



A WARM & SUNNY WELCOME TO THE CLASSES OF 2019-2020

Students and staff were treated to a warm and sunny start to the new academic year here at **Dane Court Grammar School.**

“DCGS Chatter”, is your termly student newspaper and the team would like to give a huge welcome to the newbies across all the year groups and all **new members of staff** . In particular, we welcome the **new Year 7s** who are fresh faced and excited, so they must be raring to go! Some we have discovered definitely couldn't wait to get stuck in... We have had many welcome new additions to the chatter team already from Year 7!

The **DCGS Chatter AWARD** winning team, is inspired by students, created by students - for the students. We have an ever increasing team of reporters, who have many different skills to enable the team to deliver each edition of Chatter. We welcome anyone who would like to contribute by ways such as: supporting the group, organising people, coming up with ideas, writing reports, drawing, being creative, developing competitions, telling jokes, interviewing people or simply telling us what you would like to read about.

Reporters drop in when they can so there is no pressure , if you are interested in joining a friendly, fun and lively group with time for everyone, come along and join in. There may also be an occasional biscuit!

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EDITORIAL TEAM OF THE YEAR DCGS CHATTER



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Students new to the school fill us in on their first term fears.



* **Youth strike for climate**

Students take inspiration from 'Greta' and take action.

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We find out all the gossip on their past

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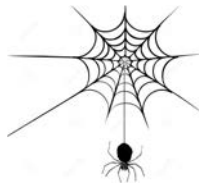
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Words from the Editor



A **wailing** welcome back to a new school year. We hope you had an amazing summer with plenty of sunshine as we all did!

There are so many Chatter reporters now that we have had some **fabulous** Year 7 students join us, we have a bumper packed Spooky Edition for you this time and would like to thank the **PTA** for their **continued support** yet again this year!

The Chatterers loved the bake sales for charity so much last year, we have decided to do one each term again this year starting with the first one on Halloween, raising money for the **National Autistic Society- Thanet Branch TAZ**. So don't forget to bring some cash in on the day to buy cakes and raise money for this **fangtastic** local charity!!

We have so many **spooky articles** in store for you along with news from our action packed **summer adventures**. We really hope you have as much fun reading this as we did putting this edition together for you.

Have a great half term, and we will see you all back in school on **Monday 28th October**.

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Our Summer 2019



By James Isaacs 6H2 & Jay Lau 6b2

During the summer we started playing minecraft again with lots of our friends. Fauzaan Syed introduced us to new friends from Chatham. We spent most of our summer building a huge castle . Other than building a castle we also built a few houses for ourselves. Everything was created in survival because we wanted to have a challenging world (It wasn't that difficult). We had seven of us playing and Fauzaan literally built 50% of the castle. Although, all of us did contribute to the castle by collecting resources or by building. A lot of the time we were playing solo minecraft in a world with other players. However, there were also times where we went on fantastic journeys into the grand blue sea or into uncharted lands, these great journeys improved our cooperation skills with one another. It was really, really fun.

During the process of playing Minecraft and other games, there were times where we argued when some of us misspoke, some of us misheard, or some of us made jokes where it was inappropriate. However, these arguments helped us to understand each other better and it was really enjoyable. We also all met up to go to Kaspas in Westwood Cross. We bounced from shop to shop looking at manga and anime in Waterstones and looked at anime movies and posters in HMV.



Year 8's in Germany 2019



By International Reporters Sophie 9T & Rebecca 9S

In July 2019 at the end of Term 6, many students from Year 8 went on a fantastic trip to Germany for a few days. Here is how it went, through the eyes of 2 students:

Interviewer: Did you enjoy your time in germany?

Rebecca: Yes, I had an amazing time.

Interviewer: What have you done so far?

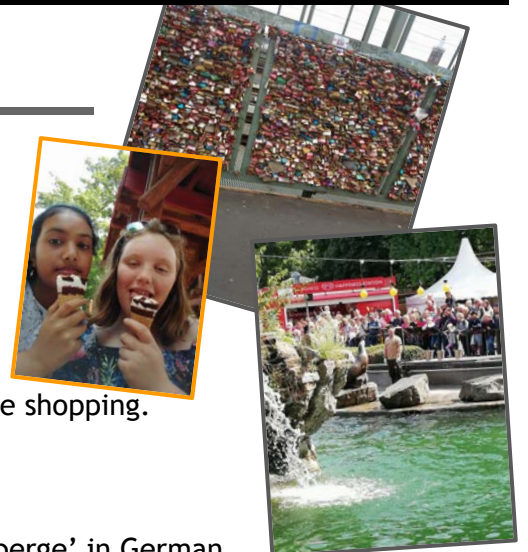
Rebecca: We had a trip to a zoo, a castle, a theme park and we did some shopping.

Interviewer: What was the food like?

Rebecca: It was actually not that bad, the ravioli was really good.

Interviewer:Where were you staying?

Rebecca:We were staying in a youth hostel which is called a 'jugendherberge' in German.





My Trip To Turkey!

By Tasneem Daud 9H

Throughout the summer holidays, I went with my family on another little trip. This time to Turkey. Turkey is a beautiful place with so much history and wonders 7 days there wasn't enough! In this article I will be explaining and showing the few places that can't be missed when visiting Turkey.

First place we went to was the blue mosque (locally known as Sultan Ahmet Mosque). Turkey is well known for this historic monument. When we went it was packed with people all over the globe tourists, muslims everyone! After entering the main praying area there is a mini museum where they explain the layout and what happened there etc.



Not far from there was the Grand Bazaar! The Grand Bazaar is an area where there are shops filled with unique things such as baklava, clothing, accessories and much more. This was particularly full with tourists to buy their souvenirs.

One of my favourite places we went to was the Bosphorus. The Bosphorus for those of you who may not know is a large bridge connecting Europe and Asia. It was wonderful I was in such awe. Passing through on one of the boat tours you would pass **30 of the main wonders in just an hour!!** The water was lovely everything was lovely!

