

Dane Court Grammar School Newsletter



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The first Newsletter of the Academic Year.

Welcome Back! Do you want to keep up to date with events at Dane Court? Follow us on social media for all the latest news, events, trips, achievements and more!

We have a new Twitter page - [@Dane_Court_GS](#) and we are also on Instagram - [@dane_court](#) - and Facebook, as Dane Court Grammar School.



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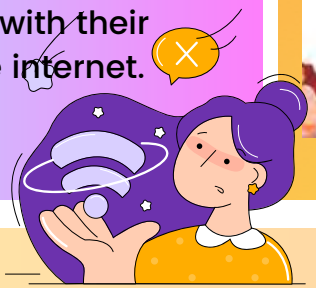
Great Start, year 7!

Congratulations to all our year 7 students who have made a confident and enthusiastic start to their time at Dane Court.

Parents of year 7 students - Please note that, from Monday 11 September 2023, year 7 students will finish school at the standard time of 3:20pm. They can leave the site through either of the main gates, one in Broadstairs Road and one in Fairfield Road.

Newsletter supporting document - Golden Rules

Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe at school. All of our pupils are taught how to be safe and behave appropriately online, but we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work together, please see the supporting document for more details in supporting your child with their experiences using the internet.



Kent Music

Dear parents and carers, Kent Music provide financial assistance for instrumental lessons up to £115 a term (£345 a year) if your child receives free school meals. This pot of money is finite and when it is gone it will not be available again until September next year. If your child is interested I would encourage you to apply quickly at the link below!

<https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Music department.



Melting-Potes*

Are you curious about different cultures, languages, and perspectives?
Do you love writing, interviewing, doing research and creating engaging content?
I am very excited to announce the launch of the 'Melting-Potes' club, a space where I am hoping students will come together to celebrate diversity and promote open-mindedness.

<u>Unleash Your Creativity</u> Collaborate with like-minded peers to craft a termly newspaper that showcases the beauty of multiculturalism and inspire others to broaden their horizons.	<u>Empower Multicultural Perspectives</u> Interview students, teachers, and community members who embody multiculturalism. Share their stories to foster understanding and a welcoming environment.	<u>Let Your Voice Be Heard</u> Express your thoughts, ideas, and perspectives on topics that matter. Develop your writing skills and contribute to thought-provoking articles that challenge stereotypes and promote acceptance.
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WHEN? EVERY MONDAY
WHERE? L5
WHAT TIME? LUNCHTIME
ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!

For more info, see or email **Ms Aslan (MFL Office)**

*potes = friends in French



Sporting fixtures spectator procedures at DCGS

OUTSIDE AFTER SCHOOL FIXTURES

- All parents/carers wishing to watch an after school outdoor fixture must ensure they sign in and out at the Dane Court main school reception. They must wear their sign-in visitors badge at all times so it is visible to staff and students.
- Parents/carers MUST arrive between 3.00 and 3.20 to sign in at the main school reception and wait in the reception area.
- Parents/carers cannot watch fixtures during school hours.
- Promptly at 3.30 the PE assistant or PE teacher will be over to escort parents to the fixture site (and pick up a register of who has signed in and take that to the teacher on the fixture) which is where parents must stay until the fixture is finished. Parents/Carers will enter the school site with the PE assistant/teacher through the side gate by the sports building.
- No dogs or any other animals are allowed within the school grounds at any of our fixtures. Unless they are a support/guidance dog.
- No photos or filming is permitted.
- Parents/carers are then only permitted to be where the fixture is held and not to go around any other part of the school or its grounds. Unfortunately there are no toilet facilities for spectators whilst a fixture is going on.
- The teacher on the fixture will escort parents off site, collect badges and sign spectators out on the paper register brought over in the beginning.
- Please be aware that unfortunately due to spectators needing to be escorted to the fixture if anyone is later than 3.20 you will not be able to gain entry as no one from PE will be around to take you over to the fixture and around the school property.

PARKING:

Spectators must park outside of the school grounds.

If you are disabled please contact reception in advance and they will let you into the school grounds to park.

LARGE FIXTURES OR EVENTS:

Unfortunately larger events (with more than two other schools attending) we cannot have parents/carers spectate as we do not have enough Dane Court staff to be with all spectators. This includes but is not limited to any primary events held here, Cross Country and Sports day.

