

Dane Court Grammar School Newsletter



Next Week

12th June 2023 – Week B

12th June:

13th June: Yr12 Physics IA Day

14th June: Yr12 Physics IA Day

15th June: Yr10 Geography Fieldwork Trip

16th June: Yr10 Geography Fieldwork Trip



See the [school website](#) for the [full calendar](#)
and [term dates](#)



New Articles

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- Uniform Donations
- Jazz Workshop
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- Lost Property

Previous articles have been repeated at the end for your reference

Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arranging) Club for Year 12

next term

Ikebana is the traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement; it invites people 'to feel the soul of Japan', through enjoyment of a process that both calms and purifies the spirit.

It takes place Week B Friday after school 3:30–4:30 in L4 and starts on 16th June.

Please inform Ms Myers (myres@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) if you would like to attend the club as the space is limited.

This is for Year 12 only.



Uniform Donations

If you have any uniform that is too small for your child and are able to donate it to the school, we have a second hand uniform stall. We are particularly in need of school ties and larger uniform. For any parents of year 11's that are leaving and don't already have a way to dispose of their child's uniform, this is a great way to support the local community and reuse something that might otherwise be thrown away.

If you are able to make any donations, then please bring them to the main reception. We are very grateful for any donations made and thank you for your support in this matter.

Jazz Workshop

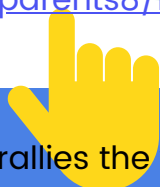
Year 7 and 8 students took part in a Jazz workshop led by a professional musician from Deal Arts and Music on Wednesday the 24th May. They learnt to play a brilliant funk piece called Pass the Peas by James Brown (based on a D minor pentatonic scale), and had a lot of fun in the process! Students pushed themselves outside their comfort zones with many trying improvisation for the first time, and some playing in front of peers for the first time. Very well done to all involved, but in particular well done to Aurora, Winter, Aaron, D'Angelo, Kaiya and Prudence for being prepared to put themselves out there for a solo! The Music Department is very proud of your collaborative skills, the final performance was excellent. A video and audio clip of the outcome can be found here if you would like to hear how well they did!

<https://danecourt.kent.sch.uk/parents8/news6/music/1180-jazz-workshop-may-2023>



World Ocean Day 8.6.23

World Ocean Day unites and rallies the world to protect and restore the blue planet. It supports collaborative conservation, working with its global network of youth and organisational leaders in over 150 countries. Providing free and customizable promotional and actional resources. World Ocean Day is powered by the World Ocean Day Youth Advisory Council.



Scientific Calculators

We have a small stock of new Casio fx9750 GII scientific calculators that are no longer used in the sixth form, that would be suitable for use by pupils in years 10 and 11. If you would like to purchase one at a reduced cost of £30 please email the Finance department:
finance@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

International Food evening

We are very pleased to be able to announce the re-launch of the International Food evening for year seven students this year. This will be the first time we have run this event in three years.

What is it? - An International Food extravaganza - a bit like a food festival, researched, planned and catered for by year seven students. Parents are invited to attend with year seven students to sample some International foods made by year seven students and to visit stalls and learn about a multitude of International cuisines. As well as International cuisine stalls run by students there will be some local business stalls, a mocktail bar, a raffle and an auction. You probably won't need dinner before you come!

When? - Tuesday 11th July 5.00 - 6.30

Who? - Year seven students and family members.

How? - Parents can support this event in a number of ways:

- Contributing raffle prizes and auction promises or donations, the proceeds of which will go towards fundraising for the Food department
- Supporting year seven students in selecting suitable recipes for the event, food preparation and visiting the event. Students only need to make a small batch of their choice of recipe which can be divided up into small tasters.
- Volunteering to help out in a practical lesson to support your child and their peers in a busy practical lesson

If you are interested in helping out at all, please send in raffle and auction donations to The Food Department with your child or via the main office. Please also contact Mrs Leese or Mrs Edmondson if you would like to help out in a practical lesson, or in any other way.

nedmondson@danecourt.kent.sch.uk leese@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

This is an exciting event which enables year 7 to showcase practical skills and knowledge that they have developed through the year. We thank you for your ongoing support - it is much appreciated.

