



Prize Winners!

Let's celebrate our Dane Court successes



Above: Lola 8T.

Centre top: Olivia 6B2 with some photobombers.



Above: Tim 7H.

Centre bottom: Miss Diffley.

"LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS" is coming!
Win free tickets on page 15!

Lola 8T

Winner of the Chatter medieval goodies having found the boar hidden on the archers bob on page 12 last time. Did you find it?

Olivia 6B2

Winner of a Royal Geographical Society Award for Excellence in Geographical Learning, one of only 20 for her GCSE results. Cosmic!

Tim 7H

Bucket of worms winner who guessed 1000 which was nearest to the 1372 in the bucket. Feeling lucky? Try the comps on pages 15 and 20.

Miss Diffley

Winner of Moneywise's Personal Finance Teacher of the Year 2018 award, Miss Diffley, we salute you!

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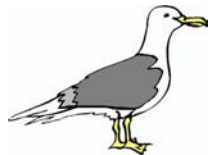
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Words from the Editor

Did you know it was a boar on your blazer, and not a dragon? You probably did, but I certainly didn't. If anyone else is like this, maybe having a pet boar will help to remember so see if you can win one on page 20.

So many great trips this time of year, so many to talk about. The year 7's have most definitely enjoyed their first year, and a trip to Sandwich is a perfect way to conclude that. As for the other year groups, they're probably just happy to be close to finishing school again!

Why not enjoy a trip to see "Little Shop of Horrors" and you could win tickets on page 15. I'm looking forward to it so I might see you there!

AONM

This Chatter Team...

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*with a little help from
Mrs Finlay and Mrs Hutchings*

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...and there's more!

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COMPETITION TIME and Charity update
Another prize- yippee!!!



That's enough...until July!



The BIG Debate



Isabella Barrs, AONM, and featuring Caleb Belle 7S

To tie or not to tie?

That is the question baffling the school after a Year 7 boy began a petition for ties to be optional.

Caleb Belle in 7S decided a few weeks ago that he wanted to know if others felt as he did.

“I thought that because girls didn’t have to wear ties boys shouldn’t have to either”

So, in true IB learner profile style, Caleb’s inquiring mind took a risk and he created a petition to gain support for his view. So far they have gained 83 signatures, including four staff members, which could increase the chance of ties becoming optional.

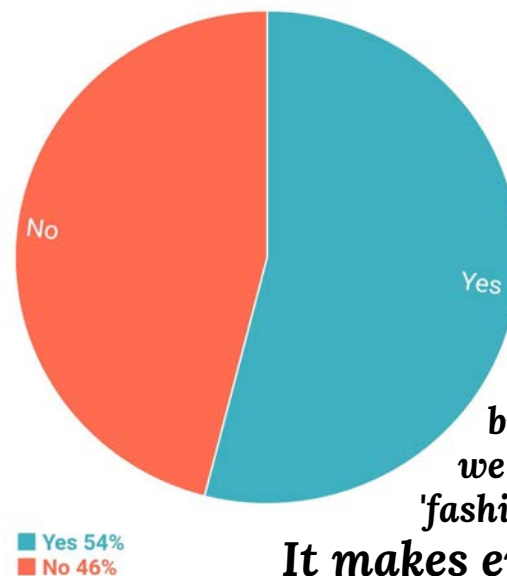
As it stands, Dane Court’s summer uniform states that blazers do not need to be worn and ties are optional. This comes into effect each year around the start of Term 6. Just in time to keep Caleb happy!

What about the age old debate about whether to have a school uniform or not? Some **pros** and **cons** to consider...

PROS

- Uniforms hide financial differences.
 - Uniforms boost work ethic.
- They make you feel proud to be part of your school.

Are School Uniforms a Good Idea?



CONS

- Uniforms can be restricting.
- Uniforms can be very expensive.
- There’s no room for individualism.
- You cannot express your own unique style.

Q. What about our 6th formers, should they wear uniform?

“We’ve earned the right not to wear a uniform after 5 years of hard work and hell,” said a feisty one!

“School uniforms should be kept as they help us concentrate and keep us from being bullied even more if we don't wear 'fashionable' clothing.

It makes everybody equal.”

REMEMBER, our charity days provide valuable funds to those in need and students can donate and come in non-uniform!

