



2.2.2024 Newsletter



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Key Dates for Parents to remember:

- 2nd February - Dane Court Charity Fundraising Day
- w/c 5th February - Year 12 Work Experience Week
- 9th February - Staff Training Day - students not in school



Safeguarding update:

Tuesday 6th February 2024 is 'Safer Internet Day'. Over the years, Safer Internet Day has become a key event in the online safety calendar. Starting as a relatively small initiative of the EU SafeBorders project in 2004. With the current digital age Safer Internet Day has grown real momentum since it started and is now celebrated in around 170 countries worldwide.

From cyberbullying to social networking, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of current online concerns and emerging issues. With a theme this year of "Inspiring Change", the day is called upon to make the internet a safer and better place for all, and especially for children and young people.

For more information and some brilliant resources, please click on the following links:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024>



<https://www.saferinternetday.org/home>

In light of Safer Internet Day please be reminded of how to Report Harmful online Content using the link below:

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/report/>

Parent Support Webinars

Please access our Family Support page on the school website to find out more about our NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team's offer of parent support webinars. The first of these starts next week with a webinar on 'Understanding Autism' on Wednesday 6th February 5.30-7.30pm. Please note the support available for exam anxiety. The 'Less Stress Guide to Exams' session takes place on Wednesday 20th March 5-6pm and is suitable for young people to attend.



Online Workshops




These workshops are aimed at supporting young people and parents/carers of young people in secondary school.

- Understanding Autism
Tuesday 6th February 5.30-7.30pm
- Understanding the Amazing Teenage Brain
Wednesday 28th February 5-6.30pm
- Understanding ADHD
Thursday 7th March 5.30-7.30pm
- Less Stress Guide to Exams
Wednesday 20th March 5-6pm

Our online workshops offer information around key topics to help young people and their parents/carers to understand what is going on for them and strategies which may help to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice.

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet. Currently, this workshop is only available to young people and parents/carers of children attending a EWT/EST school. Please speak to your school or check our website for our list of schools.

We look forward to meeting you.



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in secondary school

Introduction To Understanding Autism

Tuesday 6th February 5.30-7.30pm

Do you have **questions about Autism**? Maybe your child has **received a diagnosis**. Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child**?

You are invited to a **workshop about understanding symptoms of Autism**. We also discuss **helpful strategies that you can use at home** to help support your child.


If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 350 390 996 96 Passcode: ZuMHiD

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools.

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Duke Of Edinburgh news Mrs Whelan

DOE training for year 12 and 13 is now in full swing in preparation for their expedition. Attendance is essential so that participants have an opportunity to work as a team and learn the practical skills required for their self sufficiency on their expedition. If training is not completed, participants may not be allowed to partake in the expedition. In addition to this, participants MUST be completing their Volunteering, Physical or Skills activities and uploading their evidence as this is the main part of their award. Students have been informed of the dates for the expedition. (6th-8th June practice and 27th-29th June assessed) so these days need to be kept free and noted by year 12/13 parents/guardians for drop off and pick up of students.



House Music

House Music is back, and we are looking for some guest judges!

Do you know of anyone notable in the community? Did you compose the theme for a TV show, have friends or family that are in Beyonce's band, or know someone who knows someone who has played at Glastonbury? Please put them in touch to judge our House Music competition on the 28th March in the afternoon.

I eagerly await your replies to cjones@danecourt.kent.sch.uk



Apprenticeships

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2024

Parents and students from Year 10 to 13 - please join us at our **Apprenticeship Information Evening** on **Wednesday, 7th February** from 5pm in the Theatre.

We are proud to inform our students about all of their options when they leave Dane Court Grammar School and apprenticeships are an excellent choice.

Including: how apprenticeships work; talks from Kreston Reeves degree apprentices; and a current vacancies board. **#NAW2024**

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National Apprenticeship Week 2024

The 17th annual National Apprenticeship Week will take place from 5th to 11th February 2024.

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 2024 aims to shine a light on the amazing work being done by apprentices, employers and their training providers across the country.

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2024 is 'Skills for Life'.

Please join us to hear more on Wednesday 7th February at 5pm in the theatre.

