

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

24 June 2022



It's National School Sport Week!



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.



Family Focused Employment Support Service

Are you aware of any families, with an unemployed adult in the home, who would benefit from family support to overcome the general challenges that they are facing? We know that barriers to employment come in many different forms and we need to address the wide range of issues a family may be experiencing before they can even consider their steps to employment. We know that some families don't meet the criteria for statutory support but would benefit from a little extra help.

Did you know that, in partnership with The Education People and Kent County Council, we now have a Family Focused Employment Support Service as part of the Employment Support Hub for Canterbury and Thanet? Through this, Salus are able to offer support whole family support to address wide ranging issues that they may be facing. This could include debt management, housing, mental health, managing boundaries or any other challenge that arises for a family.

So, if you know a family that would benefit from this service, please complete the attached referral form and return to info@salusgroup.org.uk If you would like some more information, please contact Emma Mead, Service Manager, on 07725 629789.

Free Parent/Carer webinars on Kooth:

These sessions are designed to let parents/carers know how Kooth can support their children with their mental health & wellbeing. Click on the registration link to sign up & attend. If parents/carers have any questions, they can email parentsandcarers@kooth.com

Date	Time	Registration Link
Weds 27 July	6pm - 7pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-kooth-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-277457000357

Year 11 Final Assembly

The Year 11 final assembly will take place on Monday 27th June.

Students can arrive from 10.45 and the assembly will begin at 11.05.

Parents are welcome to watch students proceed down the footpath/red carpet from 10.45 - 11.05. The assembly will be for year 11 students only.

The Do's and don'ts of catching a Bus

To ease the anxiety children may feel about catching the bus, the team at Stagecoach South East decided to create a video showing school children the dos and don'ts when travelling on the bus.

The video teaches students how they can acquire a bus pass through the KCC website, how to check timetables, where to wait for the bus and how to behave on it. The link to the video is as follows: <https://youtu.be/YtPHtHiCPxU>

Although this is an introductory video for children coming into year 7, the video serves as a reminder for students who are already taking the bus how to do so properly.

In addition to the video, we have created an e-leaflet. You can view all the information via our [website](#), which has all the resources mentioned.

Access to Higher Education Diploma information here

The University of Kent's Adult Learning Team will be running the [Access to Higher Education Diploma](#) programme at Herne Bay High School and Chatham Grammar School from September 2022. The course will run in the evenings and there are no tuition fees. If you have any questions, please email Donna Coyte, Access and Adult Learning Manager at d.l.coyte@kent.ac.uk.

Margate Tech Club

Tech Club is a family friendly drop-in event, held on the last Saturday of every month *10:00 - 12:00 at The Margate School. Margate Tech Club is aimed at families with children aged 8+ and gives families an opportunity to explore tech in a safe, welcoming environment, with experts on hand to demonstrate projects, facilitate workshops and answer questions. Not only does Tech club provide an environment to learn about tech and future prospects within Tech, it also encourages a healthy relationship with Technology benefiting the wellbeing of Children and their families. The Margate School is pleased to announce that we have been awarded some funding from Kent Community Fund to keep our popular family event, Tech Club going during 2022. The Margate School is now able to provide New Netbooks and other equipment to improve the accessibility of Tech Club.

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.



Medieval Banquet

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents of year 7 students for your support with shields, costumes, medieval bowls and tankards. The Medieval banquet event was a huge success and the student got very involved with the arrangements and enjoyed themselves, we hope you've heard some stories about it already!

Thank you also to the parent helpers, we couldn't have done it without you.

We look forward to many more Medieval Banquettes in the future!



FREE clubs open to all

As well as our clubs each term being on the school website, here is a reminder of our term six sports clubs.

These are FREE clubs open to all, which are run after school hours by the PE department teachers and Mr Alderson (climbing).

Tuesday - Tennis club 3.30 - 4.25

Thursday - Rounders Club 3.30 - 4.25

Cricket club 3.30 - 4.25

Climbing club 3.30 - 4.25 (restarting on the 30th June)

No need to sign up, just turn up and we will log the register.

Live Maths Talks

Live online maths sessions with bestselling science author Simon Singh, Countdown champion Junaid Mubeen and a range of guest speakers.

If your child has an interest in Maths, then this might be for them! There are all kinds of talks for all ages throughout the rest of June and July, so please follow the link and take a look at what's available!

<https://parallel.org.uk/circles>

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 9 July 2022

Saturday 10 September 2022

National School Sports Week!

School sport should be an important part of every child's education and development – every child should feel they have a sport to enjoy. But for some children this hasn't been happening. Some can be left feeling alienated by sport, that it isn't for them and they don't have a place within it. After the disruption of the past two years, young people's health and activity levels have in many cases reduced.

There is so much that all young people can gain from school sport, connecting with others, developing important life skills, improving both their physical and mental health. Exercise increases overall health and sense of well-being, which makes you feel happier in your everyday routine. Exercise also has some direct stress-busting benefits. **It pumps up your endorphins.** Physical activity can help bump up the production of your brain's feel-good neurotransmitters, called endorphins. And has a hugely positive effect on mental health conditions like anxiety and depression.

Join us this National School Sport Week in our drive to make sure that, when it comes to school sport, there is a place for every child.

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Debt Advice

Are you struggling to manage your debts?
Has the cost of living crisis put a strain on your finances?



NOW is the time to take action to sort out your finances... BEFORE landlords, bailiffs or creditors take action against you

Citizens Advice Thanet are working with Citizens Advice North & West Kent to deliver debt advice

To make an appointment
Email: debt@nwkent.cab.org.uk
Phone: 03300 533 667

When contacting us please provide your name and contact details for a call back

KM Kent Young Cooks Final!

Congratulations to Abbie L who won the secondary school category and then was also voted **overall winner**. There were four categories: Primary school, Secondary school, 16+ and Professional.

Abbie L. had to make a pizza and a cake or dessert containing a vegetable in 2 hours. Contestants were encouraged to use Kentish products in their recipes so Abbie made a pizza with Kentish Camembert, locally sourced cranberry and onion chutney, caramelised onion, walnuts and rocket. She also made a beetroot and chocolate cake with coffee cream, topped with Kentish cobnuts. The judges had high praise for her creativity and knowledge of pizza dough. Abbie won a cash prize of £200 and will be cooking her pizza, alongside the other category winners at a VIP event at the Dog Inn at Wingham.

We are so proud and such a great achievement.



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



