



# Davison CE High School for Girls

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## Whole School

**A very warm welcome to our first Parent Bulletin of this new academic year.** It is wonderful to welcome both our new and returning students to the start of a new academic year.

Over the summer we celebrated the astonishing GCSE results achieved by our 'Class of 2022.' These remarkably resilient young people overcame many obstacles, presented by the pandemic, to achieve such wonderful and thoroughly deserved outcomes. It seems like no time at all since they were starting out afresh in September 2017. We wish them every happiness in their future endeavours.

**Chris Keating, Headteacher**



**We have enjoyed welcoming families with children in Year 6 into our school this week for our Open Mornings.** Please do encourage friends, relatives and neighbours with children in Year 6 to visit Davison; **we have two further open mornings planned for next week ~ Monday 26 September and Tuesday 27 September from 9.00am.** There is no need to book for these events, please just come along ~ thank you.

We look forward to **welcoming prospective new students and their parents and carers at our Open Evening on Tuesday 4 October from 5.00pm to 7.30pm ~** students and their families are invited to attend and talk with our current students and staff members. **Please note that on Tuesday 4 October we will be running five slightly shorter lessons in order to enable us to finish early at 2pm and prepare for Open Evening. Wednesday 5 October is an INSET day.**

Our Davison School Community extend their sincere condolences to the Royal Family upon the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her inspirational loyalty, service and humility will always be appreciated and never forgotten



On the 9 September, our whole-school community paid their respects and paused for reflection and prayer at various points throughout the day to celebrate a life of loyalty, service and humility.



Harvest 'Thanksgiving' Assemblies will be held on Monday 17 ~ Friday 21 October.



We will be collecting donations for Worthing Food Foundation. Further details will follow shortly with information about the charity and their suggested list of Harvest items you might like to kindly donate. Please be aware that this is a voluntary contribution which is not intended to cause difficulties to those families not in a position to contribute. Thank you.

We are proud to have supported the locally based charity [Link to Hope](#) with their 'Shoebbox Appeal' for the past 21 years.



This week, your daughter will have had the opportunity to learn how Link to Hope support people living in Eastern Europe to rebuild their lives and communities. You will have received an email with a suggested items list ~ we kindly ask for one item and 20p, which will go towards transporting the Shoebboxes. **Thank you for your support with this appeal., which, again is voluntary.**





The 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' is on **Friday 30 September** and we will be holding a cake sale in aid of the charity Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Community and Senior Prefect teams will be running this event for our students and staff to enjoy at lunch time. If you would like to support their fundraising efforts by donating cakes, please send in your contribution by 9.00am on Friday 30th September to Mrs. Hamilton ~ thank you!

We kindly ask for cakes which do not contain nuts. We cannot ensure that the homemade or shop bought cakes donations do not contain nuts or traces of nut. Whilst every care is taken to exclude nuts, the possibility of the presence of nuts/nut traces cannot be guaranteed at this cake sale.

We ask students and staff who have any type of allergy to self-manage their allergy and take due care and attention if they chose to make a purchase, thank you.

**FODS Wonderful Winter Fayre is on Friday 2 December from 6.30pm-8.30pm**

This whole school event is a great start to the festive season so please pop the date in your diary ... further details to follow!



**R N I B**



**See differently**

**Can you help by collecting used stamps for the RNIB ~ the Royal National Institute of Blind People?** If you receive cards and letters through the post, please save the stamps. The RNIB will recycle these stamps into much needed funds for their services. They accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, first day covers,

Stamps are sold by weight and raise £20 per kilogramme. You might own or work in a business which receives a large amount of post. Stamps don't need to be sorted, just leave a 1cm of envelope or packaging around each stamp. This will ensure the perforations of the stamp aren't damaged. **Pop your stamps into an envelope or container once you have a sufficiency and hand them into reception ~ thank you.**



A big welcome back to the new school year!

I am writing on behalf of FODS - the Friends of Davison School, to flag up our activities and invite all parents and carers, old and new, to join our friendly PTA team in fundraising for our brilliant school!

