



# DINNINGTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## EXAMINATIONS

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems that public examinations are never far away for students these days with them taking place in just about every month of the year. As we approach April we are definitely entering the busiest exam period of the year involving all students in Years 10 to Year 13, that's around 700. This particular examination season is the longest and will continue until the last week of June.

During this period teaching staff will be preparing students for the exams they are taking and therefore good attendance will be just as important as ever. At home you can also support their revision by encouraging them to;

- construct a revision timetable
- study in periods of around 45minutes followed by a short break
- vary their revision strategies:
  - Use the internet e.g. MyMaths, GCSE Bitesize
  - Practise past papers
  - Make revision cards
  - Ask them to explain concepts and ideas to you
  - Create Mind Maps of topics on large sheets of paper and attach to the bedroom walls so they can be read easily and frequently
- attend revision sessions held at school

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### **DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**Attendance 552408**

**Student Managers/Heads of School:**

**Year 7 559532**

**Year 8 559539**

**Year 9 559531**

**Year 10 559538**

**Year 11 559535**

**Year 12/13 Ext 445/444**

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<http://www.dcsch.co.uk/Events.html>

## USE OF LANGUAGE – KEEP IT CLEAN !!

*At a recent meeting with Year 7 students to discuss a range of issues relating to school, several expressed concern about the use of foul and abusive language by young people.*

*They are keen to ensure that school policy is enforced; here is a reminder:*

*Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated within the school community.*

*Where students (choose to) use foul and abusive language, sanctions will follow.*

*Consider what you say, where you are and who may overhear you before you speak. That way you are less likely to cause offence.*

## MAIN RECEPTION

### OPENING TIMES

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday:  
8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday:  
8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Friday:  
8.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.



## MAIN SCHOOL GATES - Reminder for all parents, carers and visitors to school

*For the safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community, the school gates leading to the main drive, off Doe Quarry Lane, are closed at break (11.00 to 11.20 a.m.), lunchtime (12.20 to 1.10 p.m.) and at the end of the school day (3.15 p.m.).*

*Could drivers entering the school grounds please show due caution when on the Main Drive and be aware that members of the school community may be in close proximity.*

**STUDENTS – PLEASE BE SAFE - USE YOUR ROAD SENSE !!**

We're on the web:  
[www.dcsch.co.uk](http://www.dcsch.co.uk)

DIARY DATE:

MUSIC RELIEF  
THURSDAY  
22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2010  
7.00 pm.

TICKETS  
AVAILABLE  
FOR SALE NOW  
- £3.00

Please contact  
Mr. Fenton for  
further details

## ROLE OF MEDICAL ROOM STAFF - FIRST AIDERS

At Dinnington we are lucky to have a medical room close to the main reception area. Students who feel unwell during the day are able to, with the permission of the classroom teacher, visit here to seek support.

However, this in itself can at times cause confusion and problems as students often think that the staff who work in this area are qualified nurses and are able to issue a range of medication.

Staff who work here are qualified First Aiders but are legally unable to issue any medication. Their role is to assess the situation and, for example, make a decision as to whether the young person can return to class or may need to go home in which case parents will be contacted.

## HOME/SCHOOL TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION

**With over 1400 students and 150 staff the school receives an incredible number of phone calls every day. If you have ever tried to contact school via the main switchboard (01909 550066) then you will already be aware just how busy it is.**

**With this in mind, why not try using the additional telephone numbers that will give you direct access to the Attendance Team, Heads of School, and Student Managers – shown on front page of this newsletter.**

**Each of these lines are connected to voice mail so if they are out of the office when you ring you will be able to leave a message for them to contact you as soon as possible.**

## RESULTS OF PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

*Following the recent elections, I am pleased to confirm that we now have two new Parent Governors – they are Mr. Simon Kirkham and Mrs. Wendy Olivant*

### INTERNATIONAL LINKS

*Thirty eight students in Years 9 to 11 have recently returned from an educational visit to Northern Spain. Whilst away they visited a number of tourist sights, including the mountains of Picos de Europa, the pre-historic caves of Alta Mira and the town of Santander.*

*Naturally, they had plenty of opportunity to practise their linguistic skills.*

*The students were fantastic representatives of the school and behaviour and manners were praised by both the hotel management and the coach company – a real credit to Dinnington !*

**! Muchas Gracias!**

**!Felicitation!**

