

DARTON COLLEGE

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SUMMER



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News from the Principal

How can another year be over already? It has been an amazing year at Darton College and I cannot thank you, your children and the amazing team here at DC enough for all your hard work, support and commitment. With every year that passes, I am convinced we go from strength to strength, not perfect, but certainly better year on year. I am immensely proud of all we have and continue to achieve that is not always reflected in the narrow measures used to judge us as a school.

A number of staff leave us this summer, all of whom have played their own role in the DC journey. I am sure that you will join with me in thanking them and wishing them well in their future roles. New and

exciting journeys lie in front of them. Huge thanks to the Performance Team this week who pulled off a super Sports Day. Learners both competing and supporting were exceptional and there were some phenomenal individual performances. Many thanks to Mrs Wareing, Mrs Maw, and Mr Clapham for their efforts with the Bake Sale on Wednesday. They raised a total of £191.00 which will go towards purchasing a pergola for the DC Farm entrance.

We are delighted that we have now three chicks that have hatched on the farm. Their names are Luna, Dot and Sol.

Thank you for taking the time to tell us when we get it wrong but also when we get it right - this can only help us

get better. I hope you are all able to have time with family and friends over the summer break and that we see some sunshine to enjoy!

Finally, I write this newsletter not only as a very proud Principal but also a very proud mum. Today I have been in Brighton at my eldest son's graduation. He is now officially Dr. Davies. He is a good example of what success, grit and determination can bring!

I look forward to seeing you all in September. Remember, we have two inset days before learners are due back into school therefore, the first day back is Wednesday 6th September.

Ms Kate Davies
Principal



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Sports Day Champions!

Well done to everyone who competed in Wednesday's Sports Day
Take a look at our winning form groups...

- 7DBT**
- 8ATE**
- 9KGR**
- 10AJA**
- 11LHE**



Themed Lunch



Our learners enjoyed the Darton Festival Themed lunch which was served today. Many thanks to all involved in making it happen! We all certainly enjoyed the live music in the atrium performed by Leon Pashley Music.

Positive Identities Service Initiative

We have recently joined forces with Barnardo's who are assisting us with their Positive Identities Service. This collaboration will provide whole staff training regarding equality, diversity and gender identity. Our aim is to make Darton College a fully inclusive environment, where all learners feel safe to be themselves. In addition to this, we will be celebrating diversity within school and setting up some new groups to ensure that young people are central to everything that we do. For more information about the Positive Identities Service please visit: www.barnardos.org.uk/positive-identities-lgbtq-commissioned-work/service-view.htm

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 93.9%

New Academic Year Dates

INSET/HOLIDAY DATES 2017/2018

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■ Denotes Bank Holidays
 Denotes School Holidays
 Darton College INSET Days



Please stay safe this Summer and always make the right choices!

Key Dates

- Break Up For Summer:**
Friday 21st July
- INSET Days:**
Monday 24th / Tuesday 25th July /
Monday 4th / Tuesday 5th September
- Return To School:**
Wednesday 6th September