IB Geography Trip 2018

Olivia 6B2 , Royal Geographic Society Award Winner

IB River Studies: Juniper Hall

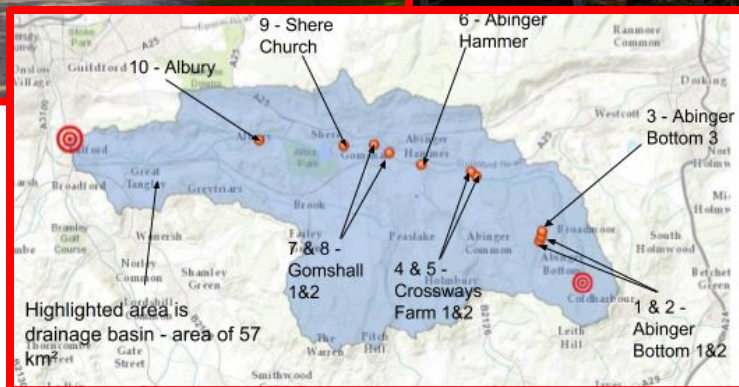
For our Internal Assessment for Geography, all Geography IB students, both standard and higher level, needed to complete some fieldwork. As we decided to do our IAs on a river, we had to complete a river study in order to obtain data for analysis. For this we went to Juniper Hall in Surrey, and completed a river study on the River Tillingbourne alongside the Field Study Centre. We left Dane Court at 8 o'clock on Monday 21 May and arrived back at school on Wednesday 23 May.



Above: the drive leading up to Juniper Hall



Above: Shere Church, filming location for Love Actually



Left: the area we conducted our studies in

On the first day, after we arrived, we had a short introductory lesson, in which we were introduced to our mentors from the **Field Study Centre** and also were given a brief outline of the itinerary of the next few days. Soon after this we split into groups of five and did a practise fieldwork study looking at the **impacts of tourism** on the local area (**Box Hill**). We did this in order to practise sampling techniques and to practise taking and **recording data**. We looked at the impact on the **flora and fauna** on Box Hill by recording different plant species along the width of the pathway to look at **diversity within the ecosystem** and also looked at **plant height** and **soil erosion**. We also asked people who were visiting a few questions to see what the wider impact may be, e.g. if people travelled long distances by car then fumes and pollutants are released into the air, and so this is another more widespread impact of tourism. After gathering our data we returned to the centre and analysed our results.

IB Geography Trip 2018

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IB River Studies: Juniper Hall (continued)

On the second day, after another introductory lesson, we travelled up to the source of the **River Tillingbourne in Leith Hill** and then worked our way downstream, stopping at **10 different sites** along the way. At each site we **recorded channel width, depth, wetted perimeter, velocity and gradient**. Our 9th site, Shere Church, is a very popular place for weddings, as it was featured in several films like Love Actually, and here we stopped and got **ice creams**. After all the data was recorded we travelled back to Juniper Hall, and after a very short lesson, we had the **whole evening off**. We **played football and other games** together and then explored the grounds. This time was a good time to **relax and socialise** after all the work was completed. The final day we prepared our data with the help of our mentors and also completed a **Spearman's rank test** together on one set of data to practise for our IAs.



The **food at the centre was really nice** and each day we made our own lunches to take out with us when we were doing fieldwork; however, we did buy **pizzas** each night and got them delivered to the centre! We were all in rooms of two or three people and definitely kept the teachers up by talking for hours after we went to bed. **The whole trip was enjoyable, and even though it was still hard work, we had enough time to spend with each other at the end of each day.**

(Chatter: Now you can see why she won an award? We only asked her for a paragraph!!!)

Historic Sandwich with Year 7

'Hungry' Historians Erica Cousins and Jenny Allan

Exploring the medieval Cinque Port town

HISTORICAL FACTS

Did you know that Sandwich is called Sandwich because the first sandwich was made there. It was created when John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich, had too much to do so he asked if his meal could be put in between two pieces of bread so he can carry on working while he ate. Houses in Medieval Sandwich are mainly made out of wood and wattle and daub. More important buildings are made out of stone and more expensive materials like marble and granite. Churches and chapels were made using these materials. Sandwich probably contains the most timbered framed houses in England. Nowadays houses are made of bricks.



Wood, wattle and daub

A real document of the Magna Carta! This had the first rights for women in it!



A dead Medieval rat at Sandwich Museum. Say cheese rat!

