

Dane Court Grammar School Newsletter 20.10.23



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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.

OCTOBER 2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

New Articles

- Less stress guide to exams workshop
- Class Charts
- CMK connect
- Sixth Form Open Evening
- Considerate Parking
- Remembrance Day 2023
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Less Stress Guide to Exams Workshop

Our NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team are pleased to be able to offer an online workshop for young people in your schools around managing stress and anxiety for exams and coursework.

This will be on Wednesday 8th November 5 – 6pm.

The workshops are universal, meaning that everyone will benefit from attending in the same way that everyone benefits from physical health talks about healthy eating and exercise. All students are welcome to join.

Students can attend these workshops with their cameras and mics off, and they do not need to speak during the workshop. If there are particular reasons that prohibit students from attending, please let us know to see if we can support them in accessing the workshops.

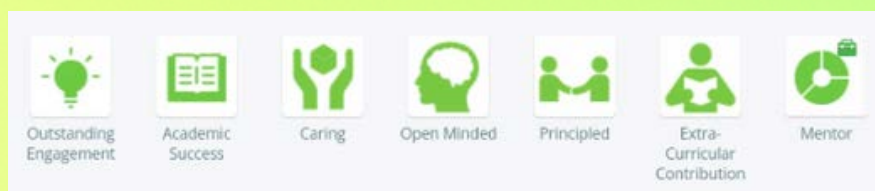
Please email holmes@danecourt.kent.sch.uk if you would like a place for your child.

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'




CMK Connect

- It's time to kick-start your October half term!
- FREE activities for young people aged 13-17
- Connect with others & improve your wellbeing
- Learn new skills & build your confidence
- FREE rewards for attending sessions and completing your CMK Connect card
- Scan the QR code to find out more and sign up for activities!







Upcoming Activities

Sun 22 Oct 3pm – 5pm	 Skateboard Skills with Scorcha at Lymington Road Rec, Westgate 
Mon 23 Oct 2pm – 4pm	 Skateboard Skills with Scorcha at Quarterdeck Youth Hub, Margate 
Wed 25 Oct 1pm – 3pm	Natural Creations – creative wellbeing session with Nova Marshall and CMK by the bandstand in Ellington Park, Ramsgate
Wed 25 Oct 3pm – 5pm	Bamboo Dance Co at Quarterdeck Youth Hub, Margate modern & street dance @ 3pm – 4pm contemporary dance @ 4pm – 5pm 
Fri 27 Oct 2pm – 4pm	 Skateboard Skills with Scorcha at Pie Factory Music, Ramsgate 
Fri 27 Oct 3pm – 4pm	Wellbeing Workshop for Mind & Body with Nyla Yoga at Ramsgate Leisure Centre 
Sun 29 Oct 11am – 12pm	 Tennis Taster session with Infinity Tennis at Spencer Square tennis courts, Ramsgate

**** Spaces are limited for these FREE activities! Please register in advance via the QR code overleaf to avoid disappointment. ****




SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Students and parents are warmly invited to join us at our Sixth Form Open Evening in the Theatre on Wednesday 22nd November 2023. A short introductory talk will commence at 17.00 followed by curriculum breakout sessions focusing on the IB Diploma and IB Careers-related Programme. The evening will also feature information on our University and Apprenticeship Pathways Programme, in addition to the opportunity to speak to representatives from a range of universities and leading apprenticeship providers. These sessions will be repeated at 18:00 for those unable to attend the first talks. The evening will also feature the opportunity to talk to Sixth Form teachers about individual IB subjects, followed by a tour of the school which will include a visit to our brand new Sixth Form Centre. The evening will provide parents and students with essential information about our world-class IB curriculum offer, the excellent destinations secured by previous students, and the culture of individual support and aspirational extracurricular opportunities which have contributed to our 'Outstanding' status (OFSTED, 2022). The Sixth Form Open Evening is a vital part of the process of application for the Sixth Form and we hope all students will be able to attend with their parents.

Mr A Coventon, Head of Sixth Form & IB coordinator

Library Message

Many thanks to St Gregory's Primary School for collecting some of our second-hand books that we removed from the library reference shelves that were suitable for younger readers, and a huge thank you to Ellington Park charity bookshop for taking the remaining books. We hope that the students who took home books have been enjoying them too.

Parking near the school site and considerate road use

We have received a number of complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking by parents/carers when dropping off/picking up their children, including parking in the zig-zag lines and bus stops outside school and parking across private driveways. We have also had concerns raised about children not crossing the road with due care and attention, putting themselves, other pedestrians and the drivers of any cars near the school in danger.

As with the majority of schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads.

