



Courtier



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Dates for your diary:

Examination dates

April 24th Year 13
Chemistry EMPA

April 27th Year 13 Biol-
ogy EMPA

GCSE and A levels
May 14th-June 27th
Year 13 IB May 2nd-
22nd

We would remind all
parents/guardians/
students of the need to
contact the school in
relation to anything to
do with external exams
such as illness etc.

Sixth Form Biology trip
to Juniper Hall Septem-
ber 2012.

Payments should be made
by the middle of July, and
the cost is £300 (although
this may change a little as
it is dependent on number
of students attending).

Instalments can be paid
until then, although pay-
ing it all in one go is also
obviously acceptable!
Many thanks

J Butt
Head of Biology

News from Dane Court

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Our round of public and school exams will be starting shortly and I want to remind all the students of the need to prepare thoroughly for their examinations. It almost goes without saying that there is a direct link between good revision and high performance in exams and we would ask you to support your son or daughter in making use of their time effectively before any of their exams. We would recommend that it is best for students to do small but regular amounts of revision targeted on the individual requirement of each exam. Our first set of public exams are for our Yr 13 International Baccalaureate students and begin on 1st May while our first school exams will be for Year 10 from 30th April. I want to wish all of our students well for their exams.

The school's Parent Association continue to work hard for the benefit of the school running all sorts of fund raising activities including quiz nights and boot fairs. The next boot fair will be on 14th April and I would ask that you come along if you can. Not only will you get a chance to get a bargain but the money raised from the entrance gates goes directly to helping provide additional resources for our students.

I am tremendously proud of the school when it comes to fund raising and our students have a real commitment to helping less fortunate people both at home and overseas. Our school houses have chosen individual charities to support and they have raised substantial sums of money throughout the course of year. The Sixth Form have been involved in a project called Read International where unused academic and school books are collected and sent to students in Africa. As you probably know the most recent fund raising event was Sport Relief which was held last Friday and raised a remarkable £2500, a school record. Well done to you all.

As an International Baccalaureate World School and Language College we are committed to ensuring that students have an international focus and one element of this provision is through school trips and exchanges. We currently have a number of German students on an exchange programme with us for the week and over the Easter holiday there is a school trip to Iceland and another to Santander in Spain. I want to thank both you as parents for helping support these valuable trips and events and staff for their hard work in making the trips happen.

Dane Court has continued to have great success with both its boys' and girls' sports teams. At the recent Thanet cross country championships Dane Court won every cup group and category. 6 students recently competed in the National Schools Biathlon Championship at Crystal Palace having qualified through various regional competitions. The Year 8 team will now be competing in the national event at Birmingham in May. You may remember that I wrote about the success of our Year 9 boys in the recent Futsal competition. They have continued their winning ways with a 3-1 victory over Hurstmere School in the Kent Cup final. It was an excellent match and entertainment and I would urge you to come along to support our senior team in their Kent Cup final against Sandwich Technology College on 17th April.

Finally I would like to say goodbye to two very long serving teachers Miss Joy Hall and Mr David Miles who will both be retiring at Easter. They have given great service to the school with Miss Hall having been at Dane Court for 27 years and Mr Miles 17 years. We wish them both well in their retirement.

‘Inspirational Year 10 Experience’

On Friday 2nd March, students from year 10 had an opportunity to visit Canterbury and two fantastic locations. Not only was it a trip into the unknown on the brand new Dane Court minibus, but the students got to visit Kent University and take part in a very selective lecture from both professors and postgraduate students. They then got a tour of potentially their university in the near future before we hot footed it to the New Marlowe Theatre for a truly inspirational set of 3 lectures from some of the current leading and engaging maths speakers.



Rob Eastaway thrilled us with an interactive talk about ‘Maths meets Psychology’ before Ed McCann bamboozled us with his take on ‘When Mother Nature Lets Rip’. The piece de resistance was a visual extravaganza by Colin Wright on ‘The Maths of Juggling’. By the end the whole audience of over 800 students was in total awe of the event they had just witnessed. A truly inspirational day.

Mathematics Competition Success

Once again year 10 and 11 students have achieved excellent results in the UKMT national intermediate mathematics competition entered by over 200,000 students across the country. Daniel Corless and Dawn Wickenden of year 11, with Yu-Meng Li from year 10, produced an outstanding result to proceed to the next round of the competition, with another 6 students being awarded gold certificates. A further 11 students achieved silver whilst 7 students received a bronze certificate.

PE Report

They say ‘success breeds success’ and that is certainly the case with the extra curricular activities that have taken place this half term.

The Kent Schools Games continues to be at the fore in terms of competition within the County. Dane Court have already represented Thanet and Dover District in Badminton and Futsal – back in February. The KSG Finals of the Basketball took place at the beginning of March. The U13 Boys and U15 Girls travelled to Medway Park Sports Centre in Gillingham. Competition was fierce and although both teams played well we were unable to secure any medals.

The greatest success came in the Sports Hall Athletics at Ashford. The Year 7 Girls were crowned Kent Schools Games Champions and the Year 7 Boys took the silver medal. Both teams will now go to Guildford for the Regional Finals. More recently, at Simon Langton in Canterbury, three of our Table Tennis teams qualified for the Finals in June – U13 Girls, U15 Girls and U15 Boys. At District level the school dominates in all competition, brushing aside most of the other local opposition. In the Netball Tournaments Dane Court nearly had a clean sweep – the Year 7, 9 and 10 teams were all convincing winners.

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The District Cross Country saw us win the team trophies for **EVERY** age group (Years 7—11), boys and girls. On an individual basis our students came away with 9 gold, 5 silver and 7 bronze medals.

The U14 Boys Football Team achieved a marvellous ‘double’ by winning for the second year running the Kent Cup. They beat Hurstmere School 3—1 in an excellent display of determination, control and skill. Well done to all the players and staff who guided them through the numerous rounds. The U19 Boys Football Team are also in the final of the Kent Cup—a major achievement considering the competition across the County. The final is to be held at Margate Football Club on Tuesday 17th April, with a 7pm kick off. Tickets must be purchased before the game—from the PE Office. Priced at £2 for students and £4 for adults (Kent Schools FA decide these charges, not us!). The team need our support, and we will hopefully be looking for a second cup win this season. The burger bar (and ‘bar’) will be open—so come along for a great night out!



Science Success

Congratulations, to William Grover who received a Gold Medal in the British Physics Olympiad. This national competition seeks to select the best physics students in the country and William’s Gold Medal places him as one of the top 100 students in the country, an outstanding performance.

William is studying IB Higher Physics, Chemistry, Maths and IB Standard English, Geography and French.