FODS was set up a number of years ago and over that time has raised money to fund a huge range of large and small projects, for the benefit of our students.

From the minibuses which take students on school trips and sporting fixtures, to the fantastic long jump pit, the redevelopment of the 'Learning Resources Centre', cookers for our budding chefs, microscopes, ukuleles and the LED backdrop stage curtain used in school performances, FODS have lent a helping hand and funded these and many more school 'wish list' items.

We have a number of fundraising events each year culminating in the ever-popular Winter Fayre in December when raffles are won, tombola prizes claimed and Father Christmas is always in attendance! A full list of FODS diary dates found on our school website or by clicking [here](#).

**If you would like to attend our AGM at 6.30pm on 1 November or join FODS please email [e.hamilton@davisonhigh.school](mailto:e.hamilton@davisonhigh.school) the schools Community Manager.**

In return we promise you a fun and rewarding time. Please do keep an eye open for our amazing events published in the Parent Bulletin and come along to support our school!

Best wishes

**Alison Groves**

**Chair of FODS**

**FODS Summer Raffle!** A huge thank you to everyone who donated prizes and to all who bought raffle tickets, together we raised over £2,300! **Congratulations to all our winners!**







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.

Please click [here](#) to take you to the FODS website page where you can find further information about easyfundraising and how to sign up as a supporter of Davison CE High for School for Girls ~ PTA. Click [here](#) to go straight to our 'cause' page. Every donation makes a difference ~ thank you.

**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 school through textile recycling, whilst being part of something really positive for the environment and reinforcing the importance of recycling.

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





**A massive well done to Alice Howie in Year 10 for another fantastic athletics season.**

Her most recent success was at the English Championships where she came 1st in the Hammer. She threw a staggering 54.67m which was a 2-metre personal best!

**Keep up the fantastic work Alice!**



**If you're interested in joining the Davison CE High School for Girls team, please keep an eye on the vacancies section on our website. [Please click here](#) to be directed to our website.**

**Join our Alumnae of past students and spread the word!**  
Please sign up using this [link](#).



**We would like to remind you to use the 'studybugs' app when reporting your child's absence from 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.**



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 Dinner. This allows students to avoid having to load the minimum electronic top-up of £10.

**Maths Equipment. Please ensure your daughter 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 daughters maths teacher, (or at the Maths office) will accept cash for the individual items.



During the Autumn Term in PSHE, students will be studying the following content.

The topics in red come from the RSE (Relationships and sex education and health education policy) You can find the full document [here](#). This information can also be found on the curriculum page on the school website.

Year 7	<p>intro to PSHE</p> <p>Transition to secondary school and feeling safe</p> <p>Identity - who am I</p> <p>Identifying and managing emotions</p> <p>Managing worries and nervous feelings</p> <p>Road and rail safety</p> <p>Girls on board</p> <p>Looking after relationships</p> <p>Antibullying and online relationships – including the law</p> <p>Bullying or banter</p>
Year 8	<p>What is PSHE</p> <p>Mental wellbeing</p> <p>Promoting emotional wellbeing</p> <p>Anti-smoking</p> <p>Internet safety and harms – sharing of images</p>
Year 9	<p>What is PSHE &amp; Mental wellbeing</p> <p>Recognising mental illness</p> <p>Drugs - types/law/risks</p> <p>Alcohol</p> <p>FGM</p>
Year 10	<p>What is PSHE and mental wellbeing</p> <p>Re-framing negative feelings</p> <p>Managing stressful situations/wellbeing - exam</p> <p>County lines/exploitation/ knife crime</p> <p>Online – extremism/radicalisation</p>
Year 11	<p>Post 16 destination search</p> <p>Post 16 application forms and interview</p> <p>Trade unions</p> <p>Pensions</p> <p>Salary, expenditures and housing</p> <p>Mock revision/planning</p>

**Year 7** ~ Puberty and periods sessions to be delivered this term (more information on this will be sent home soon) A theatre company will be delivering 'Look Up' - a story, based on the streets of Sussex, that helps Year 7s learn about their responsibilities as pedestrians.

