



# Davison CE High School for Girls

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## Whole School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to forward our final Parent Bulletin of 2019. On behalf of all staff and students, I would like to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Chris Keating, Headteacher



You are warmly invited to join your daughter at our **Carol Service at St. George's Church, St. George's Road, Worthing on Monday 16 December at 7pm** ~ the service tells the traditional story of the birth of Jesus and is a magical way of reminding ourselves of the true meaning of Christmas ~ we look forward to welcoming you.

We will be holding **Carol Services at St. George's Church** on Thursday 19 December for all students. Unfortunately, the church will be too full to enable us to invite parents to these services. Students will walk to and from the church accompanied, at all times, by members of staff. All appropriate safety measures will be taken. **Please remind your daughter to bring her Red Hat to school, to wear at her Year Group's service ~ thank you.**

**Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm on the last day of term (Friday 20 December).** We will extend our normal break-time to ensure that all students have the opportunity to purchase an early lunch should they wish to do so. For safety reasons, I would like to remind you that if you are collecting your daughter by car, it is important that you do *not* drive on to the school site. Please make arrangements to meet at a safe collection point outside the school. **The Spring Term starts at 8.40am on Monday 6 January 2020 for all students.**

An email has been sent to you to enable you to purchase **Christmas Lunch for your daughter ~ Wednesday 11 December for Years 7, 9 & 11 and Thursday 12 December for Years 8 & 10** ~ Christmas lunch must be ordered and paid for prior to the above dates ~ [please click here for Years 7, 9 and 11](#) ~ [please click here for Years 8 and 10](#) to place your order by Tuesday 3 December.



**Please may we remind you that the school is closed for In Service Training (INSET) this Friday ~ Friday 6 December 2019.**

The main text for our Christmas service will be Luke 2 v10, which is when the angel appears to the Shepherds. **Your daughter has been invited to create a design using these words.** The winning design will be used in our Christmas Services and there will be prizes for the top three entries. **Entry deadline: Friday 6 December to Mr Clayton.** Good luck!

The Angel said to them  
**"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people".**

**Our Community Prefects fantastic fundraising talent show 'Encore!' is on Thursday 27 February 2020 (\*\*new date\*\*).** Sign-up sheets for auditions are available now. Acts of all varieties are welcome to audition ~ is your daughter a dancer, singer, musician, actor, comedian? Soloists, duets, trios, groups, etc. are all welcome! Proceeds from 'Encore!' will go to the Community Prefects Charity of the Year, [Care for Veterans](#). Any queries to Mrs Bunyard in the Community Office.

**Our Year 8 Eurovision competition entries were of the highest standard this year.** The panel of judges found it extremely hard to choose only three songs for the final. The finalists in order of appearance were:

- 8 White singing Poco Loco from the movie Coco
- 8 Yellow singing Je suis ton ami from the movie Toy Story
- 8 Pink singing Waka Waka by Shakira

All Colour Groups provided a wonderful show, making the MFL Department very proud. **The audience voted and decided on the 2019 Eurovision winner: 8 Pink.** Congratulations to all the students who participated and in particular to the finalists and, of course, our Eurovision winners. We look forward to hosting the 2020 Eurovision song contest!

**Nine Year 8 students attended the Young Women in Enterprise Conference run by Brighton Albion in the Community.** Students spent the morning interviewing various mentors, all of whom were very successful business women with a background in technology. After lunch the students, along with a mentor, had an hour to design an app that could benefit someone of school age. They had to prepare and pitch their idea to a panel of judges. **Our students came up with an app called SOS, which enabled children to ask for help or find out how to get help on a variety of issues such as bullying, mental health, stress and anxiety.** They also included a button that, when pressed, would automatically email a teacher in case the student did not want to talk face to face. **Their pitch was superb, they spoke so eloquently and confidently and came home with the winner's trophy!**

**Congratulations to** Yuvhasini Katti, Izzy Haynes, Daisy Williams-Fuller, Alexa Dudley, Betty Davies, Gabriella Nisbet, Gwendolyn Hughes, Jasmine Wards and Emine O'Leary.