These are so some of the main attractions you should visit when thinking of going to Turkey!

Here are some useful phrases I learnt along the way:

Merhaba= hello

Gunaydin= good morning

Tamam= okay

Teshekular= thank you



The Grand Bazaar



The Bosphorus



Disney: Beyond the rides



What not to miss if you visit Orlando by Amy Ryan 6N2

Epcot's "back door"

Beyond the international gateway entrance you will find the boardwalk - this is a Disney deluxe resort, but also features an actual boardwalk around a lake with a few shops and restaurants. At night this also features street entertainers (jugglers/balancing acts). A good place for an evening walk before you wander over to the yacht and beach club resort to toast marshmallows over a campfire (usually 6:30pm-8:30pm) and watch a disney movie under the stars - these activities are all FREE and you do not need to be staying in the resort.

Practice you language skills: restaurants around epcot employ staff from the themed country so you can order your "grande baguette avec jambon et fromage, sil vous plait" if you so desire (or just ask for it in english lol)

Busch Gardens

Not technically orlando but on the tourist circuit, plenty of rides here but you can also feed wallabies and book a Giraffe Safari to hand feed giraffes from the back of a truck. Compared to other animal experiences this is moderately priced and good value.

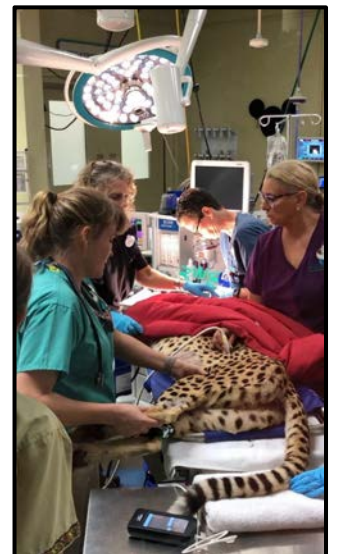
Animal kingdom

Don't miss the "affection section". Do not be fooled into thinking this is only for little kids, there is a whole planet watch area full of specimens, and conservation info. It also has windows to the vet treatment rooms. Animal kingdom has around 20 vets on call at any given time, all specialising in particular species. If you are really lucky you may see some surgery on some of the larger animals:

Discovery Cove

There are no rides here, but still a full day required for this theme park. There's no doubt it's ridiculously expensive but here's what's on offer...

- 1) Swim with a dolphin - a 30 min introduction to a dolphin (in groups of 8), the lagoon is rocky and the water is COLD!! It is chilled to ocean temperature I Recommend you take the wetsuit on offer (it's included In the price). You will stand in the lagoon about waist deep where you will touch, feed & take photos with the dolphin, finally you will swim out to the middle of the lagoon and get a ride back on the dolphin (it will swim with you holding alongside it, obviously not on top of it)
- 2) Snorkel with fish, beware these are VERY deep areas. Lots of different fish here, you can easily spend an hour or 2 swimming around in this area. The sharks are reassuringly behind a glass wall, cause they look mean!
- 3) Snorkel river - this one is normal pool temperature (thank goodness!) and fun to snorkel as the 'river' bed changes
- 4) Avary - tropical birds to feed, this is an amazing experience if you love wildlife and would like to get closer. The birds here will happily land on you (and that means not just hands, but also arms, shoulders and sometimes even you head!) to feed (food included)...watch out for the poop though- remember you spend most of the day barefoot! (or use water shoes if you own them)
- 5) Food - thankfully, all food is included in admission price, just go help yourself - breakfast, inner, snacks (icecreams, crisps, drinks etc). yum!





Disney: Beyond the rides



What not to miss if you visit Orlando continued

Seaworld

Some seriously sized coasters here (my personal favourite!), but beyond that you will also see...

- Stingrays - feeding the rays is an amazing experience, my personal favourite animal experience. The small trays of fish have to be bought, and watch out for thieving birds, do not leave your tray unguarded! This experience is the best when done early in the day when the rays are eager for food.
- Sea Lions - feeding these just involves throwing the fish over the barrier, so definitely not good value when compared to ray feeding
- Dolphins - again, an average experience, as you don't get many fish for your money.

Other "pre-booked" experiences

E.g. meet a penguin. If you are going to do any of these book for the first part of your holiday. Seaworld basically shuts down during a thunderstorm and this includes some indoor experiences. For these experiences that are cancelled you can try and rebook for alternative dates or request a refund: Make sure to check the weather forecast before you go if you can, try to avoid thundery days for sure!



The Addut Camping and Cooking Competition



By Oliver Norton 7N

On Saturday the 21st to Sunday the 22nd of September I did a camping and cooking competition with the scouts.

I go to 1st St Lawrence scout group (the best group) we came second in the cooking competition. The competition took place at a scout hut based in Minster.

I found this competition really fun and exciting, we did loads of cool activities like making a spaghetti bridge, campfires, cooking and much more. So if action, adventure, pioneering and cooking sounds like your thing, then join your nearest scout group or if you can the best one in Thanet- 1st St Lawrence!

At scouts we don't just camp and cook we also learn first-aid, astronomy, canoeing, however if none of this is what you like we also do a swimming gala! Plus you can earn badges for all these activities and other work that you do.

For more information on how to join Scouts and enjoy many adventures please go to:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved/>





Frightening First Term



Ella Healy & Michaela Murphy 7N

The first few days of school have been amazing. Yes, some bits of it have been overwhelming because of the size of the school and the large variety of lessons. However, everything is much more interesting as we have more independence than ever before and we have met many new friends and teachers with different personalities. Many new things surround us including lockers.

