



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School

Our wonderful, creative and interactive Davison Prayer Space is back! For FIVE days in March (Monday 2 to Friday 6 March) students will have the opportunity to spend time exploring this prayer space. There will be a range of interactive zones to engage your daughter. Students will visit during Religious Studies lessons, however, the space will also be open at break, lunchtime and after school until 4pm.



Our school production this summer is *Legally Blonde (Junior)*! Harvard's beloved blonde takes the stage by glittery pink storm in this fun and upbeat adaptation of the hit film and award-winning Broadway musical. **Keep your diary free for performances on Thursday 2 July, Friday 3 July and Saturday 4 July!**

You may have noticed the 'bug hotels' that are popping up around school and even in parts of Worthing. In our Design & Technology labs, Year 8 students have been busy working [on Global Sustainable Development goals](#) 13 and 15 ~ Climate Action and Life On Land ~ to encourage insects and bees into our urban landscape. If we do not do something to help globally grow the insect population, our crops will suffer and we will not have enough food to go around. Year 8 have been exploring how to solve this issue, developing their structural engineering and graphics knowledge using recycled paper and card. Some fantastic designs are being produced which will encourage insects to nest.



Congratulations to Sky Cook (Year 9) who auditioned and was selected to train with the Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) at The Place, and is now in her second year of training. The Place is one of nine nationwide music and dance centres, where students of exceptional talent and potential receive sessions in contemporary and ballet techniques, repertoire, choreography and much much more. Students also take part in informal performances, theatre trips, workshops and travel. Sky attends midweek classes and a number of Saturdays throughout the year.



A huge well done to our Year 11 Netball team who played Angmering in the County Cup on Monday 20 January. They played exceptionally well and won 36-9! **Isabelle Langmaid** was awarded **Player of the Match** for her amazing shooting! The team now go on to play in the semi-final of the Cup. Good luck in the next round!

On Sunday 26 January, six of our gymnasts competed at the South East Tumbling Competition. Four students were in the U14 category and two students in the U19 category, and they all performed brilliantly!

Many congratulations to all the students and, in particular, to **Harriet Smith** who achieved 2nd place in the U19 and **Lottie Pilbrow** who gained 1st place in the U14.



The Davison Year 8 Indoor Athletics squad recently competed in the Annual District Competition ~ our squad were under pressure as they were last year's County Champions!

It was another tough competition, with various schools pushing the Davison squad to the edge in track and field events, making it very difficult to predict which school would come out on

top. It was announced that there were only two points between each placement and we had a nervous wait! **Finally, it was confirmed that Davison had won by 2 points!** Our Year 8 squad now join our Year 7 squad at the Sussex School Games Finals at Tanbridge House in March to compete against the top nine schools across Sussex. Well done and good luck to our Year 8 squad: Isla Hector, Ella Thornburg, Lily Taylor, Emma Harkin, Emma Finlay, Hannah Keating, Alara O'Leary and Izzy Haynes.

District Cross Country ~ January 2020

After the event being postponed in December due to extreme weather, the Cross Country squad headed off to compete in the District Competition at Lancing Leisure against eight schools from the local area. Even though the weather was dry, conditions under foot were very muddy and slippery.



Our Year 7 squad began, with all members putting in a brilliant performance, as follows: Thea Rose - 3rd, Alice Howie - 8th, Hanna Seymour - 10th, Charlotte Cooke - 13th and Cerys Cooke - 14th. When the results were added together, our Year 7 squad had won by one point!

Next up were the Year 8 & 9 squad ~ the pressure was on as a result of Year 7's performance, and the squad did not disappoint, as follow: Ella Thornburg - 3rd, Cerys West - 4th, Emma Harkin - 6th, Gwendolyn Hughes - 7th, Ines James-Fitzgerald - 8th and Lily Taylor - 14th. When the results were added together, the Year 8 & 9 squad had won by the biggest margin the organiser had ever seen ~ 27 points difference!

Finally, our Year 10 & 11 squad blew away all the competition, coming away with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th places in their race.

3 out of 3 trophies won!

Well done to all the students who took part.



Well done to our PE Students of the Month (January) : Year 7 – Sammy Searle, Year 8 – Alys Short, Year 9 – Beth Edwards, Year 10 – Jessica Andrew and Year 11 – Lauren Foley. Students are voted for by the whole of our PE Department and the criteria includes 100% effort, excellent timekeeping, keenness to learn, full engagement and extra-curricular attendance.

