



DARTON COLLEGE

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MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL

Their future is in YOUR hands



Attendance matters for a better future



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News from the Principal

Our first two weeks back at school have flown by. Huge thanks for supporting our uniform policy, the vast majority of learners have looked incredibly smart since our return last week. Attendance this week has also been positive and well over the national average. Please continue to support us and your child/children by ensuring they attend regularly. There is a clear link between attendance of learners and the progress they make which was again highlighted at a school level in our Summer results. Obviously there will be times as a result of illness that learners cannot be in school, but we would ask you to continue to avoid taking holidays during term time and be mindful that 'odd' days off here and there can

soon mount up. The 2017/18 Holiday Calendar is available on our website and also has staff INSET days clearly marked.

Many thanks to Mr Gardner this week who has worked with another cohort of learners to deliver Restorative Practice training. This is a piece of work that we started last year and proved to be really effective in supporting learners to build/repair relationships and reflect on their behaviour. As ever our Darton learners were extremely enthusiastic participants.

There have been a few issues brought to our attention regarding school buses. Mrs Tallant has met with bus companies and is speaking to them on a daily basis to resolve the

problems that we are facing. We are currently completing a learner survey in forms and tracking lateness linked to buses. A follow up meeting will take place in a fortnight to look at the current level of service provided and how that matches our findings. The bus company have been very proactive and supportive. They are keen to work with us to find solutions that ensure learners can travel to and from school safely.

The School Gateway App is now up and running for parents/carers with learners in Year 7. Should you experience any difficulty in signing up to the site please email:

mail@dartoncollege.co.uk

Our first Governors meeting of this school year will take place next week.

We currently have a vacancy for a Community Governor. If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying please contact:

jyoung@dartoncollege.co.uk

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Ms Kate Davies - Principal

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DARTON VOICE RECRUITMENT

Next week learners who have been involved in Darton Voice over the last year will be presenting some of our achievements in assembly. At the same time we will be recruiting learners to be Darton Voice representatives for this academic year.

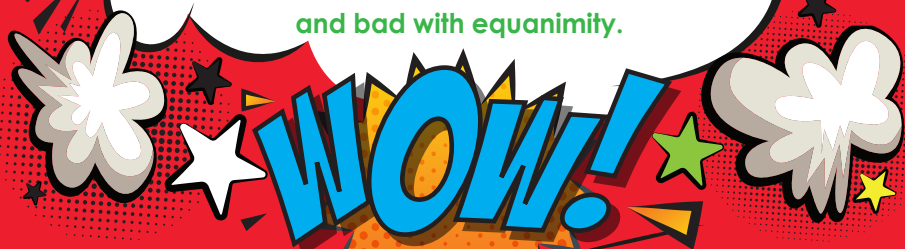
Darton Voice provides many great opportunities for learning beyond the curriculum and is becoming central to our school community. We work on many diverse projects that benefit learners within school as well as our wider community. All learners are welcome to join to ensure that young people's voices are listened to.

WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

EQUANIMITY - (noun) Calmness and composure, especially in a difficult situation.

calmness, level-headedness, self-control, poise...

She accepted both the good and bad with equanimity.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Should parents/carers wish to purchase school photographs, please place your order along with the correct payment in the envelope provided by Tempest Photography. Orders will need to be handed in to the Admin/ Finance Office no later than Friday 29th September.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Next week we are launching a brand new extra-curricular activity calendar. All our clubs will feature on our website shortly and will be promoted on the screens around school.



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Y6 OPEN EVENING 2017

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER FROM 6.00PM TO 8.30PM

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 96.6%

KEY DATES

26TH SEPTEMBER 2017
European Languages Day

11TH OCTOBER 2017
Year 6 Open Evening

27TH OCTOBER 2017
Break Up For Half Term

6TH NOVEMBER 2017
INSET Day

8TH NOVEMBER 2017
Year 11 Revision Evening

10TH NOVEMBER 2017
Drop Down Day

13TH - 24TH NOVEMBER 2017
Year 11 Mock Examinations

22ND NOVEMBER 2017
Year 11 Celebration Evening

29TH NOVEMBER 2017
Year 8 Parents' Evening

22ND DECEMBER 2017
Break Up For Christmas

27TH JUNE 2018
Year 11 Prom

THE PERFECT WAY TO SPEND YOUR DAY!

Afternoon TEA
IN AID OF: wakefield hospice
SHARING THE CARE

Monday 23rd October
1.00pm - 3.00pm
AT THE DARBY & JOAN CLUB, DARTON, S75 5HQ

Tickets £4.00
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