

# Dane Court Grammar School

# Newsletter 8.12.23



See the [school website](#) for the [full calendar](#) and [term dates](#)

### **Key Dates for Parents to remember:**

12th December – Dane Court Winter Concert

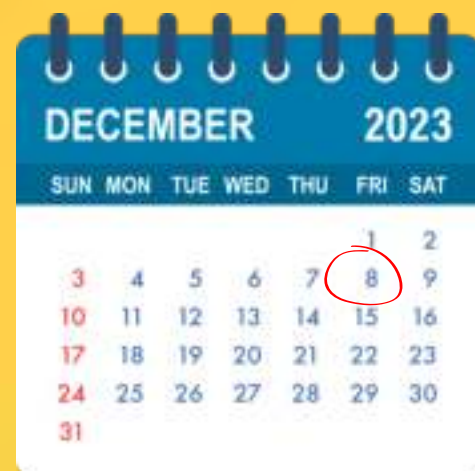
15th December – Early Closure 13.45 – Last Day of Term

9th February 2024 – Staff Training day

Follow us on social media for all the latest news!

We have a Twitter page – @Dane\_Court\_GS and we are also on Instagram – @dane\_court – and Facebook, as Dane Court Grammar School.

The sixth form cafe will be closed at lunchtime on 13th December, the Christmas lunch will only be served from the main school servery.



## **New Articles**

- Dane Court PE Department:
- Message from SEND
- Ramsgate Police Station Safe Space
- 'Keep Thriving Through Winter'
- Christmas Concert Flyer
- Year 8 Christmas/seasonal cake competition
- FSM Christmas Lunch – 13.12.23
- Current Staff vacancies



## **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](mailto:ives@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) or [tneame@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:tneame@danecourt.kent.sch.uk)



### **Dane Court PE Department:**

As a department, we are currently seeking sponsors to help us provide our students with a full supply of sports kit, (football, netball, rugby.) This will also allow us to update some of our older equipment, and give our students access to the best sporting opportunities, including higher quality lessons. If you know of someone who might be able to help please contact Mrs Shepherd for more details - [dshepherd@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dshepherd@danecourt.kent.sch.uk).

### **Message from SEND**

KCC have commissioned some support for families of students with SEND in order to explore how school supports your child in their mainstream educational setting. This is a free webinar and joining details are included in the flyer.

### **Ramsgate Police Station Safe Space**

During the month of December, Kent Police will be extending the opening hours of Ramsgate Police Station, it will be available as a "safe space". This safe space is there for women or girls to use if they feel vulnerable or fearful during the hours of darkness. The safe space will be occupied by two police officers, who will be on hand to help if needed, but can also provide advice on staying safe in our towns. Details of the extended hours can be found below. Please make friends and family aware of this service if they intend on having a night out in Ramsgate town over the festive period. Ramsgate Police Station safe space opening hours are 8pm till 3am on the 8th and 9th December 2023, 15th and 16th December 2023, 22nd and 23rd December 2023 and 31st December 2023.

### **'Keep Thriving Through Winter'**

This year's guide to 'Keep Thriving Through Winter' for young people across Kent and Medway is now available to share with the young people you work with. In this edition we explore some of the more common challenges young people can face such as exams and friendship difficulties and provide tips to ensure young people can keep thriving, as well as information on support and services available. With the long, dark nights and cold weather it is easy to start feeling down. You may feel more pressure with shorter days, but we have some great tips to help you.

[Go to this Sway](#)

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

- On Tuesday our year 8/9 girls futsal team competed in the Thanet schools tournament, playing some fantastic futsal, finishing 1st place overall.
- On Wednesday both our year 10/11 boys and girls teams took part in their local tournaments. Once again there was some brilliant futsal being played by all teams which was great to see. Our boys team finished in 3rd place whilst our girls won every single game!
- On Wednesday our senior boys team also returned to action against Queen Elizabeth Grammar School and despite conceding early on to go 1-0 down the boys turned it around to win 4-1 convincingly. An outstanding performance from the team even with many players out through injury.

Dane Court PE Department





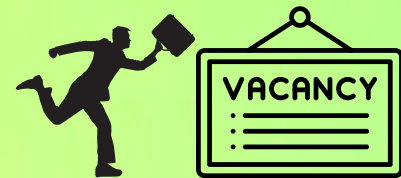
## **Year 8 Christmas Cake competition - an invite to parents**

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).

## **Current Staff Vacancies**

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

[Temporary English Teacher](#)



We have a large selection of items in our lost property so far this term. As well as unnamed items of school uniform and PE kit, the items we have include an asthma pump, a pencil case, jewellery, a watch, water bottles, a flask, various ear bud headphones, a mobile phone, keys/keyrings, various coats, glasses case, hats, gloves, footballs, a wellington boot and various trainers. 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.



# How Mainstream Schools Support Children with SEN

## Training for Families of Children With SEND in Mainstream Educational Settings



### Overview

The Education People have been funded by Kent County Council to deliver training to parents and carers of children with SEND from across Kent. Our aims for the training are to:

- build parental confidence in what is on offer to support children and young people with a SEND in mainstream schools
- answer questions that you may have about the offer
- develop your knowledge of how the Mainstream Core Standards are being used in schools to support your children.

This free training will be delivered virtually, via Zoom. If you have any issues with accessing the internet then please do get in touch and we will do our very best to make the training accessible to you.

### How to Register

Choose which date you are able to attend below and either scan the QR code, or click the button underneath it to register.

#### Primary School Aged Children

Tuesday 12  
December 2023  
(10am to midday)

[Book Your Place](#)



#### Secondary School Aged Children

Thursday 14  
December 2023  
(10am to midday)

[Book Your Place](#)



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