

SPORTS REPORT

DANE COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Beach Volleyball Tournament

It was a fabulous day for the Kent School Games Beach Volleyball Tournament on Margate sands this year.

Under the watchful eye of Miss Riley, the U13 and U15 boys were as competitive as ever – as indeed were the other schools from Kent. Meanwhile the U15 girls picked up where they left off last year and showed

Ms Thompson great resilience under pressure, pulling back from a major deficit score to win a well-deserved 3rd place and bronze medal. Meanwhile our U13 boys and U13 girls teams went one better in their first experiences of the game, finishing as runners up. The U15 boys, despite their best efforts and committed play, were unable to gain a place in medal table.

So, with two teams in the two of the tournament finals, there was everything to play for. The U13 boys were narrowly beaten into silver medal position, while the U15 girls had also met their match, losing gracefully to Highworth – who would have thought there was sand in Ashford?

Great performances from all players, who gained many points on their serves, and whose techniques and game play improved markedly as the day progressed. Special mention must be made of EMILY DOWNES who was definitely Dane Court's player of the Tournament.

We are looking forward to next summer already!



* Girls Volleyball in action



* Dane Court's brilliant relay team!

Hartsdown Relays and Thanet Championships

At the Thanet relay championships the year seven girls finished runners up but the year seven boys took the title by winning every one of their races. At year nine the outcome was even more emphatic as every race was won by our boy and girl teams in fine style. These competitions proved to be excellent warm ups for the Thanet Schools Athletic Championships with the U13 boys and girls being victorious and the U15 boys and girls proving unbeatable on the night. In the boys races ten of the twelve events finished with a Dane Court victory and this was mirrored by the girls for a superb clean sweep showing the strength in depth of our talented athletes.



2nd place U13 boys and 3rd place U15 girls collecting their well deserved medals.

Kent School Games 2014



We had four teams competing in the Summer Finals of the Kent Schools Games. Our Year 10 Boys and Girls represented Thanet in the Handball competition whilst our Year 7 boys and girls represented Thanet at the Super Eight Athletics. These were excellent achievements to have reached this stage having qualified through the Thanet Tournaments. The level of competition now increased as did the quality of the opposition.

The year ten girls showed huge improvements throughout their three games having lost the first and won the second the third was crucial. They lost to a last minute goal which saw them exit the competition but with heads held high. The year ten boys competition was highly competitive, skillful and robust. Our team won two and lost two of their group games and as such entered into the competition for fifth, sixth and seventh, a group they won to finish fifth in Kent.

The year seven boys and girls Super Eight athletics teams competed at the Canterbury Academy Track where a number of students pulled out excellent performances, notably Ashley Hirst, Ria Downes and Charlotte Uden in the 100 meters and Hugh Coleman, Cameron Macrae and Sommer Ansley in the 800 meters. Representing the Thanet area we finished sixth of the eleven districts competing on the day scoring 1796 points, missing out on fourth place by a mere six points.



Opening Ceremony

Every house paraded their banners down the 100m track!



Sports Day!

As always Sports Day was the event of the year, with the best of the best showcasing their talents to the rest of the school. If the colourful tide of 1200 students wasn't eye-catching enough, we also had face (and body) painting being presented. The effort that had clearly gone into making house banners this year was astounding and each house paraded down the 100m track with pride and excitement. After the warm-up taken by the sixth formers, every student awaited this day of fun, with Mr Towe's annual commentary sparking many smiles.



After an enthralling competition, the winners of the modern pentathlon were as follows:

Year 10 -

Alice Fox - Delphi
Charlie Knight - Sorrento

Year 9 -

Emily Downes - Neuchatel
Dan Adams - Tallinn

MESSAGE FROM MR WALLACE

It has been a superb year in the sporting life of Dane Court Grammar School. We have been pleased with the attitude both in lessons and extra-curricular activities. All those who have represented the school have done so with great determination and spirit, qualities that we have come to expect. Your commitment to every opportunity to represent the school is matched by the PE department's pride in your standards of behaviour, fair play and quality of performance, be in no doubt that we all feel privileged to work with such talented and disciplined young people, thank you. Have a good summer everybody, thank you for a great year and we look forward to more effort, more commitment and more success next year because as Winston Churchill quite rightly said...
'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.'

RECORD BREAKING!
Sports day once again produced record-breaking performances in 2014. Cameron Macrae in Year 7 this year broke a record that has stood since 2010! In the 1500 metres, the previous record stood at 5.18.7, and Cameron wiped off over 12 seconds, achieving 5.06.5!! What a performance, especially on such a windy day!

