

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week A

27 May 2022



Umbrellas up!

It's raining again!



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

Hoax offers of 2022 exam papers

Hoaxers are trying to sell fake exam papers on social media. We are advising students not to be distracted by these hoaxes and reminding them that anyone trying to sell or buy such fakes could be disqualified from their qualifications.

Ukraine Appeal

We have sent off so many donations and these will have helped a multitude of people and families. But we have now finished collecting for the Ukraine Appeal. We would like to say a huge thank you to all who have been involved in the process and brought in donations for the Appeal over the past few months.

Water Bottles

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



Book Returns

This is a gentle reminder for all students to check at home and in their lockers for overdue library books - please put them in the book returns box in the library.

Many thanks, Mrs Finlay

Fire Safety Talk

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

Year 11

GCSE final revision lesson Thursday 16 June, Lesson 3 - L11 + L5. Please encourage your child to come along for some final revision and exam tips in preparation of the French writing paper next Thursday afternoon.

Careers - Virtual Work Experience

Students in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 should take a look at the [virtual work experience](#) opportunities available to them via [SpringPod](#).

Work experience programmes cover healthcare, psychology, teaching, law, construction and more, with insight provided by large companies and organisations.

There are limited spaces available for this summer - so sign up soon.

Melissa Linton, Careers Leader

Sports Day Banners - sheets and resources required!

If you have any old white bed sheets, we'd be grateful to have them. We use them for making the banners the students decorate to support their houses on sports day. An example of a previous one is below. We're also looking for any spare paints that we could use. If you have anything, please send it in and ask your child to give it to their head of house next week.

Thanks very much!



School Lunches

We have endeavoured over the last few years to keep the cost of our set price meal at the same price of £2.35.

In the last few weeks we have been working with our caterers -Harrison Catering to expand the choices available for the set price of £2,35, so offering a nutritionally balanced meal far more reasonably priced than if the items were purchased separately.

We are hoping that students will appreciate that this is a good value healthy option and also gives them a good choice when prices of other food may well have to increase going forward.

The Free School Meal allowance is £2.35 so all students in receipt of that allowance will be able to buy these set meal options. Students entitled to a FSM are also entitled to a breakfast allowance of £1.10 which can be used from 8.00am till just before the pips at 8.35.



HARRISON
food with thought

£2.35 MEAL DEAL MENU

Hot Options:
Any Main Meal & Dessert:
Includes 1 of the following:
Main Meal of the day, Freshly Filled Baked Jacket Potato, Freshly Toasted Panini.
Also includes 1 of the following:
Daily Hot Dessert or Freshly Baked Cookie

Salad Options:
Option 1:
Freshly Prepared Salad 16oz Salad Shaker Pot (Includes Protein) with 330ml Bottled Water or a Piece of fresh Fruit
Option 2:
Self Service Salad Bar, 330ml Bottled Water & Freshly Baked Cookie

Sandwich or Baguette Options:
Option 1:
Freshly Baked & Filled Baguette with a Piece of Fresh Fruit or Freshly Baked Cookie
Option 2:
Deep Fill Sandwich or Wrap with a Piece of Fresh Fruit or Freshly Baked Cookie & 330ml Bottle of Water

Year 10 GCSE/ year 12 BTEC Business Thorpe Park Trip 6th July 2022

Letters have gone out inviting students to join us on this trip. Payments can be made on Wisepay. I would be grateful if students could return their slips as soon as possible please as places are limited. After the 20th of June, in the unlikely event there are any spare places, the trip will be offered to year 9 students seeking to study GCSE Business in year 10 or year 11 students looking to study the Business and Finance IBCP course. Miss Diffley (Head of Business and Finance)

Year 11 GCSE Business Revising for Paper 2 on Monday

Students are directed to look on Google Classroom where they have been provided with revision activities, practice papers, markschemes and examiner reports (great for achieving top marks as they tell you what the examiner is really looking for and how they make their judgement). An EXTRA revision session will be held P3 B1 on Monday 13th. All students are invited. Miss Diffley. (Head of Business and Finance).

E-Scooters

Our policy is that **they are banned from the school site and will be confiscated if we see them on site**. We will also contact parents if we see students riding them in the community. This is due to the information provided to us by the local police last year. It is against the law to use them on the pavement/footpath/bridleway and against the law to use them on the road unless they have a full driving license, insurance and tax. Here is some more specific, useful information provided by the Police Force.

