



Aims and Objectives

At Dodderhill School we aim to:

- provide excellence in education leading to high academic achievement
- provide every pupil with the opportunities to reach his / her full potential
- equip all pupils to meet the challenges of the modern world
- develop in every pupil self confidence, social and personal responsibility, spiritual awareness and self discipline

We aim to achieve these aims by:

- offering a broad and balanced curriculum which encourages among pupils intellectual curiosity, sound learning and enquiring minds in the pursuit of academic excellence
- building upon a friendly, happy and supportive school community
- promoting equal treatment for all members of the school community
- working in close partnership with parents
- employing a team of well qualified and committed staff
- upholding the Christian faith whilst encouraging understanding of and respect for those of other faiths
- offering a wide range of extra curricular activities through which pupils can develop their cultural, social and sporting potential
- promoting an awareness of the needs of the world outside school and a desire to serve the local and wider community

Our Governors

The Board of Governors comes from a range of professional backgrounds including industry, finance, medicine, law and education. Governors give their time and enthusiasm voluntarily, receiving no remuneration. They are responsible for the financial well-being of the school and making sure that it offers a sound educational framework. The Board is a full member of the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools (AGBIS).

J Wheatley Esq. FCA
Chairman

Rev D Chaplin, MPhil., MA

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His Honour Judge Michael Mott

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Mrs F Warman, LL.M

D Watson Esq
Chair of Finance

Professional Memberships
Dodderhill School is a member of:-
ISBA The Independent Schools Bursars' Association.

Our Headmistress, Mrs Mawston is a member of:-
GSA The Girls' School Association which represents the
leading 200 girls' schools in the UK.

ISA The Independent Schools Association which
represents smaller independent schools.

ASCL The Association of School and College
Leaders.

Our Parents' Association

The Friends of Dodderhill is an enthusiastic group of parents and staff who organise fundraising events to benefit the school. Their generous support funds innovative projects including multi-media, new staging, theatrical lighting, new minibus and most recently a grand piano.

Our Staff

Headmistress

Mrs C H Mawston, BA Hons (Kent)

Deputy Headmistresses:

Miss G Betteridge, CertEd (Doncaster College of Education)

Mrs A B Clancy, BEd (Sussex) PGASLD

Director of Studies:

Mrs A Benigno-Thomas, BA (Loughborough)

Teaching Staff:

Mrs J Allen-Griffiths, BA (Kingston)

Mrs S Amos, BA (Bristol)

Mrs E R Barnett, BA (Westminster College, Oxford)

Miss S Berwick, BA (UCE)

Mrs R Bradley, BA (University of Central England)

Mrs A Cartwright, BSc (Ed) (Exeter)

Mr P D Cross, BSc (Wolverhampton)

Mrs J Feltham, CertEd (St Osyth College)

Mrs H Forecast, BEd (I M Marsh College of Phys Ed)

Mrs C German, BA (Leicester)

Mrs A Greenwood, BA (Birmingham)

Mrs E J Hadley, BA Hons (UCL)

Mrs R Hatfield, BA (Exeter Art College)

Mrs S C Johnson, M Eng Hons (Birmingham)

Mrs S G R Loveday-Fuller, BEd (Homerton College, Cambridge)

Mrs S Maciej, CertEd (Bristol)

Mrs A MacRae BA Hons (Coventry)

Mrs T A Palmeri, BEd (Westhill College)

Mr R Porter, BA (Exeter)

Mrs C E Radcliffe, BSc (Wales)

Mrs J Randell, BA Hons (Surrey)

Mrs C Salter, BSc Hons (Swansea)

Mrs C E Shepherd, MA (Oxon)

Mrs C Vinson, BMus Hons (Cardiff)

Mrs S E Young, BEd (Roehampton) PGCSN (UCW)

Administration Team:

Bursar: Mrs P A Lewis

Domestic Bursar: Mrs A Beaven

Head's PA/Admissions: Mrs Y Wood

Junior School Secretary: Mrs A Lane

Secretarial Assistant: Mrs M Paget

Matron/Laboratory Technician: Mrs J Cameron-Price

ICT Technician: Mr C Payne

Entrance Procedures

Children wishing to join our Early Years Foundation Stage (Kindergarten and Reception) spend a morning in class. Children wishing to join us in Years 1 to 4 spend a taster day with their future classmates. During the day they are individually assessed in reading, spelling and mathematics. Girls wishing to join us in Years 5 to 9 must sit a formal entrance assessment which is held annually. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of the results.

