



Courtier



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Dates for your diary:

June 6th and 10th
Year 10 Mathematics
Module Tests.

May 3rd to June 28th
GCSE/AS/A2/IB
Main examination pe-
riod

Boot Fairs

The next Parent's As-
sociation Boot Fair
will take place on
June 11th. Other dates
for Boot Fairs in 2011
are as follows: July 9th,
Sept 10th, Oct 8th.

***Reminder

**Students bringing
scooters and bicycles
into school are to dis-
embark before they
enter the school
gates.**

If anyone has any un-
wanted wool and knit-
ting needles they
would be gratefully
received by Mrs
Towse in the Food
Technology depart-
ment as we are run-
ning a class for year
10 and would also like
to start a lunch time
'knit and natter' group.
Thank you.



News from Dane Court

Dear Parents and Students

Even though it has not been a long time since the last Courtier there is still much news to share with you. The rebuilding of the school has finally been completed with the final section of landscaping and the car park being finished just after the Easter break. Not only do we now have an excellent teaching environment but we also have a very safe and secure site. For increased security the school perimeter gates and Fairfield Road entrance will be locked between 8.50am and 3.30pm leaving the main reception entrance as the only way to access the school during this time.

The school Parents' Association are keen to get restarted with their boot fairs, now they have an area where cars can be parked. The first one will be on 11th June with gates opening at 7.30am. The Parents' Association give freely of their time and raise significant amount of funds each year which are used to purchase items for the school that benefit all students. I would really urge you to support them by either coming to the boot fairs or seeing if you can help in running any of the other events they host.

Should you wish to be involved in the organisa-
tion of the Parents' Association please contact
me at the school.

Both public and internal exams are well under-
way in the school with Year 13 looking to go on
study leave at the end of this week and I wish
them the best of luck in their exams and in their
future careers. The school itself has undergone
its own examinations recently in the guise of
Ofsted. In March there was a review of the In-
ternational Baccalaureate provision at Dane
Court by Her Majesty's Inspectorate. The in-
spector praised the provision in the school say-
ing that teachers had excellent subject knowl-
edge, lessons were challenging and that students
made outstanding progress and achievement

In May we had an inspection of the History
Department by the Senior History Adviser
from Ofsted who is also one of Her Maj-
esty's Inspectors. Following a very in-depth
two day inspection, the inspector concluded
that all the teaching in the department was
good or outstanding and that achievement
was high. In overall terms History was
judged to be a good department with many
excellent and outstanding features. A very
well done to all the staff and students who
took part in making the inspections so suc-
cessful.

I just want to end with some messages for
you. At the end of last term both Mrs Aziz
and Mrs Schenk left the school and I wish
them both well for the future. Mrs Schenk
has been replaced by Mrs Jolley who returns
from maternity leave and Mr Whitehead has
taken over from Mrs Aziz on a temporary
basis.

From after half-term students will be able to
wear summer uniform, details of which can
be found on the school's website.

Finally I want to notify you of a change of
date to Sports Day which will now take
place on Monday 18th July. This is so that
we can include our 6th Form prefects many
of whom are on a residential school trip on
the original date. Dane Court's sports day is
the best of its kind in any school I have
worked in and parents are always very wel-
come to come along to support their child
and to take part in what is always a fun day.

Yours sincerely,
Simon Pullen
Head of School

Dane Court Football Trip

On Saturday 2nd April 2011, at 6.45am, around 45 Dane Court students and staff gathered outside the school, eagerly anticipating luxury travel to London. An hour later we were on our way, on a double-decker Travelmaster bus! We arrived at our first destination, Fulham FC's Academy Training Ground. We were introduced to our coaches, split into groups and began our first-class training session as well as practising different drills and team games to prepare ourselves for our mini tournament, later in the day. After a hard session we sat down to eat our packed lunch.

After lunch we boarded the bus once again, this time heading for Fulham's first team training ground, hoping we may bump into Fulham's first team players. As we arrived, the players were leaving in their flash cars, but we had to wait in the bus until they had left the ground. After that, we headed straight for the 3G pitches, to play a little tournament within our groups. Everyone enjoyed playing, especially the people that won. We had a brisk changeover, as we were short of time. Now we were on route to Stamford Bridge, the Home of Football, for a stadium tour. We were shown all aspects of the stadium, including the changing rooms, the press rooms, the tunnel, the dugout, along with the Chelsea Museum where we saw a variety of memorabilia and silverwear, including the Barclays Premier League Trophy which fascinated Tottenham fans, including Mr Wallace, who had never seen anything like it before! After the tour, we took to the Chelsea megastore, where many people purchased David Luiz wigs and other Chelsea souvenirs. After a long day, we finally headed to our hotel, where we enjoyed a lovely dinner and quiz, before settling down to our rooms for the night, for a well deserved and needed rest!

Early next morning, we all got up and had a full English breakfast. After breakfast we headed to Chelsea's training ground in Cobham. When we arrived we were all amazed at the quality of the pitches and the facilities there. We began training, which was very different to those drills that we practiced with the Fulham coaches, but still really good. After a slightly shorter session we had another quick tournament. After the excitement of playing at Cobham, we went into the changing rooms to wash and get ready to head to Craven Cottage to watch Fulham v Blackpool. So, once everyone had washed and changed, we headed to Craven Cottage. When we arrived, we were given our tickets and headed into the ground. We had really good seats and could see the match really well! It was a really good match and the result was 3-0 to Fulham, and we even managed to get on TV! After the match we headed to the official shop, which a few people went in, but most of us waited by the Blackpool bus and managed to get photos and signatures from Blackpool players! After the excitement of the match and meeting some players we headed back to the coach, so we could begin to head home. So, after a long, tiring but amazing trip, we headed home, all looking forward to seeing our parents and telling them that it was money well spent! Overall, it was an absolutely amazing trip and a great experience for everyone that went on it! Everyone had a great time and we are all happy we got to go on it. Thank you to Mr Wallace for organizing the trip, and all other staff that went on the trip with us and looked after us over the weekend.

Molly Dawson, Year 8

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition dates:

- 18th and 19th June - 2 BRONZE Yr 9 groups will be completing their assessed expedition
- 1, 2, 3rd July - all SILVER and the remaining BRONZE groups will be completing their assessed expedition

Students should know which weekends they are attending, if there are any queries please contact heathcote@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

Ursuline Expedition: The Ursuline expedition was a great success, photos are available on the website. The afternoon was lovely and the students did us proud with only a few 'minor' detours!

The Thanet D of E presentation evening was extremely well attended, thank you to all students and parents who came along. It seemed that we had representatives for Dane Court in most of the youth groups in Thanet - A massive well done to all of the students who have completed their awards, a special congratulations goes to Emily Jones who introduced the various public speakers and students on the night.

Sarah Heathcote