Where can they be used?

E-scooters can **only be used on private land to** which the public does not have access without legal restrictions. The permission of the owner or occupier of the land must be obtained.

Where can they not be used?

E-scooters cannot be used at the following locations:

- **Pavements**
- **Footpaths**
- **Bridleways**
- **Highway**

Offences are specified under:

s72 Highway Act 1835 - it is an offence to ride on, or to lead or draw a carriage on a pavement. This applies to almost all vehicles, with exceptions for mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

s34 Road Traffic Act 1988 - it is an offence to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle:

(a) on to or upon any common land, moorland or land of any other description, not being land forming part of a road, or

(b) on any road being a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway

Which driving licence is required?

Riders must have a **category Q** entitlement on their driving licence. Category Q is included on full or provisional licences for categories AM, A and B. If someone has one of these licences, they can ride an e-scooter. Note also that provisional licence holders don't need to display L-plates whilst riding an e-scooter a trial.

Foreign licence holders can use e-scooters if they have a valid full licence (so long as this does not prohibit them from driving low-speed mopeds and motorcycles). Foreign provisional licence holders cannot use e-scooters in the trial.

The minimum age to drive or ride a category Q vehicle is 16 as per regulation 9 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999.

On a practical level those operating the trials will inform the holders of non-UK licences to have the licence with them whilst using the vehicle.

News from the Music Department

We are delighted to announce that the Dane Court Orchestra will be performing around Thanet in July.

On Wednesday 6th July we will be playing on Broadstairs Bandstand 1-2pm so please do come along to support us if you are free.

On Thursday 14th July we will be performing as part of the Coastal Academies Trust Concert at the Winter Gardens in Margate. Tickets limited and will be available through WisePay towards the end of June.

We can't wait to share our music with the community and hope to see you there.



Swimming the Channel!

We are extremely proud of our year 12 student Mabel N. who this week, in relay with her Father, Brother and Sister, very impressively swam the British Channel to raise money for a local independent charity KRAN (Kent Refugee Action Network). They offer help and support for young people aged predominantly 16-24 who have arrived in Kent on their own. KRAN provides a safe space, assistance with housing, education and so much more to help their young people succeed and develop their full potential. An aspiration for young people, also close to Dane Court's heart. Mable and her family have already raised almost £7,000. Further donations can be made here

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/naisbitts-channel-swim-for-kran>

Business Trip to Thorpe Park 6th July 2022 - Year 10 & 12

To help Business students appreciate the strategies and promotional techniques of a modern business, we are arranging an educational visit to Thorpe Park for students studying business in year 10 and 12. Students will conduct their own primary research at the resort, as well as attending an interactive workshop on 'The Marketing and Promotion of Thorpe Park'. There will also be some time for students to experience the park as a customer. Students will need to arrive at school by 7.20am and be picked up at approximately 8.30pm. Tickets will cost £39.

There are 53 places available. and 58 students eligible. Places will be allocated on a first come basis. If your child would like to come along, please express your interest on Wisepay. by half term.

School's Curriculum Intent

During half term we had the large curved wall in the Heart painted with our School's Curriculum Intent by Artist: Amber Anderson. We'd like to thank Amber for her brilliant work and hope that students, staff and visitors enjoy it for many years to come.



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 11 June 2022

Saturday 9 July 2022

Saturday 10 September 2022

NHS Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner workshops

Please see this flyer for the NHS Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner workshops this term. If you would like a link to the course, please contact Mrs Holmes on holmes@danecourt.kent.sch.uk



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school.


NEW Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School 6-7:30
Tuesday 14th June

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 6-7:30pm
Monday 20th June

Understanding ADHD in Children 9:30-11am
Thursday 30th June

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 9-11am
Tuesday 5th July

Understanding Autism in Children 9-11am
Monday 11th July



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Team

2022

June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

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July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Our online workshops offer information around key topics to help understand what is going on for your child and strategies to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice.

If you would like to join, please raise your interest with your child's school so that they can send you the link. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school.

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet.

We look forward to meeting you.

Lost property this week

We have a few unnamed items in our lost property already this term. They include a key, a bracelet, pencil case and water bottles.

We also 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 this could belong to your child, it 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



