

## Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

11 June 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to this week's newsletter and the start of the Summer Term! Some important information is repeated for your convenience, but there is also new content to be read and enjoyed.

### **COVID-19 Asymptomatic Home Testing Guidance**

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing.

Wherever possible, your child should **continue testing and reporting results twice a week at home**. Test kits have been supplied to all students.

**Year 11** – All students should have enough test kits to complete their tests this week. However, if they do not have enough tests please ask them to collect a new kit from the office.

#### **Reporting results**

Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond.

#### **Reporting results is easy.**

Go to: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) Or call: 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

**All results should be reported, even if your child's result is negative or void.** To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the government has produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#)

**You should also keep a note of the test ID and share your child's results with school using [this link](#)**

#### **Universal Testing**

The government is encouraging all adults to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You can order tests through the [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#) service.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Maintaining a regular habit of testing twice a week, 3-4 days apart, will help stop the virus spreading and keep schools and colleges open to students and staff.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:csayer@danecourt.kent.sch.uk). Certificates will not be issued to anyone other than the person named on them without written permission and ID.

Dear parent/guardian,

The Kent police schools team asked us to make you aware of the online recruitment event detailed below, this is being held by the Kent Police Positive Action Team.

[#More than the badge](#)

Parents event – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

The event is a chance for parents to find out about Kent Police, Kent Police recruitment opportunities, hear from parents who have children joining the police and ask questions.

Due to covid the event will be held via TEAMS.

Please register on the positive action page of the website link below;

[Positive Action career events | Kent Police](#)

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## DANE COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

#### **HALF TERM 6**

	Classroom 3.30-4.30	Field 3.30-4.30	Sports Hall 3.30-4.30	Activity Studio 3.30-4.30
Monday		<b>Year 7 only</b> <b>Tennis - Dr Green (FREE)</b> <b>Outdoor bootcamp - Mr Argyrides (FREE)</b> <b>Skateboarding - Miss Buffery (FREE)</b>		<b>Street Dance - Miss Bradley (FREE)</b>
Tuesday		<b>Year 8 only</b> <b>Tennis - Miss Bolt (FREE)</b> <b>Outdoor bootcamp - Miss Metcalfe (FREE)</b> <b>Skateboarding - Miss Buffery (FREE)</b>		
Wednesday		<b>Year 10 only</b> <b>Tennis - Mr White (FREE)</b> <b>Outdoor bootcamp - Mr Wallace (FREE)</b>		
Thursday	<b>PE staff examinable PE meeting - M5</b>	<b>Year 9 only</b> <b>Tennis - Mr Towe (FREE)</b> <b>Outdoor bootcamp - Mr Coyne (FREE)</b> <b>Skateboarding - Miss Buffery (FREE)</b>		

Appropriate sports clothing must be worn in order to take part in all sports clubs. The usual high standards of behaviour that are expected by the PE Department must also be retained. Wet weather may mean some clubs would need to be cancelled.

### Hot Weather

The weather is now heating up so please ensure you send your child to school with a refillable water bottle for use at the fountains around school.

### EU Settlement Scheme

We have been asked by The Home Office to pass on the following message to all parents, families, young people and staff. If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family members may be eligible to apply to the Settlement Scheme. However, the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) application deadline is very soon - **30<sup>th</sup> June**.

It is crucial that eligible adults apply to the Scheme themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right and no child of any age is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. There's [more information on this here on GOV.UK](#).

To provide additional guidance, a very clear EUSS [leaflet](#) has been produced by the University of Liverpool, in partnership with the Home Office. It has been designed with children in mind and is intended to support both children and parents with information to help them apply to the EUSS. A set of accompanying [FAQs](#) are available too.

A list of organisations providing additional EUSS guidance and information is available [here](#). Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online at [www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](http://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme), where you can also find out more information about how to apply.

## Sports Day Information

In line with current covid restrictions the PE department have adapted so we can hold a mini year group bubble 'Sports Days'.

Please note on some of these days the timetable will be period 1 and 2 then break. Period 3 and then lunch. After lunch period 4 and 5. This will show below where it says '2-1-2'.

Students on their set day are allowed to come into school and leave school in PE kit if they wish. A refreshment stall will be present so a small amount of cash may be a good idea. Please check the weather and ensure your child has sun cream and lots of water.