Our Year 10 Netball Team braved a very cold evening to compete in the Area Netball Tournament. We are thrilled to report that the team were undefeated throughout all of their games and went on to win in the Final with a whopping 12-1 score!

Congratulations to Misty Hellier Watts, Emma Hall, Harriet Smith, Daisy Parsons, Leila Jordan, Maisy Kearn-Twells, Ulyssia Bayley and Grace Took



At the end of January, eleven students made up three teams to represent our school at the annual SEND New Age Kurling Tournament. We are pleased to report that our teams came in 2nd, 3rd and 11th place! A big thank you to the students for being such excellent ambassadors for Davison.

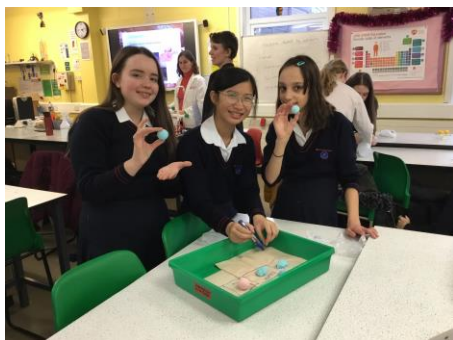


Ellie Carter (Year 8) took part in the Rotary Young Chef Competition 2020 on Saturday 1 February at the Weald School. Ellie was extremely calm and skilfully produced a three-course menu, including Pan Fried Scallops with Golden Raisin Purée, Roasted Lamb Rump with Red Wine Jus and a Lemon Posset for dessert. Well done Ellie!

We were delighted to receive a Silver Champion School Award from the NCS Trust in recognition of the number of Year 11 students who signed up in 2018/19. The [National Citizen Service](#) is a voluntary personal and social development programme for 16–17 year olds in England and Northern Ireland, funded largely by the UK Government. Students take part in social action projects and build skills for work and life. We are very pleased to report that many of our current Year 11 students have signed up to take part in the 2020 summer programme.

We recently celebrated 'El día de los Reyes Magos/L'epiphanie' in Languages Club. This is a tradition, both in Spain and France, where the three Wise Men come to the house and bring presents for the children. This is to commemorate when the three Wise Men came to visit the baby Jesus.





Last week in Languages Club we ran a science experiment in Spanish! Students really enjoyed making bath bombs and made some lovely comments: *'It was really fun and I learned new Spanish words ~ can't wait to do more science activities', 'it was interesting y divertido! I learned a bit more Spanish' and 'it was so fun! Doing it gave me a more interesting way to do science!'*

It is 'romance' month in the LRC ~ your daughter is invited to see our display of romantic fiction, including 'Me Before You' by JoJo Moyes, 'Romeo & Juliet' by William Shakespeare, 'Captain Corelli's Mandolin' by Louis de Bernières and many many more!



Your daughter is warmly invited to apply to become an LRC Prefect, no matter which Year Group she is in. Application forms and full details of the role can be collected from the LRC ~ applications must be submitted by Monday 2 March.



World Book Week at Davison includes a 'dressing-up as a book character' day on Wednesday 4 March and a fun Quiz taking place in the LRC ~ full information will be emailed to you shortly. All students will also receive a book voucher which may be spent in any bookshop.

Congratulations to the Top Ten Accelerated Readers who gained the most points for the month of January ~ Olanna Procter-Mitchell 7 Yellow, Anya Bates 7 Yellow, Annabelle Frame 7 Orange, Eloisa Johnson 7 Silver, Hannah Oxenbridge 8 Red, Francesca Evans-Jones 9 White, Gabriella Nisbett 8 Purple, Betsy Carter 7 Silver, Aine Daly 8 Yellow and Laura Edwards 9 Red.

May we remind you that Davison CE High School is enrolled with The Giving Machine ~ this is an on-line shopping site which is a unique registered charity that enables us to generate sales commission with every on-line purchase. The Giving Machine converts the commission into donations to schools and other causes and you are able to select Davison as the cause you would like your donation to go to. They work with over 1500 retailers/shopping sites including Amazon, E-bay, Next, Sainsburys, Tesco and Marks & Spencer, to name but a few. Please see their website: www.thegivingmachine.co.uk for more information and how it works. **It is free to join and there are no hidden additional costs to you. Please help us by signing up and generating free donations every time you shop on-line via The Giving Machine.** At the present time we only have seven active 'givers', who have raised over £200 for the school ~ we would welcome your support.