The Luxmoore Challenge!

The inaugural Luxmoore challenge cricket match between our Head's two Federated schools took place in good weather, with good humour and spirit on Tuesday 15th July.

Staff from both schools dug out long forgotten kit and skills to play out an exciting 20 over game. Dane Court made 125-7 before our Birchington friends replied with 78 all out, bringing a conclusive victory to the home side who now hold the trophy for the next year.

Sports Day Results

YEAR 7 SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Final Position	House	Total Points	Athletics Points/Position	Rounders Points/Position
1 st	T	116	111 / 1	5 / 6
2 nd	D	104	89 / 2	15 / 4
3 rd	S	101	76 / 4	25 / 2
4 th	N	92	82 / 3	10 / 5
5 th	B	91	71 / 5	20 / 3
6 th	H	86	56 / 6	30 / 1

YEAR 9 SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Final Position	House	Total Points	Athletics Points/Position	Cricket Points/Position
1 st	S	139	114 / 1	25 / 2
2 nd	N	128	108 / 2	20 / 3
3 rd	D	111	81 / 5	30 / 1
4 th	T	109	104 / 3	5 / 6
5 th	H	103	88 / 4	15 / 4
6 th	B	88	78 / 6	10 / 5

YEAR 8 SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Final Position	House	Total Points	Athletics Points/Position	Stoolball Points/Position
= 1 st	H	119	99 / 2	20 / 3
= 1 st	S	119	89 / 4	30 / 1
3 rd	B	114	89 / 4	25 / 2
4 th	N	113	103 / 1	10 / 5
5 th	T	105	90 / 3	15 / 4
6 th	D	50	45 / 6	5 / 6

YEAR 10 SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Final Position	House	Total Points	Athletics Points/Position	Softball Points/Position
1 st	D	169	139 / 1	30 / 1
2 nd	S	142	117 / 2	25 / 2
3 rd	B	109	89 / 3	20 / 3
4 th	T	93	88 / 4	5 / 6
5 th	N	86	71 / 5	15 / 4
6 th	H	73	63 / 6	10 / 5



Final House Positions

First: Sorrento
 Second: Delphi
 Third: Neuchâtel
 Fourth: Tallinn
 Fifth: Barcelona
 Sixth: Helsinki

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF SPORTS DAY 2014,

Sporting Hero: Mrs Riley!



•Dedication at it's finest - Mrs Riley's unflinching support for sport at Dane Court is truly appreciated.

•Her love of her house is especially noted, and the support she gives to every one of her students is admirable.

•Well done for the win on Sports Day, you truly deserve it!

•And thank you for all your commitments to so many of Dane Court's sports teams!

A Sporting Year in '7

Featuring Sam Belsey, Finn Jarman-Hume and Tom Coyne

Sports Represented This Year:

Sam, Finn and Tom - Football, Cricket, Rugby, Athletics AND Cricket!

Best experience this year:

Sam - 76 runs against Ashford school

Finn - Indoor athletics finals (especially as Ms Thompson got the bus stuck)

Tom - My hatrick against Hereson

Best performance by another student:

Sam - Charlie Knight running the 100m

Finn - Tom halfpenny's running 100m

Tom - Cameron Macrea on sports day, breaking the school record

Sporting hero:

Sam - Mr Towe because he is an old man who can still walk on his hands

Finn - Pele because he is a beast!

Tom - My Dad, never known anyone to have so many injuries and still carry on



What you are looking forward to most next year:

Sam - Football Season

Finn - Rugby Season

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE IN THE PE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR WHO HAS HELPED TO MAKE DANE COURT SO SUCCESSFUL IN EVERYTHING THEY DO. WITHOUT THE RELENTLESS WORK OF THE PE STAFF WHO PUT SO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT INTO ALL US STUDENTS, NONE OF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE!

ALSO, A HUGE THANK YOU AND WELL DONE MUST GO TO EVERYONE WHO HAS REPRESENTED DANE COURT IN SOME WAY THIS YEAR. WE HAVE ACHIEVED SOME AMAZING THINGS AS A SCHOOL THIS YEAR, AND HOPEFULLY NEXT YEAR WILL GO ON TO DO THE SAME!

Message From Mr Towe...

Just remember that you are never as bad as they say you are and you are never as good as they say you are! Keep your feet on the ground.

UNSUNG HERO

George Dyerson: for always giving 100% in everything he does!