One of our friends was so happy about them, she would open them just for the sake of smelling the Fresh air inside. We have loved the first few lessons and the skills we can learn from them, including new



languages like French and Spanish. Our French lesson is fantastic because we learn lots through a fun way of education. The school's science lessons are also engaging and phenomenal in all that they do. Chemistry, in particular, is a wonderful subject to participate in and a very fascinating lesson to watch. All experiments are extremely fun including explosions, reactions and other practical experiments. Another lesson that we really enjoyed was music and singing The Lion Sleeps Tonight from 'The Lion King'. We loved singing it so much we sung it in Food Tech and got many strange looks. Finally, of course, our form tutor, 'Mrs Koster'. She has been the best, and we thank her for welcoming us and helping us into the school. We have had a lovely first term and hope to have a lot more fun in the next few years at Dane Court.



Youth Strike for Climate



By Erica Cousins 9D

Recently, as I'm sure you've heard, there have been several strikes going on, organised by Greta Thunberg. Now, lots of people have different opinions on her, however that is not the point of this article*. I would like to talk about the climate strikes and what **you** can do, without leaving school.

Climate strikes

The climate strikes are a great way to do your part in helping change the world. Our local strikes are in Margate (@youthstrike4climate_margate on Instagram) and their Instagram should have details like when the next one is, etc. At the most recent strike, I went to Canterbury! I wouldn't recommend going to a city one if you are a) very young, b) alone or c) don't like crowds as they can get quite loud and busy, maybe a more local one would be best then, but it's up to you! Of course you don't have to go at all, there are other ways to help too.

I really enjoy the climate strikes to do my bit in helping the environment, but I understand not everyone can go. Some parents don't allow it, and a school is meant for learning, which is very important. So, if you don't want to leave school, there is still lots you can do!

Make plans!

If you can make plans for something you want to change, or even just an idea, don't hesitate to ask a teacher about whether they can help you apply it. This goes for anything you think could be improved in school.

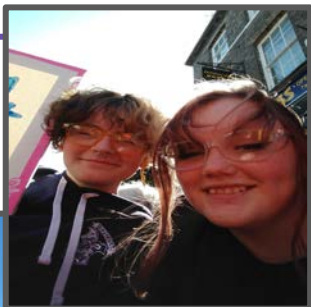
Research!

With things like climate change activism, it's always good to do your research! You might find some interesting information, there are free classes to help you fight climate change or you might just learn something.

Help at home!

School isn't the only place you can be a climate activist, observe things in your house that you think can be improved on and speak to your family about changing your lifestyle.

*if that is something you would like to see, email us! chatter@danecourt.kent.sch.uk



Five sixth form students, Georgia, Daisy, Jonah, Kathy and Aliya from Year 12, spent their summer planning an environmental recycling and clean-up project close to their hearts under the auspices of the National Citizen Service. Resonating strongly with Greta's environmental wake up call, The Fab Five coordinated a beach litter picking campaign, walking between Broadstairs and Ramsgate along the coast, litter picking as they went with the rubbish collected going to recycling.

Well planned and carefully executed, the five used the campaign to promote their message of social responsibility and direct action whilst fundraising as they litter picked. The enterprising pupils raised £1000 which they donated to their chosen charities.

With an eye to longevity, the pupils have already made a commitment to further their environmental concerns by supporting other campaigns, both local and national.

All five have certainly lived up to Greta's maxim that **"No one is too small to make a difference"**.





New Teacher Interviews



Interviewed by 'That Guy', Enya Burchell, Michaela Murphy & Ella Healy

Dr Green- Head of Chemistry

That guy went on a mission to turn up the heat interviewing the new Head of Chemistry Dr Green. Here is what happened.

When asked why Dr Green came to Dane Court he answered with. "It was a great opportunity to work at a fantastic school much closer to home." not a bad answer to start his time here with. He stated he chose to become a chemistry teacher because it was his favourite subject at school with a small affinity for biochemistry.

Dr Green stated that he is enjoying his time at Dane Court a lot. Mentioning how welcoming and hard working everyone here is. (who knows what planet he is living on to think that!)

He said that the students show a clear ambition to succeed and also mentioning how he really liked all the house activities we do. While he does wish that more students would get involved with house activities.

Dr Green is actually a Chemist who formerly use to work in research at Pfizer's. He has also done some work at universities in his time before showing up at the Dane Court doorstep where we do believe he will fit in very well. Wishing you a warm welcome Dr Green!



Miss Baylis- English & History

When Ella, Enya and Michaela visited Miss Baylis they found out she had a very interesting career path..Before coming to Dane Court she was an English teacher in a primary school in Japan teaching English as a language. However she has previously also worked for the Japanese government looking at World War two files in London!!

Miss Baylis was asked why she thinks learning about History is important "I think history is important because we need the past and we need to know about the past to go into the future and know what we need to do next and our life decisions."

Her first impression of the school was that students are pushed to do very well and think positively about their work. She said she likes seeing her students improving their skills and likes to see them being enthusiastic, it makes her job more enjoyable.

When asked why she chose to work here she replied "I really liked how friendly and kind the teacher and students were" and added her favourite thing about working here is the teachers as they are very funny and always have a laugh in the staffroom! How dare she like the teachers more than us students! Shocking!



Miss Howard- Languages

Michaela & Enya asked Miss Howard why she had wanted to come to Dane Court to teach languages, she replied that she thought it had a great feeling and the students had a great attitude to work. She added that the students were what she really enjoyed most about teaching here.

She said she had become most inspired to be a Languages teacher by her own teacher at school when she was younger motivating her to follow her dream. Did you know she also speaks Spanish and Creole?!

Tallin is the house that she spends most of her time with, so we look forward to seeing her join in with the house activity competitions when they need a teacher participant!!





Farewell Mrs Hutchings



By Some Emotional Dane Court Students

Sadly as we were welcoming our lovely new year 7 students to the school, we recently said a **sad goodbye** to the lovely Mrs Hutchings our Chatter 'mum', with plenty of cake and, of course, chocolate. There are so many Chatter reporters now, that it is hard to get any number of us together at any one time, so we were lucky that pretty much everyone came to wish her well in her new job. Here is what some students and staff had to say about the founder of Chatter...
"Naming all her benefits to the school community in just one sentence would be a failure to her name!"

"Someone you could always rely on"

"Always had an opinion on things!!"