The Food department.

Careers update for Term 6

To conclude a lively and engaging careers programme for 2022/23 Term 6 provides the following opportunities for students.

STEM Day - Friday 30th June, Year 7

6 interactive workshops highlighting the STEM skills students are developing in school and how they will be used on a STEM career pathway.

UK Creative Festival - 12th and 13th July, Years 10 to 13

Following a fantastic creative industry festival last year the event is back at Dreamland with even more on offer.

This is a must for students in Years 10 to 13 with an interest in the creative industry. Further information can be found [here](#).

Mrs Linton will run a trip on one of the days - to be confirmed.

Students must register their interest [here](#).

Parents/carers who are interested in finding out more about the apprenticeship and university support offered to students at school can encourage their son/daughter to sign up to our Google Classrooms that are updated weekly with information about opportunities.

University - Class code qukojer

Apprenticeships - Class code zc5wzc7

Parents/carers who have contacts in industry who would like to connect with Dane Court to provide or get involved with careers activities, please get in touch, I would love to hear from you!

Mrs Linton
Careers Leader



Peer Mentors

We now have a group of trained Peer Mentors in Year 12 who can support the wellbeing needs of our younger students. The group was trained via the Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families and they use an evidence-based approach to their training and resources. <https://www.annafreud.org/>

Please see the flyer below regarding what they can offer and a link to the referral forms or click here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJxFOiDSLraA9i0x56BWi6mWSJaOMQtUjGnthAarh_odFoDA/viewform

All referrals need to be self-referrals to ensure engagement. Please talk to your child about a possible referral and complete the form together if you feel the service would be supportive for them.

AFTERNOON TEAS AND COFFEE

MORNINGS – Note for year 8 parents:

Year 8 parents are invited to attend a coffee morning or afternoon tea next week. They will be happening during year 8 lesson times – please check the schedule below.

Year 8 students are raising money for Cancer research and The Wildwood Trust. We would love to see you there.



*Afternoon tea
&
Coffee mornings*



8N	Wednesday 7th June 1.30 - 2.00
8T	Monday 12th June 9.00 - 9.25
8D	Monday 12th June 11.15 - 11.45
8B	Tuesday 13th June 10.00 - 10.30
8S	Wednesday 14th June 9.00-9.30
8H	Friday 16th June 11.15 -11.45

Lost Property

We have a selection of items in our lost property already this term. They include unnamed PE clothing, jewellery, keys and water bottles. Please remember to name any items your child brings into school to help us quickly return any lost items. Photos of the easily identified items are set out below. If you or your child recognise any of them, or think that the items of unnamed uniform may belong to your child, please do contact the office on 01843 864941 to arrange collection as soon as possible.

Many thanks, Office Team



LOST IT?
FIND IT!

Reference Section

Picking up and dropping off by car.

We have recently had a number of reports from local residents regarding unsafe and illegal parking in nearby streets. We appreciate that parking around the school is limited but parking in an unsafe way can endanger the lives of our students and other pedestrians. We are committed to safeguarding our students and ask that you take notice of the following:

- Please do not park in the school entrance or exit or on the hazard lines either side of the entrance and exit gates.
- Please park considerately when dropping off or picking up your child. Please do not park on our neighbours' driveways or over their drop curbs, even if this is only for a few minutes.
- Please do not attempt to access the school car park using the security gates unless you have a temporary car park access pass.
- Please try to drop off/pick up your child from one of the local quiet side streets.
- Unfortunately, we have had some reports from local residents of verbal abuse and aggressive behaviour from parents over parking issues.

Many thanks

Grease Tickets

Tickets for Grease are now on sale at £6 each. Mr Stanley and Mrs Radley will be selling tickets Tues-Fri breaktime outside of drama (cash only). The show dates are 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th of July curtains up at 7pm.

Year 11 Students

You are invited to join us at Dane Court Grammar School for our Sixth Form Taster Events from Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd June. The afternoon of Wednesday 21st June is for those of you who are new to Dane Court. The following two days are for all year 11 students, and we encourage you to attend both days.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 21st (PM only) Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June 2023.

Exam Dates for Yr11s

Please see below confirmation of the final exam dates for year 11s this year.

