

DORMERS DIARY



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we bring this academic year to a close, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have achieved together at Dormers Wells High School. This final edition of the Dormers Diary captures the spirit, energy, and excellence that have defined our summer term.

From the outstanding performances at Sports Day and the Ealing Junior Athletics Championships, to the creativity and confidence shown during Enrichment Days and Cultural Day, our students have once again demonstrated what it means to live our values. The success of our Year 7 rounders team and Year 9 cricket champions, alongside the academic triumphs in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, are just a few highlights of a term brimming with achievement.

We've also celebrated the journeys of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who completed their exams with resilience and grace. Their proms and farewell events were a fitting tribute to their time at Dormers, and we wish them every success as they await their results and take their next steps.

This term has also been rich with opportunity—from inspiring careers trips and university visits to the return of alumni like Shreya Markenedy, whose story reminds us of the lasting impact of a Dormers education. Our students have explored new ideas, built confidence, and embraced challenges with enthusiasm.

To our staff, thank you for your unwavering dedication and care. To our students, thank you for your hard work, kindness, and spirit. And to our families and community, thank you for your continued support.

I wish you all a restful and joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another year of growth, learning, and success.

Ms R Walsh

Headteacher

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT – SHREYA MARKENEDY

"I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks for welcoming me back to Dormers Wells High School to deliver the spoken word workshop. It was a truly special experience to return to my former school in this new capacity and to connect with students through creativity, confidence-building, and storytelling. A particular thank you to Miss Walsh, Mr. Marker, Ms. Hajro, and Ms. Salmon for the incredible support, kindness, and coordination that made the session possible. It meant so much to be able to contribute to the school that helped shape me.

"I'm also excited to share that I recently competed in the grand final of Miss Continental UK, my first-ever pageant, where I proudly represented my literacy campaign, The Power of the Pen. I'm thrilled to let you know that I placed in the Top 10, and was honoured with two awards; 'Miss Popularity', for receiving the highest number of public online votes and 'Most Inspirational Contestant', for my literacy advocacy and the originality of my platform. Dormers was such a meaningful part of that journey, and being able to come back and give back through the workshop added depth and real-life impact to my campaign. As I continue to grow The Power of the Pen — delivering creative writing workshops and advocating for literacy across the UK — I would love to stay in touch and explore further opportunities to collaborate with Dormers in the future."





FROM THE HEAD STUDENTS

We are delighted to announce that our final term of the school year at DWHS has been one full of academic and personal achievements. Year 11 students have finished their GCSEs and celebrated at prom, where they made enjoyable memories, as well as Year 13s, who have finished their A-levels. We would like to wish Year 11s and 13s good luck for their exam results as well as goodbye. We would also like to congratulate students who received awards for their determination towards academics during Awards Evening. As well as for personal achievements, we would like to congratulate the Year 7 rounders team, who received the gold medal and won the competition. Additionally, the school has held many exciting trips

this term, including a History club trip, the Year 9 Wildbrain trip, a trip to JPMC Bank for year 12s and finally a range of enrichment activities, which have been a fun experience. As well as trips, the DofE expeditions took place, which were challenging yet quite memorable for those who participated. Our annual sports day was also held and many students engaged in multiple events, such as sprints, javelin, long jump and much more. We hope everyone has enjoyed this term and is looking forwards for a well-deserved holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

UPCOMING DATES

3rd September Y7, Y10 ,Y12 Return to school	4th September Whole school return to school	12th September MiSST Launch Assembly	wc 15th September Year 6 activities week	18th September Year 7 Focus event 4:00-5:00pm
25th September Year 11 Focus Event 4:00-5:00pm	2nd October Open Evening 5:00-7:30pm	3rd October Open Morning	7th October Open Morning	9th October Year 12 focus event 4:00-5:00pm
20th October Occasional Day, school is closed	23rd October Year 9 Parents' Evening	24th October Last Day before half term break	27-31st October Half term break, school is closed	3rd November Back to school

CHARACTER VALUES IN ACTION

Well done to the following students who have demonstrated DWHS values this term:

- Ms Davies wants to congratulate Ethan C in Year 10 for being an outstanding student who always readily supports others in the class who need help - even offering to stay after the bell to make sure they have finished what they need to do.
- Ms Appiah wishes to share the service and wisdom shown by Preet S in Year 11 for always saying 'Thank You' at the end of lesson. It's such a simple thing, but that acknowledgement at the end of each and every lesson was appreciated.

