

DARTON COLLEGE

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News from the Principal

For a short week it has felt like a long one! We have been busy recruiting to our staff teams in English, Maths and Science this week. Always a great process identifying new teachers who will add to some of the talent we already have here at Darton College.

We also welcomed our new Vice Principal, Paul Taylor, into school. Mr Taylor spent the day looking around classes and worked with myself and the rest of the Senior Team, unpicking the work we have done over the last 2 and a half years along with planning our next steps. Mr Taylor will join us in June as Mr Portman leaves to take up his new Head of School role in Doncaster.

Year 10 have continued to impress all

staff over the last few weeks and have received their mock examination results today. Reports will be issued home early next week and our Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 17th May. Although there is still a significant amount of time until their final GCSE examinations, the mock examination process is key to enable Year 10 to take full responsibility for their learning. I was delighted to finally be able to visit the Darton College Farm this week. Mr Woodcock and I had the pleasure of meeting Edgar our giant, continental rabbit. He is already enormous and I am told will even grow bigger! The farm area is really beginning to take shape, huge thanks to Mrs Wareing and all her many helpers. If anyone is keen to support

the further development of the farm, either through hands on support or sponsorship, please do let us know. Hopefully next week we will be reporting the safe arrival of our Pygmy goats.

Well done to our Year 11 learners who took part in the PE and Dance moderation. All involved surpassed themselves and were a credit to the school. Also well done to the Performance Faculty who ensured that the days ran incredibly smoothly as a result of their careful preparation and organisation.

Our Year 11 Art and Graphics learners did some superb work as part of their final GCSE examination also last week. We truly have some incredibly, talented individuals.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful weekend. Let us hope the weather stays dry.

Kate Davies
Principal

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A Message From Lucy Greatorex

"This week I have been training hard and just to top it off I was asked to help the Para-Olympians at the British Internationals at Ponds Forge. I had photographs taken with some of the world record holders and I was included in the medal ceremony. This was an inspirational experience and it made me think that if I train hard then they must train much harder with what they go through. If I keep training as much as I can, I may even



make it to the Olympics too! Thanks". **Lucy Greatorex** Thank you for your addition to the newsletter Lucy. This is super and proves that with hard work and effort, anything is possible!



Well Done Hollie



We are immensely proud of Hollie Randle in Nurture - Form 7BDE.

Hollie has had the confidence and the ability to attend athletics this week along with Mrs Cullum, who has supported her! Representing Team DC and Team Nurture here she is with her amazing smile. Well done Hollie!

Maths In Motion Club

The Maths in Motion Club is now being opened up to all year groups. This is running after school every Wednesday during 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 95.1%

A Special Shout Out

A special mention this week to Paige Clark in Year 7 who has recently passed her Grade 1 flute examination. This is a superb achievement. Congratulations Paige!

Year 11 Sweatshirt/T Shirts

The deadline to submit all sweatshirt, polo shirt and T shirt orders is Thursday 11th May.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

INVITATION



PARENTS' EVENING WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY

4.30PM - 7.30PM

Appointment booking
is open NOW!

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



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Key Dates

Year 11 Examinations:

Ongoing - Wednesday 28th June

Year 10 Parents' Evening:

Wednesday 17th May

Break up for Spring Bank:

Friday 26th May

Return to School after Spring Bank:

Monday 5th June

New to Year 7 Transition Welcome Evening:

Wednesday 28th June

Year 11 Darton College Prom:

Friday 7th July