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## News from the Principal

We are incredibly grateful to families who supported our Year 11 learners getting into school on Thursday for the Science exam. There was significant disruption which was caused by a road traffic accident. This resulted in learners being late. In school, staff were fantastic in their organisation to arrange a delayed start in order to ensure the exam ran smoothly.

I was extremely proud of Mrs Hudson and our Year 10 learners this week, who have been working on a project for the LimbBo Foundation along with our friend Jane Hewitt. Jane's oldest grandson, Tommy, was born with his right arm not fully formed. Jane has worked extensively to raise awareness of the LimbBo Foundation and Lucky Fin project, which promotes inclusion and the celebration of difference.

Our Year 10's were tasked with developing illustrations for a book that tells Tommy's story. Jane visited the school to look at the art work they had produced on Wednesday and was overwhelmed by the care and detail that they had poured into the project. It was a very special afternoon.

Congratulations to all of those forms that achieved 100% attendance last week. There were 41 of them in total. A fantastic achievement!

Finally, after much consideration, I am leaving Darton College for pastures new. My last working day will be Friday 25th May. This has been an extremely difficult decision to make. I would like to thank my incredible team of staff, whose contribution to the school has been invaluable. Over

the past four years, they have consistently demonstrated their passion and commitment to the young people in our care. I also feel fortunate to have worked for a wonderful community, along with parents and carers, who have shown unwavering support to the school.

Lastly, but most importantly, I'd like to thank all the amazing Darton learners. It has been an absolute joy and privilege to be their Principal. I am proud to have been able to teach so many individuals and watch their journey throughout Darton College.

I sincerely wish everyone the very best as the school makes its transition to Delta Academies Trust.

The Delta parent and carer information evening is yet to be confirmed however, we will communicate the date as soon as we have notification from the Trust.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

**Ms Kate Davies**  
Principal

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## BELGIUM BATTLEFIELDS TRIP INFORMATION

The trip date is fast approaching for the visit to Belgium. We would like to remind you that next Thursday (24th May) learners are to come to school at the normal time. Suitcases are to be taken to E104 (Miss Breedon's room). Learners will then go to their usual form rooms and will take part in their Period 1 lesson. At 9.50am all learners, who are going on the trip, will make their way to the atrium to be registered before setting off on the coach at approximately 10.20am. Suggested clothing to travel in is hoodies and jeans/leggings. Remember to keep checking Twitter for regular news updates @DartonYpres2018.

## NORMANDY TRIP UPDATE

Place confirmation letters have now been sent out to learners. The next payment date is scheduled for **Friday 25th May**. Please contact Mrs Joys should you require any further trip information. [djoys@dartoncollege.co.uk](mailto:djoys@dartoncollege.co.uk)

## DARTON VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Some of our Year 9s went along to Darton Park on Thursday to work with graffiti artist David Cross, who supported the learners with some suggestions of how they could improve the look of the skate ramps within the park. Learners were been asked to write a letter of interest to David where he can select 12 successful candidates to join him in creating an environmental themed piece of art. Members of Darton Voice will be out next week again in Darton Park, to conduct a recycling litter pick where they will look for 'found' items to up-cycle to create the piece of art. The project has been supported by Darton West Ward Alliance and will be completed in June. Thank you to everyone involved.



**LEARNERS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING IN THEIR PASSPORTS, EHIC AND PARENT DBS DOCUMENTS FOR THE SPANISH EXCHANGE ASAP**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WK ENDING 11TH MAY - 95.10%**

## KEY DATES

**25TH MAY 2018**

**Break up for Spring Bank**

**4TH JUNE 2018**

**Return to School**

**27TH JUNE 2018**

**Year 11 Prom**

**5TH JULY 2018 - 6.00PM - 7.00PM**

**Year 6 Transition Evening - New Date**

**20TH JULY 2018**

**Break up for Summer**

**23RD JULY 2018**

**Inset Day**

## SPECIAL SHOUT OUTS

**Mrs Gregory** would like to say a huge well done to Year 11 this week who have demonstrated great focus and resilience at the start of the exam period.

**Ms Copsey** would like to give a special mention to 7B4/Eng - Mr Booth's form, who are in her words, "brilliant as always!" In addition, she is extremely proud of her YR10 group who have shown absolute focus and dedication in their poetry work. "I am really impressed with how they are handling the challenging poems. Learners' note-making and highlighting has been exemplary, especially Olivia - The Highlighting Queen"

**Mrs Considine** is sending praise to Year 11 who came in last Sunday to participate in an extra revision session.

**Miss Borges** congratulates her Year 10 group, who are always amazing. Learners are leading their own presentations on different French regions today (Friday).

**Mr Wade** would also like to praise his Year 10 GCSE class - 10A2 who are consistently hard working, determined and a pleasure to teach!

**REWARDS ASSEMBLIES WILL TAKE PLACE ALL NEXT WEEK:  
MON 21ST - FRI 25TH MAY 2018**

