

# Dane Court Grammar School Newsletter



## Next Week

### 19th June 2023 – Week A

19th June: 2-1-2 timetable

20th June: Year 12 Parents' Evening

21st June: External Sixth Form Induction Day

22nd June: Year 11 visit to UKC – 2-2-1

timetable

23rd June: Sixth Form Induction Day

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



## New Articles

- 19th July Staff Meeting
- Parent Survey
- New PE Top
- Yr10 Career Pathway Meetings
- Dane Court Colour Run
- Business GCSE
- Careers update – Apprenticeships



From Monday to Wednesday next week the school will run a 2-1-2 timetable and for Thursday and Friday it will be a 2-2-1 timetable

Some articles have been repeated under Current Information for your reference

### **Wednesday 19th of July 3.20 Staff Meeting**

Please note there will be no after school provision for students owing to a staff meeting on this day. Students should leave the school site at 3.20.

Many thanks

### **Parent Survey**

Many thanks for your responses to last term's parent survey. This term we would like to hear about your child's/children's learning experience at Dane Court. You will receive a survey via email on Monday morning, and have until midnight on Wednesday to complete it. As before, it is short and anonymous and we would really love to hear your views and ideas. Many thanks. Sally Jellett, Assistant Headteacher



### **New PE Top**

Please be aware the we have a new PE top/polo that comes into affect from September 2023.

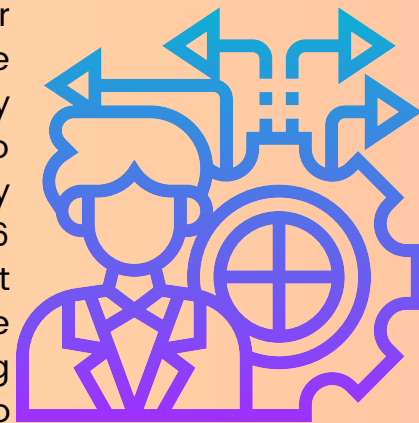
It has been on sale since early this year and many students already have one when they grew out of their old yellow ones this year . It is black with yellow stripe down the sides.

These are on sale at the school shop in Maragte and ambition sport.

They are a much more breathable material and students also prefer the colour and you can choose to have the DC emblem on them or to purchase without the DC emblem to reduce the cost.

### **Year 10 Career Pathway Meetings**

During mentoring this week, we were thrilled to run an initiative for our Year 10 students that provided a valuable insight into their future academic and career choices by running Mock IB Career Pathway Meetings. These one to one meetings gave students the opportunity to discuss their aspirations, interests, and academic goals with our Key Stage 4 mentor team or senior leaders and replicated real-life Post-16 provision meetings. We understand the challenges of choosing the right pathway and these meetings were created and conducted with the aim to alleviate uncertainty by providing unique one to one mentoring opportunities. Please do ask your child about these meetings and do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Jessiman or Mrs Howard-Lubendo should you have any further questions.



### **Dane Court Colour Run**

We will be holding a Charity Colour Run on the 14th July from 3.20 to 4.15pm raising money for the schools chosen charities this year of MacMillan Cancer, Game Rangers International and Bone Cancer Research. Participating students will make their way around a 1km course whilst having colourful non-toxic, eco-friendly paint powder thrown at them. IT costs £5 to enter. For more details regarding event this please check the current Information section below.



## **Grease Bake Sale!**

Next Wednesday, June 21st, we are holding a fundraising event to generate some money for this year's summer production of Grease. This will take place at break time and at lunchtime in the heart and the drama studio where there will also be a milkshake bar. Students will be able to purchase sweet and savoury 50s themed treats, including Milkshakes and Candy Floss, so will need to bring in money so they can participate. If you fancy baking something to contribute to the event we would be most grateful! Anything with a 50s or Grease vibe/theme that can be easily transported and sold in manageable portions can be brought in with your child on the day of the event and taken to the drama department.



## **Business GCSE**

This week the year 10 Business students enjoyed an engaging visit from the Porchlight to learn about Charities as a business, appreciate alternative career routes and understand the impact of the economy on others.

## **Careers update - Apprenticeships**

Dane Court is committed to providing our students with information about all the options available to them post GCSE and sixth form.

Our key stage 4 and 5 careers curriculum promotes apprenticeships alongside university, and we provide opportunities for students and parents to learn more about this very worthwhile pathway.

Success at School, an online publication for careers advice, has published an online leaflet called 'A Parent's View on Apprenticeships'. I encourage you to read this clear publication, and look out for the information evenings we will continue to run next year.

Mrs Linton  
Careers Leader



# Current Information

## **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](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.



## **Dane Court Charity Colour Run**

Following the previous success of a colour run at Dane Court we will be holding one after school on the 14th July from 3.20 to 4.15pm.

This event is being run by year 8 and the House Captains to raise money for the schools chosen charities this year of MacMillan Cancer, Game Rangers International and Bone Cancer Research.

Participating students will run, walk, skip their way around a 1km course whilst having colourful non-toxic, eco-friendly paint powder thrown at them and listening to our event DJ Mr Lycett. We recommend students bring a change of old clothes to wear for the event, which they can change out of to travel home in (public transport may not allow students covered in paint to travel).

A participation fee of £5 must be paid by students to cover the cost of the paint and a donation to the charities. We are encouraging the students to raise more if possible. This event will not be available to pay on WisePay.

Students must hand in their participation fee and consent form during mentoring on the week of the 19th June.



## **Lost Property**

We have a selection of items in our lost property already this term. They include unnamed uniform and PE clothing, jewellery, keys, a pencil case, DS game 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!

