

Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School

Due to a clash of two important focus weeks ~ Children's Mental Health Week and National Apprenticeship Week ~ we have separated them in order to give each our full attention. Last week we focused on National Apprenticeship Week and you can read more about this, and the associated resources, later in this bulletin.

This week we are focusing on Children's Mental Health Week. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other. Challenges and setbacks can help us grow and adapt and trying new things allows us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. For Children's Mental Health Week 2022, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow.



Growing together is part of our school vision:

'To live life in all its fullness and flourish as God intended'

The '5 ways to wellbeing' are a helpful way to support us as we seek to improve our mental health and wellbeing.













DO WHAT YOU CAN, ENJOY WHAT YOU DO, MOVE YOUR MOOD



EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF

Your time, your words, your presence

Across the week, our form and lunchtime activities all relate to our school vision and the 5 Ways to Wellbeing.

We will make a 'Mini-Me' to 'CONNECT' with each other and celebrate who we are. Lunchtime activities on the field will also connect us with others and show how we can 'BE ACTIVE' whilst also having fun.



Thanks to some of our eco-students and a very kind donation from Haskins Garden Centre, all forms will be receiving their own plant to look after. We will 'KEEP LEARNING' as we find out more about how plants can help to lift our mood. Just as plants need regular nurture and optimum conditions in order to flourish, so do we. We will think about what small changes might make a big difference to us and enable us to grow and flourish.

We all grow with encouragement! One form activity requires us to '**TAKE NOTICE**', so we can be aware of the role we can play in the growth of others. We will use words to affirm and encourage each other.



On Friday 18 February we will be holding a non school uniform day in exchange for a £1charity donation with proceeds being shared between 'Heads On' and FODS.

Heads On is Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's charity. They help people with mental health problems to feel supported, to stay active and to be more involved in their communities. Students who choose to wear home clothes are asked to make a £1.00 cash donation. This fits with the 'GIVE' Way to Wellbeing. We will also receive our plants on this day.

Parents/Carers, please can we ask for your help in ensuring your child thinks through their needs for school on this day \sim

- PE kit is brought in as usual if your daughter has a PE lesson
- Jewellery/make-up/nail polish are in line with school policy
- No bare midriffs
- No dyed or coloured sprayed hair
- The usual classroom equipment i.e. pens, pencils etc. are brought into school

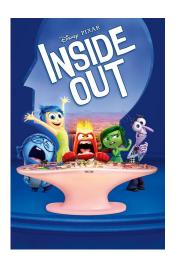


We really hope that the students are enjoying the week and we thank you for your support and generosity towards such an important cause.



FODS Year 7 Film and PJ Afternoons. Last week's long awaited events were a great success.

We are delighted to announce £303 was raised and will go towards FODS latest fundraising project to purchase board games and activities for our students to use in form-time. Thank you!





Our Community Prefects invite you to their fantastic fundraising talent show 'Encore!' on Wednesday 2 March

Tickets now on sale!

Click here for more information.



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.





Thank you to those of you who have signed up and raised funds through easyfundraising, we now have 92 supporters! 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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u> 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.

Congratulations!

To Eve Pitcher and Jaz Wards, Year 10, who entered a competition run by the Royal Institute of Town Planners to plan a sustainable settlement. They designed a more sustainable Worthing on their own and were shortlisted for the prize ~ brilliant!





Congratulations to Lucy Warwick, 10SI, and Gaia Dickens, 8BL, who have been selected to represent their Scout's District at the World International Jamboree in South Korea in 2023! We are so proud!

Last month we shared the news that Annie Kingshott had been selected to represent her District and we are all working together in preparation for this wonderful opportunity.

Congratulations to Natalya Jacquet, 11GO, who won the title of St Johns Ambulance District Cadet of the Year/Lord Lieutenants Cadet of the Year for East & West Sussex. Natalya dedicates a lot of her time to St Johns Ambulance (SJA) and has attended the Brighton marathon and a number of football matches in her St Johns Ambulance volunteering role.

This month Natalya has been invited to compete in the nationals at Nottingham, against other Regional SJA Cadet of The Year winners. We are wishing her the best of luck, if she wins, she'll become the National Cadet of The Year for St Johns Ambulance, in their centenary year no less!



