

Dane Court Grammar School Newsletter 24.11.23



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Key Dates for Parents to remember:

w/c 27th November - Year 7 and 9 Progress Checks issued

w/c 4th December - Year 8 and 11 Progress Checks issued

5th December - Year 11 Parents Evening



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We have a Twitter page - @Dane_Court_GS and we are also on Instagram - @dane_court - and Facebook, as Dane Court Grammar School.

New Articles

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Last day of Term 2 - Friday 15th December

On the last day of Term 2, students will be dismissed at 1:45pm. Buses will run at the usual time; students wishing to stay on at school until 3.20pm should report to the Pastoral Office at the end of assembly. If your child needs to stay after 1.45pm, please let Mrs Ives or Neame know in advance, by email ives@danecourt.kent.sch.uk or tneame@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

Talk Consent - Year 10/11/12/13 parents,

'Talk Consent' will be delivering age appropriate assemblies to Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 on Monday 27th November 2023. They will be covering the legality of consent, understanding sexual violence and what to do to reduce sexual violence in today's society.

With the sixth form groups they will also be exploring the difficulty of saying 'no' and how to manage this and the positive elements of relationships and sexual relationships.

These assemblies will be a key part of your child's SRE statutory education and we are pleased to be able to offer them. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me: richards@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

Mrs R Richards

Childrens Tech

Below is a link for some guidance on children's tech. If you are thinking of purchasing tech for your child it may be good to read this first. <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/>

Kind regards

Miss Bolt

GCSE French and Spanish Speaking PPEs

Exams will take place from Monday 4 December finishing on Thursday 14 December.

Students will be told the exam date and time by their teacher.

Please encourage your child to practise their speaking skills at home using flash cards and the other resources they have been given. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Radix and Mrs Howard-Lubendo

FSM Christmas Lunch - 13.12.23

Any student entitled to a FSM will also need to get a ticket from Harrison Catering if they want the Christmas dinner. Their FSM allowance will cover the cost of the meal. This needs to be booked by 8th December. There will also be an alternative meal selection for students not wanting the Christmas Lunch.

NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team parent workshops

Please see the attached posters for the remaining NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team parent workshops this term on 'Supporting your child's worries' and 'Introduction to understanding autism'. If you are awaiting autism assessment or you are considering this route, we advise you to attend the autism workshop for support.

Netball and football clubs cancelled next week.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Unfortunately due to parents' evening we are needing to cancel netball and football club on Tuesday 5th December 2023.

Badminton club however will still be running.

Many thanks for your understanding,

Miss Bolt



Message for Parents of Year 7 and 9 Students:

As you may already know, your child's latest reporting data will be sent home next week. We are delighted to inform you that we are now in a position to get this information to you via email, rather than printed media. This will enable you to have meaningful conversations with your young people as soon as the data is released - as well as ensuring parity across all students in the year group. As we are moving from paper copies, you'll have access to the information prior to your children - although this will form the basis of academic conversations in between the students and their mentors in the days following. I hope you'll find the information helpful, and if you have any comments or queries about the data, please get in touch in the first instance with your child's mentor, who'll be able to assist you further. If you have any issues with receiving the progress report via email, please contact me so I can support you.

Elizabeth Channing

Assistant Headteacher

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

- On Tuesday our KS3 and KS4 girls teams entered the Thanet badminton tournament at Ursuline. Congratulations to both our teams who went on to win the tournament whilst not losing a single game!
- On Wednesday a group of our keen basketball players were taken up to the Copperbox arena in London to watch a Eurocup tie between London Lions and Cedevita Olimpija Ljubljana. Luckily the game did not disappoint, finishing in a 101-95 win to the London Lions.
- Our boys badminton teams look forward to their local tournament this afternoon (Thursday 23rd) and hope to continue the successes from our girls teams.

We look forward to next week which involves futsal tournaments and also a football quarter final for our u14 girls.

Year 8 Christmas Cake competition - an invite to parents

The final for the year 8 Christmas/seasonal cake competition will take place on Thursday 14th December this year.

You are warmly invited to help us celebrate the Christmas cake competition 2023

Please visit our winter wonderland on 14th December between 2.40 - 3.00pm to come and admire our

exhibition of Christmas / Seasonal cakes in our winter wonderland (C4).

Students should bring in their finished cake by 8.30am on Thursday 14th December (they can bring it in before this date also if they wish).

All cakes should be in a large named container which clearly states name and mentor group.

The cakes will be judged and marked first thing on 14th December, so it is important that students drop their cakes at the start of the day.

Cakes can be collected at the end of the day (3.20pm) from C4.

They should be taken home by the end of term (15th December) to be enjoyed by families and friends over the Christmas break.

We look forward to seeing you to celebrate their achievements!

The Food department



Celebrate The Festive Season

**CHRISTMAS DINNER WEDNESDAY
13th DECEMBER 2023**

Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets, Sage and Onion Stuffing,
Cranberry Sauce and Gravy.

Crispy Butter Bean Pie
with butternut squash and winter herbs

Roast Potatoes
Seasonal Mixed Vegetable Medley and Brussels Sprouts

Traditional Christmas Pudding Or Mince pie Served with
Custard

Festive Shortbread
Festive Trifle

STUDENT'S £2.90p (TICKETS ONLY)

Please buy your ticket by Friday 8th December 2023



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

Tuesday 28th November 5.30-7.30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?**

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on **understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms** you may notice in your child and some **techniques to help manage this anxiety.**

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 352 223 491 713

Passcode: rd2qv9

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools.

We look forward to meeting you.





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Introduction To Understanding Autism

Wednesday 13th December 10am-12pm

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Do you have **questions about autism?** Maybe your child has **received a diagnosis.** Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child?**

You are invited to a **workshop about understanding symptoms of autism.** We also discuss **helpful strategies that you can use at home** to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:**

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Meeting ID: 375 542 771 274

Passcode: PkMoDV

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