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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.



New Articles

- Early Closure – Tuesday 17.10.2023
- Class Charts
- International Baking Competition
- Open Day – Wednesday 18.10.2023
- Food department request
- Park Life Event – Ramsgate
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Early Closure – Tuesday 17th October 2023

Our Year 6 Open Day this year is on Wednesday 18th October. As our preparations get under way, I am writing to let you know school will finish at 1.20pm on Tuesday 17th October to allow our teaching staff to prepare for the event. The timetable for the day will be altered so that students can have lunch before they leave school. Buses will run at their usual times.

We will have limited provision in the school for students who are unable to go home early. If you would like your child to remain in school until 3.20pm, please e-mail Mrs Ives at ives@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

We hope the term is progressing well for your child. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns regarding their education do contact us here at school.

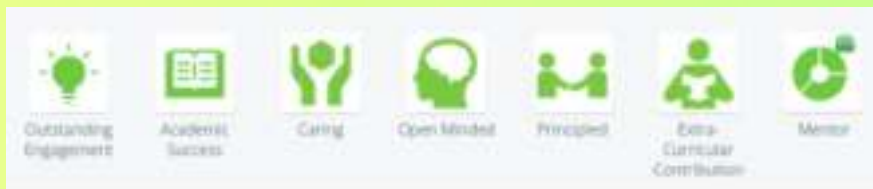


Class Charts Information

We have recently implemented Class Charts (for behaviour) and we are already seeing the benefits of the new system.

Over time, we hope the system will:

- Improve consistency of behaviour management
- Increase parental engagement
- Improve behaviour for learning through proactive interventions
- Maintain high expectations
- Balance negative and positive behaviours
- As a parent/carer you will be receiving real-time notifications for positive and negative behaviour incidents as well as information regarding detentions (this is now live)
- Positive and negative points
- Positive behaviours are awarded to students demonstrating our core values, academic success, outstanding engagement in lessons or for a student's extra-curricular contribution.



Negative behaviours fall under two main categories:

B1 – issued for low-level behaviours

B2 – issued for continued low-level behaviours or significant behaviours that require prompt intervention.



What do parents/carers need to do?

Parents/carers will be receiving Class Charts notifications via email for behaviours (and detentions) recorded by staff.

Access codes for Class Charts have been posted to the registered address for each child on our school system. These codes can be used for more than one sign-up, should another parent require access to Class Charts. If you have not received the access code by Wednesday 18th October please contact the school office on admin@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

When downloading the Class Charts app, please ensure you download 'Class Charts Parents'

International Baking Competition

This competition was a great success with over 20 entries representing countries from around the world. We were very impressed with all the cakes and the enthusiasm shown for this event. Well done to all students who took part! The cakes were judged by both Food Tech and MFL teachers. The winners are:

Best decorated cake

First: Lacey 7H

Second: Betsy 7S, Eloise 9D, Poppy 9D and Mariella 9N

Third: Allegra 7B

Most authentic cake

First: Ella 7D with 'Nom Akor' from Cambodia

Second: Lilian 7B with a Jamaican Ginger cake

Third: Toby 8T with 'Cassata Siciliana' and Jayden 7T with Chinese Wife Cakes

Highly commended:

Edie 7D with a cake from Canada

Aël 9D with a French mille feuilles cake

Henry 7T with a German Black Forest Gateau



Year 6 Open Day

As you may be aware, we are holding our annual Year 6 Open Day event on Wednesday 18th October. So that we can prepare for the day, school will finish early (at 1.20 pm) on Tuesday 17th October, please see above. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Sixth Form students for tour guiding during the day and throughout the evening on 18th October, and their parents and carers for their support. I would also like to thank all the students who will be coming into school in the evening, to help out in different departments whilst the tours are taking place and extend my thanks also to their parents for supporting this important school event. As always, your help and commitment to the school is much appreciated.

Food department request

Thank you all for your ongoing donations of plastic containers - we are very grateful and they are being used up quickly - and we will welcome more if you have them!

We are still struggling with a multitude of students who do not bring a suitable container to take their food home in.

Next week year 9 will be making chocolate mousse - if your family makes use of yogurt pots, cream pots, old plastic beakers or anything similar, we would appreciate some donations for this practical - especially as we have three of these happening on the last day of term and we'd like to avoid any dishes being left behind.

The containers below are all suitable for the year 9 mousse practical. Thank you for your support.



