

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

6 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

Water Bottles

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



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.

Monday 16th May: First GCSE examination. 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/1RsGw1DfT1BwOeHEXJNlgsTTpOVG7TWndwFF6uUwk5M/edit?usp=sharing>

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

Thank you,

Mrs Channing (Head of English)

Support to explain the Invasion of Ukraine at home

I am sure many of you are trying to manage difficult questions at home about the current situation in the Ukraine.

Here are some resources to help adults support children with the issues surrounding the Russian invasion of Ukraine that you might find useful.

How to talk to your teenager about the invasion of Ukraine (BBC Bitesize/Anna Freud Centre)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbrdjsg>

How To Talk To Your Child About The War In Ukraine (YoungMinds)

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

Worrying about Russia and Ukraine (Childline)

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/worrying-about-russia-ukraine/>

Young Darwin Scholarship 2022

Please see the link below for details of a summer scholarship via the Field studies council that might be of interest

If you are aged 16-25 with an interest in the natural world and are looking to enhance your understanding, explore your environmental options and want to be part of a community of young people who share similar interests, then this scholarship is for you!

A unique opportunity for 16–25year olds to apply for a 90% subsidised, Darwin-inspired scholarship, combining environmental education and ongoing support. Closing date 5th June 2022

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/young-darwin-scholarship-applications/>

Mental Health Week

As it is mental health week next week I would like to draw your attention to 'KOOOTH' an online advice service to help young people. Kooth has a lot of advice on a variety of situations that could occur in a student's life which can guide them to achieving positive mental health and can give them advice on how to get further help if needed.

Please find the link below to a short video:

<https://www.kooth.com/video>

Careers Education at Dane Court

Invest In Interactive Careers Roadmaps

Careers resources with a charitable contribution to Ukraine

We are delighted to share with you InvestIN's [Spring into Success](#) Careers Roadmap! Each stop on the roadmap contains exclusive top tips and industry insights to help you along your career journey, as well as tasks and exercises that you can take away to really maximise your potential over the spring break. From figuring out which career is right for you, to developing the skill set required and research needed for that industry, this is the ultimate guide to help you on the road to success. For every person who accesses our roadmap, we will be making a charity donation to UNICEF's Ukraine appeal.

Regular updates about university opportunities and apprenticeships are posted to the following Google Classrooms. This content is predominantly aimed at Year 12 and 13 students, but any student at Dane Court who is interested is welcome to sign up.

- **University** [qukojer](#)
- **Apprenticeships** [zc5wzc7](#)

Best wishes,

Mrs Linton

Careers Leader

KCC Reconnect - summer term home study support

Please see the information from KCC with details for remote support for Key stage 4 with Maths, Science and English
A New Term of Free Homework Support

Whether you tried and enjoyed our free homework support last term or are thinking of giving it a go this term
you must register or re-register using the links below.

Years 5 & 6

Tuesdays & Thursdays - Maths 5-6 pm, English 6-7pm

Sign up here: www.invictaacademy.com/homestudysupport

Years 10 & 11

Tuesdays - Maths 5-6pm & Science 6-7pm

Thursdays - Maths 5-6pm & English 6-7pm

Sign up here: www.invictaacademy.com/home-study-support



Lots of children in your school are already benefitting from Invicta National Academy's FREE home study support
Zoom sessions and yours can too.

There is no commitment, children can drop in and ask a question or stay and receive help for the whole hour. Once
you have registered children can simply log on if they need us. Our fully qualified and experienced teachers and
teaching assistants will be there to offer help and support.

Keeping your child safe on railway lines

This message contains some information regarding keeping your child safe on railway lines and is from Learn Live.
'Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership
with the Learn Live News Channel are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them
about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

The session is less than 15 minutes and explains why it is important to stay safe near the tracks.

Over 14 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have watched these videos which has led to a
significant decrease in the number of trespasses in their area through watching the latest rail safety videos.

Remember 15 mins can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people and their parents.

We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the
email railsafety@learnliveuk.com into the I am registered field when you first watch the videos.

