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Newsletter

15th September 2025

Another busy week ahead, including the upcoming Icebreaker Disco for year 7 on Thursday, I'm sure it'll be a great event. We are looking for volunteers to help with the allotment, please do reach out if you're able to help.

Best wishes for the coming week,
Natalie



Upcoming events & Notices

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PSHE focus
		Yr9 Vaccinations Yr11 Revision Café	Athena Science lecture Yr7 Disco (PE/FODMA) 5.30-7.30PM		How can we have powerful conversations without causing harm?

Notices

Don't forget DMA is a **nut free school**; please ensure packed lunches don't contain any items containing nuts.

Friends of Downham Market Academy invites you to their.....

Yr7 Icebreaker Disco

Thursday 18th September
At Downham Market Academy
5.30-7.30pm
£4.50 a ticket
Snacks, Refreshments and Accessories available on the night!

Tickets available at....
www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-downham-market-academy

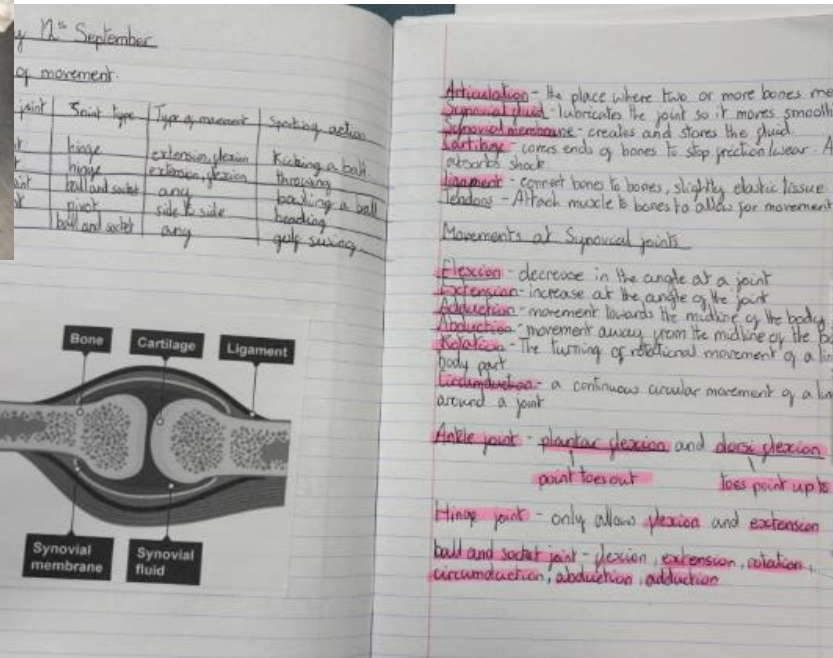


Work of the Week

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GCSE PE



Drop Everything and Read

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Drop Everything and Read is a great way to create fun and excitement around reading for pleasure. It sends a message that reading for pleasure is important, and something everyone should make time for.



Please bring a book to school every day, select a physical book that you are interested in reading or discussing, and ensure it is appropriate for school. You might bring it for a specific activity like a book talk, to join a book club, to share with classmates, or simply for personal reading during breaks or free periods.

Papillon Project

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The Papillon Project work with the DMA Green Society to look after the Academy allotment. We are really lucky to have Matt from Papillon overseeing the allotment however we are looking for volunteers to help keep the area tended, particularly as we develop the new raised beds around D block. If you would be interested in volunteering please email Ms Wells ewells@dma.tela.org.uk



Celebrating success

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Year 7

You have smashed your first full week at DMA! You are already so confident and have navigated your way around our school splendidly. I can see many of you leading the way on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in the very near future. Roll on next week.

Year 8

We have had a fabulous full week back. Our two new initiatives for the year are: Form of the Week, awarded to 8.01 - Miss Easey and our Tutor Student Nomination, awarded to Nissi M. Well done Year 8 keep up the great work.

Year 9

This week we had our photo taken and we are now ready for a fresh new academic year. This has been our first whole week back and we have seen lots of progress already.

Year 10

First full week back and I am glad to hear from Mr Matthews that his year 10 classes have been and I quote "absolutely mega". I would also like to congratulate those who achieved their bronze DofE awards.

Year 11

Thank you for your support at the parent information evening. It was lovely to see so many engaged students and parents. The PowerPoint has been emailed out to you all.