



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School

On Wednesday 11 May, students and adults alike enjoyed an alternative timetable afternoon, both on and off-site. This was in support of Mental Health Week, where this year's theme was 'Loneliness'.

It was our mission to offer a wide range of activities for adults and students to enjoy together. We wanted to promote a sense of 'togetherness' and 'community', so it gave us great pleasure to see students of all ages and from different colour families come together to try new things or connect with their common interests.



A huge thank you to our fantastic staff team who offered to plan and lead such a wonderful range of activities. There were over 40 activities on offer and every student was given one of their three choices.

Activities included: contemporary dance, speed stacking, writing poetry, scavenger hunt, beach walk, making ceramic bird feeders, gardening, painting pebbles, watching films, photography, optical illusions, Just Dance, decoupage, quiz, animation workshop, handbells and boomwhackers, decorating biscuits, weights room, mindful doodling, old school children's party, The Cube: science games, football, film making, knitting, reading, needle-felting, cooking, film making, transfer printing bookmarks, drawing nature, board games, Lego, ballet, fashion card engineering, badge making, debating, card games, puzzles and wordsearches, colouring, football, card making and anime drawing.

As a school, we have adopted the 5 Ways to Wellbeing approach and saw this in abundance across the afternoon.

CONNECT- The activities encouraged us to connect with those in our school community that we may not have had the opportunity to be with before.

BE ACTIVE- Through our engagement and participation in the activities we signed up for, we were active. Some of these activities were particularly energetic!

TAKE NOTICE- We were aware of others in our group, mindful in the activity we were doing and took time to appreciate how our chosen activity made us feel.

KEEP LEARNING - Many of us chose to try something new, others of us learnt new things about ourselves and our ability to step out of our comfort zones when working with new people.

GIVE – With our rescheduled non-school uniform day also on this day, we raised an amazing **£978.46** which will be shared between the local mental health charity, Heads On, and Friends of Davison School (FODS).

Here are some of the things staff and students shared about the afternoon:

'My activity was really chilled and it was good not to have to 'think' for the afternoon. I think we should keep Wellbeing Wednesday, especially for before GCSEs.'

'It was refreshing to do something outside of the norm for the afternoon and to connect with students in a different way. For my own wellbeing, I felt it was a positive change that made me feel good.'

'With our GCSEs around the corner, it was a good stress relief and made sure I had a break from revising.'

'My activity taught me a new skill that will support my wellbeing in the future. I have carried on with the crochet I started.'

'It was good to be able to share something I am passionate about with the students.'

'I thought the afternoon was really fun. There were loads of activities and choice.'

'I enjoyed teaming up with another member of staff from a different department. I would definitely like to repeat the afternoon!'

'I did something new and I really like that I could do that.'

'It was really fun and it was good to see everyone doing things they wanted to do.'

'I felt much more relaxed afterwards.'

'It was nice to meet different students – ones I don't normally teach.'

'I think it was good for helping me get to meet new people. I got talking to one girl and now we are friends.'

'It was nice to plan something to do with the students that was out of my subject area.'

'I thought it was so wonderful. Thank you so much for organising it for us.'

'I did 'drawing nature' and I loved getting out in the real world to enjoy drawing our pictures.'

'There was such a buzz around school – both in anticipation of the afternoon, but also on the day – such happy sounds coming from different areas of the school!'



On 6 February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, we are inviting students to a 'whole school' picnic on the field at lunch time on Friday 27 May. 'Picnic' food will be available to purchase from the diner and there will be some fun activities for the students to join in with.

To make the occasion more enjoyable, students are invited to wear home clothes for a voluntary donation, enabling us to raise money for the charities 'Love Your Hospital' and FODS.

More information will be shared with parents and carers by email.



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We will be holding a Bake sale on Thursday 26 May as part of our Jubilee celebrations, with all proceeds going to the charity, Love Your Hospital.