**Congratulations to Amelia Hawke (Year 8), who competed in the National Trampolining League Finals in Derby in November and won Bronze in the individual event!** There were over 100 girls in her category this year, competing in 3 qualifying events across the country ~ the top 25 were invited to the finals. Amelia also competed in the synchro event with a partner, narrowly missing out on the bronze medal by 0.05, thereby gaining 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**Our gymnasts have worked extremely hard over the past couple of months working towards multiple competitions, two of which were held in November.**

**On Monday 18 November, our Senior Squad competed at the Sussex Schools Group competition.** Our Advanced Squad came 2<sup>nd</sup> and our Novice Squad came 1<sup>st</sup>. As a school overall we came 2<sup>nd</sup> with only a 0.9 gap between us and 1<sup>st</sup> place!



**On Tuesday 19 November, 20 of our gymnasts competed at the South East individual competition.** The students were in nine different categories and were placed in eight of them, bringing home 14 medals! Many congratulations to all the team and particularly to:

Freya Berney - 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 8 novice  
 Eleanor Godden - 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr 8 novice  
 Sky Cook - 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 9/10 novice  
 Lily Taylor - 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr 9/10 novice  
 Georgia Nicholaides - 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr 9/10 novice  
 Kimberley Whitehead - 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 7 Intermediate  
 Katie Struthers - 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr 7 intermediate  
 Isobel Haynes - 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 8 intermediate  
 Georgia Goldman - joint 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 9-13 intermediate  
 Ivy Mason - joint 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 9-13 intermediate  
 Isadora Lee - 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 7 advanced  
 Lucy Heryet - 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 10-13 advanced  
 Harriet Smith - 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr 10-13 advanced

**Twelve students from the CS Department represented Davison in the annual SEND Boccia tournament at Angmering School.** All of the students performed incredibly well and were excellent ambassadors for Davison. The competition was very tough, however we were able to win 4<sup>th</sup> place! Congratulations team!





**A huge well done to all the Year 8 students in our 8A and 8B Netball teams.** Both teams played in the Area Tournament on 14 November at Steyning Grammar. In their Pool games both teams did exceptionally well ~ 8B team won 3, drew 1 and lost 2. 8A team won 4 and lost one, which put them through to the Semi-Finals. 8A faced Durrington in this match and played hard and managed to keep the lead, finishing 2 goals to 4. 8A then faced Steyning in the Final (the only team they lost to in the Pool games) and it was a

very closely fought game, with Davison leading throughout. In the final minute Steyning managed to even the score and then, in the final 20 seconds, scored again with the final score 2-3 to Steyning, placing Davison 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of 13 teams. Well done to all who played, including a special thank you to **Mia Wilson** for stepping in at the last minute to play!

**Lily Hetherington (Year 7) had been growing her hair for a very long time before deciding to have it cut and donated to The Little Princess Trust (over 35cm).** This charity provides free real hair wigs to children and young people with hair loss and funds vital research into childhood cancers. Lily raised £253 from sponsorship, plus £59.50 in gift aid. Congratulations Lily ~ what a wonderful selfless act to help other children.



**Eleven young chefs from Davison took part in the local heat of the Rotary's Young Chef Contest 2019, sponsored by Waitrose.** This is a national competition run annually by the Rotary Club of Worthing. Our students showed amazing talent and creativity, as well as unbelievable passion and commitment. The three judges had a tricky job tasting the various menus of two

course meals prepared, cooked and presented on the evening.

Congratulations to all the students who took part, particularly, **Ellie Carter (Year 8), who won the contest**, with joint second place going to Abbey Harris (Year 10) and Kayley Gardner Stanbridge (Year 11).



