

DARTON COLLEGE

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News from the Principal

Welcome back to school! I hope those of you who were on half term last week had a great break! I also hope that learners from Years 10 and 11 managed to fit in plenty of mock revision ahead of their examinations! Last week was a busy week in school as we prepared to host the Barnsley Teaching School Alliance 4th annual Teaching and Learning Festival which was held during the INSET day on Monday. We welcomed to Darton College 850 teachers from across the borough and beyond. The event was hugely successful and it was fantastic to receive a large amount of positive feedback about our school learning environments. Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard over half term and the weekend to

prepare for the event.

Last week also saw a number of learners off to enjoy a superb week of skiing! I am delighted that both staff and learners arrived safely back at school on Saturday in one piece! It was brilliant to see all the photographs and videos being posted on Twitter throughout the week. Thank you to Mr Clee and the staff team who gave up their break to support the trip.

Year 11 have crashed back to reality this week with the onset of their GCSE mock examinations. We have all continued to be impressed by their level of commitment. Keep it up! Year 10 mocks will be starting on Monday 20th March. If any parents or learners require additional support or advice regarding the preparation for

examinations please do not hesitate to speak to us.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have supported attendance and punctuality over the last few weeks. We are delighted to have seen an improvement across all year groups. Many learners have faced some disruption to the school bus service as a result of roadworks at Barugh Green, hopefully this work will be completed next week.

Have a wonderful restful weekend!

Kate Davies

Principal

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REVISE**

Year 9 'Art with a Message' Project

Our Year 9 Art Learners have been given an opportunity to work together with local Councillors and residents to build stronger relationships within the community. On Tuesday 14th March, 11.40am - 12.45pm we will be meeting with Cllr. Burgess, members of the Darton West Ward Alliance and local residents to plan and create a piece of street art to decorate and clean up Darton Skate Park.

Praise and Recognition



Well done to Aaron Shipley in Year 10 who received his Silver Praise Award this week. Also, congratulations to all our learners who received special postcards of recognition on the last day of term. Brilliant!

Year 10 Revision Guides

We are offering our Year 10 learners the opportunity to purchase the recommended Revision Guides for the examination process. All learners should have received a letter and order form. If you wish to order these, please ensure payments and forms are returned to our finance office at the beginning of next week. Thank you.

Year 10 Mock Examination Science Revision Sessions

We will shortly be holding Year 10 mock examination science revision sessions after school. These commence on Monday 6th March 3.30pm - 4.30pm and will be running every Monday and Wednesday, until Wednesday 22nd March.

Biology with Mrs Rushforth - Room E202 - Mondays

Physics with Mr Sacre - Room E208 - Mondays and Wednesdays

Chemistry with Miss Breedon - Room E206 - Wednesdays

Year 10 and Year 11 Examination Timetable

Please log onto the Darton College website calendar for all the mock examination dates:

<https://dartoncollege.co.uk/calendar/public-calendar>

Year 8 and Year 9 Girls - Immunisations

Year 8 and Year 9 girls will be receiving their HPV Vaccine against cervical cancer on **Wednesday 8th March 2017** by the NHS immunisation team.

**LAST WEEK BEFORE HALF TERM
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 98.4%**

Year 7 Parents' Evening

INVITATION



**PARENTS' EVENING
WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH
4.30PM - 7.30PM**

**Online appointment
booking is open!**

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<https://dartoncollege.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>



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Social Media



We are now on Facebook. Please like our official Darton College page to pick up further DC news and updates.

Key Dates

Year 11 Mock Examinations:

Tuesday 28th Feb - Friday 10th March

Year 7 Parents' Evening:

Wednesday 15th March

Year 10 Mock Examinations:

Monday 20th - Tuesday 30th March

INSET Day:

Friday 31st March

GCSE Performance Evenings:

Tuesday 4th - Thursday 6th April

Break up for Easter:

Friday 7th April