On this day we will be asking for students and their families if they would be kind enough to donate cakes and cookies to be sold on that day.

Your support is, as always, hugely appreciated by the school community.



Mencap Sports & Fun Day volunteering opportunity for Year 9 students on Tuesday 14 June. Year 9 students will be given the chance to sign up for a fun-packed 'Sports and Fun Day' at Worthing Leisure Centre, organised by the charity Mencap.

This is a volunteering opportunity for our students to work with children and adults who have a range of learning disabilities. They will be joining in with them, taking part in activities such as trampolining as well as helping out with the Mencap disco!

A letter will be going out to Year 9 parents and cares with full details.



Friends of Davison School (FODS), invite you, your family and friends to an evening of entertainment on Tuesday 14 June.

This event will be held in the school hall, doors open at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start. Teams of six people are required with quiz questions covering a variety of topics. Tickets are £7.00 each, which includes 2 slices of cheese and tomato pizza. Refreshments and snacks will be on sale and if you are over 18, you may bring your own alcohol.

We will also be playing the legendary game of Stand-up Bingo! To enter please pay £1.00 on the night. There will be fantastic prizes for the winners of the bingo and prizes for the winning and runners-up quiz teams!

Proceeds from the evening will go towards FODS latest fundraising projects.

Closing date for tickets is Tuesday

31 May, please contact Mrs Hamilton with any questions e.hamilton@davisonhigh.school



The PE Department are excited to announce that the Davison Colour Run is back on Friday 15 July!

The event will be run on the school site with different year groups taking part at set times throughout the day.

The event will be a fund raiser for the PE Department to raise money for a new orienteering course. The cost of participation in the event is £19.50 and the deadline for receipt of payment is Thursday 26 May. Please [click here](#) for more information.





On Tuesday 3 May our Young Enterprise companies participated in the West Sussex Showcase in Littlehampton.

Once again the Davison Teams did us proud; Bookpressed won the Digital Skills/Presence Award and Azalea the Customer Service Award.



Huge congratulations to both teams and many thanks to our Young Enterprise Lead, Mrs Stitt and our volunteers Mrs Moore, Matt Stanley and Becky Matthews.

Engineering Club students at Davison enjoyed participating in a track day at Goodwood on Sunday 8 May.



It was a long day that was hampered by technical problems and a broken battery but with resilience and perseverance the competitors carried on and came an incredible 64th out of 115.



What a great result!

Many thanks to Laura Bourner who was our technical expert and engineering veteran.



Many congratulations to our team of engineers led by Miss Cole - we are delighted!

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the return of our 'Sing into Spring' music concert on Thursday 5 May.



The standard of performance was so high and it was fabulous to have so many students involved. We are incredibly proud of our talented performers and it was wonderful to hear their music and song resonate around the school hall.



On Thursday 12 May we returned to Worthing Pavilion for our Inter-colour Dance event.

This is the first time we have returned to the Pavilion for a Davison Dance event since January 2019 due to the impact from Covid-19. It was so exciting to have Year 9 and Year 10 working together in their colour groups and create a dance to be performed on stage for the competition.

The students had creative control over their dance idea and created excellent performances for a nearly 500 strong audience of parents, carers and supporters.

The results were as follows:

3rd -Pink

2nd - Purple

1st - GOLD

Many congratulations to all those involved and thank you to our supporters!

On Wednesday 11 May, we held the annual GCSE Dance performance evening in the school hall.

Welcoming parents, carers and supporters back onto the school site to celebrate the hard work of Year 11 GCSE Dance cohort and the four extra curricular pieces from Year 7, 8, 9 and the Davison Dance Company (Year 11).

Students returned to St George's Church last month for our traditional Easter Service. Staff and students were also invited to participated in a Eucharist Service in school, led by Reverend Brook.