An information sign



Modern history



A creepy grave sign



Humorous history



An Elizabethan Court House!!

Historic openings



Chatter: So, Jenny, how was your trip to historical Sandwich?

Sandwich was probably one of the best school trips I've ever done as we had quite a bit of freedom and it was really fun and interesting, oh and it was good weather and the ice-cream was yummy! Jenny 7D

Chatter: Why did you go?

We had to (don't tell Mr. Baker!). We also have to do a medieval project on the info. Erica 7D

Chatter: What did you learn on the Year 7 History excursion?

Well I learnt how people had their ears nailed to wooden fences (not for fun but as a punishment) and then wiggle out, ripping their ear, gross but cool! Jenny, 7D

Chatter: Sum it up Erica...

The Sandwich trip was an all round educational and fun trip. We had a lot of fun and the locals were lovely. I really enjoyed the trip. Erica 7D

Historical Sandwich with Year 7

Another great trip thanks Mr Baker!



Happy historians

Miss Alison Sonnex

In conversation with Miss Riley

Celebrating Miss Sonnex

In our last edition we announced the news of the tragic death of Miss Alison Sonnex, SENCO and Modern Foreign Languages teacher at Dane Court. For this edition we would like to celebrate Miss Sonnex by giving an insight into the wonderful person we will remember.

Ahead of her time, Miss Sonnex went to Rochester Grammar School for Girls a year early after passing the entrance test at 9 years of age. She was always interested in languages and travelling, and took a gap year to work in Canada as she was too young to go to university. Miss Sonnex studied Languages at Leicester University, following her best friend from school who started the year before her.

Her tremendous sense of adventure took her all over the world. Miss Sonnex also worked in Italy and Japan from where she explored most of Asia. Finally she settled in Thanet, and began working at Dane Court where she met Miss Riley, previously Deputy Head, who would become her best friend of 23 years. Miss Riley said it was really difficult to find a place to go where Miss Sonnex had not been! She picked up languages easily and wherever she travelled she was able to adapt her knowledge from her impressive repertoire of Italian, Spanish, French, German and Japanese, but Welsh



foxed her much to Miss Riley's delight!

Miss Sonnex lived life to the full whether it was meeting and making many friends, making use of Groupon vouchers, travelling abroad on holiday, competing regularly in local pub league quizzes (she was renowned for her knowledge) or doting on her cats. She also loved rock music and was a fan of Evanescence and Muse amongst many others, travelling

frequently to concerts with her close friend Miss Karen Ash, ex-Head of Geography at Dane Court.

Most important to Miss Sonnex were her husband Clive and her three step-daughters, two who attended Dane Court, and her three small grandchildren. They are very much in our thoughts.

To sum up their friendship Miss Riley said, "Our relationship was easy, unconditional and unique."

We can all agree, Miss Alison Sonnex was a very special person.

Please take a look overleaf at a few of the comments that her form 6N2, other students, and colleagues have made about Miss Sonnex.

Jacob Cherry and AONM

Image credit: Miss Sonnex, with her best friend Miss Riley.

Miss Alison Sonnex

Researched by Jacob Cherry

Tributes to Miss Sonnex

“You were the person who made coming to work a pleasure”
Mrs Van Hinsbergh

Always encouraging

“Just give it ago!”
Famous quote of hers.

Always smiling

Very good at
languages

Dear Miss Sonnex

Never
negative

Positive person

You were one of the most kind hearted teachers I'd ever been taught by; it's also rare to find someone that takes the time to really listen - you had time for everyone. You inspired me to spend my gap year travelling and working in Italy, an experience I will never forget. You were such a warm person and I know you will be sorely missed.

Always cheered
the underdog

Warmhearted

Rest in peace

Professional

Always had
stories to tell

Arun Hill former Diploma student

Constant
humour

“Cheerful, positive, helpful, supportive”

Lots of giggles along the way

Always making sure we are ok

Always on time

Not about material possession

Had such a full and varied life

To honour and remember Miss Sonnex, staff have made a collection and plan to purchase and erect a memorial bench on the grounds at Dane Court.

