

Dane Court Grammar School

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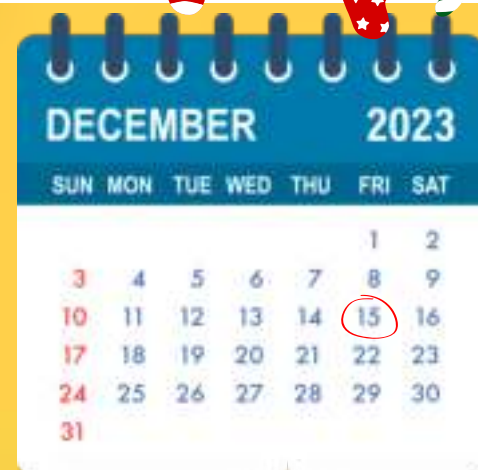
See the [school website](#) for the [full calendar](#) and [term dates](#)

Key Dates for Parents to remember:

2nd January - First Day of Term 3

Year 11 to complete Kent Choices by FRIDAY 26th January

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.

New Articles

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The deadline for Kent Choices applications is Friday, 26th January 2024. We would like to remind all Year 11 students of the importance of completing this personal statement and online application through Kent Choices. Meetings with the Senior Leadership Team and Sixth Form will be every evening w/b 29th January 2024, with Friday 2nd February being set aside for remote meetings. In tandem with the application process, we encourage all students to explore the resources on Google Classrooms, to find guidelines for creating personal statements.

Kent Police Useful Links

As we approach the Christmas holidays I would like to draw your attention to the following links that have been shared with us by Kent Police to help support you during this time in keeping your child safe online over this break and beyond.

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Parents/Parents-642522.html>

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>

<https://support.xbox.com/en-US/help/family-online-safety/browse>

I hope you find these useful. Have a lovely Christmas and New Year
The Safeguarding Team



Parents and carers of Year 9 students

We are approaching the time when decisions have to be made about the GCSE courses your child will study in years 10 and 11. This is an exciting time for our students, as it represents the first opportunity for them to take greater control of their educational pathway. The first step in this process will be an after-school event on Thursday 11th January at 4.30pm. The evening will provide extensive information about the options process, and there will be the opportunity to ask questions of senior staff and subject teachers. Prior to the event, you will be sent a prospectus which includes details of the GCSE courses we offer – this will be sent by email when we return to school in January. We look forward to seeing you on 11th January.

Kind regards

Sally Jellett

Deputy Headteacher

Message from the PTA

The PTA would like to take the opportunity to thank Gloria Riley for all her help over the past eight years. Gloria has been the driving force behind the successful quiz nights (the last one raising over £900 for the school.) The Boot Fairs where she was the queen of the refreshment cabin – cooking up sausage and bacon rolls all morning for the hungry traders and visitors. Gloria loved to create events for the children of the school and their families and her work on organising the Year 7 treasure trail was hugely appreciated. Above all Gloria was a source of laughter and support for all who volunteer on the PTA committee and help out on PTA events. I am sure the whole school community will join with the PTA in thanking Gloria for her hard work and commitment to the school.

Lois Gadd, Treasurer, Dane Court Grammar School PTA





Dane Court Drama/Shakespeare Club

We are proud to announce that Dane Court Drama/Shakespeare Club is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund! If you are a member of the Co-op (membership costs £1 and you get rewards!) you can select our cause to support each time you shop no matter where you are in the UK! To find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/86275>

Many thanks,

Mrs Radley and the Drama Team

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](#)

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.



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team Season's Greetings



The festive season looks different for everyone. There is lots to look forward to but it's also ok if the festive season (or at least part of it) isn't an easy time for you and/or your family. Remember that it almost certainly won't be 'picture perfect', but hopefully, in amongst it all, there will be plenty of happy times for you and your family.

Here are some simple tips to support you through the festive season:

1. **Take time for yourself** - Make sure you take some time for yourself to do what you enjoy, even if that means spending some time on your own.
2. **Try to keep some of your everyday routines** - remember the importance of regular meals, physical activity, and a good night's sleep. If you do find you've got out of your regular routines, try to get back into them before returning to school or college.
3. **Spend time outdoors** - it can be difficult when it's cold outside, but wrap up well and get outside. Perhaps see if you can spot some winter sunshine with a friend or family member!
4. **Gratitude** - Take a moment to reflect on what you are thankful for - write it down or share it with someone.
5. **Connection** - stay in touch with your friends and support network, and reach out for support if you need it.

Further resources can be found here:

- **Kent and Medway Mental Health Support Teams** - <https://www.neft.nhs.uk/kent-and-medway-mental-health-support-teams>
- **Kent Resilience Hub** - <https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/>
- **Young Minds** - <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/looking-after-your-mental-health-at-christmas/>

Term 3 PE clubs

The PE department would like to share the clubs that will be taking place in term 3 and these will begin on the second week back after Christmas, week beginning 8th January 2024.

