Wednesday 18th January 2023



## **Davison CE High School for Girls**

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### **Whole School**

Welcome to the first Parent Bulletin of 2023 - we wish you and your families a very happy and healthy 2023. Read ahead to indulge in all of the wonderful events that continue to keep Davison very much alive and in the heart of our community. We hope you enjoy.

Name	Form	Points
Kiera Davis	1280	149.0
Hannah Shipp	080	120.4
Ivy Punyer	1280	111.0
Grace Aldous	07WH	106.2
Kiki Finn	07\$I	76.0
Zoe Clay	1280	69.0
Calleigh Found	07BL	68.7
Leonie Baudet	07PI	63.8
Elizabeth Barnard	0881	62.8
Izzie Gough	07PI	55.3

## Top 10 Student Readers of December 2022

Huge congratulations to the Top 10 Student Readers of December 2022.

Well done Kiera Davis for getting the number one spot!



# Young Artists' Summer Show 2023

This year's **Royal Academy Summer Show** for young people is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4-19 years and studying in the UK. For further information, please log onto Frog; in the Art Department area, click on the clubs and competitions tab to see more.



## **Our Wonderful Community**

#### Year 8 Disco:

We started the year off with a bana! The disco was a huge success and raised £470 for Friends Davison School

(FODS).



#### **FODS**

Would you like to get involved with future school events? Our school's PTA, FODS, meet once each half term to discuss fundraising events for the school. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th March at 6:30pm in the Refectory. Please email Mrs Lizzie Hamilton at e.hamilton@davison.w-sussex.sch.uk, if you would like further details about joining FODS.

#### **Next Non-Uniform Day:**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** to support the charity 'Love Your Hospital' and FODS.

#### Save the Date 1: ENCORE!

The annual talent show, **ENCORE!**, will be on Wednesday 1st March 2023. Auditions start week commencing 23rd January, so please encourage your child to sign up. More information will be sent out nearer the time on how to purchase tickets for the show.

#### Save the Date 2: Year 7 Film and PJ afternoon:

Thursday 9th February 2023 - more information will be sent out nearer the time, including how to purchase tickets.



Save the Date 3: Year 11 Prom 2023 ~ Friday 30th June

## 2023 Options Process

#### for Year 9

Year 9 Options Evening is fast approaching and we would like to bring to your attention to the **dedicated information page on** our website that can be accessed via this link here.

On this page, you can find a timeline of key dates, the options booklet which contains detailed information and various videos explaining the subjects.



You will receive further detailed information nearer the date, however the main option talks will be as follows:

5.30pm-6.15pm ~ Blue, Gold, Green, Orange and Pink

6.45pm-7.30pm ~ Purple, Red, Silver, White and Yellow

Subjects offering options will be available for parents/carers and students between 6:00pm-8:00pm, if you have specific questions about a course. We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 26th January 2023**.



## Upcoming School Trip ~

22nd-25th February 2023

Year 10 and 11

Geography and Travel students are excitedly preparing for their overseas field trip to Iceland!

## Year 10 Citizenship Studies GCSE

Thank you for all of your support as students have settled into their GCSE study. You can continue to support them by engaging in conversations about the news and what you observe happening. Can you spot where there are people being active citizens and making change? Can you spot the times where the legal system is involved with Criminal or Civil law? These conversations are invaluable to the real world understanding of everything we do in Citizenship GCSE.



## Year 11 Citizenship Studies

Thank you for all of your support as students have continued to work after their mock examinations. You can continue to support them by engaging in conversations about the news and what you observe happening. Can you spot where there are people being active citizens and making change? Can you spot the times where the legal system is involved with Criminal or Civil law? Can you spot the times where the Houses of Parliament are involved and how the systems are operating to hold politicians to account? Can you spot the times where the media is using their power to investigate, or hold people to account, or display their political bias? These conversations are invaluable to the real world understanding of everything we do in Citizenship GCSE.

## **Host Families Wanted**

Dear Davison Students and Parents/Carers,

We are excited to be welcoming a French school group into Davison in March and are currently looking for host families for the French students in the local area for 3 nights from 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



LIVE the Language!

We need families who are interested in meeting and getting to know 2 or 3 youngsters from France and making them feel like part of the family.

As your child is approximately the same age as these students (14/15 years old), this would be an ideal opportunity for them to meet and get to know people from another country and culture and also possibly to practise their French language skills as the French students practise their English.

In addition to the linguistic and cultural benefit to your family, you will also be financially reimbursed for this. Combination Languages will pay £80 per student for the 3-night stay and as most would like to stay in pairs, that's £160 for 2 or £240 if you have space to look after 3 students.

If you are interested in taking part in this unique experience, please contact Combination Languages directly by email;

<u>info@combinationlanguages.com</u> or telephone Suzie Comben on 07974 563137 for more information.