26th May: Last day of formal lessons (students may choose to continue to attend school to revise and prepare after this date).

21st June: Is the date of the last scheduled exam. But all students need to remain available until the 28th June.

28th June: Is the contingency date that is allowed for in case exams are moved by exam board at late notice. This is an official date given by the exam board and therefore all year 11s need to remain available to sit any exam that may be moved to this period.

Details for Sports Fixtures

All sporting fixtures have a team sheet with details of the location of the fixture, arrive, leave and return timings and the team. These are all found on the fixture board in the PE building. We ask students to take a photo of this and to show home so parents/carers are aware.

Please do be aware that on away fixtures the return time may vary due to situations outside of our control such as traffic. If a fixture is leaving before school hours please do not arrive any earlier than the time stated as there will be no one in school to let you in the gates until the time specified on the fixture sheet.

PE Piercings:

Please can you ensure if your child has a piercing that cannot be removed, they must come into PE with their own medical tape to cover them and a note from parent/carer advising the school as to when they can be removed. We recommend any new piercings wait until the beginning of the summer holidays please. Any injured students must have a note from parents/carers to email the school to inform so we are aware. If an injury requires more than one week of not participating in PE, we do need a note/evidence from a medical professional please. Students must still bring in and change into PE kit unless their injury makes it too painful or impossible to do.

School Absence Procedure

It is important to remind you that if your child is going to be absent from school, you must call the absence line, 01843 864941, option 1, or email: csayer@danecourt.kent.sch.uk as soon as possible, or at the very latest by 10am. Unless pre-arranged you are required to do this every day your child is absent. From a safeguarding perspective, your cooperation with this is essential and appreciated.

Student Safeguarding after 3.20pm

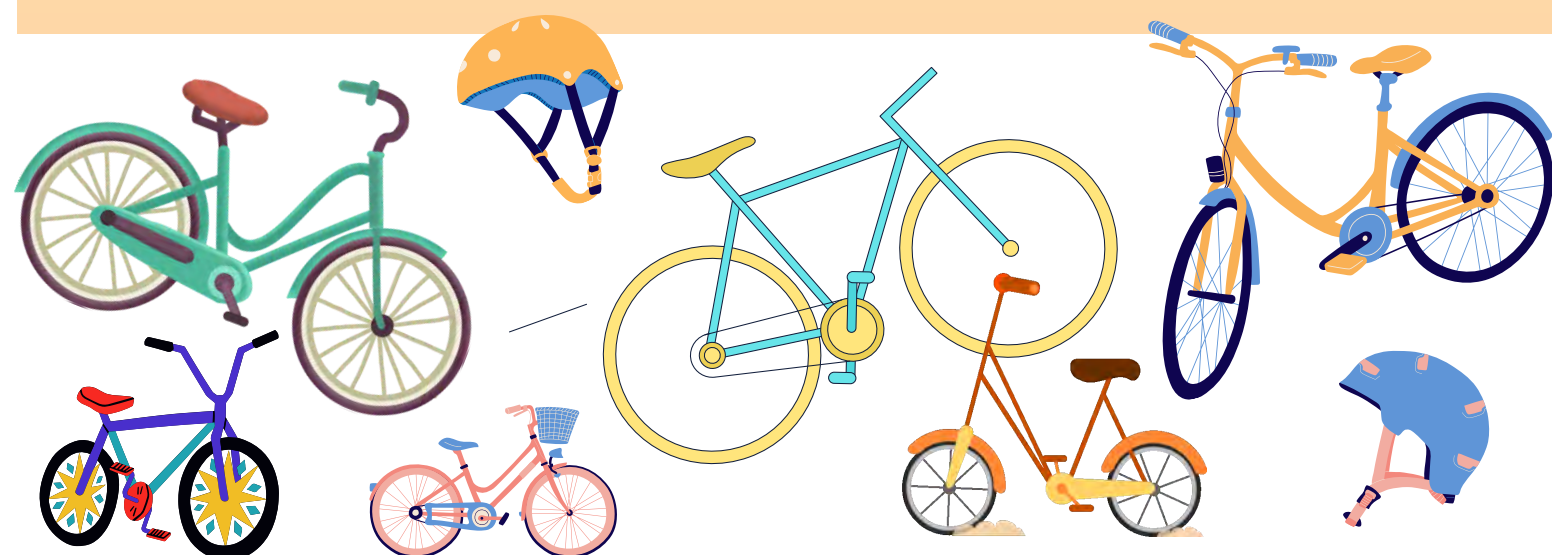
A reminder to parents regarding the safeguarding of their children if staying in school after 3.20pm.

