



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support, understanding and willingness to work together to provide a stable environment for your children to learn and grow.

We appreciate your continued support of the twice-weekly LFD testing and the re-introduction of face-coverings in corridors and communal areas, in order to keep the Davison community as safe as possible. With that in mind, we have been asked to undertake one round of on-site testing for students as they return in January and you will have received a communication from our medical team asking for your consent. The consent form can be accessed [here](#). The plan for testing and return of students in January is as follows:

Year Group	LFD Testing	Year Group returns on
Year 11 and Year 10	Tuesday 4 th January	Wednesday 5 th January
Year 7 Year 8 and Year 9	Wednesday 5 th January	Thursday 6 th January

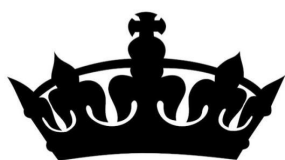
More detailed information on the testing schedule by form group will be provided shortly. Once students have been tested, they should leave the school site and return the following day for lessons as normal. **Students do not need to be in school uniform when they attend for LFD testing on-site but will be expected to be back in full school uniform (not PE kit) when they return to classes in January; students will be expected to change for PE lessons in school.**

As this week comes to a close, I would like to thank you for your patience and support of our [short-term closure plan](#). May I remind you that students onsite on Friday will finish the school day at 12.30pm. Students will attend lessons 1 and 2 as normal on Friday and, following an extended break, have time in their forms to join our virtual Christmas Church Service and celebrate the forthcoming holiday. Any students working remotely on Friday will be sent the Zoom link to the virtual Christmas Service.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Very Best Wishes

Chris Keating
Headteacher



NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST

Earlier this year, we were delighted to be able to share the news that John Thompson, our long-standing School Governor, was made an MBE in the 2020 Birthday Honours List for services to the community in West Sussex.

An MBE is awarded for achievement or service in and to the community which is outstanding in its field and has delivered sustained and real impact which stands out as an example to others.

John's long awaited investiture took place on the 30 November at Windsor Castle and John was presented with his medal by HRH The Princess Royal. We couldn't be more proud ~ **many congratulations Sir John Thompson MBE**



John said "It was an amazing day, from the moment we arrived at the castle gates everyone made us feel so special.

We had quite a long wait but we were in the state rooms at the castle and were able meet other medal recipients and enjoy the wonderful works of art (there were experts on hand to talk about the pictures and answer questions).

We were then taken through our roles - when to bow, etc. I told the Princess about school and my other activities. Then it was step back, bow and report for photos.

We decided to celebrate with afternoon tea ~ late afternoon as we didn't leave the castle until 5.00pm.

A once in a life time experience – never to be forgotten."



The 'Friends of Davison School' Grand Winter Raffle took place on Friday 26 November and Mr Keating, with a little help from Santa, drew the winning tickets.



The draw was recorded and can be viewed on our website [here](#). Winners were notified by phone/email within one week and you can [click here](#) to see the list of prizes and the winning ticket numbers.



We raised an incredible £3,018 which will contribute towards FODS latest fundraising project, to support our 50 form groups with purchasing board games and activities for their form rooms. Helping to enrich form and break times, whilst promoting wellbeing, strengthening relationships and social interactions.

Thank you to our wonderful FODS, generous sponsors and everyone who donated raffle prizes or bought tickets . Many congratulations to our lucky winners!



The Gold Family held a cake sale to raise funds for children in need this year ~ **in total they raised £101.78. Thank you to everyone who supported them by eating cake and raising money for such a worthwhile cause!**



Our first ever Davison CE High School for Girls 'SleepOut' fundraising and awareness event will be held on Friday 25 March and we are inviting Year 10 and Year 11 students to save the date.

1 household is made homeless every 3 minutes across the UK. Turning Tides works hard to ensure that no one faces the trauma of homelessness alone. More information will be shared on how you can support this sponsored event in the new year. www.turning-tides.org.uk

On Friday 10 December we held a 'Non School Uniform Day' to support 'Worthing Food Foundation' and the 'Friends of Davison School' ~ whose latest fundraising project, is to purchase board games and activities for our school.

'Worthing Food Foundation' are a non-referral food service who supply food as well as other essentials to people and families in our community who are in need.

As a school, we pledged to support their 'Christmas Appeal'. 'Worthing Food Foundation' are gifting 250 Christmas stockings for children in our community.

