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### News from the Principal

It has been a great first week back! Well done to Year 10 learners who have remained incredibly focused during the assessment week. It has been super to hear so many learners talking about revision and assessment preparation. Although written with Year 11 in mind, make sure you access the revision website to learn techniques on how to effectively revise.

Many thanks to staff and learners who attended last week's half term intervention sessions. Attendance at all of the sessions was fantastic and learners showed a real focus and commitment to the work being set. There will be repeat mock examinations in English, Maths and Science for Year 11 during the week commencing Monday 5th March.

Unfortunately, attendance rates across school have fallen over the last couple of weeks. This is disappointing as this year we looked set to have attendance rates above national. We understand that absence as a result of illness is unavoidable but would ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school and holidays/ appointments during term time are avoided.

We were delighted to hear that a number of our learners have been nominated for the Stars of Darton West Community Awards. Individuals have been recognised for their outstanding contributions to several community initiatives. They have been invited by the Darton West Ward Councillors to join them at a presentation evening which will be held in Barnsley Town Hall on Friday 9th March. Well done to all

involved!

There have been a number of trips and visits taking place over the course of the week. We currently have staff in Spain making links and risk assessing the Erasmus Exchange programme and I am looking forward to taking a group of budding scientists along with Mr Sacre to the European Space Centre in Rome over the weekend and early next week. Letters have been distributed today by Mr Slack regarding the Year 7 Bushcraft Trip. Learners in Year 8 who did not successfully secure a place last year are also invited to sign up.

Miss Sharples and learners have been busy planning for World Book Day next Friday when we will have a Harry Potter theme! Further information can be found on the reverse of the newsletter. We have worked very closely with the bus companies over the last two terms to monitor capacity and loading. I can confirm that we have also made some changes to our priority bus pass system which will commence on Monday. I hope that you all have a restful weekend.

**Ms Kate Davies**  
Principal

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## WORLD BOOK WEEK

Celebrate stories and love reading! Next week we will be embracing World Book Week. Learners in all year groups will be involved in a number of form time activities, new displays will be around school in learning environments sharing recommended books to read and we will also have a Harry Potter themed day on Thursday 1st March. On this day, learners are to come into school wearing Harry Potter themed fancy dress. Raffle tickets will be given to each learner dressed up to enter a free prize draw. Uniform must be worn if learners choose not to take part as this is not a standard non uniform day. We will also have a themed lunch menu.

## YEAR 8 AND 9 GIRLS' VACCINATIONS

We would like to remind you that the dates for the HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 and 9 girls are Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 1st March. Please ensure all consent forms are completed and returned as soon as possible to the Admin/Finance office.

## TRIP MEETINGS

Please see the following dates for parent/carer information meetings for the forthcoming trips.

- Thursday 1st March - 4.30pm - Bushcraft Trip.
- Thursday 1st March - 6.30pm - Austria Ski Trip.
- Tuesday 1st May - 5.00pm - Belgium Battlefields Trip.

**DIARY DATE: FRIDAY 23RD MARCH - INSET DAY**

## YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS WEEK

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**MOCK EXAMS**  
**MON 5TH MARCH -**  
**FRI 9TH MARCH**



ENGLISH MATHS SCIENCE



**DARTON COLLEGE**



**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WK ENDING 9TH FEB - 91.70%**

## KEY DATES

**1ST MARCH 2018**  
 World Book Day

**6TH MARCH 2018 - 5.30PM - 7.30PM**  
 Year 9 Options Evening

**23RD MARCH 2018**  
 Break Up for Easter

**9TH APRIL 2018**  
 Return to School

**7TH MAY 2018**  
 Bank Holiday

For additional key dates, please see the calendar shown on our school website.

## INSET/HOLIDAY DATES 2017/2018

September	October	November
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Denotes Bank Holidays Denotes School Holidays Darton College INSET Days



## BMBC HOLIDAY DATES 2018/19

To find out more about BMBC school holiday dates for 2018/19, please log on to:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/5433/school-term-and-holiday-dates-2018-2019>

Darton College INSET dates for the next academic year will be announced during the Summer term later this year