- Students must not be unaccompanied in school, except in the Heart area.
- Students must leave site by 4.20pm, unless in an extended lesson/club, attending a detention, or waiting for an event
- Staff accompany students to the exit when it is time to leave.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Bicycle Safety at School

Please be aware that the bicycle shed is NOT a safe place to leave a bike overnight. If students need to leave a bicycle overnight for whatever reason or even whilst at an after-school club, the bicycle needs to be put in the main bicycle shed when they first arrive at school to save wheeling it through the school. The bicycle cage at the front of the school is locked overnight, but please also ensure your child's bicycle has a lock, lights, and that they use a bicycle helmet. We would also like to raise awareness for students cycling in the winter months in the dark having good reflective gear and lights on their bicycles to ensure they can be seen clearly by other road users.



Family Support

Parent Support Webinars

Our NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team continue to support parents with their virtual webinars based on challenging issues parents may face. If you would like to attend a session, please email holmes@danecourt.kent.sch.uk.

This and all other support available for parents is listed on our school website, within the Family Support page <https://danecourt.kent.sch.uk/parents8/news6/family-support>

Financial concerns

At Dane Court Grammar School, we are committed to ensuring that finances are not a barrier to accessing educational trips and essential equipment for lessons; therefore financial support may be available. If you have difficulty contributing to the cost of a trip or essential equipment, please contact the school office at admin@danecourt.kent.sch.uk or the Sixth Form office (abowen@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) to discuss anything.

PP funding for ingredients

Did you know that if your child is eligible for PP funding, we are able to help to provide ingredients for them to cook with. Please get in touch with Mrs Edmondson or Mrs Leese to make arrangements for this to happen if you will find supplying ingredients difficult.

leese@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

nedmondson@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

Hardship Help guide

Please find below a link to a 'Hardship Help' guide. This includes universal support available across England/Kent, as well as district-specific support.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will be open from 3.15 to 4.15 the first Tuesday of each month. If you require any 2nd hand uniform but can't get into school please email any requirements to admin@danecourt.kent.school.uk and we will do our best to sort suitable items which can be picked up by the student from the main school office. If you have any spare coat hangers or school ties we would be very grateful of any donations. The School Wear Centre in Margate also sells 2nd hand uniform for a small charge to cover laundry costs.

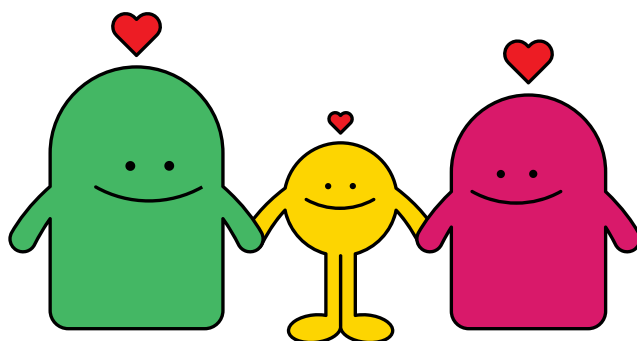
Our boot fairs this year are as follows:

Saturday 10th June

Saturday 15th July

Saturday 9th September

6am stallholders - 6:30am public - No need to book, just turn up! More details at danecourt.kent.sch.uk/boot



Please check if your child is eligible for free school meals.

With the cost of living crisis creating increased challenges for our community, we ask all parents to check if their child is eligible to receive free school meals. Applying for free school meals if you are eligible will mean enhanced pupil premium funding for the school. This will not only allow us to pay for school trips, study materials and revision guides for your child, but will also allow increased funding for the quality of education at Dane Court as a whole. We would be very grateful for your help: please apply if you are eligible.

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following. For full information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

I think my child is eligible for free school meals. What do I do now?

