

Dane Court Grammar School Newsletter



Next Week

10th July 2023 – Week B

10th July: Sports Day: Pentathlon Events P1-2
and Field Events P4-5 – 2.1.2 timetable

11th July: International Food Evening

12th July: Year 7 and 8 Prize Giving (p5)

13th July: Year 9 Prize Giving (p5)

14th July: Sports Day



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International Day by MFL Department

International Day is happening on Thursday, 13th July. It's a day where we celebrate cultural diversity and gain a deeper understanding of different perspectives.

Throughout the day, students will engage in language activities and explore different cultural aspects. The school canteen will offer international food for the entire week, and we'll have music from various cultures during break time.

We believe that by celebrating cultural differences, our students will develop open-mindedness and foster a sense of unity. As Robert Alan wisely said, "Cultural differences should not separate us from each other, but rather cultural diversity brings a collective strength that can benefit all of humanity."

We hope that this day will be both educational and enjoyable for our students.

Enjoy the day!

MFL Department

LIBRARY NEWS

☺Book swap/ giveaway - Tuesday 11th July - donations very welcome. Grab a FREE book at break or lunch so you won't be without one for the summer holidays

☺Book Returns - please bring back all overdue library books for return or renewal by Thursday 13th July - many thanks for your support with this - we cannot run a library if the books go missing.

☺Thank you to all the students involved in the quiz and book clubs this year - it has been great to hear your recommendations and read your reviews.

☺Thank you to Ms Haslam and Ms Tudor for your support with the Carnegie book club and beyond.

☺Thank you to our sixth form CAS hours librarian and to the other helpful student librarians who help keep the library tidy.

☺Lastly, well done to every one of you who has been involved in Chatter over the last academic year, thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Happy summer holidays, have fun, and enjoy your reading, Mrs Finlay



Period Products

The PSO has a good stock of single use and reusable period products, including washable pads, period pants and mooncups. Please feel free to send students along to the PSO to collect products for use over the summer break.

Best wishes

Mrs Ives

PE Summer Kit

Please be aware hot pant style shorts and cycling shorts are not permitted as part of the Dane Court PE kit.

Please see the Margate school wear shop or Ambition sport for the correct Dane Court PE kit.

Kind regards

Miss Bolt and the PE team'



Margo in Margate

Today our year 10 Business GCSE students were lucky enough to welcome a local entrepreneur into our school, Margo Mcdaid of Margo in Margate fame. Margo gave a truly inspiring talk about how she has grown her brand over the past 10 years, from her kitchen table to a global internet market, with exhibitions at the Turner Contemporary and collaborations with Jaga, the drinks company. Margo talked about the real pressures of being self employed, setting up a business and the resilience she has needed to forge a career in arts. She also spoke about the pleasures of working in an industry she loves, having the autonomy of being her own boss and pride of providing a high level of service and quality in all she does. Having learned how Margo's business has evolved and hearing Margo's pearls of wisdom from her real life experiences, the students were invited to give Margo some advice back on how she might grow her business further in the future. The students were well behaved and a credit to the school.



Year 7 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.



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

GCSE RESULTS

Dear Year 11 students, parents and carers,

Thank you to those who attended our taster sessions last week – it was wonderful to meet you all and we hope you had a great experience.

As the academic year draws to an end, I would like to remind you of the arrangements for GCSE results day, Thursday 24th August 2023. For current Dane Court students, please arrive at 9.00am to collect your results; for external students, please arrive at 11.00am at reception with your GCSE results. If you are unable to attend, please let us know so that we can arrange an alternative meeting. Please be reassured that if you are unsure about subject choices, we can discuss this on results day and make any changes then.

We have experienced a wonderful couple of years in our Sixth Form, with confirmation of our Outstanding rating from OFSTED, and our 2022 students' excellent IB results and destinations. We look forward to welcoming you into our Sixth Form community to continue this success.

In the meantime, please do follow us on social media, or contact the Sixth Form office (email sixthformadmissions@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) if you have any queries. If you missed out on our taster sessions, please get in touch with any questions.

Best wishes,
Ms S Jolley
Head of Year

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/1FAIpQLSfJxFOiDSLraA9i0x56BWi6mWSJaOMQtUjGn7hAarh_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 clothing, PE bag, jewellery, keys, a pencil case, DS game, earbud headphones, hat, coat, asthma pump, glasses, glasses case 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!