

Dear DMS Families,

It has been a hot week in Dorset this week and all students have shown such amazing resilience!!

Lessons have continued as normal with us only needing to do a few tweaks to the timetable to find cooler classrooms or spend time learning outside. We have very much appreciated the support of parents in doing this. With changes in our climate, warmer summers are going to become more of a norm for us all, and we know even missing a few days of education can have a huge impact on our children's attainment.

This week we saw our new Heads of Houses announced for next year as Year 7 students get ready to take on the role. Huge congratulations to all of them!!

Next week is the key moment in our calendar for everyone involved in performing arts, as Matilda the Musical, makes its debut at the Bay Theatre, Weymouth College. I know Mrs King and her team have been working tirelessly over the last few months; remembering lines, making props and costumes to ensure that everything is ready for the big night. The show is now sold out, and we could not be more excited to see the final result!! We wish all our pupils and staff taking part the very best of luck, we know it will be fantastic!!

Our last SEND coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 8th July at 9:00am. I hope that I see as many of you as possible. The last coffee morning is always a sad one as we say a fond farewell to those pupils and families that are leaving us at the end of Year 8, but there is still work to do and I cannot do this without all your help and support as we look forward to the next year.

Ms Layfield

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Important dates for your diary

30th June
1st July
7th July
8th July
10th July
10th July
13th July
14th July
15th July
16th July

Matilda Performance – Bay Theatre, Weymouth - 7pm
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Transfer Day
Coffee morning for SEND parents – 9am
Y5 trip to Monkey World
End of Term Disco – KS2 and KS3
Y6 End of Term Assembly – 2-3pm – THS
Y5 End of Term Assembly – 2-3pm – THS
Y7 end of Term Assembly – 2-3pm – THS
Y8 Leavers Assembly – THS – 7pm – doors open 6:30pm

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New Heads of House Announcement

Huge congratulations to the newly appointed Heads of House!! These were announced by Mrs King on Wednesday morning during a special assembly on the playground. The Year 7 children had to apply for these posts by completing an application form. Following this, teachers then nominated the children who they felt should go forward to be interviewed. Miss Clements and Mrs King conducted these interviews and chose the Head and Deputy of each House from this process. We are extremely lucky to have had so many possible candidates for these important roles. Well done one and all!!

Malala:	Arlo L and Tilly G
Le Bron:	Amber M and Isabelle O
Attenborough:	Molly W and Leo J
Simmons:	Riley P-E and Catherine-Rose H-J

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Parent Question of the Week

When will I get my child's reviewed Individual Education Plan (IEP)?

Our next date for teachers to review your child's IEP is on Tuesday 30th June. We will then be sharing these with all parents in the last week of term.

This stage is to review progress of the targets this year. If your child is moving on at the end of Year 8 these will be shared with Thomas Hardye or their next school. If your child is staying with us, then these will be shared with all teachers as part of class handovers

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Pupil Question of the Week

When will I know who my new tutor is?

Transition day is the 7th July and you will be meeting and spending time with your new homebase tutor at the end of the day.

However, if you are in Year 5 or Year 7 this year, there is nothing to worry about as your tutors will stay the same for another year.

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PTFA News

The Casterbridge Canter fundraiser to support DMS is quickly approaching, please do sign up if you haven't already done so. It will be held on July 8th at 7pm. This is a unique opportunity to run around areas that are not open to the public. Do join in!!

As soon as Mr Palmer reveals the amount raised at the Community Challenge, we will let you know. Keep an eye on ours and the school's Facebook page for the reveal!!

Thank you so much for all your generosity and support with all the activities we have organised throughout the year; we couldn't do it without the DMS Community!!

Don't forget that the last remaining event is the end of term Disco for both KS2 and KS3 on July 10th, but before that we will be selling refreshments at both the Matilda evening performances on June 30th and July 1st!!



**CASTERBRIDGE
CANTER**

**CHARITY FUNDRAISER FOR
DORCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTFA**

**Wednesday 8th July at 7pm
10K & 5K trail race**

Exciting new trail running event near Dorchester on private land - a unique opportunity to run around areas that are not open to the public. It promises to be an enjoyable evening with bar, BBQ and lots of cake! Find us on Facebook for more information.