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

Ivy Punyer 07 Gold, Ingrid Toth-Pallos 07 Silver, Edith Sellwood 07 Gold, Lily Bricknell 07 Purple, Mollie Wheeler 08 Yellow, Evelyn Vickers-Currey 09 Red, Olivia Burton 08 Red, Sasha Kingston 09 Gold, Ava Sellwood 08 Orange, Zoe Clay 07 Gold.



On the 31 January, two members from each of our Young Enterprise companies attended a Dragons Den event in Horsham. The students were a credit to the school and were complimented by the judges on their products, values, and knowledge.

Our Young Enterprise companies are now about halfway through the programme, and both 'Bookpressed' and 'Azalea' have been working hard, attending weekly board meetings with their Business Adviser, selling their products in school, and brainstorming how to boost their sales.





It's time for a school musical once again!

Auditions have begun in school and we are excited to share that Production Week is $20 \sim 25$ June, with exact dates and times to be confirmed. More information to follow \sim please save the dates!

Students across the school are currently taking part in three different votes to demonstrate that they are active citizens. KS3 students are doing this in PD lessons and KS4 students are doing this with form tutors.



They have votes to cast in the West Sussex Youth Cabinet elections and the UK Youth Parliament elections. Well done to all the students across West Sussex who are standing for election as it shows great strength and determination to get involved in our community. They will also be casting votes in Make Your Mark where they get to help decide which topics will be the focus for the Youth Parliament members.



Thank you to all forms who took part in discussions about Holocaust Memorial Day which was on 27 January. There were some great questions asked by students and some lovely examples of candles coloured in as we remembered how we can keep the light of the stories burning for future generations.

Students study the Holocaust in Year 9 in History and we look forward to investigating this further this Summer Term with our current Year 9 students.

Sporting Success!



Huge congratulations to Amber Purcell, 11PI, on a silver medal in triple jump in Lee Valley on 15 January. Amber competed in the triple jump and 60m at the SEAA Southern U17 Indoor Championships! An amazing result especially in the middle of mock exams.

Amber went on to take third place in the triple jump at the Scottish Athletics National Indoor Senior (U17) Championships on 22 January. Amber made an impressive 11.10 metres ~ wow!

A future track and field star to keep an eye out for!

The Davison Gymnastics Squad should have had their first competition in over two years on Sunday 30 January however unfortunately it was cancelled.

As the girls had worked so hard on their routines we didn't want all of their efforts to go to waste so we put on an in-house competition. They all competed brilliantly, with individual floor routines to music and vaults, and took home lots of medals!





They are a credit to the school and are now working hard towards the next competition.

On Wednesday 19 January, eight of our Year 8 students competed at the Southern Area Indoor Athletics Competition at The Angmering School.

The team performed brilliantly, placing 1st in seven track events. They came 1st place overall against all the local schools and have progressed to the County Finals. Congratulations and well done to the Year 8 Team:



Liberty Rose Vaughan-Williams
Anya Khan
Julie Walsh
Taisha Satur
Doris Keegan
Izzy Judge
Beth Kimmer
Imogen Wheeler

On Tuesday 18 January we took a Junior Girl and Inter Girls Team along to the Sussex School's Cross Country Competition at Brighton Rugby Club. We have some very strong cross country runners in the team so we were excited to see what we could do.

The Junior girls ran first and got the benefit of the fresh course. They ran a very hilly 3km course alongside roughly 220 other competitors.

The team did very well with a special mention going to Julie Walsh who finished 2nd overall and qualified to represent Sussex at the English School Competition later in the year!

The Inter girls team ran in the third race of the day and were met with a very muddy and churned up course. Despite this they all managed to stay on their feet and run a very good race. Another special mention goes to Cerys West who finished 15th in her race from a 150 strong field. She now goes on to represent Sussex at the Southeast Schools Inter-counties Cross Country this month.



Junior Team ~ Lily Edmondson, Alice Howie, Amelia Ralfe, Julie Walsh and Taisha Satur



Inter team ~ Ella Thornburg, Emma Harkin, Ella Wardle, Cerys West

A huge well done to all who took part and represented Davison so amazingly and good luck to Julie and Cerys in their next competitions.

The Area Netball Tournament took place on Monday 7 February. It was a huge success for the team as It was only their second game representing the school and they were brilliant. Both teams got through to the finals (with the A Team having no goals scored against them!) and had to play each other. The A Team went on to win overall and the B Team came 3rd.







Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week 7 ~ 13 February

The theme for #NAW2022 was 'Build the Future', across the school we enjoyed subject related activities, assemblies, virtual presentations from employers, and testimonials from apprentices.

We welcomed a colleague from the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools and Colleges (ASK) Programme to deliver an apprenticeship registration session for Yr11 students interested in an apprenticeship.

Chichester College visited us to talk to students about apprenticeships across the Chichester College Group. A variety of apprenticeship opportunities are on offer with leading employers including, Boeing, Rolls Royce, Taylor Wimpey, Hilton Hotel, RSPCA as well as the NHS and local councils. Please visit their website for more information.



More apprenticeship resources for parents and carers are available on our website via this link



Year 10 Work Experience Update 6 ~ 10 June

Thank you to everyone who completed our work experience survey, we had a great response and it is fantastic to see so much enthusiasm for the week.

We are still in the process of collating the necessary documents for you to complete with your chosen provider/organisation and hope to have these available by the start of next half term.

If you or your child would like any further information on the above or have any question please pop along and see me (the Careers office is n the LRC) or email me <u>careers@davisonhigh.school</u>

Mrs Rachel Parnell – Careers & Work Experience Coordinator

Thank you for continuing to undertake twice-weekly LFD testing. Please continue to report your LFD test results via the <u>government website</u> and <u>report any positive test results to us using the email address <u>covid19@davisonhigh.school</u></u>



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 <u>link</u>.



Studybugs 🕫

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 <u>click here</u> to get started.



Did you know that as well as topping up student 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 who may wish to buy a drink or a snack to avoid having to load the minimum electronic top-up of $\pounds 10$.



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 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 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 <u>Broadwater Sports</u> or <u>First4Uniform</u> 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 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. Year 11s in particular may wish to start sorting out any uniform they no longer require! 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.

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.

Spring Term 2022 ~ Tuesday 4 January to Friday 8 April

EARLY CLOSURE ~ Thursday 3 March for Year 7 Consultation Evening

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

EARLY CLOSURE ~ Thursday 9 June for Year 8 Consultation Evening

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.

Noticeboard

Important information from Worthing Secondary Schools and GPs across Worthing. Please read the letter <u>here.</u>

Bookings are now open for free English, Maths and Taekwondo lessons, funded by West Sussex County Council. For more information <u>click</u> here.

Please see the letter <u>here</u> from West Sussex County Council Road Safety Team regarding the use of e-scooters.

PE Clubs Spring Term 2022 click here

Year 7

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 3 March ~ Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening (early closure)

Thursday 24 March ~ Year 7 Interform Musical Theatre

w/c Monday 25 April ~ Year 7 Exams Week

Year 8

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 9 June ~ Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening (early closure)

w/c Monday 27 June ~ Year 8 Exams Week

Year 9

Dates for your diary ...

w/c Monday 14 March ~ Year 9 Exams Week

Tuesday 28 June ~ Teenage Booster Vaccinations

Year 10

Dates for your diary ...

Friday 25 March \sim 'Save the Date' Davison CE High School for Girls 'SleepOut' fundraising event

Thursday 28 April ~ Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening (early closure)

w/c Monday 6 June ~ Work Experience Week

The Science Department is running a Year 10 and 11 Homework Club every Wednesday lunchtime in SC2. iPads will be available to use. These sessions are aimed at giving students a quiet space to complete homework in school and to offer support when needed. Please pop along and see us.

Year 11

Dates for your diary ...

Tuesday 8 March ~ Year 11 Grandstand Photo (9am ~ Sports Hall)

Friday 25 March ~ 'Save the Date' Davison CE High School for Girls 'SleepOut' fundraising event

Monday 16 May ~ Start of GCSE Exams

Friday 24 June ~ Class of 2022 Prom

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Re. GB MET - 16+ Open Events March 2022

GB MET are looking forward to welcoming students to our March open events, yr10 and yr11 meet our amazing teaching and support staff and try out our incredible facilities.

Northbrook MET - West Durrington, Broadwater & Shoreham Airport campuses Wednesday 2 March - 5-8pm

Brighton MET - Central and East campuses

Wednesday 9 March 5-8pm

Open Event information

Booking is not essential but it helps us to have an idea of the number of visitors we are expecting: <u>Book your place here</u>

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. As Year 11, you may wish to start sorting out any uniform that you longer require!

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