The dates are as follows:

Year 7 - Week B - Monday 5th July - period 1 and 2 - 2-1-2 day

Year 8- Week B - Monday 5th July - period 4 and 5 - 2-1-2 day

Year 9 - Week B - Wednesday 7th July - period 4 and 5 - 2-1-2 day

Year 10 - Week B - Friday 9th July - period 1 and 2 - normal school timing day

Year 11 - Week B - Friday 11th June - period 4 and 5 - 2-1-2 day

Many thanks

Miss G Bolt

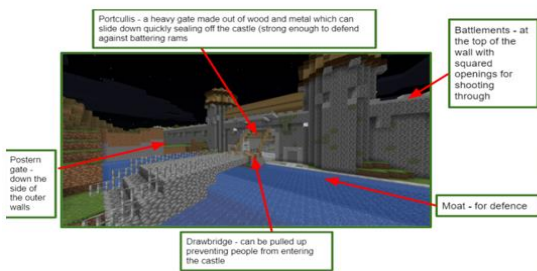
Head of Physical Education

Deputy head of Helsinki House



## Year 7 Creativity

"These are examples of year 7 castle work: pupils were set the task of designing a castle on the computer or as a model using the knowledge they had acquired about how medieval castles were built in order to defend those inside."



## Year 10 Physics End of Year Exam

Dear Parents/Guardians

Students in Year 10 will be sitting a Physics End of Year Exam in class on the week beginning 5th July. The test will be an hour long and will assess them on the content they have been taught throughout the year. This will help to inform us of their understanding of the subject so that gaps can be addressed going into Year 11. Students have received a letter via email outlining what and how they should revise.

I would also like to take this moment to remind you that revision guides can be purchased from the school via Wisepay at a discounted rate. Students can then bring the receipt to a member of the science department who will then issue them with the revision guide.

Regards

Mr Fricker, Head of Physics

## Year 10 Parents' Evening

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Your response to the online Parents' Evening system has been very encouraging and is really appreciated. Teachers have been delighted to discuss your child's effort and progress over the past year. May I please take this opportunity to encourage your children to attend the meeting also! It is really beneficial for them to directly participate in this process too.

Mrs R Rolls  
 Assistant Head



## 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 P3 Book Return and locker clearance P4-5 Sports' Afternoon	P1-2 Normal Timetable 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	

## Year 11 Work Experience/Summer School opportunities

With the summer holidays fast approaching, I know that the students will be looking forward to a long and restful summer break - truly deserved after the year we've had. However, as a pro-active cohort, some will want to use some of the time to help prepare for 6th form, college and beyond.

Each week, I have been uploading information to Google Classroom with details of these opportunities - please encourage your students to take a look at these. I will continue to do this with any opportunity that is passed to me until the end of the school year. There are some brilliant, exciting and innovative things on offer.

If the student requires a reference, please use either their form tutor or me; we will be happy to assist.

Kind regards,  
Mr Wheeler  
Head of Year 11

### Online Safety advice - [Google Family Link](#)



Family Link is a brilliant new app from Google that helps you to monitor all activity on a child's device and I highly recommend using it for children and teenagers of all ages.

The app allows parental controls across a whole family group, which can then be individually tailored to each child.

Family Link allows you to remotely manage a child's device in real time, including things like; screen time limits, device location and installation permissions.

Within the app you can approve or block the apps your child wants to install via your own device, monitor and limit screen time, lock their phone at bed time and review how much time your child spends on their favourite apps. The app also offers weekly or monthly activity reports where you can monitor activity over a longer period of time.

A full list of features are as follows:

- Manage parental controls across Google services .
- Manage the apps your child can use.
- Approve or block apps your child wants to install.
- See how much time their child spends on their apps with weekly or monthly activity reports.
- Set daily screen time limits for your child's device.
- Exclude certain apps from time screen time limits. e.g. google classroom, bbc bitesize etc...
- Extend screen time allowance in real time. E.g. give a child an extra 30 minutes or hour for good behaviour.
- Set a device bedtime.
- Set daily limits for individual apps.
- See your child's device location.
- Play a sound to locate a child's device.
- Remotely lock your child's device.
- See all devices where your child's account is signed-in.

## Duke of Edinburgh News!



Eighteen students successfully undertook their DofE assessed expedition prior to half term despite the unseasonal weather conditions and with amended plans and activities,

All students performed admirably with their resilience, teamwork, humour, attention to detail and great company.

As our external Lowland Leader from Adtrex Adventure said, "Your students showed great attitude and perseverance, were brilliant to work with and a great credit to the school."

All in all, we enjoyed spending time with the students and watching them develop over the course of the practice and assessed expedition weekends. We will have some great reports to write about them.

Thank you again to Ms Wester, Mrs Baker and Ms Leese for their stalwart supervision and also to Ms Kirby and Ms Duffley who joined us for part of the expedition.

Kind Regards

Mrs Anne Marie Whelan

DofE Manager

## 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.

## Year 7 Tennis Club

"Year 7 tennis club will take place every Monday after school in term 6. All standards are welcome. Please turn up to the tennis courts with PE kit and trainers. We will supply tennis rackets and balls. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there. Dr Green.

Also, anyone that wants a free lesson at Broadstairs or Margate tennis club should contact Dr Green and he will provide you with a voucher and details of when the lessons take place."

## Year 12 Project

"Year 12 Physics students observing a very partial eclipse with pinhole cameras on Thursday 10th June at 11:10".



## **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