Chief Biscuit Provider!



"Wanted to rule the school"

"Always there to talk to when needed"

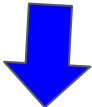
"Chatty"

"Crazy & Mad" ???

"Always full of enthusiasm"

"The nicest"

Arghh!!! The Chatter deadline is tomorrow!!



"Didn't get paid enough for everything she did!"

"Really hard working and always tried her best to support everyone"

"Chatter wouldn't have existed without her"

"We won this award purely down to her"



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Equality



By Cameron 7N

Equality is something important to me as I think people should be treated the way they need to be so they can succeed in everything they do. This can be shown as easy as helping someone who is physically disabled to move around by opening doors. However, to promote true equality, we have to think about how we can encourage independence. For example, having automatic doors so a student in a wheelchair can move around the school independently.

Unfortunately, inequality is present in modern society. This is evident by the recent media coverage of how female TV presenters get paid less than their male counterparts. Although, we can see how equality has progressed between the two genders over the last 100 years. Inequality is not limited to just genders. Racism still plays a massive part in our daily lives. Sadly, this means that children and adults of all cultures, backgrounds and faiths from all different places have suffered from this atrocity. This past has luckily mostly changed and many will experience the equality they deserve but we still have a long way to go.

Personally, I have experienced inequality. Being autistic, I have previously encountered unjust treatment and I am aware that I will be exposed to situations that make me feel less than someone else. However, I will strive to not rush into anger but to spread awareness of all of our differences. I believe that if we do not celebrate our unique traits, inequality will never be beaten.

Not all is lost because we have the power to change the way we treat each other. Remember, it only takes one person to stand up (or sit down in the case of Rosa Parks) for what they believe is right. If we all exercise acceptance and realise that every person, no matter how different, can make massive contributions to society and they can be anything they want to be, then true equality will not be far.



Parents Association

Chatter would like to **thank** the Parents association for funding us once again this year. Without them we wouldn't know what to do. Especially as they are the ones that pay for our biscuits and enable us to give you some great competition prizes!! They are a wonderful bunch of people who give up their free time. We are **truly grateful** for their backing, not just for the biscuits but also for all the fundraising they do to assist the school throughout the year... **If you would like to get involved with the PA please email Gloria Riley riley@danecourt.kent.sch.uk**

Quiz Night on 15th November 7pm £6 adults £3 Children **Payable on the night** (Includes a ploughmans supper, please bring your own drinks)

Booking is via the school office or please email gadd@danecourt.kent.sch.uk





Halloween Haunts



By Enya 7N

What is Halloween?

Halloween is a celebration in several countries on the **31st of October**, it goes by several different names, such as, **all hallows eve**, **all saints day** and **samhain**. It is believed on the 31st October that a veil between the two worlds is at its thinnest and contact can be made with those who have passed away.

What are the celebrations on Halloween?

Some people take the children out **trick or treating**. The word **trick** implies a threat to perform on the homeowners or their residence if no **treat** is given. Whilst others dress up, dressing up in costumes were once a way from hiding from ghosts, the tradition originated as a way for the Celtic and **European** people to hide from spirits who returned at that time of the year. People wore masks when they left their homes after dark so ghosts would think that they were fellow spirits.

Fun fact

The '**Bon**' in the word **Bonfire** is a reference to bones. During Samhain, Priests lit large fires to represent the sun returning after the hard winter, they would throw cattle bones on the the flame and call it a '**bone**' fire.



Halloween's Real Horror



By George Randall 7B

You may have heard of a news story that has featured in the news frequently for the past 3 & a bit years with the title Brexit. Now the UK is set to leave the European Union on the **31st of October** there is many different opinions on whether this will greatly benefit this country or leave it in complete ruin. You may not have heard what is currently happening in the world of brexit, that is why I'm going to explain it in the rest of this article. So recently the government released (well after an MP's vote forced them to) a document that goes by the name of Operation Yellowhammer which says what a 'worst case scenario', **no deal brexit** would be like. The key points it makes i will now list:

Shortages of certain fresh fruits and so the price of food will increase.

Protests and counter protests will take place across the UK.

Lorries could have to wait more than two days to cross the channel.

Some businesses will cease trading, causing a **growth** in the **black market**.

Some providers of **adult social care could fail**, along with threats of a possible shortage of medical supplies.

Warns of potential clashes if foreign fishing vessels enter british territorial waters on the day after the UK's departure.



Friday 13th September



By Eloise Walters 8S

Friday the 13th has a pretty bad reputation. For most, it signifies a day where you'll be extra careful around mirrors, watch out for black cats crossing your path, and avoid walking under any ladders that might be lying around. If you're superstitious already, you'll be pleased—or, more likely, pretty terrified—to know that Friday 13th September was extra spooky. In addition to it being Friday **THE** 13th, it was also a rare full Harvest Moon. It has been 19 years since there was a nationwide **Harvest Moon**, and there won't be another one until 2049. That's means most students in school today will be around 40-50 years old and probably won't remember this event. It was also the 50th Anniversary of **Scooby Doo!**

Why is Friday 13th thought of as unlucky? It would be easy to say someone just said that Fridays and the number 13 was unlucky but even in history it has always been considered unlucky. Some historians have pointed out that the number 13 is unlucky because what happened with the people at the **Last Supper: 13 people attended**, 2 died, 11 lived. Talking about Jesus, he was **crucified** on Friday! Most people probably think of Friday as "IT'S LAST DAY SCHOOL!!" or "NO MORE WORK TILL MONDAY!" but it is also known as hangman's day. And that isn't linking to the children game Hangman. In folklore, it is considered that people who have jobs shouldn't do as good as usual. So, there you go... Now you know why **Friday the 13th is unlucky!!**

But, what about full moons? Maybe you will, maybe you won't but I bet at least once in your life you will here the statement "**it must be a full moon**". Some people say that when things aren't going their way. But in the scientific eyes, a full moon has been proven to cause people to not sleep well. If you don't sleep well, you get cranky. If you get cranky, you do bad things! This might be a coincidence you say but that would happen 12 times a years! Plus, a table of recordings was made and proved that the number of cats and dogs brought into vets for emergency treatment increases on a **full moon**. A coincidence again?... **I think not!!**

50 years of Scooby Doo..... How much spookier can you get!!!