**Congratulations to the Top Ten Accelerated Readers who have gained the most points for the month of November** ~ Christine Nwobi (9 Purple), Anya Bates (7 Yellow), Tegan Brown-Felpts (7 White), Sajidah Chowdhury (9 Blue), Rosie Merritt (7 Pink), Gwendolyn Hughes (8 Pink), Annabelle Frame (7 Orange), Olanna Procter-Mitchell (7 Yellow), Eve Mudie (7 Red) and Netanya Cheyne Retardo (8 Purple).

**We would like to thank you for your support of our recent fundraising events:**



The **Pink Family** raised an amazing **£237.34** for Children in Need by selling cakes and running a game of Bingo.

**Please accept our sincere thanks for your support of our Friends of Davison Winter Fayre on Friday 29 November** ~ whether you baked a cake, donated items or bought a raffle ticket, you and your daughter enabled us to raise funds towards the continuing development of the LRC ~ the total figure raised will be announced shortly. Thank you, too, to our amazing students, staff and our wonderful Friends of Davison (FODS) team of parents, carers and friends for their endless enthusiasm and hard work, who made this event so successful.

**St George's Church warmly invite you to their Live Nativity on Saturday 14 December, re-telling the Christmas story through the streets of East Worthing** ~ leaving from St. George's Church, St. George's Road at 3pm and returning by 4.15pm for carols in the stable (with seasonal refreshments). **You are also warmly invited to join their Christmas events, as follows:**

Christmas Messy Church ~ Tuesday 10 December ~ 3.30pm

Carols by Candlelight ~ Sunday 22 December ~ 6.30pm

Christingle ~ Christmas Eve ~ 5pm

Midnight Communion ~ Christmas Eve ~ 11.30pm

All-Age Holy Communion ~ Christmas Day ~ 10.30am



**The new *Horrible Histories* books are now available to borrow from the LRC!** Recent additions to our LRC include: the latest David Walliams adventure, the new series by Jess Vallance, *Outwalkers* by Fiona Shaw, the new series by Peadar O'Guilin, the latest in the Tom Gates series and many many more.

**Devi Balika Vidyalay is an all-girls school in Sri Lanka, which unfortunately is unable to afford enough books and resources for their thousands of students.** Yohansa Bandaranayake in Year 10 is collecting reading books to send to the children in Devi Balika. If you have any children's books you no longer require, please **donate them to the LRC by Wednesday 18 December**, so we can ship the books to Sri Lanka in time for Christmas.

**School Admission Appeal Panel members required ~ if you are a current Headteacher, recently retired, serving Governor, parent, grandparent or just interested in education, West Sussex County Council needs you!** New Independent Panel members to hear school admission appeals are required ~ this is a vital role ensuring that all school admission appeals are transparent, independent, impartial and operate according to principles of natural justice. Full training will be given and all volunteers will be paid travel expenses. If you are interested and would like more information, please email [appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk)

**The Road Safety Team at West Sussex County Council have set up a new Facebook page to help deliver important Road Safety messages to its residents, as well as the wider public who also use the roads of West Sussex.** The aim is to help reduce the Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI's) statistics on the roads of West Sussex, as well as reducing daily incidents and injuries, by delivering as much information and advice as possible. If you are interested in keeping up to date with Road Safety topics, or have any questions you wish to ask, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC>.

**WSCC are keen to encourage parents to supply healthy packed lunches that are equally as nutritious and beneficial as hot school meals.** Packed lunches should be nutritionally balanced and in line with the national 'School Food Standards', which hot school meals are required to comply to. Below is a quick checklist to help you and your children to see if lunches are healthy.