5K - MINIMUM AGE 13 ♦ ♦ ♦ 10K - MINIMUM AGE 16
*** Discounted entry price for teenagers ***

CHIP TIMING * FULLY OFF ROAD * PRIVATE LAND *
BAR * BBQ * CAKE

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OR SCAN QR CODE



Reading News

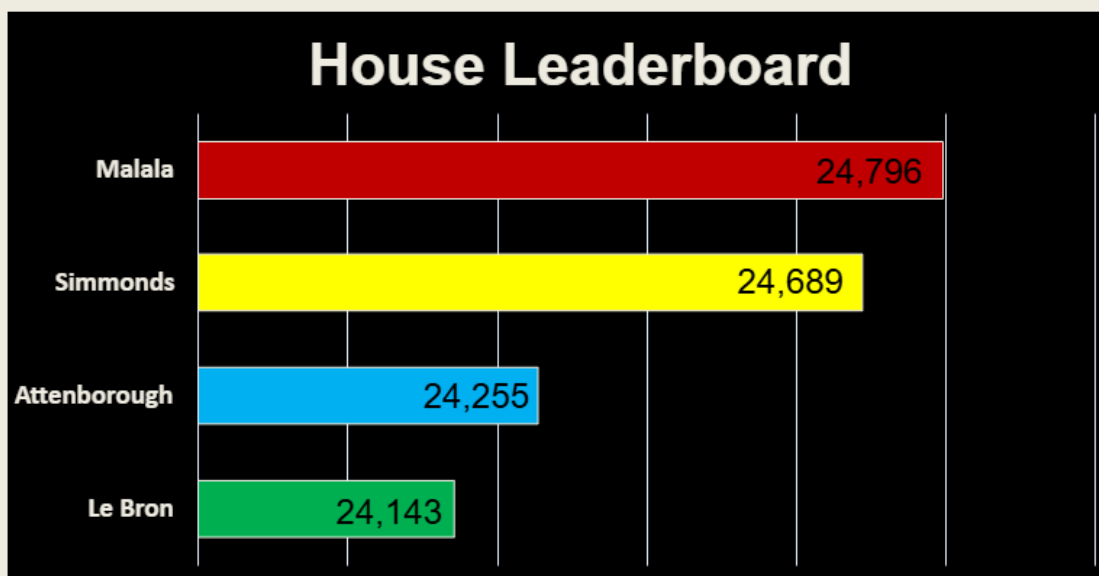
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Our Key Stage 3 homebase rooms now each have a brand-new reading corner, complete with a selection of fiction books for pupils to enjoy. A huge thank you to our dedicated Reading Ambassadors, who worked hard to sort, organise and distribute the books, helping to create welcoming spaces that encourage reading for pleasure.



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Houses Leaderboard



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Celebrating our amazing pupils...

Dorchester Ballet and Dance Club held their annual showcase and prize giving on Saturday last week, where a number of pupils received recognition for their hard work. The fantastic Laura M in Year 6 received a progress medal for ballet, a performance medal for modern and her tap whole class received a medal for being the best class in the school.



We are so proud of you Laura!!



Also last week, the amazing Emily T in Year 5 won 2 awards at her Basketball Presentation evening. One award was for being on the under 10's Weymouth Bandits Basketball team and the other was for Offensive Player of the year for the team. What a fantastic achievement Emily, we are so very proud of you too!!

You would have seen lots of photographs of our recent Sports Day on our Facebook page. If you were here that day, you would agree that photos don't do justice to the amazing day had by all. Not only our children gave it all on the different sports and categories, but the atmosphere was fabulous and full of camaraderie. It is always a pleasure to welcome our families into school, and for you to experience a day in DMS. Thank you for joining us and again, thank you to our fantastic PTFA for the refreshments!!!



What else has been happening in our Community?

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The other highlight of last week, was the Summer Fete held on Saturday. What an amazing day we had on Saturday. As usual, our amazing PTFA pulled off a fantastic day for all. Can you believe that they managed to raise **£3,623.41**? Incredible effort of our DMS community!!!



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And finally...

A massive thank you to Miss Easton who went above and beyond this week in rescuing a hedgehog who had managed to get caught in our tennis nets. We are happy to report that 'Hog' was taken to the vets and after some much needed TLC made a full recovery and was released back into the school's garden the next day.

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