Yr13 Exam Timetable 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
19 Feb English P1 HL 2hr15 9:00-11:15 SL 1hr15 9:00-10:45	20 Feb Group 2 French HL Paper 1 (Writing) 1hr30 then Paper 2 (Reading) 1hr 9:00-11:30 German HL Paper 1 (Writing) 1hr30 then Paper 2 (Reading) 1hr 9:00-11:30	21 Feb Chemistry HL P1 and P2 1hr and 2hr 9:00-12:00 SL P2 and P2 45min and 1hr15 9:00-11:00	22 Feb Biology HL P1 and P2 1hr and 2hr 9:00-12:00 SL P1 and P2 45min and 1hr15 9:00-11:00	23 Feb Philosophy P2 HL 2hr30 9:00-11:30 SL 1hr45 9:00-10:45 Geography P1 HL 2hr15 9:00-11:15 SL 1hr30 9:00-10:30 Anthropology HL P2 2hr30 9:00-11:30	26 Feb English P2 HL and SL 1hr45 9:00-10:45
morning session					
Maths P1 HL 2hr 13:00-15:00 SL 1hr30 13:00-14:30	Psychology P1 HL and SL 2hr 13:15-15:15 ESS SL 2hr 13:15-15:15	Physics HL P1 and P2 1hr and 2hr 13:00-16:00 SL P2 and P2 13:00-15:00	Philosophy P2 HL and SL 1hr15 13:15-14:30 Geography P2 HL and SL 1hr15 13:15-14:30 History HL and SL P1 and P2 1hr then 1hr30 13:00-15:30 Anthropology HL P1 2hr 13:15-15:15	History HL only P3 2hr30 13:00-15:30 Psychology P2 HL 2hr 13:00-14:00 SL 1hr 13:00-14:00	Maths P2 HL 2hr 13:00-15:00 SL 1hr30 13:30-15:00
afternoon session					

Please note start and end times do not include 5 minute reading time which applies to all exams except group 5 Paper 1 MCQ papers. Exact start times may vary.

Some PM exams may run after the end of the school day, these have been highlighted.

Anna Freud schedule for the Parent and Carer Webinars for this term.

These webinars provide valuable support and information to parents and carers. Anna Freud have added some new webinar topics this term in response to the current pressures young people are facing and the impacts on their mental health. Please note that these webinars are only intended for the parents or carers of those enrolled at Dane Court.

1. How to support your young person with low mood: Tuesday 6 February 12:00–13:00

[Click here to register](#)

2. Early emerging School Based Avoidance: practical tips and strategies to support your child: Thursday 8 February 17:00–18:00

[Click here to register](#)

3. Anxiety in adolescence: how can parents and carers help? Tuesday 5 March 12:00–13:00

[Click here to register](#)

4. Adolescent self-harm: how to make sense of it and when to seek support: Wednesday 13 March 17:00–18:00

[Click here to register](#)

5. Building resilience, staying connected and nurturing your relationship with your teen: Tuesday 19 March 12:00–13:00

[Click here to register](#)

6. Understanding the impact of bullying on a young person's mental health: practical strategies to help you support your young person to get through their experience and feel OK again: Thursday 21 March 12:00–13:00

[Click here to register](#)

7. Managing teen behaviour that challenges: tips and tricks: Wednesday 17 April 12:00–13:00

[Click here to register](#)

8. Weathering the storms of strong teen emotions: do's, don'ts and when to consider talking to someone: Tuesday 23 April 12:00–13:00

[Click here to register](#)

9. Understanding the adolescent brain: strategies to help you understand and support young people's mental health and wellbeing: Thursday 25 April 17:00–18:00

[Click here to register](#)

Year 8 HPV vaccination offer and catch up for yr9, 10 and 11

We have been working with the Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) to make sure young people in our school can access nationally scheduled immunisations.

The HPV programme has consisted of two doses of the vaccine. Evidence now shows that only one dose is needed to give protection, unless further doses are clinically required i.e., those who are HIV positive.

The immunisation team will therefore offer one dose of the HPV vaccine to our 2023/24 Year 8 cohort during their next visit. They will also offer a dose to any children in years 9 to 11 who have not yet received the HPV vaccine for any reason. They will not offer a second dose of the HPV vaccine to any children who have already received a dose.

PSHE Topics

In line with the statutory Government requirements, please find below the PSHE topics which will be covered this term. Please may I remind you that the policy is obtainable on the school website. If you have any further questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Richards.