<i>Food Type</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>How much?</i>
Fruit and vegetables	Apple, berries, carrot, cucumber, raisins, banana, tomato, pear, sugarsnap peas, orange, kiwi	At least 1 portion every day.
Meat, fish, eggs, non-dairy protein	Chicken, pork, beef, tuna, lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, houmous, falafel	At least 1 portion every day.
Oily fish	Salmon, sardines, anchovies, mackerel	At least 1 portion every 3 weeks.
Starchy food (inc. wholemeal bread)	Pitta, rolls, wraps, sliced bread, pasta, rice, couscous, potatoes (not crisps), noodles, rice cakes (non-yoghurt or chocolate coated)	At least 1 portion every day.
Dairy	Semi-skimmed/ skimmed milk, cheese, low sugar yoghurt, fromage frais, low sugar custard pot	At least 1 portion every day.
Drink (Schools provide free water)	Water, fruit juice*, smoothie* (*maximum 150ml), semi-skimmed/ skimmed milk, low sugar yoghurt drink	At least 1 portion every day.
Meat products	Sausage roll, individual pies, corned meat, sausages	Occasionally, not every day
Cakes and biscuits**	Angel slice, jammy dodgers, bakewell tart, oreos, flapjacks *(Look for snack sized and reduced sugar/fat versions. Does not include chocolate)	Occasionally, not every day (encourage child to eat as part of a meal)
Salty snacks	Crisps, nuts	Not to be included
Confectionary	Chocolate, chocolate coated biscuits, cereal bars, processed fruit bars, sweets	Not to be included
Sugary soft drinks	Squash, fizzy drink (even if no added sugar or reduced sugar), fruit shoot, capri sun	Not to be included

**School Term and Holiday dates for 2019/20 and 2020/21 are on our website ~ please click here or go to [www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk), For Parents, School Calendar, and scroll down to the bottom of the page.**



**Autumn Term 2019 ~ Tuesday 3 September 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019**  
(Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm on the last day of term – Friday 20 December)

**Drama Evening** ~ Wednesday 4 December  
**Winter Concert** ~ 6.30pm Thursday 5 December  
**INSET Day** ~ Friday 6 December  
**Blue Family Charity Week** ~ w/c Monday 9 December  
**Christmas Lunch in The Diner** ~ Wednesday 11 or Thursday 12 December  
**Muffi-Day** ~ Friday 13 December ~ letter to follow shortly  
**Carol Service at St George's Church** ~ Monday 16 December

**Spring Term 2020 ~ Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020 ~ all students start school at 8.40am on Monday 6 January**

**Staff Development Training** ~ Thursday 16 January ~ a slightly later start at 9am for students  
**Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening** ~ Thursday 23 January ~ school day ends at 2pm  
**White Family Charity Week** ~ w/c Monday 27 January  
**FODS 'PJ & Film Afternoon'** ~ 3.20-6pm Friday 7 February  
**Purple Family Charity Week** ~ w/c Monday 10 February  
**Half Term** ~ Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February  
**Encore! The Show** ~ 6.30-8.30pm Thursday 27 February \*\*new date\*\*  
**National Careers Week** ~ w/c Monday 2 March  
**Yellow Family Charity Week** ~ w/c Monday 2 March  
**Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening** ~ Thursday 5 March ~ school day ends at 2pm  
**Staff Development Training** ~ Thursday 12 March ~ a slightly later start at 9am for students  
**Silver Family Charity Week** ~ w/c Monday 23 March  
**Scholastic Book Fair** ~ w/c Monday 23 March  
**Spring Concert** ~ Thursday 26 March  
**INSET Day** ~ Friday 27 March  
**Drama Evening** ~ Wednesday 1 April  
**Easter Church Service for all Year Groups** ~ Thursday 2 April

## Year 7

A list of named contacts with their email addresses is available on our website ~ [please click here](#) or go to [www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk), About Davison, Contact us, and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Miss Bouteiller, in our Modern Foreign Languages Department, has given students an exciting opportunity to communicate as a Pen Pal with students from [Collège Iles De Loire](#) in St Sebastien sur Loire ~ via post and/or email account. This is excellent way for students to practise their French and gain an insight into another culture.

## Year 7 Continued ...

**Please could you support us in discussing with your daughter the appropriate use of mobile phones and devices.** Students should not be photographing or videoing other students at any time throughout the school day or while students are in school uniform. Any student found doing so will be sanctioned in line with our school Behaviour Policy. Students should not photograph or video anybody without their permission in or out of school. We appreciate your support.