Good News... Only 2 more 'unlucky' days in this school year!!

Friday 13th December 2019
Friday 13th March 2020

Ps...The majority of this article was done in font size...

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On page.....

EEEK!



First Aid - General information



Skye-Louise West 9T

This next section of the first aid will be taught on generalised information which you would need to possess if you wanted to learn first aid.

If you want to try and develop your further first aid skills, join St Johns Ambulance as a cadet.

Hygiene:

If you are dealing with a casualty, you will need to maintain a good level of hygiene. This will prevent you and the patient from risk of infection. The following shows a few simple steps that you could do to achieve this.

- If you are able to, wash your hands with soap and water before doing any first aid. As well as this, you should wear latex free gloves wherever possible to make the situation even more hygienic for both individuals.
- Make sure that if you have any open wounds that they are dressed with a bandage or plaster.
- Try not to touch the wound or a dressing that would've been in contact with the patient's wound.
- Don't breathe, cough or sneeze over a casualty. Use a tissue to cover your mouth then promptly bin it to dispose of the germs. After that, wash your hands again.
- If you give rescue breaths, use a face shield if possible.

Assessing the situation:

D - Danger

R - Response

A - Airway

B - Breathing

C - Circulation

Danger - Making sure the area is safe. Check for chemicals, wires, roof and more. Only move casualty at last resort. Do NOT approach if not safe to do so.

Response - To check if the casualty is responsive. Call their name. Shout open your eyes. Tap shoulders or pinch ears/fingers for a blood flow response. Gently shake an adult. Don't shake an infant, instead tap the sole of their foot.

Airway - When they are unresponsive, their tongue may block the airway. Check if anything may be blocking it. To check, kneel beside the injured individual. Place one hand on forehead, the other on their chin to then gently tilt their head back. Place your index and middle fingertips under the point of their chin. Lift and hold the chin to keep the airway open.

Breathing - Look, listen and feel for signs of breathing by looking down their chest and seeing if it rises. If they aren't breathing, start resuscitation which was discussed in another article and call 999.

Circulation - Ensure you have a response from their nails, ear or shoulders. Check for any bleeds and treat their injuries.

For more details on how to join the St Johns Ambulance please go to:

For teens 10-17 yrs
<http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/young-people/cadets.aspx>

For adults over 18
<http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/volunteer.aspx>



Life as a Dancer



Graceful Ellie Golding 9H



I have been dancing since I was 2 years old. Most of my inspiration comes from my mum, who has also been dancing from a very young age. My favourite type of dance is ballet as it makes me feel free and happy. When I am older, I would love to be a ballerina professionally - along with an actor. I feel that people really think that dancing is easy, but it is the complete opposite. It is very hard work and takes an admirable amount of strength in your legs and core. Ballet shoes should be tight but also comfortable as they stay with you on your journey through ballet. It was only last week that I completed my grade 4 ballet exam, meaning in September I will be wearing pointe shoes! They are very painful and often your feet bleed the first time! However, dancing on pointe is fantastic and a dream come true for me. I will teach you a few ballet moves:

- . **Demi Plie** - Half bend at the knees
- . **Développé** - Unfold the Leg and hold
- . **Grande Battement** - Large Beats
- . **Petit Allegro** - Small, Quick movements
- . **Frappe** - Strike
- . **Échappé** - Equal escapement of both feet



From Fri 25th to Sun 27th Oct, I will be performing in CHILDREN'S SHOWTIME 2019. This is an amazing dance show filled with awesome songs, fantastic dancing and beautiful costumes. It will be at the Winter Gardens and Tickets are just £16.00 per ticket (including booking fee). It may seem like a lot but it is completely worth it! We work extremely hard on these shows and can assure you won't be disappointed. Hope to see you there!



Competitions & Events



FIND THE PUMPKINS!

Simple really...find the FIVE really really small different coloured hidden pumpkins!

Email the five page numbers to us at

chattercompetitions@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

The first correct answer shall win a cauldron full of Halloween Goodies!!

Hint...they are smaller than these on this page.....GOOD LUCK!



BOOK FAIR!

We will be holding a **Sholastic Book Fair** in the **Library** from **Friday 29th November to Thursday 5th December**.

Please come along and buy a **half-price** book or two. There will also be **stationery** and **posters** for sale - a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping! Free books for our school when you buy a book!



Blissful Bake sale.. An amazing amount raised a big thank you to you all that baked, bought and supported!

**DCGS Chatter
Dane Court
Grammar School**

**Thank you
for raising**

£95.05

and helping to give babies
born premature or sick
the best possible start in life

Beth Ridgley
Community Fundraising Officer
Bliss - for babies born premature or sick
2 October 2019

Bliss
for babies born
premature or sick

Dane Court 'Chatter' Conservatory Bake Sale

Thursday 31st October!

@ Break time



Raising Money for Thanet Autistic Society.



Migratory Birds



By Jenny Allan 9D

At this time of year migratory birds are starting to head South to their winter homes, here are some of those species:

Barn Swallow- Barn Swallows are long distance migratory birds and are starting to head South to Africa, for the winter. These birds are found across Europe in summer, the start of winter and the end of spring, then found across Africa in winter and early spring and late autumn. They have a diet of insects and are often seen diving and dashing through the air for insects.

Cuckoo- These birds are a declining species, like many migratory birds, and are heading off to Western Africa. They are parasitic nesters and once they have laid an egg will put it in another bird's nest, normally a pipit or warbler's nest, with each female specialising in imitating a certain species' egg.

Nightingale- Nightingales, famous for their song and not really seen as a migratory bird are also heading south at this time of year. They are a declining species, are fairly rare in the UK and are more common in southern France. They, like many migratory birds, have a diet of insects.