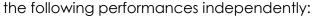
Yours faithfully,

Stacey Dean Head of French, Davison CE High School for Girls



The Drama Department loves taking theatre trips to high quality performanc-

es in the area. We cannot possibly take students to EVERY production available, but students and their families might be interested in attending





Bugsy Malone - 15 - 19 February - Box Office 012743 781312

#### **Worthing theatres**

26 Jan - 7pm NT filmed performance of Arthur Miller's The Crucible (12a) - Box Office 01903 206206

The Theatre Royal Brighton:

Noughts and Crosses 21-25 February - Box Office 0333 009 5399

## Careers and Work Experience

Happy New Year from Careers and Work Experience at Davison High! I hope everyone has had a good start to the spring term. It is another busy term in the careers department as I continue to meet with year 11 students to discuss their post 16 options, year 10 are starting to submit their work experience paperwork which is very exciting, year 9 are looking forward to choosing their GCSE options and careers will be on hand to offer any support. Year 8 have just started their careers booklet in their PSHE lessons too. We are busy collating information/planning opportunities for the whole school during:

National Apprenticeship week is 6th – 10th February 2023

National Careers week is 6th - 10th March 2023

## Year 11 ~ Forthcoming taster days and open events:



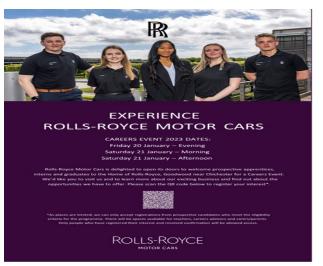
**GBMET** – Northbrook West Durrington and Broadwater on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 5-7pm

**GBMET** – Brighton central campus on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 5-7pm

**Worthing College** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 4.30-7pm and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 4.30-7pm

Chichester College – 9th March 2023





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### Year 10 ~ Work Experience:

A reminder that the deadline for paperwork to be handed in is Friday 31 March 2023.



All paperwork, information booklet, risk assessments and template letter to request a placement can be found in the careers section on the Davison website.

#### <u>Useful careers websites and career quizzes</u>

KS3

BBC Bitesize careers - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers

iCloud - <a href="https://icould.com/">https://icould.com/</a>

Careerpilot - <a href="https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/">https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/</a>

Buzz quiz - <a href="https://icould.com/buzz-quiz">https://icould.com/buzz-quiz</a>

NHS careers - <a href="https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/careers/take-the-test">https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/careers/take-the-test</a>

KS4

National Careers Service - <a href="https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers">https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers</a>

Prospects - <a href="https://www.prospects.ac.uk/login">https://www.prospects.ac.uk/login</a>

Tomorrows Engineer - <a href="https://www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/improving-practice/careers-inspiration/">https://www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/improving-practice/careers-inspiration/</a>

NHS - https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/careers/take-the-test

MI5 - <a href="https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/quizzes">https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/quizzes</a>

Civil service - <a href="https://www.civil-service-careers.gov.uk/career-matcher/">https://www.civil-service-careers.gov.uk/career-matcher/</a>

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Mrs Rachel Parnell ~ Careers & Work Experience Coordinator

01903 233835 Ext 252 ~ Careers@davisonhigh.school

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Thank you to those of you who have signed up and raised funds through easyfundraising. Please do take the time to sign up with easyfundraising, especially for your online shopping! it really makes a difference to the fundraising efforts for our school ~ thank you.

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely free. Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to FODS when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you!

Whenever you buy anything online, from your weekly shop to car insurance, fashion to beauty items, homeware to garden deals, take-aways to birthday gifts you could be raising free donations for our school, without costing you a penny extra. There are no catches or hidden charges.

When shopping online through easyfundraising, you will find retailers who will donate to our school, such as, Argos, Groupon, Nike, Asos, M&S, John Lewis, Trainline, Curry's, Boots, Just Eat, Dominos, JD Sports and George at Asda.

FODS recycling textile bank is based in the carpark outside the school gates and is an Eco-friendly way of raising funds at no extra cost

The textiles/items collected are sent to poorer communities across Eastern Europe and Africa. Garments that cannot be used are recycled into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes, so nothing ends up in landfill.

We are pleased to be raising extra funds for our

\*\*Handbags, bags, ties and belts - Towels - Blankets - Towels - Blankets - Soft toys

Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative to date.





If you are interested in joining Davison CE High School as a colleague, please keep an eye on the vacancies section on our website. Please click here to be directed to our website.

**Stay in touch and join the Davison Alumnae** ~ communications include career links, newsletters, information about school events, volunteering and fundraising Please sign up using this **link**.





Could we politely ask that if your child is unwell for school, that you report this on Studybugs by 8.30am. This allows us to safeguard effectively as a school.