DETERMINATION  We never give up	WISDOM  We respond to problems in a calm and balanced way	HONESTY  We are open and true to others and to ourselves	SERVICE  We contribute to the school and our wider community
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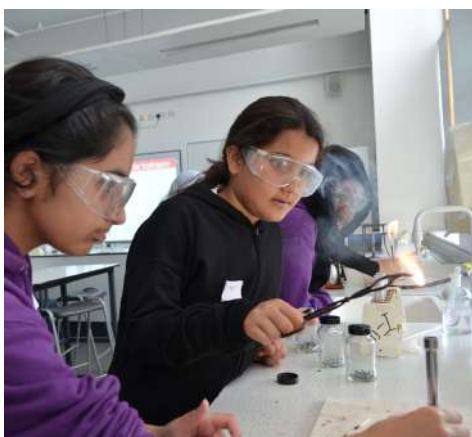
EVENTS



YEAR 11 PROM

June ushered in a glamorous evening filled with elegant ballgowns, sparkling jewellery, and plenty of fresh haircuts. The night was nothing short of spectacular, buzzing with excitement and quickly becoming the highlight of the school year. Students arrived in style, greeted by a red carpet photo moment and warm applause from staff. Year 11 made the most of capturing memories in their own personalised photo booth, taking home lifelong keepsakes.

The atmosphere remained electric throughout the night, with top-tier entertainment keeping spirits high. Touching farewell speeches and well wishes led into the much-anticipated 'Most Likely To' awards. Ethan and Gurman proudly received the 'Best Bromance' title, while Maliha was named 'Most Likely To Be Rich.' Neenithy, pleasantly surprised, was honoured with 'Most Likely To Attend Oxbridge.' The award segment wrapped up with the crowning of prom king and queen, both shining like true royalty. The formalities concluded with a delicious Indian buffet, giving way to an evening of celebration on the dance floor—a perfect way to end their school journey on a memorable high.



YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY

June saw our Year 6 Induction Day! We were so excited to welcome our new cohort and give them a preview of academic life at DWHS. They met and bonded with new friends and staff members, learnt all about their new subjects starting in September, all whilst beginning to build the habits of success for a Strong Start in Year 7.



AWARDS EVENING

Every year we have the pleasure of celebrating our students academic achievements at our Awards Evening ceremony. Students are nominated for a range of awards based on their progress and achievements during the academic year and are invited to receive their award in front of their friends and family, celebrating their excellence. A fantastic evening, filled with performances, speeches and special trophies, as well as being joined by special guest, British broadcaster, producer, and columnist, Jasmine Dotiwala. Congratulations to all of our hardworking students; it is fantastic to see you flourish and grow in confidence every day.

ENRICHMENT



ENRICHMENT DAYS

Enrichment is always our students' favourite time of year, boasting a variety of activities, workshops and trips, something for everyone to enjoy. The trips students were able to attend this year included: Tate Britain, Legoland, Go Ape, National Justice Museum, Thorpe Park, theatre, London Zoo, Kew Gardens, Brighton, Horsenden Hill Activity Centre, Ice skating, bowling and Whipsnade Zoo. Those who did not go offsite enjoyed Ready Steady Cook, Bake Off, Olympics and computing workshops in school! These trips encouraged teamwork and determination at its core, a fantastic few days of events where students get to learn in a fun environment, spend time with their friends and round off the end of the academic year.



WARNER BROS TRIP

Students in Y7-Y10 visited Warner Bros. Studios- The Making of Harry Potter. They explored the iconic sets where the Harry Potter films were brought to life, including the magical Platform 9¾, the cobbled streets of Diagon Alley, and many more behind-the-scenes wonders. Students were impressed to see the craftsmanship that went into making the films.