Arctic tern- Arctic Terns have the longest migration of any bird, travelling 44,000 miles each year from sub-arctic Europe and parts of North America to islands near Antarctica! They have a diet of fish and crustaceans. They live in colonies, mate for life and live for 20-30 years.

Willow warbler- Willow Warblers are found throughout northern Europe (and Britain) and in winter are found in sub-Saharan Africa. They are found in woodland and scrubland habitat. They have a diet of insects and also eat berries and fruit.

Swift- Normally absent from Britain until summer next year, the swift is a migratory bird and by now can be seen in very south Europe and northern Africa. These birds are high speed aerial specialists and are the fastest birds in level flight, with one being clocked at nearly 70 mph. They also have a diet of flying insects. Swifts are made for fast energetic flight and are nearly always seen in flight and once on the ground find it nearly impossible to take off without assistance.





Comics are great!



By Hadley Morris 7H

Comics are amazing. They are **good** because it is a way to read stories for people that cannot read or despise reading as they don't have to read the boxes to know what's happening in a story. It can be good to practice blending colours as well. It can also be a way to create a world and story without having to think for hours about what will happen at the end because when creating a comic everything just comes to you. Comics are fun to read because you can guess what will happen next based on the scene before the next panel. Normal books cannot capture this as everyone always read the first sentence of the next chapter at the end of a chapter in any exciting book. Comics are great because people who like to draw can review other people's drawings, or try and draw how the comic artist draws and get better if they like the style of drawing, and may develop that style of drawing. Creative people may find new ways to draw their words and speech bubbles or the boxes around the drawings. Comics also date back to 1897 when **Rodolphe Töpffer** was credited with creating the first multi-panel book with words underneath which many consider to be a comic

My favourite Comic!

My favourite comic is the toxic comic series because it's characters are funny and have abnormal characters like people without noses who can't be defeated by one of the main characters who use the power of stink to defeat enemies . The comic also includes minigames for you to play and they talk about any game that is relevant in their gaming editions. It's made for kids around the ages of 5-10 as they talk about lego, and have games like mazes and sometimes puzzles for kids which make them easy most of the time. Toxic magazines:

First Edition



Now



Sixth Form Notice

The Sixth Form Year 13 Leavers Hoodies shall be on sale online from the beginning of November.



'BONE' Appetit @ Ellie's Kitchen



By Ellie 9H with a little help from Ella 7N

Toffee Apples

You Will Need:

8 red apples
400g caster sugar
1 tsp lemon juice
4 tbsp golden syrup
red or black food colouring
red or black food glitter (optional)
8 lolly sticks

1. Push the sticks into the stalk end of the apples, assuring they are firmly in. Cover a wooden board in baking parchment.
2. Tip the sugar into a large saucepan, add the lemon juice and 100ml water. Bring to a simmer and cook until the sugar has dissolved. Swirl the pan gently to move the sugar around, but don't stir.
3. Add the golden syrup and bubble the mixture (be careful it doesn't boil over) until it reaches 150C on a sugar thermometer. If you don't have a thermometer, test the toffee by dropping a small amount into cold water. It should harden instantly and, when removed, be brittle.
4. When it's ready, drip in some food colouring and swirl to combine. Add the glitter, if using, and turn off the heat.
5. Working quickly, dip each apple into the toffee, tipping the pan to cover all the skin. Lift out and allow any excess to drip off before putting on the baking parchment. Repeat with the remaining apples.



Remember to email your spooky finished apples to 17egolding@danecourt.kent.sch.uk and you might make an appearance in the next Chatter!

Eerie Eyeball Pops

Ingredients

- 100g/4oz madeira cake
- 100g Oreo cookie
- 100g bar milk chocolate, melted
- 200g bar white chocolate
- Few smarties and icing pens to decorate

You will also need

- 10 wooden skewers
 - ½ small pumpkin or butternut squash, deseeded, to stand pops in
1. Crumble the Madeira cake and cookies into the food processor, pour in the melted milk chocolate and whizz to combine.
 2. Tip the mixture into a bowl, then use your hands to roll into around 10 walnut-sized balls. Chill for 2 hrs until firm.
 3. Push a skewer into each ball, then carefully spoon the white chocolate over the cake balls to completely cover.
 4. Stand the cake pops in the pumpkin, then press a Smartie onto the surface while wet.
 5. Chill again until the chocolate has set. Before serving, using the icing pens, add a pupil to each, and wiggle red veins to the eyeballs.





The Ravenmeister



Erm... the Ravenmeister?

Finally... After 500 years stuck in Erebus, he is free. No longer is he a slave to his tormentors, for he has been summoned. He knows that he will serve his master well, and one day he will drag back to hell, and he shall be free to fulfil his dark desires.

This room, however, looks suspiciously like a living room. In... Catford, if his nose was working properly. With a very large collection of china ducks and doilies. Hmmm. Interesting.

He looks around. The first step in any summoning, as any demon who's already been up top will tell you, is to assess the situation. Find out how and why you've been summoned. He can see the hand-made blanket below him, summoning circle stitched on within the last few minutes at most. Unconventional, but desperate times call for desperate measures. An overly large computer sits nearby, on some sort of website. His English is a little rusty, but it appears to espouse teenager's general adoration of all things demonic. Perhaps this teenager is the summoner? There don't appear to be any virgins nearby, but a scented candle is burning on a mantelpiece. And the blood is... barely a drop splattered lightly over the blanket and a shattered teacup.

Ah.

A small lady bustles in, applying a plaster to her finger and he knows he has found his summoner. Interesting. In cutting her finger on the broken cup, she appears to have accidentally activated the summoning circle on the blanket - a misplaced gift for a teenage grandchild, perhaps? - and summoned him. But this is good! If his summoner doesn't know he's here, she won't have any demands of him! He can escape before she notices, and he will be free to bring his terrible judgement on the people of this realm! All he must do is -

"Oh! Well, hello there, puss! Didn't realize you were there!"

