

Dane Court Grammar School

Newsletter



Next Week

3rd July 2023 – Week A

3rd July: HL VA IA Exhibition (Year 12)

4th July: Yr8 trip to UKC

5th July: Grease Show 1 & NEU Strike Day

6th July: Grease Show 2 & Yr6 Transition Day

7th July: Grease Show 3 & Biology Live Event & NEU Strike Day

8th July: Grease Show 4

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



New Articles

- GCSE results
- Grease Details
- Coffee Morning Successes



Some articles have been repeated under Current Information for your reference

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



Grease Rehearsal details

- Sunday 2nd July – Full tech run for everyone 10am – 3pm.

Week beginning 3rd July – SHOW WEEK – Monday and Tuesday students are off timetable all day to run full tech and dress until 4pm both days.

- Wednesday: Students are off timetable all day and will be performing to a Primary School audience. Normal school finish time but Greased Lightning cast back to school at 5:30pm for whole cast warm up and pre-show preparations.
- Thursday: Students off timetable P2-4 to perform a Grease Medley to our Y6 Transition Day students. Normal school finish time but Summer Nights Cast back to school at 5:30pm for whole cast warm up and pre-show preparations.
- Friday: Normal timetable and normal school finish but Greased Lightning cast back to school at 5:30pm for whole cast warm up and pre-show preparations.
- Saturday: Summer Nights Cast arrive at school at 5:30pm for whole cast warm up and pre-show preparations.

Students will need to be fed and watered before coming back to school on show nights, and will need water for backstage as it will be hot! If your child cannot go home between school and the 5:30 cast call, they may stay in school as Mr Stanley and Mrs Radley will be on site but they will need food with them for dinner. This is not an ideal option as we too will need a break and to get ourselves/the stage ready so where possible it is best for students to be able to have a short break from school.

We anticipate a 9pm finish on show nights, please wait outside of the school entrance (outside the main office) for collection to allow audience members to leave through the main doors. Please encourage students to keep going over lines and to keep an eye on the rehearsal schedule for lunchtimes.



COFFEE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOON TEA SUCCESSES!

Thank you to all year 8 parents who attended the coffee mornings and afternoon teas run by year 8 mentor groups last week.

The students gained a huge amount from participating in these events whether they were hosting a table, playing the piano, washing up or making drinks. We are all very grateful for your support and generosity – both with your time, ingredients and contributions to our two chosen charities – The Wildwood Trust and Cancer Research.

In total across the six mentor groups we raised over £250 pounds for these worthy charities. In the next school year you can look forward to being served a two course meal at the Year 9 Valentines Bistro events!

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

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:

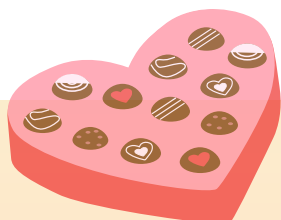
- Contributing raffle prizes and auction promises or donations, the proceeds of which will go towards fundraising for the Food department
- Supporting year seven students in selecting suitable recipes for the event, food preparation and visiting the event. Students only need to make a small batch of 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.

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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 -Today, 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.

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, PE bag, jewellery, keys, a pencil case, DS game, earbud headphones, hat, coat 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!