SPORT **MENTAL HEALTH**
DOMESTIC ABUSE
CAREERS SUPPORT **DRUG AND ALCOHOL**

Ellington Park Ramsgate
Park Life Event

Wednesday
25th October
11am to 3pm

SAFETY SUPPORT **LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES**

A OUTDOOR COMMUNITY HUB OFFERING
FREE ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
ON WELLBEING, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL,
MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS,
CAREERS ADVICE, SPORT ACTIVITIES
AND MUCH MORE

DROP IN AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

We at Groundwork are working with Southern Water to help install sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) to your library.

We are holding two sessions so you can have your say on the things you would like to see incorporated into the SuDS design.

We will also be explaining what SuDS are, how they work, and what they can be used for.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12 11AM-6PM	WHITSTABLE LIBRARY 31-33 Oxford St. Whitstable CT9 1DB
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 11AM-3PM	WHITSTABLE LIBRARY 31-33 Oxford St. Whitstable CT9 1DB



We invite our Year 7 and 8 Parents to a
Wellbeing Information Evening
on Monday 30th October 2023
at Dane Court Grammar School



Doors open 4.15 for a 4.30 start

70% of children worry! It is normal for your child to have worries.
Be equipped to deal with any potential wellbeing challenges on the horizon
as your child enters adolescence. Join us to understand how worries,
stress and anxiety works, and how knowledge can help you identify strategies to
help your child face their fears and overcome them.

Keynote speech by Faye Taber, Senior Clinical Supervisor for Thanet Locality Clinical Lead - NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team <i>Understanding Emotional Wellbeing: Negotiating Adolescence</i>	
Select two of the following workshops to attend	
Workshop A	Building resilience through conversation with your child Lucy Holmes, Senco and Mental Health Lead
Workshop B	Keeping the love of reading alive with your teen Connor Bundock, Literacy Co-Ordinator
Workshop C	Managing your child's online life Elizabeth Channing, Assistant Head, Achievement
Workshop D	Managing the distance and keeping connections with your child through adolescence Specialist Teaching and Learning Service Wellbeing Team, Liz Goodwin and Brom Kuotola
Workshop E	Kooth/Qwell – how to use Kooth with your child to support their wellbeing and Qwell to support yours Corrina Asher, Kooth Engagement Lead for Kent

Please park on site. The hardcourts will be open for additional parking.

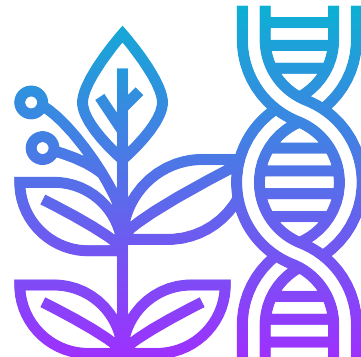
Current Staff Vacancies

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

[Second in charge of English](#)
[Cover Supervisor](#)
[Librarian](#)



Current Information



Late Arrival in School

Please be reminded that students are expected to arrive and be in class by 8.40am. If a student arrives late it is disruptive to the class and means that they miss the teacher's instructions and introduction to the lesson. It can also cause embarrassment for the student having to enter the classroom late. The school pedestrian gates open at 8.00am so students can arrive in time to get to their lockers etc before classes start at 8.40. Once the pedestrian gates are closed at 9am, any student arriving after this time will need to press the intercom buzzer, which is to the right of the gate, so that the office staff can let them through. Frequent lateness can soon add up to a considerable amount of learning lost and can seriously disadvantage your child.

Please help your child to be punctual. If you have any concerns, or would like to speak to someone regarding attendance, please contact Mrs Sayer, Attendance Officer on 01843 864941.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Message for Year 11 parents:

To further support your child's GCSE success, each individual subject department has produced a specialist information resource called 'How to Revise in...'. The resource includes research-informed information about the most effective ways to revise, links to online resources and questions you can ask your child at home to support their learning. Please do ask about the sheet and encourage your young person to pop to my office at the end of the N Plaza (where they have mentoring) to collect for any subjects that they need to prioritise in the upcoming PPEs. These are excellent resources to have on your fridge year round to refer to, and thanks in advance for your support in improving the GCSE outcomes of your children.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Channing (Assistant Head - Achievement)



Sharing information on Measles / MMR vaccination

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The Back to school MMR Guidance from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: NHS Vaccine Poster and NHS MMR Poster.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.

Lost Property

We have a large selection of items in our lost property. As well as a number of unnamed items of school uniform, the items we have include keys, jewellery, earbud headphones, mobile phone, headband, footballs, water bottles, Thanet Colts jacket, coats, pencil cases, glasses, umbrella, an odd trainer, a tie 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!