

Dane Court Grammar School Newsletter



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**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.



**Due to the Scholastic book fair running next week there won't be any library clubs
running, so Editorial Club, Book Club and Creative Writing club will not be running.
These will start up again on Monday 2nd October.**

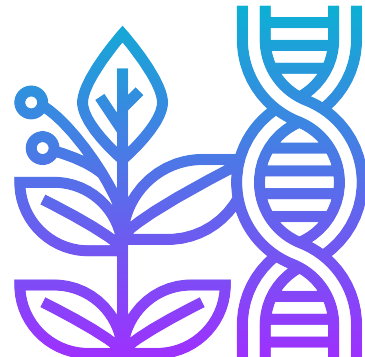
New Articles

- Parent Survey
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- Musical Extra Curricular Clubs
- International Baking Competition
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Some articles may be repeated from last week for your reference



Current Information



Parent Survey

This term's parent survey has been sent to you this morning via email – you can also access the survey using [this link](#). We really appreciate all your responses to our surveys – our staff particularly love to read all your positive comments. Your suggestions are invaluable in informing our planning and making sure your children are happy, safe and intellectually challenged at Dane Court. The survey closes at 6pm on Tuesday 26th September.

Many thanks

Sally Jellett – Deputy Headteacher

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

Oxbridge programme

- 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.

Medics programme

- Future Doctors: Virtual Medical Society – held in school but run with Kent and Medway Medical School. This innovative programme aims to increase awareness of what it takes to apply to and study medicine or other healthcare subjects, through fun, inspiring and interactive sessions focused on medicine, health, and science. Applications by 29th September, join the Google Classroom (yrheq65) for details or see Mrs Linton

Apprenticeships programme

- Apprenticeships 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.
- The Autumn Apprenticeship Fair, Friday 13th October : 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 will include workshops and talks from alumni apprentices.

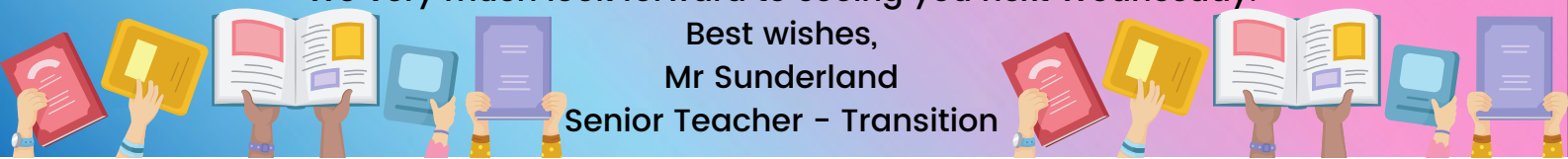
Parents / Carers of Year 7

You are warmly invited to our Year 7 Welcome Evening on Wednesday 27th September 2023 (4.15 pm – 5.50 pm). Doors open at 4.15 pm and parking will be available on the hard court. Year 7 students are encouraged to accompany their parents / carers to the evening. We hope that this will be an informative evening and will provide you with the opportunity to meet key members of the staff team who are supporting your child in school. There will also be information stands to highlight further support available for you and your child.

We very much look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

Best wishes,
Mr Sunderland

Senior Teacher – Transition



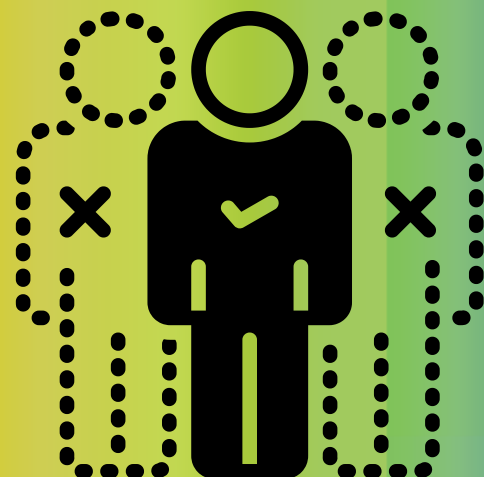
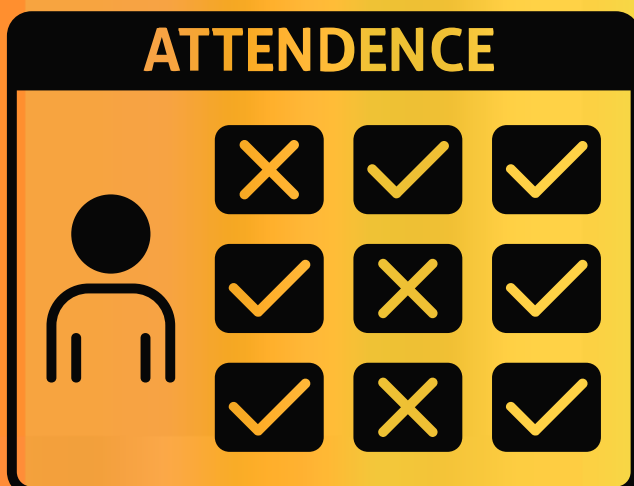
School Attendance

I hope you saw our recent letter highlighting the importance of school attendance in maximising opportunities for students both in terms of educational achievement and social development.

The letter included links to guidance from the Chief Medical Officer, Chris Whitty and other health leaders on mild illness and school attendance. This letter also contains a helpful link to the NHS guidance on 'Is my child too ill for school?' as well as guidance on absence due to anxiety. You can also find the latest NHS guidance on Covid-19 [here](#).

Please see the illustration below which effectively highlights how much learning time can be lost as school attendance decreases.

Attendance during one school year	Equals - days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed	Outcome
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0 lessons	Perfection best chances of success
98%	4 days	<1 week	20 lessons	Impressive best chances of success
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	Nearly there
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	Concerning poor attendance
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons	Concerning poor attendance
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	Serious concern Can affect life chances
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons	Serious concern Can affect life chances
65% and below	67+ days	13.5+ weeks	340+ lessons	Extreme concern most likely to affect life chances



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.



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



International Baking Competition

By MFL

Choose a category to enter:

1. Best decorated cake
2. Most authentic cake

Bake a cake from any country in the world and bring it to the Food Tech Department on Monday 2nd October!!

Prizes for the best cakes! Open to all students!!

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.

The PE department would like to share this past week's results and clubs.

Clubs:

Tuesday – Boys and Girls football club for all years
– Netball club for all years

Thursday – Climbing club for years 8,9,10 and 11

Friday – Basketball club(at lunchtime) for all years

Fixtures and results:

Our football teams returned to action this week with both boys and girls fixtures.

– On Wednesday our senior boys travelled to Borden Grammar for a league match which unfortunately finished 6-1 to Borden however there were positives to take from the Dane Court performance with some good spells and great fight until the end.

– Our year 10/11 girls team also played on Wednesday, this time it was in a futsal match against St George's which finished 6-3 in our favour with some fantastic goals being scored by some of our students in a newly formed team.

– On Thursday it was our year 11 boys' turn to compete in the Kent U16 Invicta Trophy and despite the long journey away to Marsh Academy our boys started quickly with a 4-1 lead at half time. The game finished 5-3 with Dane Court progressing to the next round. A special mention to Fin S. who netted four goals in the game.

We look forward to a busy schedule next week involving Kent Cup games for our year 8 boys team and also our new year 7 boys team. Good luck!

Dane Court PE department



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, jewellery, earbud headphones, headband, footballs, water bottles, Thanet Colts jacket, coats, pencil cases, glasses, umbrella, 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



LOST IT?
FIND IT!