INDOOR FIXTURES:

Indoor fixtures: owing to space only students and teachers are permitted to spectate any indoor fixtures

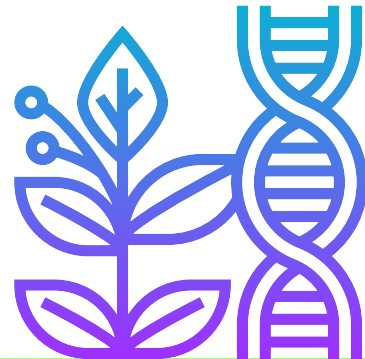
AWAY FIXTURES:

Spectating policies differ from school to school so we encourage parents/carers to contact the away team to see if parents are allowed on their site to spectate. It is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure they are allowed on site before turning up.

SCHOOLS ATTENDING DCGS GROUNDS:

- This information will also be given to the team visiting us to play so they are aware of our policy and it is the other schools responsibility to inform their parents and/or guardians.
- Teachers from visiting schools must sign themselves and their team in at the main DC reception and PE assistant will meet them and bring them over to PE area/fixture site.
- Any parents/carers who would like to spectate from the opposing schools, will have the same protocol as the home parents/carers and must arrive between 3.00-3.20. At 3.30, after school has finished, they will be escorted to the fixture by the PE assistant.
- Parents/carers cannot watch fixtures during school hours.
- If parents/carers are later than 3.20pm they will unfortunately not be able to watch the fixture as we will not have a member of staff to escort them to the fixture.

Current Information



UNDER 18'S EVENTS TEAM

I wish there was more to do in Broadstairs!

SOOOOOO BORED!

Did you know Broadstairs Town Council have set up an events team for 13-17 year olds??

You should come! We have our own venue and budget to plan an event for up to 100 people!!

It's really fun, we are organising it all ourselves with help and guidance from staff, but it's our responsibility and we can be as creative as we want!

Really?! That sounds like it could be good work experience for my CV too! Let me know the details?

Retort House, Albion Street, Thurs 28th September 6pm. Call/text 07548 825950 Email events@Broadstairs.gov.uk

COME ALONG TO BROADSTAIRS' FIRST UNDER 18 EVENTS PROJECT

RUN BY TEENS FOR TEENS

CONCERT PARTY SHOWCASE YOU DECIDE!

RETORT HOUSE BROADSTAIRS

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR THE BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S TOWN COUNCIL

UNDER 18'S EVENTS TEAM

Concert · Party · Showcase · Teens Decide!

RUN BY TEENS FOR TEENS

Broadstairs and St Peter's Town Council are setting up a Youth Events Team, with a focus on planning and organising bespoke events for 13-17 year olds.

On 28th September, there will be a launch event at Retort House for 13-17 year olds to register their interest, to ask questions and to share ideas. We are looking for adult volunteers to help run this project!

JOIN US ON 28TH SEPT 2023 AT 6PM

RETORT HOUSE ALBION STREET

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL EVENTS@BROADSTAIRS.GOV.UK OR CALL 07548 825950

*volunteers will be DBS Checked

RETORT HOUSE BROADSTAIRS

Music Extra Curricular clubs - 2023-2024

Day	Club	Teacher/leader	Location
Monday lunch	Junior Choir (Y7 and 8)	Miss Jones	H7
Monday PM	Junior Bands (Y7 and 8)	Miss Jones	H7/Practice rooms
Tuesday lunch	Orchestra	Miss Fox	H7
Tuesday PM	Meetings Staff/Alumni choir (4:30-5:15)	- Miss Jones	- H7
Wednesday lunch	Senior Choir (Y9-13)	Miss Jones	H7
Wednesday PM	Meetings String Group	- Mrs Nunn/Miss Fox	- H7
Thursday lunch	Jazz Band Ukulele Club	Mikey Chesters Y13 Gregor Hutchinson Y12	H7 H8
Thursday PM	Meetings	-	-
Friday lunch	Woodwind ensemble Brass band	Miss Jones Mrs Hall (Kent Music)	H8 H7
Friday PM	Scholars and Apprentices	Miss Jones	H7

Ukulele club is open to everyone!

If you play an instrument please speak to Miss Fox or Miss Jones to see if Orchestra, String group, Brass band and Woodwind ensemble are suitable for you. Jazz Band is for experienced musicians (Grade 3+). Scholars and Apprentices is by invitation or audition only

Food Preparation and Nutrition – Notice for year 7 parents:

Year 7 have been given a sheet for the practical food lessons this term. This information will usually be shared with them on Google classroom the lesson prior to a practical. However for term one this is issued as a paper copy.

It is really important that every student brings a named container to bring their food home in – a tupperware tub, biscuit or cake tin, empty ice cream tub are all suitable. Students should be communicating their requirements for practical lessons each week. In some circumstances we are able to help families out if there is a difficulty with providing ingredients. If this applies to you at any stage this year, please make contact with either your child's class teacher or Mrs Edmondson nedmondson@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

We hope that you will enjoy the food that your child brings home with them this term. It is well worth encouraging them to cook these dishes again at home so that they can demonstrate their new skills to you! Below is a copy of the sheet that has been given to year 7 students.