You should apply for free school meals via the Kent County Council website. Kent County Council will then inform the school to allow us to access the funding, so you don't have to do anything else.

The link is here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

What if I am worried that my child will be embarrassed at school?

Please do not worry. Our systems are extremely discreet, and our electronic payment system in the school canteen means that it is impossible to tell who is receiving a free school meal. Many students receive free school meals at our school.

Free School Meals - how they work

Please be aware that if your child receives free school meals, this is how the system works on a daily basis

- Your child will receive £1.10 for breakfast; which they must use before period 1 at 8.40am, if the £1.10 is not used by 8.40am then it is withdrawn from the account. For students to take advantage of the breakfast free school meal they must be in school in time to use it before period 1.
- They will then receive £2.30 for lunch, which they can use from breaktime at 10.45am onwards until the end of lunch at 2.20pm. The best value meal available is the lunch time main meal which comes with and main course and pudding bought simultaneously. Any unspent funds are not carried over from day to day, and a new amount is added each day. You can add cash to your child's account using Wisepay if you wish, for extra snacks. But please note that the money given for free school meals should be spent where possible on food and not drinks to get the best value for money.

Extra-Curricular Clubs for Term 6

Day	Name of club	When	Where	Year group
Monday				
	Chatter	1.45-2.15pm	Library	All
	Physics drop in	3.30 4pm	D12	All
	Choir	After school	H7	All
	Music	3.30pm	Music	Yr7
	Debating Club	3.30-4:30	Library	All
Tuesday				
	Ukele Club	lunchtime	H7	All
	Calm Club	Lunchtime	SEN student room	All, but by invite only
	Art club	3:20 - 4:30	ART	Yr7-9
	Junior Book Club - week B	1.45 - 2.15	Library	Yr7 & 8
	Orchestra	3.30-4.30	H7	all years
	Japanese Culture Club	1.45 - 2.15	L4	All Years
	Cricket Club	3.20-4.26	Sport s hall	all
Wednesday				
	Rounders Club	3.45pm -4.25pm	Field	All
	Duke Of Edinburgh	3.30-4.30pm	D plaza	yr12 on specific dates
	MFL Film Club	lunchtime	L11	yr8+
Thursday				
	Grease rehearsals	Thursday 3.30-4	H1	Cast only
	Climbing	3:30pm-4:30pm	Climbing Wall	Y7+
Friday				
	Board Game Club	lunchtime 1.40 - 2.15	M7	all
	Chatter	1.45-2.15pm	Library	All years
	Japanese Flower arranging club	Week B 3.30-4.30	L4	yr12

DCGS Mental Health Ambassador Team



We all have
mental health



Do you want **mental health support** from someone who has been through the school and **knows what it's like**?

Do you feel that speaking to someone **nearer your own age** about the things that challenge you **might help you**?

Are you in Years 7 to 10?

Our **Year 12 Mental Health Ambassador Team** can help you by:

- Making sense of your difficult situations
- Helping you to see some options
- Developing your problem solving skills

Self refer to the Ambassador Team [here](#), see your Year Lead or find the link on your Form Google Classroom



Anna Freud
National Centre for
Children and Families



Dreamland
12 - 13 July
Register your interest [here](#)

UK Creative Festival - 2022

Speakers in 2022 included RANKIN, Nils Leonard, Chaka Sobhani, Scott Morrison, LA Ronayne, Toby Allen, Sue Higgs, Tiger Savage, Wayne Hemingway, Ete Davies, James Morris, Ben Bailey Smith, Adah Parris and many, many more. All of whom we are beyond grateful towards for their contribution.

At the core of the UK Creative Festival 2022 was a two-day creative Careers Fair, with 24 different workshops across the two days, celebrating and encouraging the attending Young Creatives to explore new paths and engage with industry professionals.

Links to videos from UKCF 2022 are [here](#)



Young Creatives - Free entrance,

Festival - including talks, workshops and panels

Careers Fair - Don't show us your grades, show us your potential. The UK Creative Festival is committed to helping create pathways into creative industries, ensuring a more diverse and representative workforce.

