



Dane Court Grammar School

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Mentor Day
18th November
Appointments should arrive at Half Term.

If this is not the case please can you ask your son or daughter to ask their mentor for appointment times. Thank you.

Examination dates:
Year 11 Mock exams Nov 4-12th

Year 10 GCSE
English controlled assessment Nov 14th

Year 11 GCSE
English controlled assessment Nov 15th

Year 11 D/award
Science ISA exams
Dec 9th

Trips
4—11 November Yr
9 Kent Mountain Centre.

Site Safety
Thank you to those parents who have heeded our request not to drive onto the school site at the end of the day to collect their son or daughter, unless special arrangements have been made with the school.

News from Dane Court

Morning a rush and no time for Breakfast??

Why not try our NEW BREAKFAST OFFER AVAILABLE FROM 4TH NOVEMBER

Available from the hub between 8.15 –8.45am

BREAKFAST MENU

Breakfast Deal Special only £1.10 - Sausage (choice of the day)/
Vegetarian sausage in a petit pain roll plus a hot drink or fresh fruit juice **only £1.10**

Also available

Porridge with topping	70p
Hash Brown	30p
Toast	25p 1 slice
	40p 2 slices
Fresh Fruit	40p
Tea/coffee/hot chocolate	40p

Eligible for free School Meals?

An allowance of **£1.10** will be added on a daily basis for those entitled to FSM for breakfast between 8.15—8.45am for a trial period.

Online payments

Many parents are now using **Wisepay** to pay online for school meals and trips.

If you have not tried **Wisepay** you can visit the school website for further information or contact the School Finance Office for your login details to be emailed to you.

Water bottles

We have water fountains in various locations around the school. Please can you make sure that your son or daughter has an empty bottle for use at these fountains if he or she wishes to make use of them.

School opening times

Our IT plaza is available for students to study until 6pm every evening. After 4pm students are only allowed in other parts of our building if they are being supervised by a member of staff.

Students are only allowed on site after 6pm if they are working with a teacher.



'Get This Right' Campaign

This year, we are focusing on literacy in Dane Court, with a new campaign called 'So Get This Right'. This applies to all students, across all year groups and subjects. Despite the high levels of intelligence and enthusiasm in our school, some of the general literacy levels need addressing, to enable our students to achieve the best grades, the best jobs and the best opportunities in life.

Every fortnight, a new 'focus' will appear on the plasma screens and the school website, and will also be addressed in lessons. We also have an ongoing house competition, encouraging students to spot spelling and grammar mistakes in the community and online. If a celebrity (not a friend!) makes a mistake on a blog, facebook or twitter, students can screenshot the error and email it to sogetthisright@gmail.com or tweet @SoGetThisRight. Similarly, mistakes on shop windows, menus, advertising boards etc. can all be photographed and sent to the same addresses. At the end of each term, there will be points for the winning house and a prize draw for all entrants.

Please encourage your children to look out for the focus, and to get involved in the competition. Follow us on twitter (@SoGetThisRight) and look out for more exciting initiatives over the coming year.

Year 11 Study Leave

Year 11 study leave this year will begin on **Friday May 23rd**. Friday 9th May will be the year 11 red carpet day.

Monday 12th May will mark the beginning of a two week period during which their teaching and learning will be primarily revision based.

International Food Evening

To all Parents, especially Parents of Year 7: A date for your diary: Thursday December 5th.



You are invited to the Year 7 International Food Evening, from 6.00 to 8.00pm in the theatre. If anyone has a gift for the auction or a prize for the raffle, the Food Technology Department would be pleased to accept it.

We also welcome small independent traders to come along to the evening and have their own stand. If you are interested please would you contact Mrs Fleet at school.
Thank you.

Parents' Association Quiz Night

The PA's next Quiz Night will take place on Friday 8th November in the school theatre. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £3 for children. Prices include a Ploughmans. Please bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided.

Teams of up to 8 persons. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. To book a table please contact the school office on 01843 864941. We look forward to seeing you.

Music Report

Over the past few months the Senior Choir have been building a reputation for commitment and performing in community events. We were very pleased with their performance in both the Dickens Festival and The Eagles event in September that involved some three hundred performers from different schools and was a strong example of community spirit and creativity. The music, written by Mark Smith from Bradstow School was directed jointly by Peter Mason, the new Head of Music at Dane Court and music staff from St George's Academy.

The Jazz Band is now regularly rehearsing with many new students taking part and they are looking forward to their public performance at the International Food Evening in December. Dane Court is proud of the fact that so many performers are beginning to develop their musical ability through taking part in music groups at the school.

The Head of Music is proud to announce that a Wind Band and a Chamber Orchestra is being planned for after half-term for our many woodwind and string players and the Junior Choir has been running successfully this term to prepare them for the main school show High School Musical in 2014.
Peter Mason

Carol Service

Dane Court traditionally provides an outstanding Carol Service at St Peters Church Broadstairs and having performed last December, including carols in German, we aim to better that this year with both Senior and Junior Choirs as well as soloists showing the high level of performance standards at Dane Court.

This year's carol service at the church is on Tuesday 10th December in the evening.