



DARTON COLLEGE

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## News from the Principal

What a super week it has been! On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to be back teaching in the classroom. It was excellent to spend time with a wonderful Year 9 group in RE followed by a Science lesson with Year 7. It is times like these that I really do love my job!

Our departmental reviews are coming to a close and it has been a privilege to observe some fantastic lessons and learning. A key focus for us this year is to further develop our use of assessment in classrooms and I have been delighted to see this becoming increasingly embedded in daily classroom practice. Learners have repeatedly told me that our better use of rubrics and really explicit success criteria is helping

them to see what they are learning and their next steps. We are delighted to have been able to contribute to the launch of the MindSpace Mental Health initiative, on Thursday afternoon. Learners and Mrs Woodhouse were interviewed by BBC Radio Sheffield and their soundbites featured as part of the Toby Foster Breakfast Show. Darton College learners also contributed to Thursday afternoon's launch at Barnsley Football Club. As Principal, these are very proud moments! The work that is carried out by MindSpace and Angela, our school based mental health practitioner, is having a huge impact on individual learner's lives and we are hugely grateful for their support.

Angela is a fantastic professional and we are thrilled to have her within the DC staff team. Hopefully, the provision will continue to grow and develop. Also a website, designed to support young people, will be live in early November. If you or a member of your family are experiencing mental health difficulties, anxiety or stress, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We need you! We are seeking items for the DC Farm. Should anyone have any unwanted bulbs, seeds, plant cuttings, compost, or light weight gardening tools that they wish to donate, please drop them into Mrs Ellis. Any contributions will be gratefully received to enhance our environment. Thank goodness there is no Premier League Football this weekend! As a Liverpool supporter it may mean that Saturday/ Sunday might be a little less stressful.

Have a great weekend!

**Ms Kate Davies**  
Principal

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## PARENT SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We are pleased to inform you that two opportunities have arisen to recruit two new Parent School Governors. Nomination forms have been sent out to all our learners in form to bring home. Should parents/carers wish to stand for election, please complete and return the forms (addressed to Principal Kate Davies) no later than Friday 13th October.

## ANTI BULLYING ASSEMBLIES

A number of Anti-Bullying assemblies have taken place this week. These have focused on having a proactive approach to dealing with bullying. Our aim is to look out for each other and to report things before an incident escalates to become a major issue. We looked at our Tell ABI system and how we can use this tool as a way to report the bullying of others. Our message is not to let people suffer in silence.

Tell ABI may be found on our school website:

<http://dartoncollege.co.uk/tell-abi/>

## SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Over the last few weeks, we have been working very closely with our school transport companies to meet the need of learners who travel to and from Darton College via bus. Some routes have now changed and additional buses have been added to the service timetable to resolve capacity issues. The new timetable can be found on our school website.

## FORTHCOMING TRIP DATES

Year 9 - Ambition Barnsley - The Metrodome - Wednesday 25th October.

Year 11 - Phoenix Dance Company - The Civic - Friday 17th November.

## WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

**DEPLORABLE** - (adjective)

1. Completely unacceptable

2. Shockingly bad in quality

disgraceful, shameful, dishonorable,  
inexcusable

Her spelling was deplorable!

**WOW!**

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 95.10%

## KEY DATES

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

15TH NOVEMBER 2017  
Year 9 Parents' / Options Evening

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

## PLANNING AHEAD

**YEAR 11**  
**INFORMATION**  
**EVENING**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**8TH NOVEMBER**  
**6.30PM - 7.30PM**

HELP, ADVICE AND SUPPORT  
FOR GCSE SUCCESS

TOP TIPS AND TRICKS! BE PREPARED!



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