Learning in Action

Trekker Tamsin with the Troop and The Chemists

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The D of E is an award scheme initiated by the Duke of Edinburgh and run at schools, clubs, centres and businesses nationally. **We are very lucky here at Dane Court to be able to participate in the scheme.**

There are 3 levels of award where participants aged 14-24 can win a **Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award**, it just takes longer to achieve the higher you go. Each award has a **physical, volunteering and skill** aspect **PLUS AN EXPEDITION!**

For my silver award, I have to do 6, 6 and 3 months service plus a 3 day 2 night expedition. This is just what a group of us did at the end of April when we went on our **practice expedition carrying 'fat bags'**, bags weighing $\frac{1}{4}$ of our body weight, 26 miles. Yes, **26 MILES!** All to test our working as a team, our navigation skills and our resolve. **And it's costing me £160 for the pleasure!**

This time we walked to St Margaret's at Cliffe near Dover, staying at **Kingsdown campsite** overlooking the Channel. No shops, no transport, just carry it all including maps, food, cooking, sleeping and tent stuff. **Just walk and get photographic evidence all the way.** The planning meetings were definitely worthwhile and made sure we got it all the important things covered. Thanks to my team and to Mr White who helped us get organised and kept a beady eye on us.

I have made **great like-minded friends** and I am having **loads of fun** experiencing things that **develop me as a person.** My skin is only just repairing from the blisters but don't let that put you off. It looks good on your CV - **employers know about D of E** - and it shows you are a 'rounded' person. **GIVE IT A GO!**



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Salter's Festival 2018, University of Kent - 8 May

Four lucky Year 8 students were selected to attend the Salter's Institute Festival of Chemistry at the **University of Kent with Mrs Whelan.** Our students who attended hoping to win prizes were Beth, Catherine, Jamie and Emaad. We spent the day taking part in **fun Chemistry activities** just as real Chemists would and we had to **work as a team** and use our **skills to solve problems.** As Chemists we had to investigate two



different problems detectives may need **forensic** help with. Apart from a fantastic time our team achieved **second place** so well done to us and a great result against 10 schools from across Kent. **Jamie 8S**





Parents' Association

Thanks to Miss Riley, Chair of the Parents' Association



FREE SALES TABLES FOR STUDENTS!

The Parents' Association is a group made up of parents and staff that work at Dane Court. **Our main aim is to raise money for the school** to buy those 'extra things' that all students can enjoy or appreciate. This year we have **purchased benches**, helped purchase **equipment for the school radio** and replaced the **hall floor**. We have also helped with the production of your **brilliant Chatter publications**.

How do we raise our money?

Money is raised through **quiz nights** and **boot fairs** which we organise from April through to September and we are always looking for different ideas to help with our fundraising.

We would love the students to be more involved with our activities. For example, you can organise a table at the next Boot fair and our last one on the 9 June was a great success. The next **boot fair** dates are **Saturday 14 July and Saturday 9 September**. There's no need for stallholders to book, just turn up at 6:00am. £7 for cars and £10 for vans. The boot fair is open to general public at 6:30am and **refreshments are available**.

Money could be raised for **charity** or to put some extra money in your pocket plus it is a great opportunity to have a good clear out of all those items you no longer want!

Looking forward to hearing from you about your ideas, and if you or your family are interested in a table at our next fair please see **Mrs Gadd, Mr Stanley or Mr Lycett** and remember:

TABLES ARE FREE TO STUDENTS

Don't forget to share your ideas for fundraising to get £££ for DCGS or for charities!

Stressed Out?

Researched by cool cucumbers Erica Cousins and Skye-Louise West

Studying for tests and end of years are a stressful times for everyone, teachers and students alike. So it's very important to make sure you keep your stress in check, here are a few ways you can do that.



* **Eat healthily!** Some healthy snacks are:
- oatcakes
- my healthy ice cream recipe see (right)

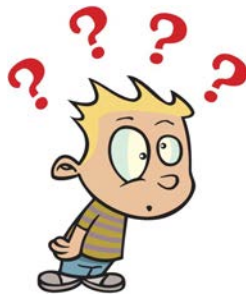
- fruit and nut butter

- just make sure you have a **balanced diet**

that includes the five food groups of proteins, carbohydrates, fruits & vegetables, dairy and healthy fats

* keep hydrated with **plenty of water** - not sugary drinks!

Why don't you look for other recipes online!!



Healthy Chocolate Ice cream!!

