

Dane Court Grammar School Newsletter



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The first Newsletter of the Academic Year.

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.



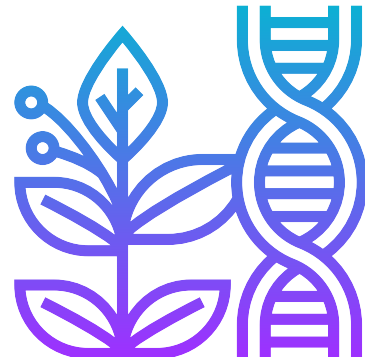
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Some articles may be repeated from last week for your reference

Current Information



Futures at Dane Court: Term 1 2023/24 (The Dane Court Careers Programme)

2023/24 sees the Dane Court careers programme rebranded to Futures. The careers team will continue its hard work to support all students in identifying their skills, highlight local, national and international opportunities, and ensure students are on the correct pathway for their future.

Apprenticeship Application Programme: The new apprenticeship application programme starts on Wednesday Week A, to support Year 13 students with their searches and applications for higher and degree level apprenticeships. Mrs Linton will also be giving two talks during the Year 13 Parents evening about the apprenticeship pathway. Students must keep an eye on emails for details of the programme

Year 12 Work Experience The process to match students with meaningful work experience placements for February 2024, starts now! Please email Mrs Linton if your work place could provide a work experience placement for one of our wonderful Year 12 students.

The Autumn Apprenticeship Fair: The first fair of its kind at Dane Court, and in Thanet. Local and national employers will be exhibiting to speak to Year 11, 12 and 13 students about apprenticeships. The morning on Friday 13th October will include workshops and talks from alumni apprentices.

Careers advice meetings - Education Business Partnership Kent's careers advisor, Anne Cameron, will be in school for two days during term one to provide independent advice and guidance (IAG) to students. IAG appointments will be allocated by year leaders and Mrs Linton throughout the year.

Queen's Cambridge, Introduction to Oxbridge - Our very successful Oxbridge programme kicks off this year on Thursday, 19th October. Talks include: Introduction to Oxbridge for Year 10 and 11. Supracurricula study ideas for Year 12, and interview workshops for Year 13. Sign up will be via year leaders.

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

Junior Choir

Y7 and 8 - everyone welcome!

EVERY MONDAY

1:40-2:15 PM IN H7



COME AND COLLECT A LUNCH PASS AT BREAK SO YOU CAN SKIP THE QUEUE!

Orchestra

Grade 1+ players welcome!

EVERY TUESDAY

1:40-2:15 PM IN H7



COME AND COLLECT A LUNCH PASS AT BREAK SO YOU CAN SKIP THE QUEUE!

String group

All Grade 3+ String players welcome!

EVERY WEDNESDAY

3:30-4:30 PM IN H7



Senior Choir

Y9-13 - everyone welcome!

EVERY WEDNESDAY

1:40-2:15 PM IN H7



COME AND COLLECT A LUNCH PASS AT BREAK SO YOU CAN SKIP THE QUEUE!

Ukulele group

Everyone welcome!

EVERY THURSDAY

1:40-2:15 PM IN H8



COME AND COLLECT A LUNCH PASS AT BREAK SO YOU CAN SKIP THE QUEUE!

Jazz Band

Grade 3+ players welcome!



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Brass band

All Brass players welcome!

EVERY FRIDAY

1:40-2:15 PM IN H7



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Woodwind group

All Woodwind players welcome!

EVERY FRIDAY

1:40-2:15 PM IN H8



COME AND COLLECT A LUNCH PASS AT BREAK SO YOU CAN SKIP THE QUEUE!



BOOK FAIR

From Friday 22nd to Thursday 29th September the library will be running a Scholastic Book Fair at break and lunch.

There will be lots of brand new books suitable for all ages which students can buy.

There will be stationery too.

For every book sold there is a chance to win £5 to spend at the fair.

Please bring in cash for this event.

This is a great opportunity to shop for a book of your own that you will love reading during mentoring and library lessons!

Thank you for your support - every book sold helps to build our school library.



RSC Club

Next Thursday (21st) we will be launching our RSC Club in drama. This will be for keen dramatists who wish to develop their skills in the drama room but also be a part of our exciting Shakespeare cast with the Associate Schools Programme. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our young people who will benefit from Shakespeare workshops, performances and events throughout the year. The club is open to years 7-10 however, unfortunately, we can only have 30 students in our cast so there will be an audition process once we have established who might be interested next week. This will demand 100% commitment and dedication from all those who are wanting to audition, so please bear this in mind as we will need our cast to attend every Thursday until 4:20pm (unless otherwise communicated). More details will be given to those who join next week. If students have any other questions, please do send them along to talk to Mrs Radley and Mr Stanley.

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.

Unleash Your Creativity

Collaborate with like-minded peers to craft a termly newspaper that showcases the beauty of multiculturalism and inspire others to broaden their horizons.

Empower Multicultural Perspectives

Interview students, teachers, and community members who embody multiculturalism. Share their stories to foster understanding and a welcoming environment.

Let Your Voice Be Heard

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.

WHEN? EVERY MONDAY

WHERE? LS

WHAT TIME? LUNCHTIME

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!



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

*potes = friends in French

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES COMPETITION

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

Celebrated on 26 September every year, the European Day of Languages is designed to promote the importance of language learning. The Global School Alliance has launched a competition "For me, learning a language is..." and are asking students to explain what learning a language means to them.

- Unleash your imagination and let your voice be heard through presentations, artwork, videos, or any creative submission.
- Embrace diversity and foster a deeper appreciation for different cultures and languages.

Deadline to enter: 3rd October. Shortlisted schools will be notified by 10th October and the online Awards Ceremony will take place on 17th October to celebrate all of the entries and winners. The winners will be picked by a panel of three judges who will be looking for:

a) creativity b) presentation c) language used

#1 WINNER

£50 Amazon Voucher

#2 WINNER

£25 Amazon Voucher

Submit your entry via email to Ms Aslan (haslan@danecourt.kent.sch.uk). For any questions, see Ms Aslan in the MFL Office.

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.

£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.

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-](https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/)

[music.com/financial-assistance/](https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/)

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



LOST IT? FIND IT!

We already have a selection of items in our lost property so far this term. As well as a number of unnamed items of school uniform and unnamed PE kits, the items we have include keys, earbud headphones, headband, footballs, water bottles, Thanet Colts jacket, pencil cases, glasses, umbrella, PE kit 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

