

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS, COMPUTING, APPLIED LEARNING
AND LEADING EDGE SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

11th December 2014

Time has really raced by but it has been filled with a tremendous amount of work and effort by all our students. They have responded well to lessons as well as to our new punctuality system. I am pleased to report an improvement in punctuality.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish those staff who are leaving us the very best for the future. We say a fond farewell to, Mrs Linstead (Teaching Assistant), who is retiring after 18 years of service to Dormers Wells High School, Ms Georgiadou (Curriculum Leader for Music), who is leaving teaching temporarily to travel, Mrs Taylor (Teacher of Drama), who is going to work abroad and Mr Sehra (Network Manager), is taking up a position in another local school.

Joining us in January will be Ms K Johnson, Acting Curriculum Leader for Music.

I am very proud of the commitment many of our students have shown in representing their school when on trips and also at events on site. Many of our students have taken their commitment to become active citizens very seriously and this is reflected in their professional appearance and positive attitudes.

Our focus is steadfastly on student progress and ensuring first that students are positively engaged in their learning. Our shared language for learning, "The Dormers 9" is set to be launched to students after the festive break so parents should keep an eye on the school website for further updates.

As you can see this is just the beginning of the continued development of the school. We have a record number of applicants for entry in September 2015. The introduction of the student leadership team and student union structure will support the leadership development of our students and further, we will launch the Parent and Community Advisory Group within the first few months of next year to help the school develop further.

I would like to give thanks to all my staff, both support staff and teachers, who have worked incessantly to ensure a successful start to 2014-15 at Dormers Wells High School. They have ensured we have maintained incredibly high standards as a team, so that all functions of the school are focused on supporting the students' learning and progress. They have all been outstanding.

Please note that the first day of term for all students is **Monday, 5th January 2015 at 8.45am (week 2)**. We look forward to seeing all students promptly, in full school uniform and ready to work.

Have a restful break and I hope this festive period brings you joy and happiness.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Róisín Walsh
Headteacher



2015: Important Dates

5 January 2015	Students return to school 8.45am (Week 2) Year 12 & 13 AS/A2 mock exams begin
8 January 2015	Year 7 Parents Evening Year 10 French British Airways trip
10 January 2015	Year 9 maths master class
15 January 2015	UCAS deadline
17 January 2015	Year 9 maths master class
24 January 2015	Year 9 maths master class
28 January 2015	Year 10 Spanish British Airways trip
29 January 2015	Year 11 Parents Evening
1 February 2015	Year 9 maths master class
3 February 2015	Year 10 Booster vaccinations
12 February 2015	Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening
13 February 2015	Enrichment day (computing and other)
16 February – 20 February 2015	Half term
16, 17 and 18 February 2015	Half term study course
23 February 2015	Students return to school 8.45am (Week 2)
5 March 2015	Year 9 Parents Evening
6 March 2015	Year 10 Mock Interview Day
20 – 22 March 2015	Year 8 maths weekend
27 March 2015	Last day of term for students
30 March – 10 April 2015	Easter holidays
30, 31 March, and 1 April 2015	Study course
8 – 10 April 2015	Trip to New York (provisional)
13 April 2015	Students return to school 8.45am (Week 1)