



DINNINGTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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ENCOURAGING GOOD HABITS

Parents and carers often ask how they can help their sons and daughters be successful at school and make good progress. Whilst there is no simple answer to this, here are a few suggestions:

- Continue to encourage them to read widely; novels, magazines, newspapers. Discuss with them what they are reading.

Students who read regularly perform better at school.

- Ensure they have a school bag and use it everyday. This is a sign they are taking responsibility for their school books and equipment. Students who invest in their own learning make better progress.
- Ensure they receive plenty of sleep on a school night and they eat a breakfast of e.g. toast, cereal or fruit, before school. Do not allow them to drink fizzy pop during the school day but encourage them to drink water.

This will help keep the brain fuelled over a longer period and aid concentration.

- Celebrate their successes in school with them and continue to talk to them about how they are doing and their future aspirations.
- Encourage them not to give up. Explain to them that part of the process is learning from getting things wrong.

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YEAR 11 EXAMINATION SUCCESS

The main exam period may only have just started but many of our students are already celebrating their exam successes as the results of exams taken earlier in the year arrive into school. Pride of place must go to Ben Adshead who has already achieved 6A-C grades. In addition, 11 students have 5A*-C, 50 have 4A*-C, 49 have 3A*-C, 30 have 2A*-C with 98% of students having at least 2A*-G grades. I would encourage all Year 11 students to continue to work hard and strive for their best right through to the last exam at the end of June.*

Following the March modular exams, 65% of Year 11 students are now on target to achieve an A-C grade in Mathematics.*

YEAR 10 MATHS SUCCESS

All Year 10 students are on target to achieve a full GCSE grade by the end of this year.

Congratulations to Marika White who is currently 2 grades above target and 35 other students who are performing 1 grade above target.

Year 10 final Maths exams are on Monday 7th June and Friday 11th June 2010 (calculator required).

If you have any suggestions/concerns about your child's progress in Maths then please contact Mr. A. Woodcock (a.woodcock@dcsch.co.uk)



GOVERNORS AWARDS EVENING HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2010

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who received a Governors Award at the Spring event. With over 600 students nominated, this was our highest number ever and is a reflection of the fantastic qualities that so many of the students at Dinnington School show. In fact, so many awards were received that it looks as though the next evening may have to be split into three events and not just two!

We're on the web:
www.dcsch.co.uk

AN EVENING OF GYM AND DANCE

The PE Department have always known that we have some fabulously talented young people in school. On March 23rd and 24th our talented dancers, gymnasts and trampolinists put on two sell out shows. We had everything from Kamikaze acrobatics to Stavros Flatley doing a Greek jig and the now cult like 'Dinnington Disco' performance!

Without doubt a special experience for all involved; the PE staff are so proud of all the students that performed and helped make it happen. Fingers crossed next year is even better!!

Miss Abdulkarim

PARENTS/CARERS
DROP IN SESSIONS
EVERY
WEDNESDAY
3.30 - 4.30 PM

NO APPOINTMENT
REQUIRED -
JUST COME TO THE
MAIN RECEPTION

"Fundraising was a Soup-erb Effort"

Dinnington Comprehensive School's Y7 year group planned an enterprise project to raise money for Safe @ Last. They researched the Rotherham based charity that helps young people who are at risk of running away or who have been made homeless, before embarking on a number of fundraising schemes to offer their support for this worthwhile cause. **The Y7 students set up the enterprise under the schools SEAL agenda with the aim of developing the social and emotional aspects of their learning and to gain an understanding of working for their community.**

The events they organised were; soup kitchens where homemade soup and hot bread was sold to staff during lunchtimes; a series of cake bake sales, eventually building up to the main event of organising and paying for a 'Safe @ Last' Charity Disco for Y7 students which took place in the School's Main Hall on Monday 29 March. It was here that the students presented 'Safe @ Last' representative Katie Eastburn with a cheque for £500. However the students are confident that more money will be added to this total as they are currently putting together a YR 7 Soup Kitchen Recipe book.

This will go on sale after Easter at £1.50 per copy. Mrs Linda McFarlane, Dinnington Comprehensive School's Y7 Manager and SEAL Coordinator said, "This was an excellent team effort across the entire year group, enabling the students to develop enterprise initiatives, community awareness, social skills and self confidence.....whilst having fun at the same time." Headteacher Mr Paul Blackwell said "I am very proud of the work of all the students involved. It is reassuring to know that young people today are prepared to go to such lengths to help others."

CONGRATULATIONS!

1ST X 1 (Year 12/13) Football Team
Rotherham Champions



After a thrilling final against Aston Comprehensive School, with a display of superb skill, the team came out on top - winning 3 : 1

EXIT FROM THE SCHOOL SITE AT 3.15 P.M.

There have recently been a number of concerns expressed by local residents about students not taking due care and attention as they leave the site via the main drive at the end of the day. Doe Quarry Lane is a busy road and I would ask parents that they support the school in reminding students about how to cross the road safely.

CLIMBING OVER THE PERIMETER FENCES

From time to time a small number of students try to climb over the perimeter fence. This is extremely dangerous and I would ask parents to remind their sons/daughters of this.