**Has your daughter secured her place on the Year 7 camping trip to the New Forest in July 2020?** This trip is an excellent opportunity for your daughter to build friendships, develop confidence, endurance and resilience and to experience the beauty of the New Forest. Due to expected high demand, we are running two camp trips in July 2020 during week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. **A completed application form and deposit are required by Thursday 12 December** ~ for full information, please go to our website or [click here](#).

*Dates for your diary ...*

**Thursday 5 March** ~ Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening

**w/c Monday 27 April** ~ Year 7 Exam Week

## Year 8

**Year 8 Colour Family Dance Competition ~ as part of the Davison PE Inter-Form programme, we would like to invite you to the Worthing Pavilion Theatre for the Year 8 Dance Competition.** We are excited to use a professional venue for this fantastic opportunity for the students, and also provide enough seating for staff, friends and family. The competition will take place on **Tuesday 4 February 2020** from 7pm (with doors opening at 6.30pm) to approximately 8.30pm. **Tickets will be on sale from the Pavilion Theatre Box Office four weeks prior to the event** and will be priced at £6 (£3.50 for concessions) ~ 01903-206206 or <https://worthingtheatres.co.uk/>

*Dates for your diary ...*

**Tuesday 4 February** ~ Year 8 Colour Family Dance

**Thursday 30 April** ~ Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening

**w/c Monday 22 June** ~ Year 8 Exam Week

## Year 9

*Dates for your diary ...*

**Thursday 23 January** ~ Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening

**Thursday 30 January** ~ 5.30-8pm Year 9 Options Evening

**Wednesday 12 February** ~ deadline for receipt of Options choice

**w/c Monday 16 March** ~ Year 9 Exam Week



## Year 10

**Work Experience ~ March 2020 ~ your daughter maybe wondering what her working hours will be and what she should wear during her placement.** We will be holding assemblies in February to explain employers' expectations of Work Experience students - your daughter will be advised to contact her employer at least two weeks prior to her placement to clarify any details she is unsure of. Formal confirmation of placements will be given to students to take home in the New Year, for you to sign, together with a guide for students on the questions she may wish to ask her employer.

**Students studying GCSE Geography have been invited to the latest Geographical Association Lecture at the University of Brighton** ~ Amanda Elmes and Katharine Beer of the South Downs National Park Authority will be speaking on '*Tourism, Economy and Conservation within the South Downs National Park*'.

*Dates for your diary ...*

**w/c Monday 13 January** ~ launch of Prefect application process

**Wednesday 29 January** ~ deadline for receipt of Prefect applications

**w/c Monday 16 March** ~ Work Experience Week

**Thursday 4 June** ~ Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening

**w/c Monday 15 June** ~ Year 10 Exam Week

## Year 11

**Students studying GCSE Geography have been invited to the latest Geographical Association Lecture at the University of Brighton** ~ Amanda Elmes and Katharine Beer of the South Downs National Park Authority will be speaking on '*Tourism, Economy and Conservation within the South Downs National Park*'.

*Dates for your diary ...*

**w/c Monday 2 December** ~ if your daughter is study GCSE French, German or Spanish, her GCSE Speaking Mock examination will be taking place during this week ~ your daughter has been informed of the day and time of her Mock by her classroom teacher

**Monday 6 January to Friday 17 January 2020 ~ students will be on Study Leave for the Mock exam period, this means there are no ordinary lessons for Year 11 students**

~ [please click here](#) or go to [www.davison.w-sussexsch.uk](http://www.davison.w-sussexsch.uk), For Students, Student Calendar, Year 11 Mock GCSE Timetable

**Thursday 6 February** ~ Year 11 Mock Results Day

**Tuesday 3 March** ~ Year 11 'Grandstand' photograph

**Monday 11 May ~ start of GCSE examinations** ~ students MUST remain available for exams up to and including Wednesday 24 June (this is the contingency day set by the awarding bodies)

**Friday 3 July** ~ Year 11 Prom