



Dodderhill
School



welcome to our
senior school



Our Senior School

- GCSE results among the best in Worcestershire
- Challenging academic syllabus that extends well beyond the National Curriculum
- Single-sex environment gives girls the best chance to achieve GCSE results that reflect their true potential, helping them to secure an offer from a good university
- Highly-qualified, dedicated teachers inspire girls to achieve their best
- Small teaching groups of motivated girls
- Excellent facilities in secure, spacious grounds
- Holistic education encompasses all aspects of personal development
- Encourage creative expression for pleasure and to boost confidence
- All junior and senior pupils belong to a House – Booker, Corbett or Westwood – promoting a strong sense of loyalty and community
- Girls leave prepared for the modern world and excited about their futures

School day

- Extended day from 8am to 6pm
- Mini-bus shuttle from Drotwich Spa station
- Girls wait in the Library, ICT suite or the Link before registration at 8.40am
- Every day begins with assembly, form time or hymn practice
- Break from 10.30am to 10.45am
- A freshly cooked lunch is served at 12.35pm
- Between 12.05pm and 1.10pm girls can go to an activity, use the ICT suite and library or relax with friends
- Girls can be collected from 4pm or stay to work in the Library or ICT suite until 6pm
- Senior staff are on duty every night until all girls have been collected

Your child's progress

- You can see the headmistress, her deputy or our teaching staff at any time – simply call the Headmistress's personal assistant, Mrs Wood, to make an appointment
- Form tutors run 'Settling In' meetings with new parents (and parents of junior pupils who have transferred to the senior school) 2-3 weeks after joining
- Parents' Evenings in the spring term
- 'At Home' in March allows you to visit your daughter's lessons
- Full subject reports in the autumn and summer terms, with a Grade card in the spring term
- Girls in Years 10 and 11 receive results in January after their practice examinations

Curriculum at a glance

	Mathematics	English	English Literature	Science	Dual Award Science				Geography	French	German	Religious Education	ICT	Art	Food/Catering	Music	Textiles	Physical Education
Year 7	◆	◆	◆	◆					◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Year 8	◆	◆	◆	◆					◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Year 9	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Year 10	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	●	●	●	●	◆	◆	●	●	●	●	●
Year 11	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	●	●	●	●	◆	◆	●	●	●	●	●

KEY: ◆ Studied by all pupils ● GCSE Options (see below)

Curriculum

- Broad curriculum in Years 7, 8 and 9 designed to inform pupils' GCSE choices
- Girls typically take 10 GCSEs in Year 11 (with ICT GCSE in Year 10)
- Core options are mathematics, English, English Literature, core and advanced science, history or geography, French or German, religious education and ICT
- Optional subjects (two of the following) - art, catering, music, textiles, a 2nd humanity or 2nd modern language
- Gifted and talented girls may take AS Maths and AS Music Technology alongside GCSE
- Physical Education GCSE is offered as an extra
- Girls have weekly lessons in PE and Personal & Social Education

Extending the curriculum

- Lunch-time clubs include senior band, science club, drama, chamber ensemble, tennis, senior choir, stroke club and samba band
- Before and after school clubs include ballet, sports clubs, trampolining, modern dance and judo
- Individual music tuition (instrumental or vocal coaching) with visiting teachers and our own staff

Pastoral care

- Your daughter's form teacher looks after her personal development and shares overall responsibility for her academic progress with her subject teachers and the Deputy Headmistress, Mrs Clancy
- Nurturing approach supports the transition from childhood to adolescence

Teamwork and leadership

- Many opportunities to take part in drama, music (singing and instrumental) and sport at school, in competition and in the community
- Year 10 girls may take the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, a superb experience culminating in a 2 day expedition in the summer term
- Head Girl, Deputy, House Captains and Vice Captains, and a Sports Captain and Vice Captain are chosen by girls and teachers at the end of Y10
- Year 11 girls are responsible for liaising with junior pupils, organising house competitions, fundraising and social events
- School council meets once every half term
- Class representatives are chosen by ballot and items are discussed in form periods
- Form Groups regularly lead senior assemblies and all girls take part

Careers guidance

- Starts in Year 7 and in Year 9 a careers module precedes the option choices
- Much of the PSE programme in Years 10 and 11 focuses on careers guidance
- Well-stocked careers library for girls' personal use
- Optional independent external careers profile with psychometric test
- Work experience in a wide range of environments follows GCSEs in Year 11
- Our Headmistress, Mrs Mumby, helps pupils and their families to select the sixth form best able to support their learning style and academic aspirations.

Dodderhill School is a secure, supportive and stimulating place for children (3 to 7) and girls (8 to 16). With fewer than 220 pupils, each one is an important member of a community that encourages courtesy, creativity and caring for others. Academic challenge, the arts, sport and voluntary service create an holistic education designed for the modern world.



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