Tuesday - Trampolining Club - KS4, KS5 and GCSE

Wednesday - American Football Club - all year groups
- Badminton Club - 7,8,9 and GCSE

Thursday - Girls Rugby Club - all year groups
- GCSE Intervention - GCSE
- Climbing Club - 8,9,10,11

Friday - Lunchtime Basketball Club - all years
Thank you
Dane Court PE Department

Day of the week	Name of Club	start/finish time	Duration	Where	Year group	
Monday	Metting Poles	1.45 to 2.15pm	30min	L5	All	
	Debate Club	3.30-4.20	50 mins	Library	All	
	Junior choir	1.40-2.15	35 min	H7	Y7 and Y8	
	Junior Bands	3.30-4.15	45 min	H7	Y7 and Y8	
	Physical Club	3.30-4.00	30mins	D12	Yr 11, 12, 13	
	MFL Film club	1.45-2.25	30 mins	L13	Y8+	
Tuesday	Orchestra	1.40-2.15	35 min	H7	All Musicians	
	DS/GB	Triumphing	3.20-4.20	60 min	Sports Hall	KS4 & KS5
	KW	KS3 Art club	3.20-4.20	1 hour	Art	KS3
	Book Club	1.45 - 2.15	30 mins	Library	All students	
MM	Japanese Club	1.45-2.15	30min	L4	All students	
	Dungeons & Dragons	3.20 - 4.20	1 hour	B9	All students	
Wednesday	String group	3.30-4.30	1 hour	H7	String players	
C. Jones	Senior Choir	1.40-2.15	35 min	H7	Year 9 to 13	
	DoE Silver award	3.30-4.31	1 hour	usually D10 or D plaza	Year 12-select students	
	CH	American Fb	3.30-4.25	60 min	Field	10, 11, 12, 13
	MW	Badminton	3.20-4.20	60 min	Sports Hall	7,8,9 + gceat ps
	SEJ	Chess Club	3.20-4.20	1 hour	Library	All
Thursday	Creative Writing	1.40 - 2.15	30 mins	Library	All	
MR and DJS	RSC Drama	3.30-4.30	1 hour	H1	7-10	
MA	Climbing	3.30 - 4.25	55 minutes	Climbing wall	8-13	
LG	Cipher Challenge	3.30 - 4.20	50 minutes	S1	7-13	
ANW & JA	Sport Science	3.30 - 4.20	50 minutes	M7	11	
	Jazz Band	1.40-2.15	35 mins	H7	Grade 3+ musicians	
	Ukulele Club	1.40-2.15	35 mins	H8	Everyone	
external coach paul	Girls Rugby club	3.30-4.25	50 mins	field or half sports hall	All	
Friday	Brass band	1.40-2.15	35 mins	H7	Brass players	
	Woodwind group	1.40-2.15	35 mins	H8	Woodwind players	
	Basket Ball	1.40 - 2.15	35mins	Sports Hall	All	
ANW	Y13 Sport science	3.20-4.25	50 MIN	B7	13	
MG	Olympiad Club	1.45-2.15	30	D10	12-13	

Lastly, everyone in the Dane Court team wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone happy, rested and ready for the new year at the beginning of next term on the 2nd January 2024

We wish you a Merry Christmas



CMK CONNECT



CMK Connect

- December half-term 2023!
- 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!



Scan the QR
code to
register

@cmkcommunity

What's On

Mon 18th Dec
1:30pm - 2.30pm
2:30pm - 3.30pm

Bamboo Dance Co. dance workshops
at Quarterdeck Youth Hub, Margate



Mon 18th Dec
2pm - 4pm
(drop in)

Skateboard Skills with Scorcha
at Pie Factory Music, Ramsgate



Tues 19th Dec
2pm - 4pm
(drop in)

Skateboard Skills with Scorcha
at Quaterdeck Youth Hub, Margate



Tues 19th Dec
2:30pm - 4pm

Creative Art and Festive Decorations
workshop with Broadstairs Town Shed
at Cliftonville Cultural Space, CT9 2HP



Wed 20th Dec
2pm - 3.30pm

This Bean Spins Hula Hoop Fitness and
Circus Skills session at Centenary Hall,
Hardres Street, Ramsgate CT11 8QP



Wed 20th Dec
4pm - 6pm
(drop in)

Beginner Skateboarding Session with
Scorcha at Harstdown Leisure Centre



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



Food Market

Thursday 21st December 8:30 - 10:30am

Raising money for the Youth SVP at Ursuline College, to continue the work they do helping their local community in many different ways.



All food kindly donated by **thanet earth**.

Low-cost, high-quality produce.

All items at 10p - 40p
***cash only, maximum spend £20**

at Ursuline College

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