The 'studybugs' app can also be used to notify us if your child has an appointment and needs to leave early using the option 'send other message'. The app is quick and easy to use and install; absences are then automatically added to our registers, eliminating any unnecessary absence texts to you. Please click here to get started. If you are having problems with Studybugs, please ensure we have the correct email address on file ~ email addresses not on file will not be recognised



Did you know that as well as topping up accounts electronically **via this link**, cash top-ups can be made for as little as £1, via the machines in the Refectory and Diner. This allows students to avoid having to load the minimum electronic top-up of £10.

Maths Equipment. Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment for their Maths lesson. We would prefer that they purchase their calculator through the school, as it will have all the functions available that we deem important (an Aurora AX595, @ £4.90) WisePay is now available for purchasing calculators and exam packs together. If you wish to purchase a calculator or exam pack separately, your child's maths teacher, (or at the Maths office) will accept cash for the individual items.

#### **Guidance in relation to Covid-19**

Children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, as this is when individuals are most infectious. Students are more than welcome to return to school on day 4, provided that they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend. Children and young people who feel unwell and have a high temperature, should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Students are welcome to return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

#### **Support During Difficult Times**

At Davison we take great pride in being at the heart of the community. We support many local organisations and also invite our wider community to join with us too for events, celebrations and much more. In recent times especially, 'community' has been even more important. We recognise that many family's circumstances have changed and this is only being added to by increasing financial pressures experienced due to rising food and energy costs, causing many of us to need extra support.

#### Community Hub – Support for all families available

The Hub is available to all families providing access to support for food, fuel, clothing and essentials. The Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 09:00 – 17:00 seven days a week. Further information can be found via the <a href="West Sussex County Council website">West Sussex County Council website</a> or please contact <a href="welfarecommunities@westsussex.gov.uk">welfarecommunities@westsussex.gov.uk</a>. Please click <a href="here-for-alist-of-local organisations-providing-support">here-for-alist-of-local organisations-providing-support</a>.

Please click <u>here</u> for details of supportive 'Community Warm Spaces' across the region. Broadwater Parish is opening its St Stephen's site as a warm space over the month of January. St Stephen's will be open weekdays, 9am-5pm. Everyone is welcome, there will be refreshments, games, crafts and friendly faces to chat to. So, please do come down and keep warm.

West Sussex County Council is working in partnership to support people and families who are struggling the most with the rising cost of living. They are urging those who are struggling to seek the support that is available to them. More

Could your family be eligible for extra support? Please <u>click here</u> to view a letter providing information on Free School Meals (FSMs) and <u>here for the link</u> to apply for FSMs via West Sussex County Council. Eligibility will depend on what other benefits you might be entitled to. Unfortunately, school have no say in this process.

As a school we recognise that the increase in energy prices will have an impact on our families so with this in mind, we are extending the opening hours of the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) each Tuesday and Thursday to 5.30pm. It is a great opportunity for students to use the facilities to complete any work, read quietly or to relax and play a board game with friends. Also, from 4.00pm onwards, we will be providing juice and biscuits. We hope that students take full advantage of this opportunity, and we look forward to seeing lots of new faces to enjoy our beautiful LRC!

Free sanitary items for all students - here at Davison, Student Services are able to supply free sanitary products to any student who needs them during the school day. We can also supply any student, who is unable to afford the cost of them, with free sanitary products during these difficult economic times. Please contact Student Services in confidence to make a request.

#### **PE Kit Reminders**

The PE department would just like to give a quick reminder of correct PE kit for lessons.

**The correct kit is as follows:** Red T-shirt, navy blue skort, plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms (no big logos of stripes), plain black leggings (no big logos or stripes), black leotard, white socks, red football socks, shin pads, navy blue school logo fleece (no alternative jumpers allowed), sports trainers (no converse/ vans style shoes).

If your child is missing any kit or would like to purchase extra, we have a small range of second hand kit which we sell from the PE office for £1 per item. Students may come to the PE office at a break or lunch to purchase anything they may need.

#### Please could you remind your child ...

**NOT to bring aerosols (for example, perfume, deodorants) into school or on school trips.** Inhaling chemicals from the aerosols can cause allergic skin reactions, nausea, headaches, asthma and breathing difficulties for many of our staff and students. If your child is found to be in possession of an aerosol in school or on a school trip, the item will be confiscated and made available for your collection from Reception.

**To avoid bringing food items into school that contain nuts**, as we have members of our school community who have severe nut allergies.

To inform their teacher if they are feeling unwell and a member of the medical team will see them. Students are requested not to call home; any student who bypasses this process and is collected without being seen by the medical team will have their absence recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

To sign in and out at Student Services only, if required during the day. Thank you.

**To bring a water bottle to school with them** and please encourage them to have breakfast and any required anti-histamine before coming to school. Thank you.