Safety is our main priority and this includes your child's journey to and from school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Uniformed Services - Remembrance Day 2023

We are extremely proud of our students who support uniformed services. As part of Remembrance Day 2023, we would like to allow any student who is part of cadet services for the RAF, Royal Navy or Army, along with members of the Scouts and Guides to wear their respective uniform on Friday 10th November.



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

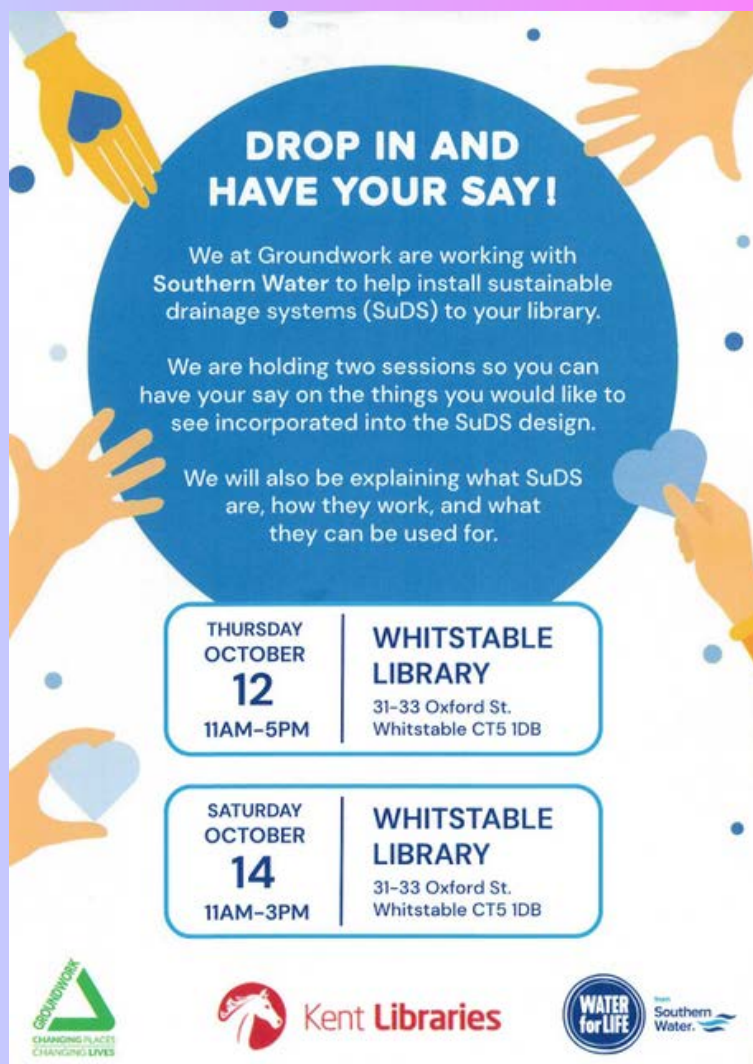
Ellington Park Ramsgate
Park Life Event

Wednesday
25th October
11am to 3pm

LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES
SAFETY SUPPORT

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

thanet district council **THANET COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**



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-5PM	WHITSTABLE LIBRARY 31-33 Oxford St. Whitstable CT5 1DB
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 11AM-3PM	WHITSTABLE LIBRARY 31-33 Oxford St. Whitstable CT5 1DB

GROUNDWORK **Kent Libraries** **WATER for LIFE** with Southern Water.

Wellbeing Information Evening

We invite our Year 7 and 8 Parents to our Wellbeing Information evening on Monday 30th October 2023. Be equipped to deal with any potential wellbeing challenges on the horizon as your child enters adolescence. Please let us know whether you plan to attend and which workshops you would be interested in by completing this form.

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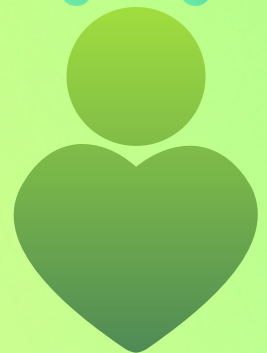
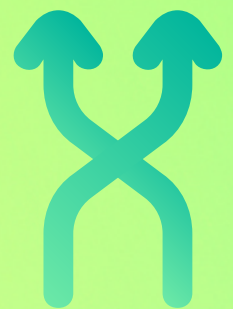


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Doors open 4.15 for a 4.30 start

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 Understanding Emotional Wellbeing: Negotiating Adolescence	
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.

Cover Supervisor

Librarian

Care Taker



Message from PE

Please be aware that term 2 clubs will be on the school website and Dane Court PE instagram by the end of this week. The PE department has lots of exciting extra curricular opportunities for your child. All clubs will begin on the week beginning 6th November 2023.

Kind regards and thank you for your continued support.