Year 7 students were also invited to participate in workshops at St George's, Church, exploring the Easter message. **Our sincere thanks to Reverend John Brook, Ms Edser, Kathryn Hughes-Burton and all the team at St George's Church.**

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.**



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

Rubhaya Aziz 08 Red, Phoebe Edney 08 Gold, Eloisa Johnson 09 Silver, Loretta Hasanaj 09 White, Sasha Kingston 09 Gold, Scarlett Pye 07 Yellow, Mollie Wheeler 08 Yellow, Layla Beeney 07 Yellow, Katie-Louise Sinden 07 White, Alice Howie 09 White



★ ★ ★ Sporting Success! ★ ★ ★

The KS3 gymnastics squad recently took part in the area competition.

They worked extremely hard on their routines all of their hard work paid off! There were two categories to the competition, novice and advanced.



The results were Novice red - 1st! Novice blue - 3rd Advanced green - 1st! Advanced red - 2nd Advanced blue - 3rd Overall school - 1st!!!

What a fabulous achievement!

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Congratulations to Sky Cook in Year 11 who has been accepted on an unconditional offer to Rambert school of Ballet and Contemporary Dance at the age of 16.

Congratulations to Ella Pinches-Field (8Pi) who is part of the Worthing Girls U13s rugby squad who have been crowned Sussex League champions this season. The squad are undefeated in the league matches. **Well done to Ella and the rest of the squad!**





Sporting Success!



The Year 7 Netball Team took part in the League Finals last month.

Despite the wind, rain and snow blizzard, they did brilliantly. They drew one game and won the rest leaving them tying for 1st.



Overall they came 2nd in Sussex on goal difference. They have had a great 1st season winning 2 tournaments!



Last month the year 7 A Netball team took part in the Area league finals matches. They had won all their pool games and went through in top position.

They faced Durrington in the semi final winning by a massive 15-2.

They went on to play for 1st place against Oscar Romero. Both teams got off to a slow start with the ball going backwards and forwards between them. We managed to get the first goal and didn't look back!

The final score was 6-2 making them Area Champions which is a great way to end their first season representing Davison.



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 [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.





Careers and Work Experience News!



Year 10 Work Experience Update 6 ~ 10 June

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone for supporting your child's options for work experience week, whether it be finding a placement or working through virtual work placements or simply having the time to chat about college/careers and their options going forward – it all contributes to supporting our students with their post 16 choices.

Next steps – I am currently collating all the forms and will be sending out further correspondence to those attending a placement and to those remaining in school before half term.

Forthcoming College Open events



Come and meet us this July

Year 10 students, their parents and carers, and school staff are invited to attend our exclusive Year 10 taster open events.

- Explore our facilities
- Hear from current students to find out what it's like to be a MET student
- Enjoy live presentations and demonstrations from our teaching staff
- Take part in taster activities

Click on [this link](#) to find out more about our application process and the support services we offer and to book your place at an open event.



If you're interested in studying with us in September 2022, or are still considering your options, we know how important it is to take a look around our modern campus. Our open events will give you a chance to visit the college, meet our team of expert lecturers and find out about our range of courses – as well as get a feel for the campus.

Our next open event is taking place on Tuesday 07 June 2022, 4:30-7pm. Booking for this event will open closer to the time. Updates will be posted to our website and social media.

We're excited to welcome you soon!

Post 16 Apprenticeship opportunities



As you may be aware, at Rewards we specialise in Apprenticeships which are available to individuals age 16 and over.

During National Apprenticeship week, we created a presentation which gives a good all-round understanding of what is on offer with Rewards. [This can be found here.](#)

All of our 'live' apprenticeship vacancies can be found [here](#). We also have a brand new 'KEEP ME INFORMED' option, which can be found on the vacancy page. A fantastic way to make sure no opportunities are missed!! You simply register your name, email address and sector of interest, to receive notification of any NEW opportunity that may be of interest.



This site will help you search for apprenticeship, traineeship and pre-employment training in Sussex. Select what you would like to do and click Go. Click on [this link](#) to get started.

