

Dane Court Grammar School

Newsletter 1.12.23



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Key Dates for Parents to remember:

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

5th December - Year 11 Parents Evening

9th February 2024 - Staff Training day

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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.



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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 Miss Neame know in advance, by email ives@danecourt.kent.sch.uk or tneame@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

School surveys

This afternoon your child will receive an email with a link to the latest student survey. Please encourage them to complete it before it closes next Tuesday (5th) at 9am.

The next parent survey will be sent out on Tuesday 5th, and you will have until Friday 8th to complete it. We really appreciate all your responses – our staff particularly like to read your positive comments. Your suggestions help to inform our planning and ensure your children are happy, safe and intellectually challenged at Dane Court.

Many thanks.

Children's 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.

Current Staff Vacancies

Please see the links below for more information on some exciting job opportunities here at Dane Court.

[Temporary English Teacher](#)



Form 7B – you're a legend!

Huge thanks from Mr Rye to his form 7B. Mr Rye has been taking part in Movember to raise money for men's physical and mental health and to reduce male suicide. Mr Kennedy, their co-mentor, and the students in the form donated a fantastic £50 to the cause. Mr Rye was blown away by the support and the caring nature of the form. Massive thanks for helping to make a difference.





Year 8 Christmas Cake competition - an invite to parents

The final for the year 8 Christmas/seasonal cake competition is on Thursday 14th December. You are warmly invited to celebrate with us. Please visit our winter wonderland on 14th December between 2.40 - 3.00pm to 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).

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

- On Tuesday our year 7 boys team entered the Thanet futsal tournament which they all enjoyed competing in and finished in 4th place.
- Our year 7 girls also entered the Thanet futsal tournament finishing in 1st place, a fantastic achievement which they should all be very proud of.
- On Wednesday our u14 girls travelled to Sittingbourne for their Kent Cup quarter final tie. A last minute equaliser for our girls took the game into extra time and then penalties which decided the game, unfortunately not in favour of our girls. Never a nice way to lose however the spirit and commitment was commendable throughout the tournament from our girls. We look forward to next week which includes more futsal for many year groups and also preparation for the much loved sportshall athletics competition.

We have a large selection of items in our lost property. We have unnamed school uniform, the items we have include an asthma pump, a pencil case, jewellery, water bottles, various ear bud headphones, a mobile phone, a key, various coats, glasses case, hats, gloves, footballs, a wellington boot, and various trainers. Please name anything 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.

