

## Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

20 May 2022



Welcome to this week's newsletter. Some important information is repeated for your convenience, but there is also new content to be read.

### Current COVID-19 Guidance

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days
- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education setting

### Important dates for yr11

Please find below some of the key dates relating to Y11 final examinations. As you may know, the GCSE examinations are rather more staggered this year.

Students will remain in timetabled lessons until **Friday 27th May** (the final day of term 5). After half term (**Monday 6th June onwards**), students will come in only for exams, in school uniform. **Thursday 23rd June**: final GCSE examination. **Monday 27th June**: Y11 Celebration: Red carpet and leavers' assembly. **Wednesday 29th June** and **Thursday 30th June** - Dane Court sixth form induction.

### A Message for Year 11 Students:

As the English GCSEs loom ever closer, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you, as parents, what is currently in place for your students to ensure success in **English Language and Literature**. We currently offer after school revision classes (for 5-7 and 7-9 targets) either on **Tuesday** or **Wednesdays** of each week, as well as smaller group sessions on **Monday**, **Wednesday** and **Friday** in mentor time. There will also be an intensive revision session on the **Monday** of half term (30th May) from 9:30 until 2pm approximately - more details on this to follow. Any additional work that your student produces will be marked and students sit one exam-style essay lesson every two weeks. If you are able to support your students with their learning at home, please refer to this document, which has all the important dates, as well as activities you can encourage your student to do or to assist them directly.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RsGw1DfT1BwOeHEXJNlgcsTTpOVG7TWndwFF6uUwk5M/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle to school every day.



## Tips to keep bicycles safe

The police have asked to share these top tips for protecting your bikes when out and about.

Best wishes

Anita Ives

Pastoral support officer

- **Register your bike** for free with [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com), the UK's only police-approved cycle database. This will help police to find it if it gets stolen.
- **Take a photo** of your bike and keep it with the insurance details. Make a note of the make, model and serial number.
- When parking away from home make sure your bike is **locked to a heavy-duty piece of street furniture** and where possible with the lock or chain off the floor.
- Make sure the **lock you use is independently tested** (e.g. Sold Secure approved), the correct size and difficult for thieves to access to break it.
- At home, **lock bicycles in a secure garage or shed** if you have one, using a good quality U-lock or chain and padlock to a ground anchor. Consider using two different types of security devices, as often tools to attack one type of device aren't so applicable to others.
- **Mark your bicycle frame** with your postcode in two separate locations if possible, one of which should be hidden.

## Fire Safety Talk

On the 16th June Year 7 & 8 will be receiving a fire safety talk from the Kent Fire Brigade.

## Onsite Car Park

Please note that the onsite car park is for **staff and visitors only**. Sixth form students are not permitted to park their cars in the school car park, they should park on the surrounding roads. This is for Health and Safety reasons to maintain adequate access and room to safely manoeuvre around the grounds. Any car not belonging to a visitor or staff member will have a sticker put on the windscreen explaining they should not be in the car park.

Many thanks, Site Team

## Year 8 trip: World Languages Day

Thank you to all of you who have registered interest in your child taking part in this trip to the university in June. I have had almost 80 responses, which is fantastic and shows how much year 8 are enjoying their language learning at the moment.

Unfortunately, we will only be able to offer 30 students a place - I did ask the university if we could bring 60 students, but we are capped at 30. Please keep an eye on your email to see if your child has been allocated a place.

Thanks again for your support of languages here at Dane Court.

Mrs Green, Head of German

## A notice for our English students

The English department will be holding two sessions for students in the first week after half term (when they are on study leave) to provide some intensive final preparation for Literature Paper 2 and Language Paper 2. Ms Jolley and I will be holding a session in N1 from 2:30 until 4:30 on Tuesday 7th June (after some students come out of Geography) to practice Literature P.2, and another session from 2:45 until 4:15 in N1 (after some students come out of Science) to practice Language P.2. This is in addition to our Half Term session on Monday 30th May from 9:30 until 2pm.

There is no expectation of attendance but it would be lovely to see as many students there as possible.

Thank you,

Mrs Channing

## **PE – Suncream Required**

As the summer terms are commencing please be aware of the weather forecast and when your child has PE. We recommend if it is due to be a hot or sunny day that students have sunscreen in their PE kit bags so they can protect themselves before they go outside for their one hour of PE.

Many thanks



## **The Ramsgate U16 Girls Team**

The Ramsgate U16 Girls Team have worked extremely hard all season and it has paid off! Rebecca, Daisy and their team have battled through some tough games enduring unkindly weather and travelling the South East to secure the Kent Girls and Ladies League winning trophy. It has not been easy at times, but Daisy has kept everyone on their game by captaining them to 11 wins and 1 draw. They did not lose a single game. Becca kept them in the top spot by scoring 34 goals this season, most of which were amazing goals. They are both a credit to the team and have worked alongside a group of fantastic girls. Becca, Daisy and two others even got the chance to attend an England Talent Pathway Event this year. The girls are looking forward to representing the Ramsgate U16s again next season, as they were playing up a year and are welcoming other girls with the passion and drive to do well to come and enjoy some football.