Means tested bursaries of up to 100% are available in the senior school for suitable applicants.

Entrance Assessment for 2012 will be held on Thursday 2 February. The test includes papers in English, mathematics and verbal reasoning followed by a short interview with our Headmistress. Applications will be considered after this date - please contact our Headmistress's personal assistant, Mrs Wood, on **01905 778290** for more information. We will consider applications for entry at all times of the year.

Please complete the enclosed APPLICATION FORM to register your interest.

Our Scholarships

The Booker Scholarship	Academic	A current Year 6 pupil	£1000 per year
The Davidson Scholarship	Music	All girls joining Year 7	£1000 per year
The Price Scholarship	Academic	Girls joining Year 7	1 term's fees

All awards will continue during the pupil's time at the school, subject to satisfactory work and progress and are repayable in full should the candidate leave the school before the end of the GCSE year except for reasons of family relocation.

The academic awards are determined according to candidates' performance in the spring entrance assessment to Year 7.

The Davidson Music Scholarship is awarded as the result of an audition, together with satisfactory results in the school's entrance test. Candidates should be at Associated Board Grade 3 on their main instrument; a second instrument / voice is an advantage. The audition will consist of the following:

1. Performing two contrasted pieces on the candidate's main instrument / voice
2. Performing one piece on a second instrument / voice (if offered)
3. Sight reading of an appropriate standard
4. Aural tests
5. Viva - questions regarding their chosen instrument and technical matters related to the music performed e.g. musical terms, time signatures, key signatures etc.

We are particularly interested in candidates' general level of musical awareness and potential as judged by our Head of Music who is happy to talk to interested parents prior to audition.

GCSE Exam Results

Pass Rate	2011	2010	2009	2008	Pass Rate	2011	2010	2009	2008
% A*/A grades	63.5	38	53	32	Girls with 5 + passes, C or above	100%	95.7%	100%	100%
% A*-C grades	99	96	97	95					

All 20 girls in Year 11 passed GCSE English with a C or above and 19/20 gained at least 9 passes at grade C or above including English, mathematics, science and a modern foreign language; 7 girls achieved 10 or more A* and A grades. The class of 2011 has successfully gained admission to a wide range of sixth forms and colleges including Bromsgrove School, The King's School, Old Swinford Hospital, Royal Grammar School, King Edward VI Five Ways, Alcester Grammar School and Droitwich High School as well as Worcester Sixth Form and Stourbridge Colleges.

Full details of the school's academic performance in 2010/11 can be found at www.dodderhill.co.uk on 'downloads'

Policies

The Education Act 2002 (Independent Schools Standards) amended 2009 and the Childcare Act 2006 require schools to make parents and prospective parents aware of their policies on specific areas. The policies listed below, (with the exception of those marked * which can be requested from school) are available at www.dodderhill.co.uk on 'downloads'

- Accessibility Plan
- Admissions Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Complaints Procedure including number of formal complaints in the previous year
- Curriculum Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Lost Child Policy
- Non Collection of Children Policy
- Safeguarding Children Policy
- *SEN and EAL education and welfare provision
- Visits Policy

If you wish to contact the Chairman of Governors, please do so at:

John Wheatley Esq., FCA, Dodderhill School, Crutch Lane, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire WR9 OBE

Tuition Fees

Per Term in 2011/12		Year 2 and 3	£2,330
Kindergarten	£1,820	Years 4, 5 and 6	£2,840
Reception & Year 1	£2,100	Years 7-11	£3,125

Our fees include lunch, stationery and core textbooks.
Public examinations are charged for in Years 10 and 11.

After school care for junior pupils (3:15pm - 6:00pm) is charged according to use. Individual Music lessons and learning support are invoiced separately.