## Full details of the School Uniform Policy are on our website and further information can be accessed via <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhs.com/">https://doi.org/10.1001/jhs.com/</a>

The School Governors have approved that a navy blue tailored trouser be permitted as an alternative to the school skirt. The trouser must be a regulation item which displays the school logo. It can be purchased from our official uniform suppliers **Broadwater Sports** or **First4Uniform** No alternative to the regulation item will be accepted and this decision will be reviewed annually. **A reminder to name school uniform please**, **especially jumpers and coats that are often removed in school and once in lost property, they are difficult to re-unite without being named, thank you.** 

Davison offer second-hand uniform for sale in various sizes (subject to availability) at very reasonable prices. We also hold a very limited stock of unembroidered PE kit. To purchase, please email <a href="mailto:preloved@davisonhigh.school">preloved@davisonhigh.school</a> with your child's name, form and details of the sizes and quantities you require. If you have any uniform or unembroidered PE kit in good, clean condition that you wish to donate, we would be happy to take it in at Reception. All monies made from the sale of Davison Preloved Uniform goes towards the School Fund.

Spring Term 2023 ~ Tuesday 3 January to Friday 31 March 2023

Half-term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023

Summer Term 2023 ~ Monday 17 April to Friday 21 July 2023

1 May and 8 May are Bank Holidays

Teacher Training (INSET) Days 2022/23

There are five Teacher Training (INSET) Days each academic year. The final INSET day of this academic year is Friday 28 April 2023.

School Term, Holiday dates and planned INSET days are on our website and can be viewed <u>here</u>.

A list of named contacts and their email addresses is available on our website and can be viewed <u>here.</u>

All school policies including our pupil privacy notice can be found on our website under policies.

#### **Noticeboard**

Please can we politely remind you to park considerately on the roads in the area surrounding the school. We have had a number of complaints from local residents about parking on double yellow lines and obstructing driveways. Please could we also remind you that you should not be driving into the school car park to drop off/pickup students unless you need to access a disabled parking space. This is for the safety of our students and staff who are moving around the school site during these busy periods.

A reminder that if you receive a communication from the <u>communications@davisonhigh.school</u> email address, please note that it is a 'no reply' email address and you will either need to email the teacher/staff member direct or email info@davisonhigh.school.

#### **Lost Property Update**

Whilst students should be encouraged to take responsibility for uniform, kit and other belongings, the school will take reasonable steps to support students and parents in locating lost items. To assist this we request that all uniform and kit is clearly marked with the student's name.

We advise that valuable personal items are not brought into school. When this is unavoidable, the student must take responsibility for the item.

The following procedures are in place:

- Small named items of lost property that are handed into Student Services will be returned to students via their tutor bags.
- Large named items (coats, PE Kits, shoes) are held in Student Services and an email is sent to students for them to collect. Parents/carers will also be emailed if the student does not collect.
- Un-named uniform or other items are held in Student Services for the duration of the half-term. Students should make every effort to reclaim their lost property as soon as possible.

To assist students and parents in relocating lost unnamed items the school will:

- Allow students to look through un-named lost property in Student Services during break, lunchtime and also before and after school.
- Upload images of un-named Lost property onto the lost property section on FROG.

Student Services accumulates a considerable amount of unnamed lost property over the course of a half-term, especially winter coats which are an expensive item to lose in these difficult financial times. However, we do not have the capacity to store this quantity for long.

At the end of each term any unclaimed un-named items will be recycled within the school and local community. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary...

Thursday 19th January and Thursday 2nd March-Year 11 and Year 10 Subject Consultations, all students finish at 2pm on these dates.

### Year 7

Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 March ~ Easter Church Services

### Year 8

w/c 20 February ~ Year 8 Exams Week

Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 March ~ Easter Church Services

#### Year 9

Thursday 26 January ~ Year 9 Options Evening

Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 March ~ Easter Church Services

## Year 10

w/c 23 & 30 January ~ Mock Exams Fortnight

Wednesday 8th February ~ Year 10 Vote for Head Girl

Monday 27th February ~ Interviews for Head Girl

**Thursday 2 March** ~ Year 10 Subject Consultations

Monday 27 March ~ Year 10 Prefect Assembly

Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 March ~ Easter Church Services

#### Work Experience week - 10th-14th July 2023

We have now launched Work Experience for year 10 – All paperwork and the information pack can be found on the <u>website</u> or FROG. Mrs Parnell has been visiting year 10 classes to talk about how they can contact/introduce themselves to organisations by using the template letter also on the website and FROG.



<u>careers@davisonhigh.school</u> or students can visit Mrs Parnell in the careers office.

### Year 11

Thursday 19 January ~ Year 11 Subject Consultations

**Tuesday 7 March** ~ Year 11 Grandstand Photo

Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 March ~ Easter Church Services



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