## 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 West Sussex County Council Community Hub is available to all families providing access to support for food, fuel, clothing and essentials.

The Community 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 [West Sussex County Council website](#).

Should you require any further information or advice about the scheme, please contact [welfarecommunities@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:welfarecommunities@westsussex.gov.uk) Please click [here](#) for a list of

**Could your family be eligible for extra support? Please [click here](#) to view a letter providing information on Free School Meals (FSMs) and [here for the link 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 delighted to share with you our plan to extend 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.

[medical@davisonhigh.school](mailto:medical@davisonhigh.school)



## 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, which is when they are most infectious. They can return to school on day 4, provided they no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

## 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 skirt, plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms (no big logos or 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 daughter 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.

**If your daughter has recently has her ears pierced** please provide tape to cover them during PE lessons for the first 6 weeks. After this time, earrings will need to be removed during PE lessons for safety.

**Full details of the School Uniform Policy are on our website and further information can be accessed via [this link](#)**

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 [preloved@davisonhigh.school](mailto:preloved@davisonhigh.school) with your daughter'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.**

**Please could you remind your daughter ...**

**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 daughter 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.

We welcome your support in protecting the health and wellbeing of **all** our school community and thank you, in advance, for your understanding in this matter.

**That they should 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.

**That signing in and out during the school day should be at *Student services*.** (other than at DEAR time when they come to Reception) . Thank you

**That they should have a water bottle with them** and encourage them to have breakfast and any required anti-histamine before coming to school. Thank you.

**Autumn Term 2022 ~ Thursday 1 September to Friday 16 December 2022**

Half-term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

**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 is a Bank Holiday

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

**Teacher Training (INSET) Days 2022/23**

**Thursday 1 September, Friday 2 September, Wednesday 5 October, Monday 5 December 2022 and Friday 28 April 2023 are the five Teacher Training Days.**

School Term, Holiday dates and planned INSET days are on our website and can be viewed [here](#).

A list of named contacts and their email addresses is available on our website and can be viewed [here](#).

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

## Noticeboard

### West Sussex Single Point of Access (SPoA)

Following a Sussex-wide review of emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people, a new West Sussex Single Point of Access (SPoA) for emotional wellbeing and mental health support launched Wednesday 1 June 2022.

The new service provides a simplified single route so that children, young people, families, carers and professionals can be directed to the right service, eliminating the need to refer to multiple services. Led by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), the new arrangement is delivered in partnership with West Sussex County Council's Youth Emotional Support Service (YES) and YMCA Dialogue.

The three services work together to process (triage) the referrals and determine which service is the most appropriate offer for the young person, which may also include partnership services. In time, more emotional wellbeing services will be introduced into the service. More information, including how to make a referral, can be found [here](#).

### Lost Property Update

Please note that all unnamed lost property still held in school from last term will be recycled into the school and local community after the October Half Term. Please can students collect any items before this date. Please check the lost property section on FROG.

**We are looking to launch some more activities for students during their lunchtimes, starting with Wellbeing Wednesdays.** We hope this opportunity will enable our students to learn a new skill and meet new people whilst enjoying some mindfulness during their busy school day. **Can you help?**

- ⇒ Do you have any spare balls of wool, knitting needles or crochet hooks that we can have?
- ⇒ Do you have any complete board games that can be played within 30-45 mins? - Monopoly may not be best suited for a lunchtime!
- ⇒ Do you have any complete packs of playing cards or any other card games? - e.g. Happy Families, Uno and Dobble.
- ⇒ Do you have any mindful/adult style colouring books you don't need or good quality pens and pencils that aren't being used?

If so, we would love to put them to good use in school.