Young Creatives – FREE

This pass includes:

- In-person attendance to the creative Careers Fair and workshops on chosen half day
- Access to the Festival Classroom for the talks, panels, and workshops
- Access to young career advisors at the Careers Fair
- Access to selected main festival sessions
- Post event support to further careers advice
- Access to the recorded classroom sessions online



CAREERS FAIR

WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY, 2023






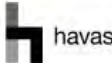

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10.00 - 10.45	BIG NAME SLOT					
11.00 - 11.45	<p>ALTERNATIVE CAREERS IN ARCHITECTURE Maad (TBC)</p> <p>MAAD.</p>	<p>RESPONDING TO A PHOTOGRAPHIC BRIEF Jordan Rossi - Rankin</p> <p>RANKIN CREATIVE</p>	<p>FASHION Facilitator</p> <p>COMING SOON</p>	<p>USING COMEDY AS A TOOL TO BUILD CONFIDENCE (14-18) Mr Cee</p>	<p>INFLUENCER Dentsu</p> <p>DC DENTSU CREATIVE</p>	<p>CGI/VFX Industrial Light Magic (TBC)</p>
12.00 - 12.45	<p>GAMING Facilitator</p> <p>COMING SOON</p>	<p>UX / UI DESIGN - CREATING A FRAMEWORK FOR YOUR DESIGNS Facilitator</p> <p>COMING SOON</p>	<p>GAMING Epic Games (TBC)</p> <p>EPIC GAMES</p>	<p>COPYWRITING Facilitator</p> <p>COMING SOON</p>	<p>TITLE Dentsu</p> <p>DC DENTSU CREATIVE</p>	<p>TITLE Saatchi & Saatchi</p> <p>SAATCHI & SAATCHI</p>

LUNCH
12.45 - 14.15



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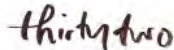



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14.30 - 15.15	UNLOCKING YOUR CREATIVE POTENTIAL Elliott Starr	FASHION PATHWAYS Conde Nast (TBC) CONDÉ NAST	TITLE Hogarth 	PROGRAMMING / CURATING CINEMA Palace Cinema 	BROADCASTING Ramsgate Radio RAMSGATE RADIO	TITLE Dentsu 
15.30 - 16.15	POST PRODUCTION Framestore 	DREAM-BIG! Beckyismyname beckyismyname	CREATIVE ADVERTISING Mother (TBC)	HOW TO WRITE A GOOD CV Caroline Bottomley 	TITLE Havas 	TITLE Dentsu 



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TIME	CLASSROOM 1	CLASSROOM 2	VIP HUT 1	VIP HUT 2	VIP HUT 3	VIP HUT 4
08.00 - 09.00	Wellness: Yoga on the beach x Swim					
10.00 - 10.45	BIG NAME SLOT					
11.00 - 11.45	DUVET FLIP Sponsor / Jackson Youth Group (TBC)	AGENCY Saatchi&Saatchi SAATCHI & SAATCHI	SHOW TOURING 3T (TBC)	ILLUSTRATION Jelly London (TBC) 	PODCASTING Facilitators COMING SOON	SOCIAL MEDIA Dentsu 
12.00 - 12.45	HARNESSING SERENDIPITY Esse Agency 	SOUND DESIGN 32 Music 	EVENT PRODUCTION Dreamland 	FILM PRODUCTION Odelay 	MUSIC PRODUCTION GCRS (TBC) 	PR & COMMS Facilitators COMING SOON
LUNCH 12.45 - 14.15						



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14.30 - 15.15	CGI / FX AS A CAREER Absolute / Blind Pig  BLIND PIG ABSOLUTE	ANIMATION WORKSHOP A+C Studios 	THEATRE PRODUCTION Marlowe Theatre 	FILM PRODUCTION RSA 	TITLE Saatchi & Saatchi SAATCHI & SAATCHI	USING COMEDY AS A TOOL TO BUILD CONFIDENCE (18+) Mr Cee
15.30 - 16.15	CGI/VFX Coffee&TV 	TITLE Facilitators	DOCUMENTARY FILM MAKING Neda Shanalou	TITLE Facilitators	TITLE Saatchi & Saatchi SAATCHI & SAATCHI	TITLE Facilitators