Ah. The cat thing may be a problem. Now, make no mistake, he is a great and powerful demon, or at least has the potential to be. The fact that he resembles the creature mortals refer to as a 'cat' is in no way indicative of his power. He is the Great, Terrible and Dark ~~Ozler!~~ ~~The Contrary One~~, and he will surely one day rule the world. But looking like a cat does have some drawbacks, such as the little old ladies attempting to give you scratches on the chin.

This will not stand.

No, he does not want a cuddle. He merely needs to keep warm in the freezing Earth temperatures.

No, he does not want cold turkey slices. He merely needs flesh for sustenance after his long journey.

Okay, maybe a little bit more. Yes, on the tummy, now. Very good. This mortal will serve well.



Spooky Series

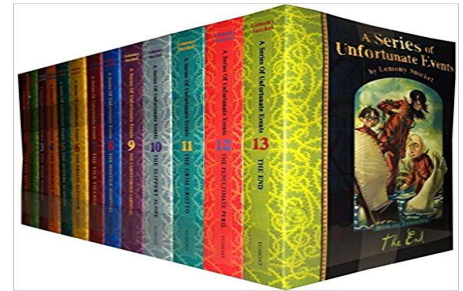


Mrs Finlay 'The' DCGS Librarian

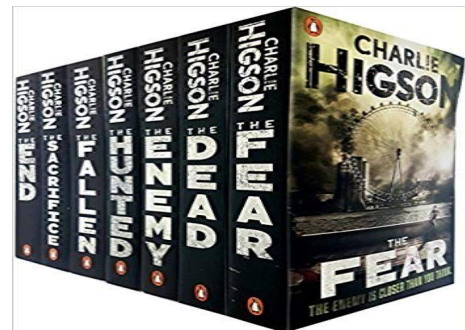
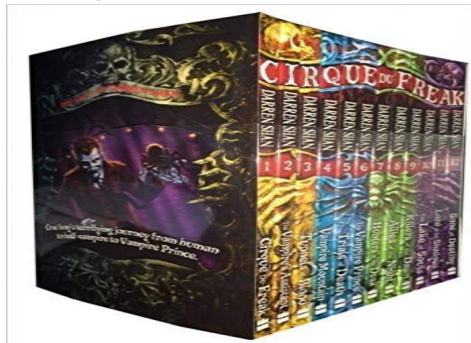
Here are some ideas if you are looking for a haunting book to read this Halloween:

A Series of Unfortunate Events, by Lemony Snicket

There is nothing but misery and despair in the unpleasant adventures of the Baudelaire orphans.



Cirque de Freak: The Saga of Darren Shan, an ordinary schoolboy plunged into the vampire world.



The Enemy Series, by Charlie Higson

A jaw-dropping zombie horror series for teens.



Skulduggery Pleasant, by Derek Landy

The dead but wise-cracking detective and master

Library Update

Chatter is on Mondays every week 1.45pm Open to all students & staff. (Chatter also takes place on Fridays in The Conservatory)

Junior Book Club is on Tuesday week A - all year 7 and 8 students are welcome. We are currently reading *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman.

Senior Book Club for year 8's upwards is on a Tuesday week B. We have been discussing books such as *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys.



Spineless Songs



By Oscar Whitehall 8D

Here are some spooky Halloween songs.

- "Don't Fear the Reaper" - Blue Oyster Cult.
- "Creep" - Radiohead.
- "Superstition" - Stevie Wonder.
- "Werewolves of London" - Warren Zevon.
- "Deal With the Devil" - Pop Evil.
- "Ghostbusters 2" - Ray Parker, Jr.
- "Thriller" - Michael Jackson
- "Halloween Theme," John Carpenter.
- "Witchy Woman," The Eagles.
- "Tombstone, Baby," Peaches.
- "Spooky Scary Skeletons", Andrew Gold



And here is a song that I made:

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/song/5055651631857664>



Dane Court Radio



What is Dane Court Radio?

DCR's Mission Statement

"Dane Court Radio is to provide students with an opportunity to work within a media environment in addition to providing the school's population with entertainment, news and information which will ultimately build up community spirit. The radio station aims to provide many pupils, who have an interest in media and technology, a great outlet for their extra curricular energies. The radio station also aims to highlight the schools innovation and talent to a wider community whilst at the same time keeping the school's population entertained and informed."

Members of the Dane Court Radio work tirelessly to play the best music, ask the questions you want the answer to and showcase the musical talent of students within the school. There are a wide variety of roles within Dane Court Radio from coding in HTML to performing a pop song live on air, from being on the decks to configuring a server. If you want to get involved, email alfie.stocker@dcradio.org.uk or contact Mr S Lycett

If You would like any requests, just pop into H8 at Lunch and we shall pop it on for you.



Sailing with the NSSA



By Izzy Denby 8N and Joe Baker 8D

294 sailors... 19 teams... Only one can win... May the odds ever be in your favour? Let the NSSA regatta begin! The NSSA regatta is an annual, national sailing event that consists of many sailing teams fighting it out to win the ultimate prize, the NSSA Team Trophy!



KSSA with the Olympic rings



The many boats that attended the event

Overall, KSSA (Kent School Sailing Association) did pretty well. There were 7 different fleets of sailors; Rookie Handicap, Rookie Topper, Topper, Laser, Slow Handicap, Medium Handicap and Fast Handicap. In Rookie HCap we had a 6th, 8th(Joe) and 10th(Izzy) place. In Rookie Topper, a 5th and 6th. In the Topper Fleet, a 26th(Ben Sharp). In the Laser Fleet, a 2nd and 6th place. In the Slow HCap, a 12th, in the Med HCap, a 1st along with a 4th (Pierce Seward) and 9th place in the Fast HCap.

Many classes of boats came to compete including, Toppers, Teras, Optimists, Lasers, Fevas, 420s and 29ers. At the end of the week, prizes were given to the winners of each fleet and medals to 2nd and 3rd and in some cases 4th and 5th as well.

