



16 July 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we reach the end of the academic year, I am writing to let you know the arrangements for the last day of this term and the start of the next year.

Friday 20 July is our last day. We expect all students to be in school, including sixth formers. Students should be in school uniform. We will have lessons as usual during the first two periods. After break, we will have form time and our end of term assembly. After lunch, students will be registered and dismissed at around 1.15pm. School buses will run at the normal time. If any students wish to stay on site at the end of the school day to wait for the buses, please advise our main office: admin@danecourt.kent.sch.uk. Any students staying should then report to Mr Sunderland at 1.15pm in the Pastoral Office.

I congratulate our year 13 students, who last week received their excellent International Baccalaureate results. There were outstanding performances in the IB Diploma and the IB Career-related Programme. Many of our year 13 students have already confirmed their university places, including two at Cambridge, whilst others have accepted offers of apprenticeships and employment.

GCSE results will be available for year 11 students on Thursday 23 August: school will be open from 9.00am. I and other members of staff will be in school on that day to celebrate with students, to interview them for their entry to sixth form and to help advise anyone who is still undecided about their choices.

This term we say goodbye and thank you to a number of members of staff who are retiring or moving on to other schools and other opportunities. We thank them all for the excellent service they have given to Dane Court, in some cases over very many years. We have appointed new staff to take their places, and they will be introduced at the start of next term.

We look forward to greeting all new and continuing students back to school in September. Term begins at 8.40am on Wednesday 5 September 2018 for all students. We expect to see students in years 7 to 11 in full, correct school uniform, including black shoes (not trainers) that will take polish.

This letter is also my last opportunity to thank you for the support you have given me personally during my time as Headteacher of Dane Court Grammar School. My over-riding concern during my time here has been for the welfare, happiness and success of your children. I reflect on the successes we have achieved here over the past four and a half years. Standards of teaching and learning have improved steadily, leading to students achieving the best examination results in the school's history; our school's budget remains balanced, in spite of considerable pressure on funding. We remain the only Ofsted 'Outstanding' secondary school in Thanet, and we are full with grammar-assessed students. The school has passed its sixtieth anniversary and is now in a very strong position to face a bright future. All this is important, because the continued success and stability of Dane Court means that your children have the best possible start in life. Thank you again for everything you have done and will continue to do next year.

I hope that you will all enjoy a restful and satisfying holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mr A T Fowler
Headteacher