We supported this wonderful initiative by purchasing 250 of the following items to help fill each of the stockings: bags of chocolate coins, bags of sweets and bars of chocolate. To find out further information about the charity visit www.worthingfoodfoundation.org.uk/



Students were encouraged to wear Christmas coloured clothing, green or red for example, or 'jazz up' a t-shirt or jumper with Christmas accessories.

Thank you to everyone who donated their £1 towards purchasing the goodies for the stockings!

Our wonderful staff donated 52 new children's books to the Worthing Food Foundation Christmas Stocking Appeal.



Our talented Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition students have been busy baking delicious mince pies that have been donated to Turning Tides clients www.turning-tides.org.uk and Worthing Food Foundation volunteers www.worthingfoodfoundation.org.uk/



Our Community Prefects fantastic fundraising talent show 'Encore!' is back! Auditions are the week commencing Monday 24 January. Sign-up sheets are outside the Community Office.

All money raised will go towards buying a new gaming cart for the children's ward at Worthing Hospital.



Heidi Hodges, 10 Pink has crocheted these beautiful decorations for colleagues and students to buy.

Heidi will be donating 15% of the money she makes to the charity Mercy Ships, who are a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need.

As well as completing thousands of urgent operations onboard its floating hospital, the Africa Mercy. Mercy Ships volunteers also work closely with host nations to improve the way healthcare is delivered across the country, by training and mentoring local medical staff, and renovating hospitals and clinics.

www.mercyships.org.uk/who-we-are/vision/

The Community Prefects are holding a Christmas themed cake sale at brektime on Thursday 16 December to raise funds towards a 'Gaming Cart' for the children's ward at 'Worthing Hospital'. **Please bring any donations of cakes o Mrs Bunyard on the morning of Thursday 16 ~ thank you!**

www.loveyourhospital.org



Our students have been busy decorating and writing Christmas messages on hundreds of gift tags, these will be attached to food hampers and gifts that Turning Tides will be giving to their clients.

www.turning-tides.org.uk



Thank you to those of you who have signed up and raised funds through easyfundraising, we now have 88 supporters! Please do take the time to sign up with easyfundraising, especially for your online Christmas 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. Or click [here](#)

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, is it time to tidy out your cupboards and drawers and drop your items into the FODS textile bank?

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, presentation packs or albums.

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.**



Under 14 Football League

This term our U14 Football squads took part in the area league for the first time since November 2019. Games were played at home and away over the weeks, with fantastic performances from all those involved; not all the results went the squad's way, but it was great to see them back on the pitch.

Many thanks to parents and staff who came along to support the squad. The third round of the Sussex County cup will be happening soon against The Littlehampton Academy, fingers crossed for a win!!



Congratulations to Jaz Wards, 10 Yellow, who was put forward to trial for the Sussex Cricket team and was successful in securing a place on the team!

Jaz explained "My first trial was in October and focused on batting and fielding. I got through to the second trial a week later and we focused on batting (my favourite part) it was a lot scarier but also a lot of fun! I waited until Thursday the following week when my dad received an email to say that I had got through. I was extremely happy and so relieved; I couldn't quite believe it!

I had my first training session on the 21 November. I loved it so much and I'm excited to see how it goes!" **We are so proud ~ well done Jaz!**



Congratulations to Julie Walsh, 8 Silver, who ran in the Southern Inter-counties XC race on Sunday at Croydon against the best county runners from Hampshire to Norfolk. Julie came first, taking the win right on the line. What an incredible achievement; this win places Julie amongst the very top runners in the country ~ amazing!



A huge 'well done' to Lily Dallimore, 9 Orange, who, whilst representing Sussex in waterpolo, was selected to trial for the National Team.

We wish Lily the very best of luck for her trial ~ what a star!

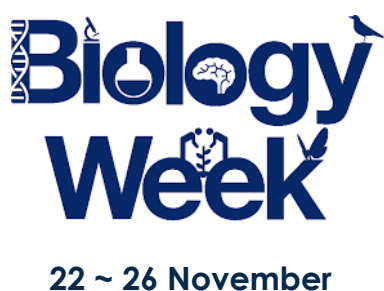
On 7 December we held the first round of the Rotary Club Young Chef Competition. The competitors prepared, cooked and presented a two-course meal from scratch in 90 minutes.

The winning entry was Eva Balmer 11PU who produced an amazing butternut squash risotto with pine nuts and feta cheese followed by a sticky toffee cake with vanilla cream presented in a caramel basket.



