and A-Level results with the students.

We are delighted for our A-Level and GCSE learners, who have achieved such a remarkable set of results in such a difficult year. These results reflect just how hard our learners and staff have worked together to achieve such wonderful outcomes which has resulted in so many of our students achieving their first-choice university places.

A-Level

- 48% A*-B grades across all subjects
- 74% A*-C grades across all subjects
- 99% A*-E grades across all subjects

BTEC

- Average grade: Distinction
- 68% of grades were D*D*D* to DDD

GCSE

- 75% 4+ grades including English and mathematics
- 55% 5+ grades including English and mathematics
- 62% of all entries achieved 5 (a strong pass)
- 16% 9 to 8 grades across all subjects
- 28% 9 to 7 grades across all subjects
- Progress in the top 5% nationally at grade 5+ in English and Mathematics

Our Year 11 students have returned with a real focus and determination which makes me feel confident that we will be celebrating again this year come Results Day. Year 7 students are settling-in well and are enjoying the challenges of being a high school student. They are



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learning about DWHS character values and what is expected of them in High School. It gladdens the heart to see so many smiling faces as they move around the school.

End of Day arrangements for each year group

To ensure we keep all students safe we have had to allocate different year groups to different exits. Please note the exit your child will use at the end of the day:

- Main Exit (Allenby Road) - Y7/Y11 & 6th Form
- Park Exit (Park Gate) - Y8/Y9 & Y10

Face Masks

We strongly encourage our students and staff to continue wearing facemasks in communal areas and during the year group assembly.

Lateral Flow Testing

Our school lateral flow testing programme has been running very smoothly indeed. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking our amazing staff team who have been working flat out to ensure that all student and staff members are able to have their onsite tests. They have been nothing short of brilliant.

Thanks also to you, the parents, for your continued support with this project. We are now turning our attention back to home testing. Students have now been given their first batch of home testing kits. Please make sure you report the result of your home test by completing the NHS track and trace form and then report the result to the school using this link: [Report My Test](#)

Managing positive cases - All student should continue to follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. *They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result, or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).* If anyone within school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we will be required to send them home and they should follow public health advice.

Contact tracing and isolation - From September close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and schools will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case



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to identify close contacts. Contacts from within school will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID19 due to the nature of the close contact.

Dealing with close contacts of positive cases - From 16 August, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test. 18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 4 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated.

Ealing Race Equality Commission

The Race Equality Commission was set up in January 2021 to listen to people in Ealing and to provide proposals to address the impact of inequality on their wellbeing and life chances. Your voice is important to this work and you can learn more about it in the link below.

We are delighted our Chair of Trustees and governors is one of the commissioners for this important work.

Please take some time to visit the EREC (Ealing Race Equality Commission) website: <https://erec.dosomethinggood.org.uk/> and complete the questionnaire.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued help and support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
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