You will need:

- A banana
- ½ cup of cocoa
- 1 shot of coffee

Method:

- 1) Take all your ingredients.
- 2) Next blend them all together - like a smoothie.
- 3) Then pour it into a bowl and freeze it overnight.
- 4) **Then eat it and don't share!!**

* Get outside and exercise!

* Take **plenty of breaks**.

* Find a hobby that you are interested in to give you a break from revision.

* **Find a study plan that suits you.** I like to do 30 minutes study and 10 minutes break. But my sister likes 1 hour of study and 30 minutes break.



+A

* Keep your **sleep** in check. You don't want studying to throw off your sleep schedule.

* Meditation is brilliant for relaxing the mind and calming any anxiety.

* Having a relaxing sound in the background can relax your mind.

* Aromatherapy is great for relaxation - try lavender oil

* Controlling your breathing, by slowly inhaling (breathing in) for a count of 5, holding your breath for 5, then exhaling (breathing out) for a count of 7.

GO ON, TRY IT! Breathe in...2-3-4-5



It's all about finding what works for you. I have heard of a man who has to have a vacuum cleaner in the background to help him focus. However, studies show that music, phones and television do not help you focus on your studies so switch off and put those distractions away until you have got on with the task at hand which is...getting great results, so...

GOOD LUCK!

Au Revoir Year 13

Insight from Jamie The Rave~n

So, after several years at DC the 13s finally have to say goodbye!



Some have been here for two years, some for as long as seven. But what they all share in common is that they have more than made their mark on the school and they'll be remembered for years to come.

But their time is already drawing to a close, with **Shirt Signing Day** finished and the Prom at St Augustine's this week, with plenty of **memories, happiness and inside jokes.**



'The teachers were very supportive and were always available to go over anything we didn't understand outside the lessons.' Karina

"So sad to leave Dane Court, it's like leaving a big part of my childhood, but I hope to come back in the future!" Emily



"Looking forward to the opportunities I will have in the future as the constant support from some of my teachers really built my confidence." Tabitha



So, just what's left before they leave forever? The **final exams** will determine whether they have achieved the International Baccalaureate successfully and **results day is on 5 July**. Then summer and their future adventures beckon. **We at DCGS Chatter all wish them the very best**, especially to my big sister Maddie - good riddance!

Seagull Report

Sea-GAL Jenny Allan Reporting



**Did you know?
Seagulls have a
lifespan of 10-15
years, some live up
to 33 years!!!**

Good points about seagulls

1. Keep the insect population from booming.
2. They keep the food chain in order.
3. And not much else.....!

Bad points about seagulls

1. Eat/scatter rubbish about.
2. Divebomb people for food.
3. Sometimes very aggressive (attack people).
4. Make a lot of noise early in morning and just generally.
5. Build nests on your roof.
6. Attack pets, e.g. dogs.
7. Ruin your lawn by hunting for worms.
8. Take your sausages from the barbecue!

**What do you call a man with a
seagull on his head?**

Cliff!!!

**What do you call a seagull
that flies over a bay?**

A bagel!!!

Seagulls. Hmmmm...

At this time of year they're generally a nuisance, divebomb you, steal your yummy lunch and wake you up at crazy o'clock in the morning, I know this all from past experience. But stop, think about it, we probably annoy them just as much, kill their friends, wake THEM up and destroy their cosy nest. Also think, if you're hungry in the morning you can just pop down to the shop and buy something while seagulls have to try and find some food. Poor birds. So we're probably just as annoying as each other:

- We wake each other up at crazy times in the day
- We both make a lot of noise
- We both eat a lot
- We both destroy stuff
- And we both try to attack/kill each other

So think, seagulls may be a pest but they do occasionally (sort of) help us and we're just as annoying.

It's a Date

By Jaan 'Ravenous' Richards

See "Little Shop of Horrors" on 4, 5, 6 and 7 July!



Tickets
just £5!

WIN 2 tickets in our competition below!

* Comedy * Horror * Rock *

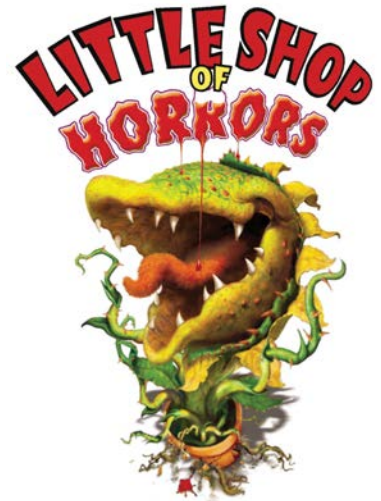
Dane Court Productions
brings you

"Little Shop of Horrors"

Seymour Krelborn works with Audrey in a florist shop. Business is not booming but could romance be on the cards? Come and see!

