



Message from Sue Marooney, CEO DMAT and Headteacher, DHS

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We have had a very busy and exciting end to this academic year with so many amazing events taking place. We said goodbye, thank you and wished every success for the future to our year 11s and year 6s, and also welcomed the new reception and year 7 intake. The year has seen great developments in both schools. The Laurels appointed their excellent new headteacher Ms Bull in January and Durrington became one of only 23 research schools, nationally. There have been trips, awards evenings and celebration performances which have given plenty of occasions to feel proud of our students. I wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer break and look forward to embracing all the many new opportunities that the start of the new academic year will bring.

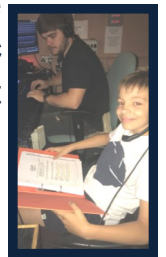
Race for Life record breaking team



DHS were delighted to enter a team of 310 students and staff into the Worthing Race for Life, raising over £5000 for Cancer Research UK. It was a wonderful morning, with many parents and staff cheering from the side-lines. The girls that were part of the team felt a real sense of pride and, a few minutes after finishing, were asking if they could do it again next year! The team were one of the biggest to enter a Race for Life across the country which was a huge achievement. Miss Wolstenholme was the first member of team Durrington to cross the line in 23 minutes 11 seconds, shortly followed by Keely Taylor, the first student to finish. Great team effort!

The Laurels perform

Year 6 students from The Laurels put on a fantastic performance of Peter Pan at Worthing's Pavilion Theatre. The pupils performed superbly, as well as helping with the sound and lighting.



They were not phased by a professional venue and loved performing on the big stage. The Laurels also held a talent contest which many students took part in. The judges chose Joy as their winner with her beautiful singing with Emily, Tyler and Mae coming in 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

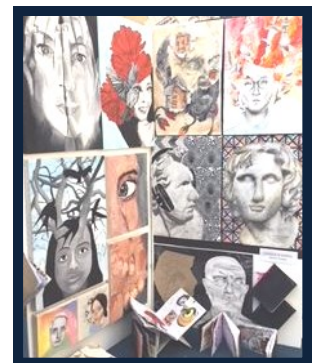
DHS host Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge Competition and year 5 science lessons



DHS welcomed students from 5 different primary schools to take part in a maths challenge competition for pupils in years 4, 5 and 6. They all had a great afternoon taking part in countdown style challenges and a problem solving relay. Year 5 students also took part in high challenge science lessons at DHS, performing practical experiments to investigate forces, levers and pulleys.

GSCE art and design technology show

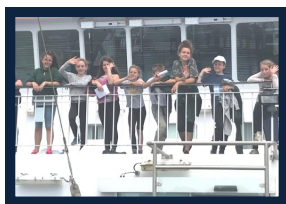
This term the amazing talents of DHS GCSE fine art, textiles, 3D studies, graphics and product design students were on show as their work was exhibited in the school. Many people commented on the extremely high quality of the work on display, and the art and design technology corridors looked fantastic. A selection of exceptional pieces of work were later taken to Colonnade House, in Worthing town centre, to be exhibited there. The exhibition has proved extremely popular and has been very busy.





Research School

The Durrington Research School (based at Durrington School) has now been 'open' for one year. During this time we have worked with over 800 teachers and leaders, from over 170 schools across the country. As a Research School, our aim is simple –to help teachers and school leaders understand the research evidence around 'what works' in education, and then use this to ensure that our teaching is as effective as it possibly can be. We do this by running training programmes, keeping schools informed about the latest research evidence through our website and visiting schools to help them implement these ideas. We look forward to another successful year, next year.



The Laurels year 6 head to the Isle of Wight

Year 6 students from The Laurels had an exciting ferry crossing as they headed to the

Isle of Wight for their weekend leaver's trip. They had a fantastic time trying out new foods and activities such as rowing, and they laughed a lot. A really special time for a very special year group to spend together before they embark on the next phase of their education journey. A huge well done to Ms Collins, who only joined The Laurels in September and ensured year 6 had the best year as our first ever year 6.

English Anthology

The outstanding creative writing of DHS students in KS3 was celebrated in July with an evening of students reading their amazing work to teachers and family. The standard of work was exceptional and it was a wonderful evening.

Sports day in the sun!

It's not always the case but both The Laurels and DHS enjoyed the sunshine for their annual sports days. All the students really enjoyed taking part and had a fantastic and active day.

Teacher training comes to DMAT

The South Downs SCITT teacher training programme is now part of DMAT. This is a fantastic partnership that will enable DMAT to lead the way in school-led teacher training and work in partnership with many local primary and secondary schools. This is important as it allows schools to be involved at the very start of a teacher's training, enabling them to identify the very best talent and develop them into excellent teachers. This means delivering the best outcomes for our students. The first DMAT cohort had a great induction day this term and they are all very enthusiastic about getting started in the classroom. For more information visit www.southdownscitt.sc.uk. Both The Laurels and DHS will benefit from being part of the SCITT.



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