Lily Sleight 11WH was close second with her two courses of honey glazed chicken, croquette potatoes, tenderstem broccoli followed by a delicious strawberry tart.

Congratulations to Eva, Lily and also Isobel Newman 11WH, Caitlin Whittington 11WH, Hannah Payne 11WH for some amazing flavours. Our Rotary Club judges were so impressed with the standard, well done.



We had a fantastic turn out to the Davison Biology Week, organised and run by the Science Prefects. The week included a reaction time activity, fun with microscopes, a Biology quiz and it was finished off with a lunchtime heart dissection.

Thank you to all who participated ~ look out for information in February about Chemistry Week at Davison!

The Art Department asked students to enter a competition to design the school Christmas Card and were overwhelmed with both the standard and quality of the entries.



to the following students!



1st Place
Laura Edwards
11 Red



2nd Place
Georgia Jose
10 White



3rd Place
Tian Chan Sing
7 White



Commended
Lily Dallimore
9 Orange



Commended
Ingrid Toth-Pallos
7 Silver

Students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place received vouchers and Laura's design was made into our school Christmas card! **Well done to everyone who entered and especially our top five designers!**

Congratulations to the Top Ten Accelerated Readers who gained the most points for the month of November

Ivy Punyer 7 Silver, Daisy Speak 8 Silver, Neve Buck 8 Pink, Lily Bricknell 7 Purple, Evie Kennedy 8 Silver, Lily Parker 7 Silver, Olanna Procter-Mitchell 9 Yellow, Emma Ding 8 Pink, Zita Ridgett 8 Pink, Danielle Broughton 8 White

Thank you for continuing to undertake twice-weekly LFD testing and supporting the return to face coverings in corridors and communal areas, in order to do all that we can to contain the spread of the virus.

Please continue to report your LFD test results via the [government website](#) and **report any positive LFD and PCR test results to us using the email address covid19@davisonhigh.school**

Face Coverings on Public Transport

A reminder that it is now mandatory to wear a face covering on public transport. Please continue to respect the wishes of Govia Thameslink Railway, by wearing a face covering both inside the station and on the train for the entire journey unless you are exempt. **Your support in helping us keep the wider community safe is much appreciated.**



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](#).



Studybugs

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

Study bugs can also be used to notify us if your child has a medical appointment. 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.**

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.

This year especially, 'community' has been even more important. We recognise that many families circumstances have changed as a result of the economic impact of lockdown with many of us needing extra support in these unprecedented times. **Please click [here](#) for a list of local organisations providing support.**

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.

Davison offer a second-hand uniform service, supplying various sizes of uniform items (subject to availability) at very reasonable prices. We also hold a very limited stock of unembroidered PE kit. If you would like to purchase uniform from the 'shop', please email us at preloved@davisonhigh.school – including your daughter's name and form and details of the sizes and quantities you require. If you have any uniform or unembroidered PE kit in a 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 ...

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.

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.

Autumn Term 2021 ~ Thursday 2 September to Friday 17 December

Half Term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October

INSET DAYS ~ Thursday 2 September, Friday 3 September, Wednesday 6 October and Monday 6 December

STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 12.30PM ON FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER

Spring Term 2022 ~ Tuesday 4 January to Friday 8 April

Half-term: Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February

INSET DAY ~ Friday 29 April

Summer Term 2022 ~ Monday 25 April to Thursday 21 July

Half-term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022

Monday 2 May is a Bank Holiday

School Term and Holiday dates for 2021/22 and 2022/23 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.

Year 7

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 10 February ~ Year 7 FODS Film and PJ Afternoon

Thursday 3 March ~ Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening

Thursday 24 March ~ Year 7 Interform Musical Theatre

w/c Monday 25 April ~ Year 7 Exams Week

Year 8

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 6 January ~ Year 8 Festive Social

Thursday 9 June ~ Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening

w/c Monday 27 June ~ Year 8 Exams Week

Year 9

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 20 January ~ Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening (Virtual)

Thursday 27 January ~ 5.30-8.00pm Year 9 Options Information Evening (Virtual)

Wednesday 9 March ~ Teenage Booster Vaccinations

w/c Monday 14 March ~ Year 9 Exams Week

Year 10

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 28 April ~ Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening

Year 11

Dates for your diary ...

Wednesday 5 to Friday 21 January ~ Mock Exams

Thursday 3 February ~ Mock Results Day

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