We have been rehearsing and had so many dance numbers it's been exhausting! Balancing rehearsals and end of year tests has been challenging but it's also been fun and we are looking forward to giving you all something to remember!

**COME AND SEE THE GREATEST
PLAY OF THE SEASON!**



To WIN 2 tickets to our show just answer 1 simple question!

**What type of plant is the one in
"Little Shop of Horrors" based on?**



WIN

Send your answer to Chatter@danecourt.kent.sch.uk by 5pm on Tuesday 03/07/2018 to be in with a chance to win. Winners will be drawn at random from all correct answers. Winners will be notified by email on 03/07/2018.

What's Ahead

Great things coming up!



Late June is the time of the year when our Year 7s take their trip to the **Gurdwara in Gravesend**. The Sikh temple visit will be a fascinating insight into the Sikh religion.
Jamie 8S

Year 8 Germany

On 15 July, most of the Year 8s will be leaving for the annual trip to **Rhineland, Western Germany**.

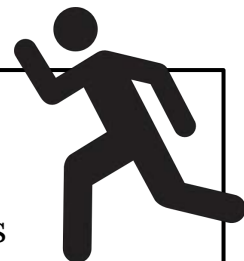
Will we make it back in time for the last day of term? Do you care? Are you ready? Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Is anyone there? No? Jamie 8S



Sports Days

2 and 3 July

The annual sports day is fast approaching and hopefully everyone will be fast! Sport will be in the air and it should be fun and games but don't forget your **sunscreen, sun hat, water** and **house T-shirt**, so get set, GO! Remember, hot dogs and goodies will be on sale by the Food department! Jenny 7D



Rockley

Some Year 7's will be packing their bags and heading to **South West France** and spending a week doing loads of cool activities. If you're going are you ready to roll at Rockley?? Jenny 7D

Year 7 Port Lympne

Lucky Year 7s are heading on safari soon so keep your eyes peeled for the rhinos and don't leave many people behind! Sophie 7T



Le Château de Warsy with Years 9, 10 & 12

Look out Paris, here we come! Will we ever feel the same after staying in an 18th Century Château?

Doubt it! AONM



Library Update

DCGS Librarian - Mrs Finlay

Well done to Lani from 7T who is being awarded a book token for reading the most library books since September!

LIBRARY GROUPS

Talking Books

Week A Tuesday lunchtimes

We will be having a book discussion in the library, when students can come and chat about their favourite books and recommend books to friends. If you love books and chatting about them, then come to 'Talking Books'!

Junior Book Club

We are currently reading **We Are All Made of Molecules** by Susin Nielsen which we will be discussing on Tuesday 19 June.

All year 7's and 8's welcome.

We also reviewed the Carnegie Medal shortlist titles for 2018, giving our feedback and opinions to help with the judging process. The shortlisted titles this year were:

That Hate You Give by Angie Thomas

After the Fire by Will Hill

Rook by Anthony McGowan

Wed Wabbit by Lissa Evans

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Release by Patrick Ness

Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean

Saint Death by Marcus Sedgwick

If you are interested in joining us please see Mrs Finlay.

Book Reviews

We love to hear your take on favourite books, and it is great for other students to see personal recommendations, so all book reviews are very welcome. Book reviews can be handed in to the "Chatterbox" on the library desk.

For any library information or book ordering contact Mrs Finlay on finlay@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

AUTHORS OF THE MONTH

William Shakespeare

A Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, The Taming of the Shrew, Twelfth Night, Merchant of Venice and many, many more!

