



Courtier



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Dates for your diary:
Examination results:

Yr12/Yr13 AS/A2
August 18th

Yr 11 GCSE
August 25th

The Modern Foreign Language Department are asking KS3 students and parents to check at home for textbooks that have been taken home by mistake.

These would be Listos or Expo textbooks that sometimes get taken home by accident. If books are discovered could they be brought back to school as soon as possible.

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September 2011/12
year 8 girls' HPV
Immunisation Schedule as follows:

21st September 2011

1st November 2011

21st March 2012

News from Dane Court

Having just received our International Baccalaureate results we are again tremendously proud of all of the Year 13 students who sat IB exams this year. Every student passed the full Diploma with the average points score increasing by two points from last year to 34, which is the equivalent of every student getting 4 A grades at A Level. A very well done to all of the students and of course to their teachers who have also worked very hard to make sure everybody did as well as they could have. There were some tremendous individual performances with Joanna Corless gaining 42 points and James Preston 41 points and I wish all the students the very best for their future careers. There are a number of changes that the school has been working on which will be put into place from September. The school is looking to strengthen the House system and to use it to give your son or daughter more support in achieving their full potential. Next year all students will meet in their House groups once per day and they will also have a small group mentoring session with their House mentor once per week. As a result there will be changes to the timings of registration and tutor time which will now be called mentor time. I will write to you about this and other changes in more detail in the summer mailing but for now I need to let you know that the first lesson of the day will start at 8.50 a.m. and it will be important that students arrive at school on time. To help make these changes possible students will also register electronically using their swipe cards and they will therefore need to make sure they have their cards with them at all times.

The end of term has again seen lots of students involved in school events and sporting competitions and I want to pay particular tribute to the cast of Grease who put on a fabulous series of performances and to all those students involved in Dane Court's recent athletic successes.

Finally I want to thank all the staff and students

for their hard work in again helping to ensure that Dane Court has had yet another outstanding year.

There are a number of staff leaving us this year including some who are retiring after very long service at the school and our good wishes go with all of them. I particularly want to mention Dr Long who is retiring from his post as Assistant Headteacher after having served the school for 36 years while Mrs Yuan Vangelder is retiring after 30 years teaching. We wish them both well in their retirement. I also want to extend a warm welcome to all the new staff who will be joining us in September. A full list of departures and arrivals is listed below. The first day of the new academic year for students is **Monday 5th September**.

I hope that you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you next term. With best wishes
Simon Pullen, Head of School

Staff leaving July 2011

Miss Lauren Heard	GTP Student
Miss Sarah Heathcote	Geography
Dr Michael Long	Assistant Head teacher
Mrs Ruth Pursell	Maths
Dr Selena Robinson	Chemistry
Mr Sean Stockley	Teaching Assistant
Dr John Scattergood	Biology
Mrs Yuan Vangelder	Maths
Allison Birkett	Maternity Leave

Staff Joining September 2011

Mr Simon Ballard	Head of Maths
Miss Sarah Kearney	Biology
Miss Robyn Klingenberg	Psychology
Mrs Sandra Morris	Geography
Mrs Tessa Wood	Chemistry
Tim Philips	CDT

STOP PRESS! Sports update... U 13 Boys Team narrowly miss out on place in the semis at National Schools Futsall Championships in Birmingham, third time lucky next year?... Year 7 ‘Super 8’ Athletics Teams win District event and go on to win East Kent School Games title....Alice Fox (Gold) and Kelsey Fuss (Bronze). Year 7 medal winners at the Kent Schools Athletics Championships, Tilly Ellis-Jarman and Dan Adams (Year 8) narrowly miss out medal position while Luke Dawson (Year 10) takes Gold and represents Kent at English Schools Athletics Championships in Gateshead.....Year 7 and Year 9 Girls crowned District Rounders Champions, Year 8 and 10 Runners-Up.... U13 Girls and U13 Boys Teams win Thanet Athletics Championships, U15 Boys and Girls come 2nd....Dane Court take Hartsdown Relays by storm winning the Year 7 Girls, Year 8 Boys and Year 9 Boys and Girls competitions, Year 7 Boys, Year 8 Girls and both Year 10 teams take 2nd place....U13 Boys Golf Team Runners-Up at Kent School Games.....U13 Girls win U15 category at Beach Volleyball Tournament – U13 and U15 Boys lose closely contested Finals.... District Tennis Tournament sees U13 and U15 teams lift Trophies, Girls disappointed by lack of competition entries..... Lewis Ray (Year 13) and Courtney Horey (Year 10) presented with Awards at Thanet Schools Sports Partnership Awards night, while Mrs Van Hinsbergh is recognised for her outstanding contribution to schools sport and support of the Partnership, and Mr Towe’s longevity and dedication to sport in the PE community is also publicly recognised..... It’s been a busy summer!

A big THANK YOU, as ever, to all parents who have supported the PE Department throughout the year, and to all pupils who have been actively involved in the extra-curricular programme.

Charles Dickens Festival Reading Competition Final held on the 23rd of June 2011

The English Department send congratulations to Ben Marshall 7H who won the Junior Section of the competition and Gregory Whatley 8D who also performed brilliantly and came second.

In the Senior Section, Henry Parkinson 12F won the trophy while Chantelle Cohen 12D also read magnificently having made it to the last four.



World Languages Day trip – University of Kent at Canterbury

On the 27th June, Mrs Parsons and Mrs Williams took 34 Year 8 pupils to a World Languages Day event at the University of Kent in Canterbury.

When we arrived all of the schools sat down in a lecture theatre and were told about the day. We were also given our timetables for the language workshops we were doing that day. I learnt Italian and Mandarin, but we could learn Russian, Bulgarian, Serbian, Japanese, Arabic, French, German and many more.

Before we went to our language lessons, we saw a play in either French or Spanish. After that we had some language lessons – they were a lot of fun! At lunchtime there was a World Fayre where we could get lots of free things (like pens, books, posters, bags, pencil cases)...but you had to ask for them in a foreign language! Overall it was great day and if you ever have the chance to do it, take it!!

By Megan Wallace 8N

Parents’ Association Events

Hog Roast

Saturday September 24th 2—6pm

Quiz nights

Friday 11th November

Friday 16th March

Doors open at 7.00pm

Boot Fairs

Saturday 10th September

Saturday 8th October

Gates open at 7.00am

A reminder for parents

School will break up on Thursday **July 21st at 1.45pm**. If students have problems getting home because of the early finish they are more than welcome to remain in school until 3.30pm.

School returns on **Monday September 5th** for years 7 –10 (year 11 will be on work experience). Sixth form will return on **Tuesday September 6th** unless they have made appointments to see sixth form staff on Monday September 5th.



Kent Freedom Passes

Applications should have been made by Friday July 15th for guaranteed delivery by the first day of term.

However, parents can apply after this date but the charge will remain the same throughout the year, and all passes will expire on 31st August 2012.

Apply on line at:
www.kent.gov.uk/kentfreedompass