

Durrington High School

Platinum Academy



Welcome to the Durrington Platinum Academy Programme. At Durrington, we like you, want the best for all our students and want them to have the highest aspirations and ambitions for themselves. The Platinum Academy Project is aimed at supporting our highest achieving students in years 10 and 11, through a series of enrichment sessions, activities and workshops with DHS alumni to aim high and excel.

Who is invited to be part of the Platinum Academy?

The Platinum Academy is made up of approximately 60 students from across year 10 and 11. Your child has been selected as their projected grades for the end of year 11 place them in the top 10% of students in their year group and means they have the potential to achieve a Grade 9 in multiple subjects.

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Going Beyond Our Best through Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance and Pride



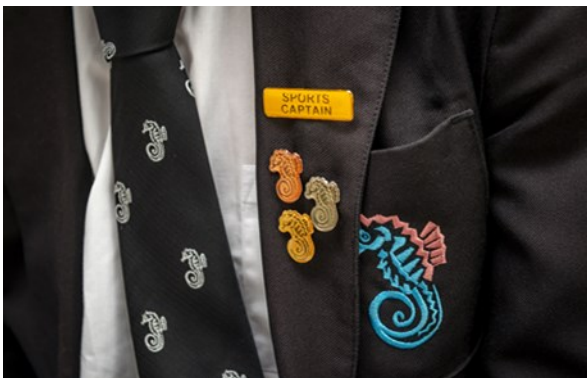


How does the platinum academy work?

Being part of the Platinum Academy gives students access to a wide range of extra-curricular sessions aimed at further supporting their academic progress and career choices post DHS. Over the course of the academic year students will be invited to sessions run by experts from inside and outside of Durrington on topics including:

- Effective Revision Strategies and Managing the Exam Period
- Post – 16 education
- Careers – many of which will be led by DHS alumni

This booklet provides you with details of the sessions we already have planned for the Platinum Academy, but we are constantly looking to expand this provision even further.



Year 11 Mock Exam Results Review Year 11 student Only

An opportunity for Year 11 Platinum Academy Students to reflect on their mock exam results and with staff support identify areas for improvement and plan next steps.



Aspire Programme – Worthing College Year 10 and 11 students

A session run by Steve Foden from Worthing College discussing the benefits of Russell Group Universities and High Achievement Programmes in our local colleges.

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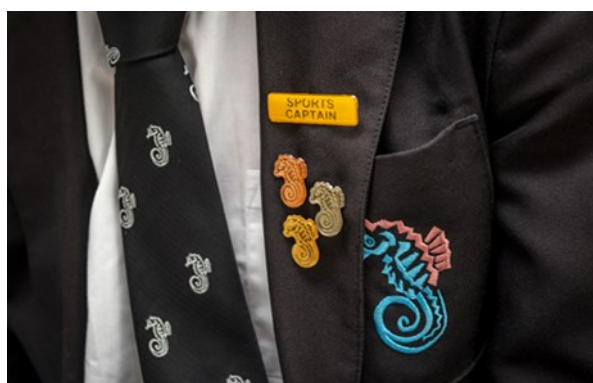
**DHS Alumni Talk – Lila Hite
Year 10 and 11 Students**

Lila left DHS in 2020 having achieved an amazing set of GCSE results. She went on to BHASVIC college and is now studying psychology at the University of Bath.



**DHS Alumni Talk – Sam Mahe
Year 10 and 11 Students**

Sam is heading up the construction of our new Performing Arts Studio. Sam will be talk about his post DHS career and ongoing education as he pursues a part time masters degree.



**DHS Alumni Talk – Natalie Pitchforth
Year 10 and 11**

Natalie is a former DHS Head Student, and now has a significant managerial role for Card Factory.



Year 10 Parent/Carer and Student exam preparation (6pm-6:45pm)

A session targeted at our year 10 Platinum students and parents/carers regarding the upcoming year 10 exams and important steps to be considering at the beginning of year 11.

Visit to St John's College Oxford University – Year 10 students only

An opportunity to experience life at one of the world's best universities including a taster lecture and talks from current students and admission officers. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the world famous Ashmolean Museum and tour the sites of Oxford city.

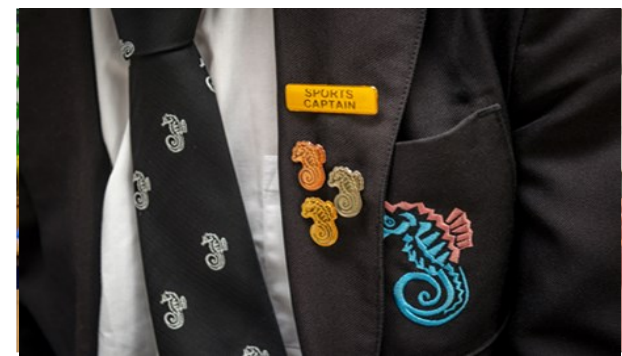
** Please note that this trip will be optional and that there will be a cost – which we will endeavour to keep to a minimum.*





**DHS Alumni Talk – Serena Fellingham
Year 10 and 11**

After leaving DHS Serena went on to study A-Levels at Lancing College and is now studying Geology at the University of Manchester



**DHS Alumni Talk – Ben Watford
Year 10 students only**

Having left DHS in 2002 Ben has gone on to be a highly successful consultant working in 23 different countries for numerous multi-billion dollar companies



**Good Luck Exam Breakfast
Year 11 students only**



DHS Alumni Talk – Isaac Daughtrey

Isaac left DHS 10 years ago and is now a successful associate for Stephenson Harwood law firm. He is also co-chair of Shout network where LGBTQ+ members of the firm can seek support.



**DHS Alumni Talk – Matt Bradley
Year 10 student only**

Matt left DHS in 1995 and is a Director of Quality Engineering for Europe for a large global business. He is also a member of the school governors.



**Revision Check-in
Year 10 Students only**

A session on effective revision and exam-well being as the year 10 students prepare for the end of year exams.