Eva Ibbotson

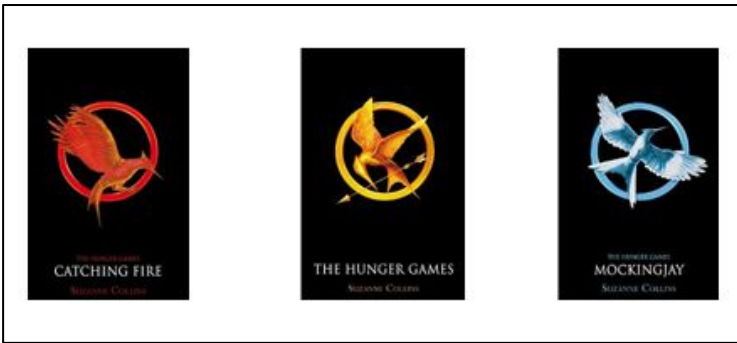
Journey to the River Sea, The Secret of Platform 13, The Star of Kazan, and The Morning Gift



Reader Reviews

Read anything good lately? Here are some suggestions for you...

The Hunger Games Series by Suzanne Collins



The whole series is amazing and action packed. They are all page turners! The Hunger Games is the first, then Hunger Games Catching Fire, finishing it up with Hunger Games Mockingjay. The Hunger Games is an action packed book series all about fighting and hardship. It's full of gore, death and fighting. It's an excellent book which you don't want to put down, perfect for any fantasy and book lover.

Hunger Games - the first one. The first book is the start of adventure. The start of the rebellion. The start of the romance.

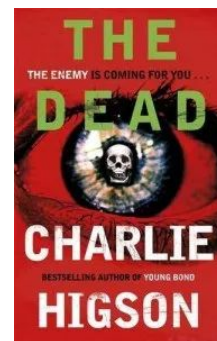
Catching Fire - the second. This book has a huge plot twist. In fact the whole book is a plot twist.

Mockingjay - the third - the finale. This the final book in the three book series. It ends with... well you don't think we're going to give that bit away do you?!
Sophie 7T

The Dead by Charlie Higson

Like horror stories? Well this one's coming for you!!!

The Dead is an incredible, imaginative horror fiction book about a disease that make adults, well anyone over 16 go mad. Some boarding school children escape and have to travel across London to try and find safety but it goes badly wrong... This is the second book in the series and there are seven books in The Enemy series.



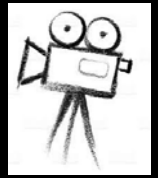
The Enemy by Charlie Higson

The Enemy is the first book of The Enemy series. With a gross disease turning adults into crazy child eaters, the children are trying to get to their leader in Buckingham Palace. Lots of gory bits and choice language too. I really enjoyed it!

Erica 7D



Viewer Insight



By our movie buff AONM, theatre luvvie Skye-Louise, and musicals fan Jess

What we have been viewing...



Avengers: Infinity War (12A) VUE WWX

Easily the blockbuster of the year, breaking box office records in mere days of release, Avengers: Infinity War not only subverted expectations, but also raised the game in the Marvel Cinematic Universe - MCU to those in the know!

With gut-aching comedy, and equally heartbreaking moments, this is a film that should never be spoiled. Suffice to say, Thanos is that bad guy and there are the muscle-bound, lycra clad heros blasting across the big screen.

Go see it if you haven't already!

Hairspray, Marlowe Theatre Canterbury

On Tuesday 8 May, some students headed to the Marlowe on a quick train journey from Broadstairs station. After getting off the train and bought food from Sainsbury's, we went to eat by Westgate Towers and the river. The Marlowe itself, was a unique building. A tall structure with large glass panes. It has a triangle shaped section and looks pretty amazing! Inside, it is a 1200 seat theatre. When we sat, we were right at the back. It gave us a good view, especially if you were in the middle! The show began quickly and the atmosphere around us was clearly excited. The curtain dropped and the play began...The play was an astounding whirlwind of music, dance and political statement. I enjoyed the colour and scenery as it was creative and expressive. It expresses a romantic comedy in a musical way. It's an irresistibly good musical for all ages. The storyline is set in the 60s about a girl



named Tracy Turnblad. It talks about racism as well, which is an issue which still goes on in today's society. Racism is "prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one's own race is superior." Tracy loves watching the Corny Collins show, and she watches it every day after school. When auditions for a place in the show are announced, does she audition for a place..? We only just caught our train back! The trip was fantastic and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience with Mr Dunn and Mrs Cooper.

42nd Street, (8+) Drury Lane London

42nd street is an amazing musical about a girl, Peggy Sawyer, following her dreams to become a famous tap-dancer.

It has an amazing soundtrack and the theatre was amazing. It had gold decorations covering the roof and luscious, red, velvety curtains

My favourite song was 42nd Street!





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