

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

21 May 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

COVID-19 Testing Guidance

I would like to clarify the guidance for COVID-19 testing. Please see details below:

Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing

- Students with consent should be testing using the home LFD test kits twice a week (on a Sunday and a Wednesday evening/Thursday morning) and reporting the results to both the NHS and to the school using [this link](#):
- Students in years 7-10 have now been supplied with enough tests to last until half term. Years 11-13 have been given 6 tests and will be given a further set of 7 during the week beginning 10th May.
- Home tests supplied by the school should only be used by the student. Regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread. Additional LFD test kits can be ordered using [this link](#)

Symptomatic COVID-19 Testing

- Home testing using the LFD tests **does not replace testing for those with symptoms**.
- If your son/daughter (or anyone in your household) experience symptoms of COVID-19 your household must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines. You will need to inform the school if this is the case.
- Once you have the result of the test please inform us as soon as possible. If the result is negative you can then stop self-isolating and your son/daughter can return to school if they are well enough. If the result is positive your household will need to continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and follow national guidelines.

If you have any queries regarding testing please contact Carolyn Hobbs, Office Manager.



Free school meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Some schools in Kent manage their own Free Schools Meals application process. For more information, go to:

kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



A support & information sharing group for families, carers and friends of children & adults with autism (and associated learning difficulties)

Come and join us for a ‘chat’ and a ‘cuppa’

WHERE & WHEN (Term time ONLY)

**Green Banks Centre for Disabled Children
Westfield Road,
Margate,
CT9 5PA**

TIME

9.30am to 11.30am

2021

7th June, 5th July, (No meeting in August), 13th September, 4th October, 1st November, 6th December

2022

10th January, 7th February, 7th March, (No meeting in April), 9th May, 6th June, 4th July

TEMPORARY COVID-19 RULES:

GREEN BANKS have requested that until further notice, only 10 people will be allowed to meet per session. Therefore, anyone wishing to attend SPOTS meetings must book a place via SMS or WhatsApp to 07717064944 (this will work on a first come / first served basis until GREEN BANKS advise us otherwise).

- SPOTS will meet in the ‘large meeting room’ and social distancing (as per Govt. guidelines of the day) will be adhered to.
- GREEN BANKS has requested that everyone attending must please bring their own refreshments. Hot water cannot be provided until further notice.
- Face coverings/masks must be worn when entering, exiting & walking around the building. Hand sanitiser will be available.
- SPOTS meeting/s may be cancelled at a moment’s notice (Govt. guideline dependent).
- As per GREEN BANKS rules, children are NOT permitted until further notice & the Soft Play & Sensory Rooms WILL NOT be available.

Telephone numbers - 07717 064944 or 07938 952138

Email - spotspectrum@gmail.com

Duke of Edinburgh News!



Eighteen Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh students are out daily on their assessed expedition from Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd May. Let's hope the wind forecast eases but we are expecting to get wet!

2020 Exam Certificates

Calling all 2020 GCSE and IB students, your Summer 2020 exam certificates are now ready for collection. Certificates can be collected from the main reception between 2pm and 4.30pm Monday-Thursday, 2pm and 4pm Friday. Your certificates are important legal documents that you will need throughout the course of your career. Employers, colleges and universities often insist on seeing original qualification certificates. It is therefore vital that you collect your certificates and keep them safe. Regulations do not allow certificates to be put in the normal post due to the risk of loss or damage. If you are unable to collect the certificates yourself, you can nominate someone else (this includes parents and other family members or friends) to collect your certificates by emailing Claire Sayer at csayer@danecourt.kent.sch.uk. Certificates will not be issued to anyone other than the person named on them without written permission and ID.

Exam Certificates - 2019 and before

We have many unclaimed exam certificates (believe it or not, we even have certificates dating as far back as the 1960s!) that we are keen to get to their owners. If you took your exams prior to 2020 and you didn't collect your certificates, please email Claire Sayer at csayer@danecourt.kent.sch.uk to arrange collection. Please note that certificates will not be issued to anyone other than the person named on them without written permission and ID.

Love Languages!



Did you know languages and science go hand in hand? A recent article from the British Science Association makes the claim that *learning a language gives the study of STEM a little 'je ne sais quoi'*. To quote the article, "*Scientific advancements are an international affair. As explained by Dr Bill Rivers, Executive Director for the Joint National Committee for Languages, "Multilingual communication is intrinsic to today's scientific collaboration and progress, which means the language industry is fundamental to furthering every aspect of STEM professions and business."*

If you would like to find out more, the whole article can be found [here](#).

Important dates coming up for sixth form!

8th June at 5pm - IBCP/DP Programme Curriculum evening for parents

11th June - Year 13 IBCP official last day

22nd June at 5pm - University application evening for parents

28th June all day - Research day: IB DP students completing the extended essay, IBCP students completing the ethical project.

A celebration of Art

We would love for this photograph of Heidi Kennedy's 9S fantastic vanitas inspired flower sculpture, we have some lovely pieces being produced in the art department by our students at the moment!



Boot Fairs!!

This year's events are as follows:

Saturday 12 June 2021

Saturday 10 July 2021

No August Boot Fair

Saturday 11 September 2021

Look forward to seeing some of you there!
The Parents' Association



Online Safety advice - [CEOP](#)



During the pandemic there has been exponential growth in the number of online safety cases targeted at children and young adults. If a parent is aware that their child has had inappropriate discussions online, has been targeted by someone or a group of people, parents often do not know the best agency to contact. The ‘Child Exploitation and Online Protection’ (CEOP) is the main place to report any incident involving children and online safety against sexual exploitation, children are also able to contact CEOP directly through their website or anywhere they see the CEOP logo.

CEOP is a law enforcement agency that was created to help keep children and young people safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. As a parent or child you can make a report directly to CEOP if something has happened online which has made you or your child feel unsafe, scared or worried. This might be from someone you know in real life, or someone you have only ever met online.

If you make a report to CEOP about sexual abuse or grooming online it will be read by one of their Child Protection Advisors who will get in contact with you on the phone number or email address that you provide to make sure that your child is safe from harm. They will also discuss with you what will happen next as well as methods of prevention. CEOP works together with lots of other professionals whose jobs are also to make sure children are safe, this includes other police agencies. If a crime has been committed the CEOP team will work together and use specialist skills to identify the person or people responsible and bring them into the criminal justice system.

CEOP website link - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre>

Year 11

We would again like to say a huge well done to our year 11 students for the mature and conscientious way they have conducted themselves over the last two weeks. Timetabled lessons will resume on Monday, with a focus on wider learning and preparation for next year. Year 11s can now feel very proud and relieved that all work for GCSEs has been completed.

Following half term, the focus will shift slightly, with timetabled lessons giving way to a range of additional activities. The timetable is below. Students will be informed next week which half of the year they are in.

Date	Year Half 1	Year Half 2
Monday 7th June	Normal timetable	
Tuesday 8th June	Normal timetable	
Wednesday 9th June	Normal timetable	
Thursday 10th June	IB Core Day	
Friday 11th June	P1-2 Normal Timetable	P1-2 Normal Timetable

	P3 Book Return and locker clearance P4-5 Sports' Afternoon	P3 Book Return and locker clearance P4-5 Sports' Afternoon
Monday 14th June	Forensic Science Day	Independent transition work (remote learning)
Tuesday 15th June	Independent transition work (remote learning)	Forensic Science Day
Wednesday 16th June	Sixth Form Induction 1	
Thursday 17th June	Sixth Form Induction 2	
Friday 18th June	P1 Shirt Signing P2-3 Leavers' Assembly P4 Dismissal	



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