Year 7: Health and puberty: Healthy routines, influences on health, puberty, unwanted contact, and FGM

Year 8: Emotional and physical wellbeing: Periods, period poverty, mental health and memotional wellbeing, including body image and coping strategies

Year 9: Healthy lifestyle: Diet, exercise, lifestyle, balance and healthy choices, self examination

Year 10: Exploring influence: The influence and impact of drugs, gangs, county lines, role models and the media

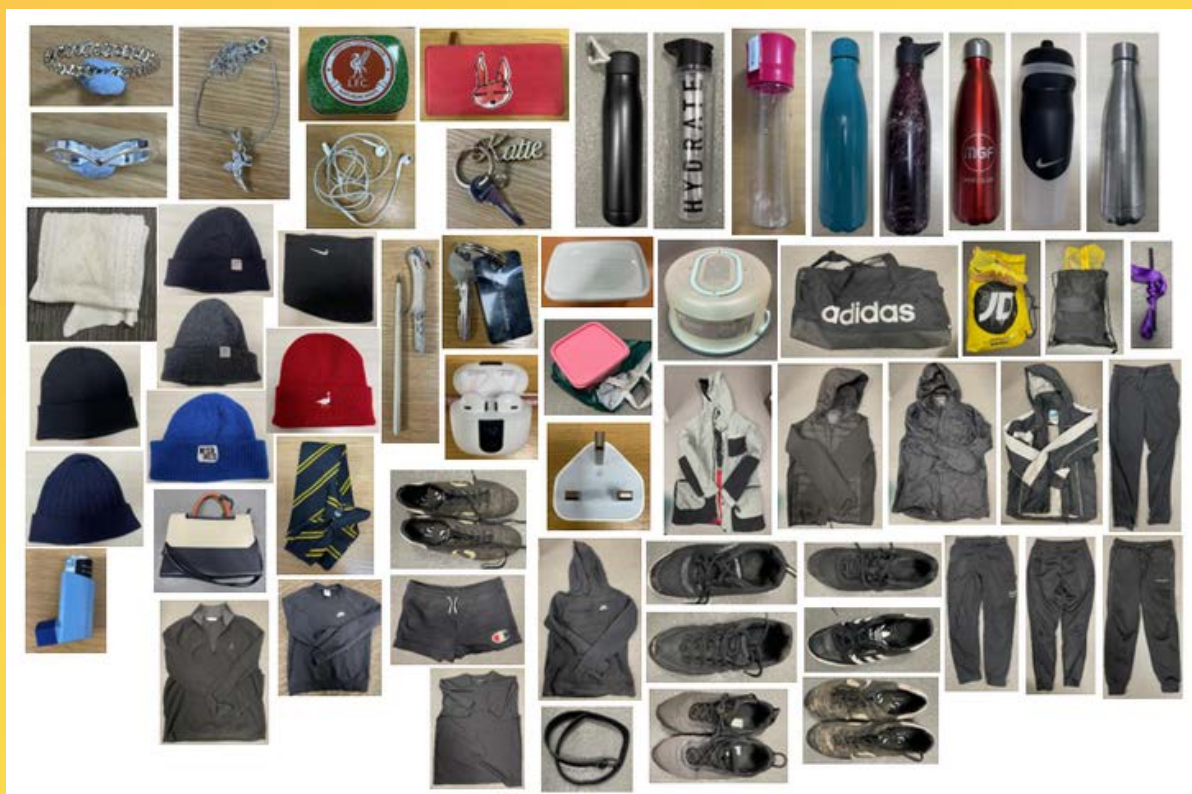
Year 11: Independence: Prejudice and Stereotypes, responsible health choices and safety in independent contexts.

Year 11 Parents:

Please see the overview [here](#) for all the interventions that we are currently running during mentoring/lunchtime and after school to support your children in the run up to their GCSE exams - if your child needs general help with a subject, please encourage them to come along - if they need specific support, please ask them to contact their class teacher or me (echanning@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) so they stand the best chance of academic success in their March PPEs and during the summer exams.

We already have selection of items in our lost property so far this term. As well as unnamed items of school uniform and PE kit/PEbags, the items we have include water bottles, Tupperware items, a clip-on tie, shoes/trainers - odds & paired, jewellery, a belt, keys, a purse, a handbag, asthma pump, a pen, charger plug, headphones, a small Liverpool FC tin, hats, gloves, scarf, coats and a ribbon 'twirler'. 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



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