

Dear parent/carer

I hope that 2018 has started well for you. We have had a super beginning to our year and new term. All returned refreshed after the Christmas break and it has been super to see great learning in action across our school. As you know we have been working closely for several months with The Laurels Primary School and I am delighted to confirm they are now officially part of the Durrington Multi Academy Trust (DMAT) as from 01.01.2018.

Students and staff from both schools have already worked together in Science and PE and we will involve all areas over time. Durrington High School and The Laurels will each preserve those characteristics which make them unique but we will share common aspects as part of DMAT e.g. teaching and learning principles, staff CPD, policies and systems. There will be many opportunities for students and staff to work together which will enrich both communities.

Back at Durrington High School, students from all years are involved in new elements of learning. We are really pleased with the way in which Y11 are approaching school and their studies. We held a mock examination assembly last week at which all students received their mock results. This is a successful strategy we have used as it creates the nearest match to what it will be like in the summer. This has motivated our students and they are working very well. Thank you to all who made our Y11 parents evening such a success; we had our highest ever attendance, representative of the strong team work which exists between home and school.

Our PE teams have already had tremendous success in Basketball, Football, Badminton and Rugby, Y11 GCSE Drama students performed well at their examination evenings and our Rock Challenge team performed superbly at The Hawth Theatre, Crawley on 30 January. We look forward to Regional Finals in Portsmouth, April 2018.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to the many great things ahead this year.

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Headteacher