## **Congratulations to be made**

Elouise P. currently a Thanet Wanderers U14 centre, has been selected to a squad of 40 players to represent Kent at U15 level. She firstly attended a three hour trial with over 180 girls in order to filter it down to a squad of 40 players.

Since then Eloise has attended a training/match day where Sussex, Kent and Hampshire played each other in numerous games to help all counties with the match selection process. This weekend the squad has been further reduced to 30 where she will play in a 3 match tournament at Medway, 15 a side, against Sussex and Hampshire.



## **Online Safety advice - TikTok Trends**

TikTok trends have been a national problem over the past few years with some very dangerous challenges being shared. We advise all parents and carers to talk to their children about TikTok trends and other viral challenges they find online. A lot of these challenges are dangerous and can cause serious harm. If a video looks illegal, dangerous or harmful to others, Children should be advised to not take part in the challenge or share the videos with friends, which further exacerbates the problem.

## Car Boot Fairs!

The Dane Court Grammar School Parents' Association are pleased to announce the dates of our popular boot fairs for this year! There's no need for stallholders to book, just turn up at 6:00am. £8 for cars and £10 for vans. The boot fairs are open to the general public at 6:30am and refreshments are available.

If any parent would like to help on gate duty at any one of these events please contact Gloria Riley at [riley@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:riley@danecourt.kent.sch.uk)

This year's events are as follows:

Saturday 11 June 2022

Saturday 9 July 2022

Saturday 10 September 2022

## Sixth form induction dates

Wednesday 29th June to Friday 1st July

Mr Pleasant, Head of Sixth Form will be sending home a letter to all Year 11s, it is essential that prospective students attend to experience sixth form subjects and extra-curricular activities.

## Extra Curricular Activities Term 5

Day	Name of club	When	Where	Year group
<b>Monday</b>				
	Chatter	Lunchtime	Library	All
	Choir	After school	H7	All
<b>Tuesday</b>				
	Junior Book Club	Lunchtime	Library	Yr7&8
	Athletics	After school	Field	all years
	Art club	3:20 - 4:30	ART	All years
	Calm club	Lunchtime		all years (INVITE ONLY)
	Orchestra	3.30-4.30	H7	all years
	Jazz Band	4.30-5	H7	all years
	Debating club (week A)	3:30-4:30	Library	all years
<b>Wednesday</b>				
	from 19/01 DOfE until 11/05/22			yr 12
	Mindset	Lunchtime		all years (INVITE ONLY)
	Beginner Steel Band	3.30-4.15	H7	All
	Advanced Steel Band	4.15-5	H7	All
<b>Thursday</b>				

	Rounders	afterschool	field	all years
	Cricket	afterschool	field	
	Climbing	After school	PE- climbing wall	All years (if they did the introduction in the last 2 terms)
	Drama	Thursday 3.30-4.30	H1	7-10
	Senior Book Club	Lunchtime	Library	Yr9 upwards
	Debating Club (week B)	3:30-4:30	Library	all years
	Manga drawing Club	Lunchtime 13:45-14:15	L8	all years
	Film Club (Wk A)	After school	M4	12/13
<b>Friday</b>				
	Dungeons & Dragons	3.20-4.20	Library	All years
	Chatter	Lunchtime	Library	7-13
	Yoga	Friday 3.30	PE - studio	6th form

## Duke of Edinburgh News

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award qualifying expedition Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st May 2022  
 Let's hope those thunderstorms stave off and that the students pack sensibly!

## We need your uniform!

We are working hard to enhance our second-hand uniform provision. If your child has any items of uniform that they no longer need, would you please bring it into the office.

If your child needs uniform, the second-hand uniform shop run by the Parents Association is open on the first Tuesday of every month from 3-4pm in the school reception area. The PA will also endeavour to open the shop at as many events as possible when the school is open to parents.

Many thanks, Ms Rolls

## National Endangered Species Day May 20th

Animal lovers and conservationists unite: May 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 is National Endangered Species Day. This is a day to consider the dwindling populations of certain animals and work together to help. Environmental conservation didn't gain traction until the mid-1800s. America's Endangered Species Act of 1973 sparked both domestic and international conservation by providing a framework for protection.

Even today some remain critical of human efforts to make the world more habitable for endangered animals. They argue that natural selection should decide which species live or die. But remember that humans have an unprecedented effect on the planet, which can have negative consequences on the lives of other animals.





## Lost Property this week

We have a few unnamed items in our lost property already this term. They include glasses, coats, rucksack containing a PE kit, beanie hats, school leggings, Tupperware, water bottles, toiletry bag, locker keys, padlock and jewellery.

We also have two mobile phones that have been handed in. We have a G6 mobile found on the school premises and we have a Motorola phone which was found at the train station, but can be identified as belonging to a Dane Court student. If you believe that one of these could belong to your child, they can be claimed by providing a description, such as colour, case, identifying marks/stickers, item(s) kept in back of the case.

Please remember to name any items your child brings into school to help us quickly return any lost items. Photos of the easily identified items are set out below. If you recognise any of them, or think that the items of unnamed uniform may belong to your child, please do contact the office on 01843 864941 to arrange collection as soon as possible. Many thanks, Office Team