**Please can any wool/needle/hook donations be given to Mrs Christmas (SC8) and all other donations to Mrs Jameson (Wellbeing Lead). Thank you, we are very grateful for your support with this.**

**School will close early for all year groups on Tuesday 4 October, and Thursday 8 December with students dismissed at 2pm, Thank you.**

## Year 7

*Dates for your diary...*

**Thursday 29 September** ~ 6.00-8.00pm Year 7 Social

**Wednesday 5 October** ~ INSET Day

**Wednesday 19 October** ~ '6 Weeks In' meeting for Parents/Carers

**Friday 2 December** ~ 6.30-8.30pm FODS Winter Fayre

**Monday 5 December 2022** ~ INSET Day

**Monday 12 December** ~ 7pm Carol Service at St George's Church

**Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 December** ~ End of Term Church Services

**Friday 16 December** ~ End of Term, school finishes at 12.30pm

## Year 8

*Dates for your diary...*

**Wednesday 5 October** ~ INSET Day

**Thursday 3 November** ~ Year 8 Parent/carers Information Evening

**Friday 2 December** ~ 6.30-8.30pm FODS Winter Fayre

**Monday 5 December 2022** ~ INSET Day

**Monday 12 December** ~ 7pm Carol Service at St George's Church

**Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 December** ~ End of Term Church Services

**Friday 16 December** ~ End of Term, school finishes at 12.30pm

## Year 9

*Dates for your diary...*

**Wednesday 5 October** ~ INSET Day

**w/c Monday 17 October** ~ Exam Week

**Friday 2 December** ~ 6.30-8.30pm FODS Winter Fayre

**Monday 5 December 2022** ~ INSET Day

**Thursday 8 December** ~ Year 9 Subject Consultations

**Monday 12 December** ~ 7pm Carol Service at St George's Church

**Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 December** ~ End of Term Church Services

**Friday 16 December** ~ End of Term, school finishes at 12.30pm



## Year 10

*Dates for your diary...*

**Wednesday 5 October** ~ INSET Day

**Friday 2 December** ~ 6.30-8.30pm FODS Winter Fayre

**Monday 5 December 2022** ~ INSET Day

**Monday 12 December** ~ 7pm Carol Service at St George's Church

**Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 December** ~ End of Term Church Services

**Friday 16 December** ~ End of Term, school finishes at 12.30pm

## Year 11

*Dates for your diary...*

**Wednesday 5 October** ~ INSET Day

**Wednesday 12 October** ~ Post 16 Information Evening

**w/c Monday 14 November** ~ Mock Exams Fortnight

**Friday 2 December** ~ 6.30-8.30pm FODS Winter Fayre

**Monday 5 December 2022** ~ INSET Day

**Monday 12 December** ~ 7pm Carol Service at St George's Church

**Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 December** ~ End of Term Church Services

**Wednesday 14 December** ~ Mock Results Day

**Friday 16 December** ~ End of Term, school finishes at 12.30pm



### Careers and Work Experience News!

Welcome back to the new school term and I hope you have all had a smooth start to year 11.

### College Assemblies

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming four local colleges and a training provider into school during year 11 assemblies to talk about post 16 options for our students. I hope your child found the information interesting and useful. Thank you to Worthing College, Chichester & Brinsbury Colleges, GBMET, Rewards Training and Plumpton College.

Please find links to their presentations in the [Post 16 section](#) of the Davison Website.

### **Post 16 Event ~ Wednesday 12 October**

**To continue further encounters with post 16 providers, we are pleased to announce the date of our Post 16 Event – Wednesday 12 October 6-8pm.**

Local colleges, training providers and local organisations have booked a stand and will be available during the evening to discuss post 16 options available at their establishment.

A letter with further information will be emailed home this week.

### **Open Events**

In addition to our assemblies and post 16 event, we would encourage all students to attend as many college and training provider open events as possible. A list of dates can be found in the careers section of the Davison website.

I have started meeting our year 11 students for a half hour, 1:1 post 16 discussion and will continue to do so throughout the year. However, if your child has a pressing enquiry, please do not hesitate to email me;

[careers@davisonhigh.school](mailto:careers@davisonhigh.school)

**Mrs Rachel Parnell – Careers & Work Experience Coordinator**

*Please note that this bulletin is accurate at the time of print,  
however, details may be subject to change*