Each team also has a team prize, which is given to the member of the team who tried really hard. Our teams prize went to Ben Sharp.



Creative Students



Timmy the Tiny Turtle *Written by Abigail 7T and Denholm 7H*

This is a story about a little turtle called Timmy the Tiny Turtle. Too long have tiny turtles been oppressed by giant turtles, and Timmy the Tiny Turtle had had enough. Timmy had to rally his troops to raid the Houses of Parliament, where the Giant Turtle King, Cherry was hiding and using the TinyTurtleSuperSizerGreatOverPoweredMachineofAwesomness, aka TTSSGOPMA. This basically turned tiny turtles into giant turtles, and no one wanted that.

Oh look! Timmy the Tiny Turtle has a speech to say! Let's go live to Karry Hane, the top TV presenter. "Timmy has something to say. He would like all of YOU to join him in the amazing raid on The Houses of Parliament. Over to you, Timmy."

"For too long, tiny turtles across the world have been oppressed, and WE SHALL rise against them. Unfortunately, they have expected this and devised *cuts to blueprint* THIS! The Tiny Turtle Death Machine trademark pending, which is TTDMtmpending. It shall flatten us by the hundreds per machine! Luckily, I have devised a simple but effective weapon to disable the TTDMtmpending. I name it... the NERF Jolt... It is disguised as a popular 7 pound toy gun known as a Jolt. The NERF in the name stands for Neutralising Effectively with Revere Fighter. It basically chugs up the engine, and blows it up from the inside. As a backup, you will all be equipped with pokey pins, which should annoy enemies. Alright, gather at Number 722 to raid The Houses of Parliament! Timmy became a thunderous leader, and there was a stomp in unison. The world shuddered. Or more like got slightly tapped...

They stormed the Houses of Parliament. Imagine naruto running, monster energy guzzling, tiny turtles shouting "WE WILL WIN!" over and over, while shooting tiny nerf guns. Theresa Day finally came out, but Timmy the Tiny Turtles comrades were all smooshed. Timmy was stepped on. RIP Timmy. But whats this? Jimmy rolls out of an airplane, over 10000f in the air! Jimmy is Timmies little brother! He lands shellfirst on Theresa Days head, then he stood... victorious. The New Turtle Order was formed,

and jimmys cuteness managed to win everyone over. Glory to the Tiny Turtles.

Autumn *Written by Kylie Wang 7B*

Crispy golden leaves,
Crunch beneath my feet.
Squirrels storing away nuts,
In the hollows of the trees.
Hedgehogs curling up,
Ready to go to bed.
It's called hibernation!
Others do it too.
The geese are ruffling their feathers,
Preparing to fly south.
I smile and say,
What a lovely autumn day





RWBY review



By Grace Williams 10S

Rwby, a brief summary

Hello dear reader, This is a brief summary of the rooster teeth animated web series RWBY.

RWBY's visionary creator Monty Oum created the series with the goal in mind of making a 3D show appear 2D. The show follows a series of girls called... Ruby Rose, Weiss Schnee, Blake Belladonna and Yang Xiao Long. The show has amassed a very dedicated fan base and recently there was a lot of tension in the fan community due to contradicting relationships

I absolutely **love** this show and I highly recommend it if you want something new to watch. It has a very good style of comedy and a surprisingly in-depth lore. I really like the way that the characters are written, but I can appreciate that the show won't appeal to everyone's taste.

Season one of RWBY is one of the best opening seasons of any show I can think of, with the trailers which revealed each character, building up the hype for the series brilliantly.

My favourite character introduction in the official show would have to go to Ruby Rose, the main protagonist. As she is seen in a fairly common situation - listening to music in a shop, but you very quickly get to see that she can fend for herself when she fights the people robbing the shop and wins.

The voice acting, animation and overall production quality increases a lot as the series goes on. However, it is important to mention that most fans of the show agree that the quality of the fighting choreography and directing went downhill a lot after Monty Oum died.

I'm very excited to see what the future of RWBY holds... I'll see everyone for volume 7!



Upcoming in Term 2

Christmas
Cake
competition

Children In Need

Kent Mountain
Centre Trip



YPRES
Trip

International Food Festival

Talent Show





Conservatory Clubs Update



All conservatory clubs run from 1.45pm

The Conservatory is a social space just opposite the theatre which is home to many clubs every lunchtime. A place to meet new friends or sit with those you already have and join in the fun.

It is open for students from all year groups to attend (of course all teachers are welcome to come & join in too!)

Thursdays

RECYCLING Club

Our fantastic re-cycling team last school year created fantastic suncatchers for the conservatory windows and a lovely Owl Mosaic for the wall.

This year there will be many more fun projects to get creative with and we are hoping to possibly upcycle some furniture in the conservatory, along with some other bigger projects.



Mondays & Tuesdays



Games Club

Some of the games for you to try are:

- Scrabble * Chess * Dobble
- Dominoes * Mousetrap Operation * Cards * Hedbanz
- Draughts * Boggle Tiddlywinks *
- Buckaroo Snakes & Ladders * Connect4

Come and join us!

Fridays

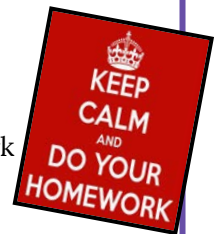
NEWSPAPER Club

The **Chatter** newspaper team meet to discuss events, write articles, and eat biscuits. So, don't just **read all about it**, come along if you want to make the Dane Court news!



HOMEWORK Club

Come and get your homework or revision done while having your lunch, then **enjoy a homework free evening and weekend!**



Chromebooks are available to use.

Wednesdays



Quiz & BINGO Club



Are you a quiz champion? Maybe you like a game of Bingo? Come along and join in there are prizes to be won every week.

You have to be in it to win it!!

The conservatory and clubs are supervised by the schools SEN staff, who are on hand to talk to students every lunchtime.