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News from the Principal

It has been an exciting week at DC with lots of super things happening! A number of Year 9 learners took part in Health Day workshops on Monday, led by a partner agency Spectrum. The sessions were well received and feedback from staff and learners was really positive. Additional classes are timetabled for 28th November, 6th and 14th December.

On Wednesday, we welcomed back our Class of 2016/17 learners to our Celebration Evening. Everyone received their GCSE certificates as well as individual subject awards. We had over 100 ex Year 11s and their families join us and it was wonderful to hear how well they are doing, making the transition from school to Post 16 life. We were also delighted to hear so many of them willing to return to school on a voluntary basis to work with our

current Year 11 learners to share their experiences and assist them with revision and the GCSE examination process. Huge thanks to Mrs Tallant and our admin team for coordinating the evening and to Mr Woodcock for his compering skills!

Also on Wednesday, Barnsley Sixth Form College hosted a number of our Year 11 learners at their sixth form taster sessions. The visit gave learners the opportunity to experience the college facilities and gain an insight into the range of courses on offer from September 2018. There will be additional opportunities throughout the course of this year to visit other Post 16 providers. If your child is interested in something specific for their career path, please do not hesitate to make contact with Mr Bond. Well done to everyone who participated in the Year 7 Inter Form

Netball Competition this week. It was an incredible turnout! Huge thanks to Miss Brooks and all of our Year 7 form tutors who went along to support. I cannot wait for the next one! Congratulations also go to the Year 8 Football Team who beat Hungerhills in a tough away game as part of the South Yorkshire FA Cup on Thursday! Our staff development meetings on Tuesday and Thursday this week have again focused on developing effective feedback consistently across the school within departments. We are continuing to expand teacher strategies to support 'stretch and challenge' to enable learners to engage more proactively in individual subjects. Thank you to Mrs Heppenstall, Miss Sharples and Mrs Fitzpatrick who all delivered sessions this week. I am looking forward to seeing parents and carers at our Year 8 Parents' Evening next Wednesday. If parents and carers require assistance with the online booking system, please email: jdavies@dartoncollege.co.uk

Have a brilliant weekend!

Ms Kate Davies - Principal

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A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!

We would like to recognise the sporting talent of Nat Wood this week in 9DBR, who has trialed and been selected for the Regional Performance Centres (RPC) for basketball! The RPC is a training and education programme for the performance pathway of Basketball England. This is a huge achievement in terms of basketball training, as it is a platform for personal development outside of the National League Team and selection for regional tournaments. Well done Nat, we are incredibly proud of you!

WW1 BATTLEFIELDS TRIP - BELGIUM/FRANCE

We are proud to announce that we will be running the trip to Ypres in Belgium and The Somme in France for learners in Years 8 and 9. Both year groups have been informed and expression of interest letters have been handed out today with further information. There will be a limited number of 40 places, allocated on a first come first served basis. Watch this space for more details...

SKI TRIP TO SAALBACK-HINTERGLEM, AUSTRIA

The deadline to pay the final balance for the ski trip to Austria is Friday 22nd December. Should parents and carers wish to check on their remaining balance, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Oates in our Admin/ Finance office. Please ensure that all the relevant paperwork has been completed and returned to school no later than Wednesday 1st December. A letter will be sent out shortly to parents and carers containing all the relevant trip information.

WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

SABOTAGE - (verb)

Deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something) especially for political or military advantage....

Woeful, tragic, deeply sad, regrettable...

Police are investigating whether a train derailment near Leeds was caused by an act of sabotage.

WOW!

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 96.2%

KEY DATES

29TH NOVEMBER 2017
Year 8 Parents' Evening

11TH - 22ND DECEMBER 2017
Year 11 Mock Examination Period

18TH - 22ND DECEMBER 2017
All Year Groups Rewards Assemblies

22ND DECEMBER 2017
Break Up For Christmas

8TH JANUARY 2018
Return to School

10TH JANUARY 2018
Year 9 Options Evening

24TH JANUARY 2018
Year 11 Parents' Evening

9TH FEBRUARY 2018
Break up for Half Term

19TH FEBRUARY 2018
Return to School

21ST MARCH 2018
Year 7 Parents' Evening

ODD SOCKS DAY RAISED:  **£581.64**
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PARENTS' EVENING
WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
4.30PM - 7.30PM

Booking for teacher appointments opens on Wednesday 15th November.



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