CULTURAL DAY

On Cultural Day, our school was filled with vibrant colors and wonderful traditions as students came dressed in their cultural clothing. Our students never fail to dress to impress... From beautiful fabrics to unique accessories, the day was a joyful celebration of our different backgrounds, bringing us all closer together through learning and respect.



HISTORY CLUB TRIP

History Club students visited Hanwell and Southall to explore how Southall has changed since WWII. Highlights included the Hanwell Viaduct, bombed 43 times during the war, the old margarine works, and a new 2,000-home estate on former wartime factory land. They ended the afternoon with a reflective visit to the war memorial.



AWARD NOMINATION

We're proud to announce that our Sixth Form students have been shortlisted for the young Ealing foundation Awards 2025 in the Fighting Inequality category for their impactful Cost of Living Event. This incredible achievement reflects their hard work, creativity, and commitment to social change. Congratulations to everyone involved!

CAREERS



JPMC BANK HQ

As part of our ongoing relationship with JP Morgan Chase (JPMC) bank, our Year 12 students were invited to their headquarters in Canary Wharf. They interacted with a range of employees, including VPs and directors from their Commercial and Investment Banking services. Our students were invited to hear about the degree apprenticeship programmes on offer at the bank next academic year in order to support their applications to JPMC's prestigious programme.



YEAR 9 @ WILDBRAIN

Year 9 students visited the offices of Wildbrain where they took part in employee panels to hear about a range of careers in the entertainment sector. Students found out about marketing, sales, legal aspects relating to copyright, and social media management in the amazing Wildbrain surrounded by amazing merchandise related to Teletubbies, Wednesday and Strawberry Shortcake to name a few. Our Year 9s also got to practice their pitches, where one Year 9 said, "It really helped me to develop my confidence, by the third one I wasn't shy and was speaking loudly about myself to the employees".



CAREERS CONFERENCE

Years 7 and 8 met a range of speakers from universities, college and industries to learn about different courses and careers. For our Year 7s, this was their first opportunity to interact with these speakers, and has supplemented their wider careers learning. For our Year 8, this has helped them to understand more about their options, and think further about their next steps as they start their pre-GCSE year.



HEATHROW TRIP

Earlier this academic year Heathrow airport ran some workshops at DWHS for Year 8 students. One of our groups won a prestigious 'Golden Ticket'. As a result of this they have been invited to Heathrow Airport to find out more about the range of careers at the airport. As part of this day they were invited airside to see the operations, and even had the chance to board a plane!



KINGS COLLEGE GIRLS IN ELECTRONICS

A selection of girls in Year 10 visited Kings College London to take part in the 'Girls in Electronics Day' programme. The girls had the best time and also got to take home an IC circuit board each, to play around with at home in their free time!

FEEDBACK!

Ensuring that an effective and inclusive Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance programme is in place to ensure that all students are able to confidently talk about their career goals, outlining how their education supports these aspirations.

If you have any questions about careers and pathways at DWHS, please contact Mr Parmar

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SPORTS AND CLUBS



SPORTS DAY

Held in school, Sports Day was spread over 3 days, pairing Year 7 and 8, Year 9 and 10 and Sixth form. Our students brought energy, team work and leadership skills to compete to the best of their abilities. There were various sporting activities taking place such as discus, javelin, shot put, long jump, triple jump and various running events. Followed by races and awards where the year group celebrated their achievements together and collected medals for first, second and third place.



EALING JUNIOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A huge congratulations to our Year 8 students who competed in the Ealing Borough Schools' Junior Athletics Championships!

Zaif showcased his versatility by competing in the 800m, discus, and relay events. Connor impressed in the long jump, triple jump, and relay. Ajay sprinted strongly in both the 100m and 200m races. Oskar delivered an outstanding performance in the 300m, shot put, and relay. Andy took on the high jump, javelin, and relay, while Hala excelled in javelin and relay. Joanna sprinted in the 100m and contributed to the relay team. Janelle competed in the 200m, high jump, and relay. Dhanvi was a key part of the relay team, Yasmine raced the 1500m, Maryam showed strength in shot put and discus, and Anushka competed in the 800m, relay, and long jump.

