



Courtier



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Dates for your diary:

March 2nd Year 10
Science Module Tests

June 6th and 10th
Year 10 Mathematics
Module Tests

May 3rd to June 28th
GCSE/AS/A2/IB
Main examination pe-
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News from Dane Court

Dear Parents and Guardians

While it now seems a long while ago I wish you a happy new year and hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas break.

The school as always remains focused on learning and teaching and on the achievement of our students. For our older students there are various public exams and controlled assessments currently taking place and our 6th Form students will begin their mock exams very shortly.

Staff will be putting on lots of additional support for students preparing for exams over the course of the next few months but should you have any concerns about your son or daughter's progress please do feel free to contact either their form tutor or subject teacher.

As part of our communication with you as parents Years 9, 10 and 6th Form students have their parents' evenings coming up in the next two months. I would ask that you all attend the relevant evening with your son or daughter and use it as an opportunity to celebrate both their success and to help your child focus on what he or she needs to do to improve further.

This is an important time of year for students in Years 9 and 11 as they will begin the process of choosing subjects for study at either Key Stage 4 or 5. All students will have interviews with staff to help them select the most appropriate subjects for their future careers and you will of course receive more detailed information about this directly from the staff involved.

I would like to remind you about the availability of Free School Meals and to encourage you to claim them if you think that you child is eligible – full details are on the school's website. Not only will you receive the benefit to which you are entitled but the school will also receive additional funding which will be helpful to the whole school community in these difficult economic times. Do please contact the school office if you think that your son or daughter should receive a free school meal.

It is of course the time of year that flu often takes hold in the school community and while there was no pandemic last year we must continue to be vigilant for the symptoms of Swine Flu and take basic hygiene precautions.

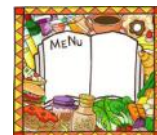
There is more detailed guidance on the school's website and while students with flu should not come to school I would also remind you that students should not be kept at home without good medical reason.

Yours sincerely
Simon Pullen

Any D of E students (ex or current!) with equipment at home can they bring it in before half term please?

We need to check that it is all suitable and do a general stock take. We know it's out there some where!

Thank you Miss
Heathcote



A message from our catering staff.
Students can purchase 20 meals and have **1 free meal** if they take £42 either as cash or a cheque to a member of the catering staff. For further details please contact Miss Riley at school.

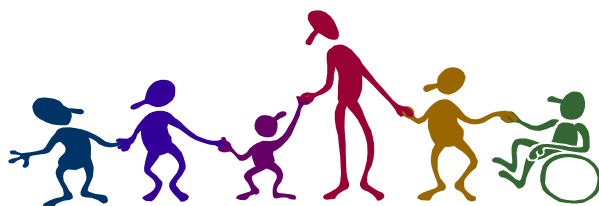


Thanet Parent/Carers Event
Wednesday 16th February
4.00pm – 7.00pm

Connexions Kent recognises the important role you play in supporting your teenager in making choices about careers, education, employment, training and living.

Come to our open evening to find out more about the opportunities available and the ways that *your* Young People can get involved in shaping the service they access.

**If interested please call
01843 593395
or contact Lauren on
07501228500 to book your place on the course**



Student news

“A well done to James Arter, Thomas Sexton and James Weale, who all took part in the Physics Olympiad with special congratulations to Chris Leonard who was a Bronze medallist in this national competition.” **Physics department.**

The U15 table tennis team consisting of James Barker, Harry Walton, George Walton and James Wright once again did the school and Thanet Table Tennis proud by winning the Kent Schools Games Regional Table Tennis Competition in November. The U13 team of Dan van Hinsbergh, Michael Vincent, Dan Brown

and Michael Cohen performed incredibly well to just fail reaching the County Final for their age group. The experience will certainly encourage the boys to become even better players.

Two of our sixth form students, Ben Morrell and Elizabeth Vincent are presenting a charity gig for Multiple Sclerosis in the school hall on **Wednesday February 9th at 7.30pm.**

Tickets for over 16s and adults only are just £1.50. It would be great if you could support this event which the students have totally organised. Miss Riley has tickets in her office.

Parent information

We have a large number of coats, shoes and other lost items in our lost property cupboard.



Please would parents check with their sons and daughters to see if they have lost anything and encourage them to come and check in the cupboard before the end of term when all lost property will be disposed of due to health and safety reasons.

Any named items will be returned to individuals thus the importance of ensuring all items are named. Many thanks.

The Music Department would like to encourage pupils to take part in the many musical groups we run during and after school. Please make a choice or two and come along to Senior Band on Tuesdays at 3:45 or Choir on Wednesday at 1.15pm.

We look forward to all pupils supporting KS3 students in the Junior Band on Thursday at 1.15pm or, if Jazz is your thing, on Wednesday the Big Band plays at 3.45pm.

The Music Department would like you to sift around at home and see if you can find *any* unwanted music. We are building a library of music for student use and, should you have music of any standard, it would be gratefully received.



Parent information

Would parents/guardians please be reminded to contact the school if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

We are now fully using Schoolcomms to text in case of unexplained absence so please ensure you keep us up to date with any changes to mobile phone numbers.

Could I also take this opportunity to remind parents and students that punctuality to school is imperative, if you are however going to be late in the morning please use the signing in books in the main office.

Many thanks
The School Office