Please click on the link below to view the relevant safety video:

Secondary school version: Age 11-16 (revised version with subtitles)

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

<https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>

College & University version: Age 16 plus (with subtitles)

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-college-safety-talk-lnw>

<https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>

Please note these are the recommended age ranges, we would always advise you to view the clips first to gauge
suitability for your child.

Thank you for supporting this important safety message and for helping raise awareness to keep your young people
safe.

Staff Vacancies at Dane Court Grammar School

Please use the link below to view our current staff vacancies.

<https://www.kent->

[teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/SearchResults.aspx?Keyword=dane%20court%20grammar%20school](https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/SearchResults.aspx?Keyword=dane%20court%20grammar%20school)

BISTRO HIGHLIGHTS

We would like to congratulate year 9 for their hard work and excellence in delivering many delicious and professional dishes to staff and parents at our year 9 Bistro events.

The students gain a great deal from a real life experience like this, and having to think about others when cooking adds a new dimension to their application and practice.

Thank you again for your support either as guests or in the planning and provision of ingredients for the event. We are really proud of what our year 9 students have achieved this year.

Here are some photos from some of the events.



Year 8 parents can look forward to visiting a coffee morning or afternoon tea later this month and in early June. Each mentor group will host an event in one of their Food lessons. Family and staff are invited! The schedule is below:

Dates for Coffee mornings / Afternoon Teas

Week / Day / Date/ lesson	Mentor Group	Teacher
B Wednesday 8th June p1	8B	PW
A Monday B 6th June p1	8D	ET
A Thursday 26th May p1	8H	KL
A Tuesday 24th May p3	8N1	PW
B Monday 6th June P3	8N2	KL
A Fri 27th May P1	8S	KL
A Tues 24th May P1	8T	KL

We look forward to seeing many of you there!



Japanese Cooking Competition 2022!!



Cook Japanese food, take a photo of your dish and upload it to Google Classroom with a brief description & comment on the dish.

There will be prizes and winners will be announced later.

The closing date for the entry is **27th June.**

You can submit as many entries as you wish.

All students, teachers and staff can participate.

↓ These are some dishes made by the winners last year.



From The food preparation and nutrition department

£15 for 1st Prize
£5 for 2nd & 3rd Prizes

Dane Court Jubilee Bake off

Create a cake fit for a Queen



On 24th May Dane Court will be holding our very own Bake Off competition in the run up to the Jubilee Celebrations.

We would like you to create a cake or cupcake- fit for the queen, with a Jubilee design.

Here are some ideas for your designs: the crown jewels; corgis; the Union Jack; Buckingham Palace; a throne.

Flavour ideas could include traditional or original ideas such as lemon, cranberry, caramel or even fish & chips

Please bring in your creations to C9 before school on 24th May to be judged by our very own Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood.

They will be judging your creative bakes by using the 'Hedonic rating test' aka the sensory analysis you are all already familiar with in the food technology department.

Remember they will be tasting your cakes & looking at the flavour, texture, smell and design.

Year 8 Art Sculpture

We have some talented sculptors coming through in the lower years, here is an example of one of their pieces!



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

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

This year's events are as follows:

Saturday 14 May 2022

Saturday 11 June 2022

Saturday 9 July 2022

Saturday 10 September 2022

Congratulations to be made!

"A huge congratulations to Aoife in year 10 who was nominated by her rugby club, Ashford, for the Kent U15 rugby squad. She put everything into the trials and she has been successful. An amazing achievement. Well done to Aoife."

Many thanks

Miss Bolt

Extra Curricular Activities Term 5

Day	Name of club	When	Where	Year group
Monday				
	Chatter	Lunchtime	Library	All
	Choir	After school	H7	All
Tuesday				
	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
Wednesday				

	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
Thursday				
	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
Friday				
	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

Silver award practice expedition Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th May. 25 X Year 12 students will be out. Let's hope the weather is kinder to us than last year!

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

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, school leggings, Tupperware, water bottles, toiletry bag, 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



THE END