Our standout star was Oskar, who earned a well-deserved gold medal in the 300m, recording the fastest time of 43.00 seconds across all Year 7 and Year 8 boys from all 13 competing schools. Oskar also claimed a strong second place in the shot put with an impressive throw over 8 metres. Demonstrating great team spirit, he also volunteered to compete in both the relay and the 1500m race. Oskar's remarkable achievements have earned him qualification for the Middlesex Schools competition, an incredible accomplishment! Well done to all our athletes for their dedication and fantastic performances!



CRICKET WINNERS

Congratulations to our outstanding Year 9 boys' cricket team on their victory in the final against Greenford High School!

The team delivered an exceptional performance, showcasing sharp skills, relentless determination, and incredible team spirit. Driven by a hunger to redeem their previous loss, they rose to the occasion and earned a well-deserved win. Well done, boys!



YEAR 7 ROUNDERS

Congratulations to our youngest rounders team for bringing home the gold medals! Having only learned the sport and developed their skills since the start of this summer term, the players demonstrated excellent understanding of the rules and applied their skills confidently in five competitive matches. They were superb in listening to the coaching and feedback provided after each match, which led to a consistent and exemplary performance whilst remaining humble throughout the tournament. Star players nominated by the opposition were Diya (twice) and Grace (twice).

WILLIAM PERKINS v DWHS – 5.05 – 3.05
GREENFORD v DWHS – 10.05 – 4
BRENTSIDE v DWHS – 10.05 – 2.05
FEATHERSTONE v DWHS – 10.05 – 2.05
ADA LOVELACE vs DWHS – 5.05 – 4

CURRICULUM



EXAMS

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have been taking their exams, showing great resilience throughout this challenging period. We want to congratulate all of our students for their efforts and wish them the very best as they await their results.



CAMBRIDGE CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE

Fourteen of our students chose to take on the Cambridge Chemistry challenge, our highest number of participants to date! A huge congratulations to Josiah and Parmeet, who were awarded the coveted Gold Award. Well done also to Kavusihan, Wasay, and Mohammed E, who each earned a Silver Award. And congratulations to Ali, Saihaan, Vanshika, Vieira, and Yacoub for securing the Copper Award. This marks not only our strongest participation yet, but also an impressive set of results.

FISH DELIVERY IN FOOD TECH

We are excited to receive a generous delivery of hake, through the Fish Heroes in Schools – Fish from the Chippy programme. This will allow many of our students to prepare and cook fresh fish in our Food Education programme. Many thanks to Fastnet Fish Ltd and Sameen and the team at our partner chippy Dormers Fish and Chips in Southall, who received the delivery on behalf of Dormers Wells High School. Our students will be creating some wonderful dishes!



CELEBRATIONS

Curriculum Support held a special celebration to recognise the hard work and resilience of our Year 11 and Year 13 students. The afternoon was filled with laughter, food, and fond memories as students reflected on their time at Dormers Wells High School. They enjoyed taking photos, dancing, singing along to their favourite songs.



MATHS 3D MODEL

Our brilliant Year 7 mathematicians have gone above and beyond in their exploration of linear equations, connecting classroom learning to real-life scenarios. From investigating mobile phone plans and hourly wages to analysing taxi fares and car depreciation, students demonstrated a deep understanding of how mathematics shapes the world around us. Notably, they identified where a y-intercept plays a key role—such as in taxi fares (base fare), temperature conversions (offset between scales), and car depreciation (initial value). Their enthusiasm and insight have truly brought algebra to life!



GREAT WORK IN 7SH

Students in 7SH have shown commitment throughout the year, producing work of such high quality that it earned a place on display. Their effort and attention to detail are clearly visible in the pieces showcased, reflecting both their growing confidence and passion for language learning. The vibrant wall of work stands as a proud reminder of their progress and enthusiasm.



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