Family Fun



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

Mrs Rachel Parnell Careers & Work Experience Coordinator

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





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.



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.

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 Please click [here](#) for a list of local organisations providing support.

Updated 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.



Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in the local area, Network Rail in partnership with the Learn Live News Channel are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

We would ask you to please watch the relevant safety video and then, watch it with your children. The session is less than 15 minutes and explains why it is important to stay safe near the tracks. Over 14 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of trespasses in their area through watching the latest rail safety videos.

Remember 15 minutes can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people. We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email railsafety@learnliveuk.com into the 'I am registered' field when you first watch the videos.

Please click on the link below to view the relevant safety video:

Secondary school version: Age 11-16 (revised version with subtitles)

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

<https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>

Please note this is the recommended age ranges, we would always advise you to view the clips first to gauge suitability for your children.

Thank you for supporting this important safety message and for helping raise awareness to keep our young people safe.

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 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 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.

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 she should have a water bottle with her and encourage her to have breakfast before coming to school. Thank you.

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 16 June for Year 8 Consultation Evening (date change from 9 June)

TERM ENDS AT 12.30pm ~ Thursday 21 July

School Term, Holiday dates and planned INSET days for 2022/23 and 2023/4 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 below which can be found [here](#).

Year 7

Dates for your diary ...

w/c Monday 6 June ~ Camp Week

On Tuesday 5 April we held an Easter egg hunt for the whole of Year 7 as a year group.

We met on the school field in the sunshine and searched for 10 posters of eggs designed in their own pattern. The students had to search for these posters and draw the pattern on their own sheet. When they had drawn the 10 patterns they could hand in their sheet to exchange for a mini box of Mini eggs!

It was a lovely whole year group celebration to wish us well into the Easter holidays!



Year 8

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 16 June ~ Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening (early closure)
~ date changed from Thursday 9 June, more information to follow

w/c Monday 27 June ~ Year 8 Exams Week

Year 8

Year 8 Interform dance was a celebration of the form groups demonstrating our school values in all its fullness!

All ten form groups created a dance together which linked to one of 10 stimuli from nature. In doing so they would have had to communicate effectively, resolve conflict, listen to each other's ideas and points of view, some of which would have shown great leadership and resilience.

We held our show in the school hall this year, where it would have normally been held at Worthing Pavilion. The students were adaptable and positive which in turn made a great show. We have recorded the show, accessible in [this video link](#) for you to watch from home to continue to celebrate your daughter's success.

Congratulations to our wonderful winners!

1st place: 8 White

2nd place: Blue and Gold (tied on judging points)

3rd place: Orange

All pieces responded creatively to the stimulus and there was a specific mention for 8 Pink who had excellent choreography.

Year 9

Dates for your diary ...

Tuesday 28 June ~ Teenage Booster Vaccinations

Year 10

Dates for your diary ...

w/c Monday 6 June ~ Work Experience Week

w/c Monday 13 June ~ Mock Exams fortnight

The Science Department is running a Year 10 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 ...

Monday 16 May ~ Start of GCSE Exams

Friday 24 June ~ Class of 2022 Prom

Thursday 25 August ~ GCSE Results Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in the PROM Raffle. The PROM team raised over £70!

If you have any school uniform or unembroidered PE kit in good, clean condition that you wish to donate, we would be happy to take it in at Reception. In these difficult times, any donations of second-hand school uniform is well received and appreciated by those families that use our pre-loved service. **As Year 11, you may wish to donate any uniform that you longer require. All monies made from the sale of Davison Preloved Uniform goes towards the School Fund.**



Last week we said an 'official' goodbye to our wonderful class of 2022. We have no doubt that great things lay ahead of you. We are all so proud of you and we wish you the very best for your GCSEs. When one chapter ends, another begins. We wish you luck and happiness in whatever you choose.

From all at Davison CE High School for Girls.

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