



Dane Court Grammar School

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News from Dane Court

Examination dates:

**Feb 3rd Year 10
Double Award
Science ISA exams.**

**Feb 6th Years 10/11
UKMT Challenge**

**Feb 10th-28th
Year 13 oral exams**

Trips

Maths to Disney

5th Feb–7th Feb

New York

16th Feb—20th Feb

A plea

Mr White is embarking on a new venture teaching children to read, in Zambia. If anyone has children's reading books - simple and are animal themed please could they drop them off in the school office. Thank you

Thank you

Swimming news

Medal winners following the Kent Secondary Schools Championships were:

1st Girls Junior Free Relay Team (Hannah, Rhiannon, Robyn, Sommer)

1st Girls Junior Free Medley Team

2nd Girls Intermediate Free Relay Team (missed out on 1st place by 0.02 of a second!)

2nd Girls Intermediate Medley Team (Chloe, Laura, Lauren, Molly)

1st Girls 100 Free Junior – Hannah Denny

1st Girls 100 Fly Junior – Hannah Denny

1st Girls Senior 100 Breast – Lauren Joy

3rd Girls Junior IM – Robyn Moon

4th Girls 100 Back Junior – Robyn Moon

4th Boys 100 Fly Intermediate – Sam Crabtree

5th Girls 100 Free Junior – Sommer Ansley

6th Girls 100 Breast Rhiannon Goldhawk

1st Girls 100 Breast Intermediate – Laura Craig

1st Girls 100 Fly Intermediate – Chloe Gambrell

4th Girls 200 IM intermediate – Lauren Palmer-Jones

5th Girls 100 Back – Lauren Palmer-Jones

6th Boys 200 IM – Junior Alex Boyd

Well done to all our swimmers

Qualifiers for the **British Schools National Biathlon** are:

Sommer Ansley, Robyn Moon, Cameron Macrae, Ailsa Macrae, Hannah Denny, Lauren Palmer-Jones

Energy Drinks

Some years ago, we banned the use of energy drinks in the school and on the school grounds. We did this as we have found that such drinks do have an effect on students' behaviour.

Energy drinks are set apart from other soft drinks and sports drinks by their high caffeine content and their promotion as a way to relieve fatigue and improve performance. Most energy drinks contain about 80 mg of caffeine per 250 ml can, although some contain as much as 300 mg. In comparison, the same amount of tea contains around 30 mg, and percolated coffee contains 90 mg.

Today there is good research to show that beverages with high sugar and/or caffeine are detrimental to the health of young people. These drinks are appearing again in school. Please may we ask parents to discourage their son or daughter from bringing such drinks into school. Thank you

Homophobic Awareness Working Committee (HAWC)

Everyone deserves to be respected for who they are! That is Dane Court's pledge to its students and with the introduction of HAWC, a team of staff at Dane Court led by Mr Rye, it is their mission to make equality for all an essential part of the Dane Court experience. To make our school a better place the first challenge is to tackle any use of homophobic language in our day-to-day life. So let's pledge to speak up against hate and intolerance whenever we hear it.

The team will be heading up a number of projects in the near future and will be looking for students to lend a hand. If you have any questions or would like to find out more please get in contact with Mr Rye.

German Exchange

Dane Court is hoping to offer a warm welcome to 25 **German students** and 3 of their teachers who would like to come to Broadstairs from **Wednesday 26 March 2014 - Friday 4 April 2014**. The students (aged 14/15 years old) would like to stay with English families to really gain the most from their experience here, both linguistically and culturally. Obviously this is also a wonderful opportunity for some of our students to gain an insight into the German culture and learn/practise some German themselves.

The students will need to attend Dane Court during the week and will take part in a full itinerary of events using the school as a base. They will be with their host families in the evenings and at the weekend. As the students will be out and about most days, they will need a packed lunch each day and will obviously eat breakfast and dinner with their host family.

If you are interested in being a **host family** or have questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Mrs Parsons (parsons@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) at the school as soon as possible.

Mrs Parsons, Head of German



Parents' Association Boot Fair and Quiz Night

The first Boot Fair of the year will take place on **Saturday 8th March**

The next PA Quiz will be on **Friday 28th March**. Please contact the school office on 864941 to book a table.

'THAT'S SO GAY.'
LET'S BE HONEST, IT'S PROBABLY NOT.

Gay. Let's get over it.
@stonewalluk facebook.com/stonewalluk



House Charity

Both Barcelona and Sorrento are supporting the Pilgrims Hospice Margate this year as our House Charity.

On Thursday February 13th we are creating a charity event that will include, games, cake stalls, chocolate hearts, a huge heart to fill with 2ps and 1ps and a mega tombola.

If parents have any unwanted gifts or items for the tombola please can they be brought to Miss Riley's office in Sorrento. Thanking you in advance for any support you are able to give.

Mrs Foulis and Miss Riley



Parent information

It has been brought to our notice that certain students are asking other students to put money onto their own lunch accounts on their behalf. This clearly is a practice we do not encourage as it is causing problems for the catering staff at break and lunchtimes and for students themselves. Could we please ask for your support in this matter and ask that you ensure your son/daughter is made fully aware that the school does not sanction this practice. We would like to remind parents that lunch accounts can be topped up using Wisepay so money does not have to come into school.

Class of 1993

5th Year reunion on Friday July 11th. For further details regarding the reunion at Dane Court please contact :

Claire Galvin on 07980004906