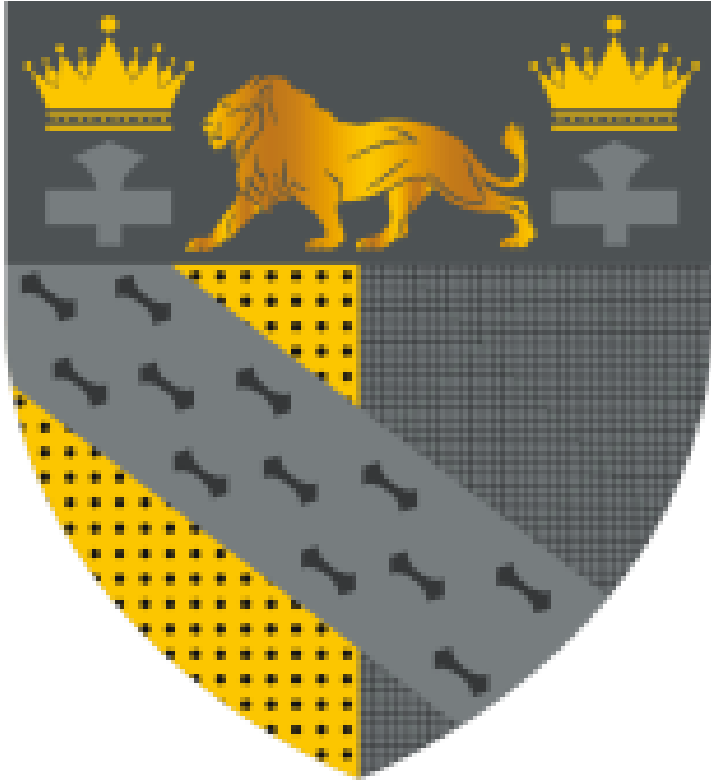




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Newsletter

10th November 2025

Another busy week gone by and an action packed week ahead. Don't forget to book your bingo tickets, I know FODMA have got some fantastic prizes on offer!

Best wishes for the coming week,
Natalie



Upcoming events & Notices

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	PSHE focus
Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day	Remembrance Service	Revision Café - History Paper 1	Parents Evening – Years 10 & 12	Children in Need	What's the difference between persuasion and manipulation?

Notices

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

As you park near the school, please take a moment to ensure you're not blocking driveways or local roads. By parking considerately, we help keep our neighbourhood safe and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for your support.

Important Event info

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Bake Sale

14th November
break & lunch

Everyone's invited to bake or buy and bring something in. Please leave donations in Hall 1 on Friday morning. Cakes for 50p or £1 Cash only!

WEAR SOMETHING SPOTTY!

It could be a scarf, a shirt, socks or a hair bow to show you're taking part!

We're supporting **BBC Children in Need**

STOCKS!

Yes, actual wet sponges thrown at actual staff.

Cost: 50p per sponge or 3 sponges for £1



FODMA
FRIENDS OF DOWNHAM MARKET ACADEMY

BINGO Night

Tuesday 18th November

Doors open 6pm
Eyes down at 7pm

At Downham Market Academy,
Bexwell Road,
PE38 9LL

Bar and Snacks available on the night. For further information visit our Facebook page or email friendsofdma@gmail.com



Celebrating success

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Year 7

This is a very busy half term in the lead up to Christmas.

Remember to keep earning those House Points for our 5 P's!

Year 8

We are pleased to see improvements in uniform, Mr Arrowsmith has been dropping into PD time and generally keeping an eye out around school. Remember:

"If we look smart, we think smart"

Keep up the good work and representing our year group and of course DMA as an overall school.

Year 9

This term is all about progress and smart choices! In January, we'll start exploring your options, so use this time to strengthen your knowledge and discover your strengths. The more you learn now, the better prepared you'll be to choose the right subjects for your GCSEs.

Year 10

It was great to see many of you at the Remembrance parade in Downham at the weekend and I wish you all the best of luck in your English mock this week!

Year 11

A week down of mocks and I have to say well done. What has been so impressive is the revision taking place in The Bridge before school, lunch times and after school. Hopefully, you will all reap the rewards from this. Keep it up!

Local employer shout out!

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- We are building a bank of businesses and individuals to support our Careers Programme across KS3, KS4, and KS5 at Downham Market Academy and Athena Sixth Form College.

We're looking for volunteers who can:

- Take part in mock interviews
- Support with career talks, workshops, or mentoring
- Share your industry expertise with our students

If you are interested in joining our employer database and helping to inspire the next generation, please get in touch!

For more information, contact:

- Brogan Webber – KS3/4 Lead BWebber@dma.org.tela.uk
- Nicola Morrison – KS5 Lead Nmorrison@dma.org.tela.uk

My Desert Island Film is...Forrest Gump

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs Nicholson

This week, we're excited to share the *Desert Island Film* choice from one of our amazing staff, Mrs Nicholson the Art Technician

The Film Choice:



Title: *Forrest Gump*



Year: 1994



Genre: Comedy-Drama

Why This Film?

"This film is quietly funny, poignant and heartwarming, and explores various historical and social issues from Forrest's point of view. Tom Hanks' acting really brings Forrest to life."

Fun Facts About the Film:

Fact 1: The most famous line from *Forrest Gump* is, "My momma always said, 'Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get'"

Fact 2: Tom Hanks signed onto this film after an hour and a half of reading the script, but agreed to take the role only on the condition that the film was historically accurate.

Film Studies at DMA...

Film Studies at KS4:

Rebel Without a Cause, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Whiplash, Babadook, Tsotsi, Submarine

KS4 Curriculum: <https://dma.tela.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/KS4-Film-Studies-Curriculum-Overview.pdf>

Film Studies at KS5:

Casablanca, Alien, Get Out, La La Land, Trainspotting, This is England, Pan's Labyrinth, City of God, Amy, Buster Keaton's Shorts, Memento

KS5 Curriculum: <https://dma.tela.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/KS5-Film-Studies-Curriculum-Overview.pdf>



Parentkind survey

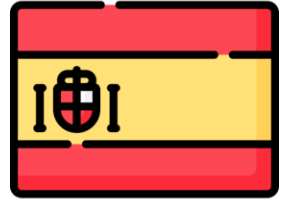
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- You may have seen the letter regarding Parentkind last week.
- We are taking part in a study around parent and school communication and engagement.
- Whether you decided to opt-in or not, we'd love you to complete the attached parenting language survey.
- **No personal data will be shared with Parentkind unless you have completed the opt-in form.**
- **Link to 10-minute survey - [Downham Market](#)**

Mr Lawrence

French and Spanish Homework Club



- Do you struggle with your language lessons?
- Do you often forget your homework?
- Do you feel silly or unconfident speaking in Spanish or French?



Come to **N7 on a Tuesday after school from 3:15pm** and we will help!!

Whether you just want to get the homework done, or you want to get your grades up, we are here to help and we would love to see you then!

Science Club Returns



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We're excited to announce that Science Club is back after school from Tuesday 4th November for all **Year 8 and Year 9 students!**

This year, students will have the chance to work towards the Bronze **CREST Award** – a nationally recognised award from the British Science Association that celebrates creativity, teamwork and real-world problem solving.

Through around 10 hours of hands-on investigation, students will:

- Think and work like real scientists and engineers
- Explore real research challenges working alongside local businesses Nestlé and Palm Paper
- Build confidence, curiosity and STEM skills



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Places are limited – students can sign up on Edulink to secure their spot. Don't miss this chance to be part of something exciting!