Notice for year 10 and 11 GCSE Food parents:

Please check your email for some detailed information on the GCSE course, and when your child's practical lessons will happen this term.

Many thanks,

The Food department

Dane Court Grammar School. Year 7 Food lessons ingredients list.		
Remember to ALWAYS bring in a NAMED container to take the food home in. Label food in the fridge. You may wish to substitute certain ingredients to accommodate different dietary needs or preferences. Some ideas are given in the table below.		
	Ingredients list	Possible variations
1	None required. Make sure you decorate / cover your book for homework and bring 50p for ingredients next week!	Inform your teacher if you have any particular dietary needs before next lesson
2	Grilled pizza roll - bring 50p we will provide ingredients and a named container	Bring in any extra toppings you would like to add - (any meat MUST be pre cooked)
3	Fruit crumble <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewed fresh fruit or tinned fruit or pie filling • 40g block of butter /baking margarine • 30g sugar • 80g plain flour • 25g rolled oats (optional) • Named small ovenproof dish or foil container can be bought from school 	Don't forget to bring a small oven proof dish or 30p to pay for a foil dish to cook the crumble in. To save money try to stew some seasonal fruits from your garden e.g apples and blackberries or plums or gooseberries or rhubarb. You could defrost any fruits you have frozen e.g. raspberries, strawberries.
4	Pasta salad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50g dried pasta • Dressing - e.g. mayonnaise, natural yoghurt, creme fraiche, salad cream, balsamic vinegar, • Choose three + extra ingredients e.g. spring onions, peas, sweetcorn, tomatoes, apple, celery, peppers, cucumber, fresh parsley, tinned tuna, ham, chickpeas, smoked salmon, cheese, tinned beans, chorizo etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Named container 	-You will be able to customise your own pasta salad by making choices on the ingredients to add to your dish. If you decide to bring fish or meat - it must NOT be raw, choose cooked or tinned instead and make sure it is stored in the fridges at the start of the day. Try to make sure some of your extra ingredients are ones that you can prepare in lesson (chop, shred, peel, grate etc)
5	• No ingredients needed	
6	Bolognese sauce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200g (one small pack) mince meat, veggie alternative mince or tinned lentils. • 1 small onion • 1 clove of garlic • 1 can chopped tomatoes • 1 beef Oxo cube (or vegetable Oxo cube) • <i>*Half a teaspoon of dried mixed herbs*</i> • <i>*1 dessert spoon of tomato puree*</i> • <i>*1 tablespoon oil*</i> 	-Beef, lamb, Quorn or soya mince or tinned lentils -Vegetable oxo cube -Herbs of your choice (*starred items above can be bought from school all for a total of 15p) Don't forget a named container such as a tupperware box labelled with your name!

£2.41 MEAL DEAL

MENU

Hot Options:

Any Main Meal & Dessert

Includes 1 of the following:

Main Meal of the day.

Freshly Filled Baked Jacket Potato.

Hot Pasta Pot of the day.

Also includes 1 of the following:

Daily Dessert, Whole Piece of Fruit or Cookie.



Salad Options:

Option 1

Self Service Salad Bar including a Protein Pot.

Piece of Whole Fruit, Homemade Cookie or Daily Dessert.

Option 2

16oz cold Pasta Pot.

Piece of Whole Fruit, Homemade Cookie or Daily Dessert.

Sandwich Options:

Choice of Sandwich or Baguette,

filling choice

Cheese, Ham, Tuna, Egg or Chicken

Piece of whole Fruit, Homemade Cookie or daily Dessert of the Day.

Meal Deals in School

The Meal Deals offered at school have been updated, please see the poster for more details on the different options available for students at school each day. We have also had to adjust the price of the meal deals to reflect the cost of ingredients.

There are lots of healthy and fun choices for your child to make for their breakfast, snacks and lunch! Our hot meals differ each day of the week with a much loved Fish and Chip Friday! The Hot Meal Deal is our best value option each day, including a main meal and pudding for £2.41.

We also of course, offer a range of sweet treats such as cakes and cookies which can be enjoyed as a snack with friends!

We use a cashless biometric system, which also allows you to set a daily spending limit to help your child help to budget.



LOST IT? FIND IT!

We already have a selection of items in our lost property so far this term. They include keys, earbud headphones, headband, a football, water bottles, Thanet Colts jacket and football boots. 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