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



Our resident 'Bake Off' superstar, Mrs Cross, kindly made the cake pictured left in support of the White Family's chosen charity [CARE International's campaign in South Sudan](#), supporting women who have been displaced and traumatised by war. The cake was raffled and raised £27.

Together with two cake sales and a cake decorating competition, a total of £208.53 was raised!

The Community Prefects' fantastic fundraising talent show 'Encore!' is on Thursday 27 February ~ [click here for full information and an order form](#) for your tickets. Proceeds from 'Encore!' will go to the Community Prefects' charity of the year, [Care for Veterans](#).

FODS Race Night at Northbrook College is on Wednesday 25 March at 6.15pm to 9pm ~ [click here for full information and an order form](#) for your tickets. Many thanks for purchasing your tickets early ~ spaces are limited!

Sign up for the Mayor's Charity Swim! This event will take place at Splashpoint Leisure Centre on Saturday 21 March between 4pm and 6.30pm in the main pool ~ entrants can swim or walk in the pool. Money raised will be shared between three charities: Mind, Care for Veterans and the NSPCC. Download the sponsorship form here: <https://worthingmayorscharityswim.wordpress.com/2018/12/03/the-journey-begins/>

May we draw your attention to an email sent to all parents/carers at the end of January, regarding parking outside our school entrances. Thank you for your continued support to ensure the safety of all our students, pedestrians and other road users by not parking on double-yellow lines.



Please could we also politely ask that parents **do not drive onto the school site** to drop off or collect children unless there is a good medical reason to do so. If you are dropping off items for students, please park outside the main gate and walk up the drive so that we minimise the amount of traffic on site. For the safety of all students, please arrange to drop off or collect a short distance away. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who are always mindful of the dangers.

Spring Term 2020 ~ Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020 ~ the last day of term (3 April) is a normal working day, ending at 3.20pm

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

World Book 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 for all students**

Staff Development Training ~ Thursday 12 March ~ **a slightly later start at 9am for all students**

Sports Relief Obstacle Race ~ Staff v Prefects ~ lunchtime on Friday 13 March

FODS 'PJ & Film Afternoon' ~ 3.20-6pm Friday 20 March

Silver Family Charity Week ~ w/c Monday 23 March

Scholastic Book Fair ~ w/c Monday 23 March

FODS Race Night ~ 6.15-9pm Wednesday 25 March at Northbrook College

Spring Concert ~ Thursday 26 March

INSET Day ~ Friday 27 March

Drama Evening ~ Wednesday 1 April

Easter Church Service for all Year Groups ~ Friday 3 April

Summer Term 2020 ~ Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 17 July 2020 ~ on the last day of term (17 July) students will be dismissed from school at 12.30pm

Junior Gymnastics Competition ~ Friday 24 April

Green Family Charity Week ~ w/c Monday 27 April

Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening ~ Thursday 30 April ~ **school day ends at 2pm for all students**

Bank Holiday to celebrate 75th Anniversary of VE Day ~ Friday 8 May

Staff Development Training ~ Thursday 14 May ~ **a slightly later start at 9am for all students**

Half Term ~ Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening ~ Thursday 4 June ~ **school day ends at 2pm for all students**

FODS Quiz & Pizza Night ~ 6.30-8.30pm Monday 8 June

Staff Development Training ~ Thursday 25 June ~ **a slightly later start at 9am for all students**

Sports Day ~ Tuesday 30 June

Creative Arts Private View Exhibition ~ Wednesday 1 July

School Production of Legally Blonde (Junior) ~ Thursday 2 July to Saturday 4 July

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

Year 7

Our Drama and Music Departments have organised an exciting opportunity for Year 7 students to see *Hairspray* at the London Coliseum Theatre in June.

Hairspray is a comedy musical with 1960s-style dance music and rhythm and blues ~ Tracy wins a role on a local TV dance programme, leading to social change as she campaigns for the show's integration. Please note that places on this trip are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. **Letters will be available and online payment will be open after the February half-term break.**

The Year 7 and Year 8 FODS PJ and Film Afternoon will be held on Friday 20 March from 3.20pm to 6pm in the school hall ~ refreshments will be on sale ~ a letter will be coming out shortly giving full details.

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

Times and details of the various clubs available for your daughter to attend can be found on our website. [Please click here](#) or go to www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk, For Students, Student Clubs.

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 5 March ~ Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening

Tuesday 17 March and Wednesday 18 March ~ all Year 7 students will be taking part in a Performing Arts enrichment event on one of these days, with a performance to parents at 2.45pm ~ more details to follow

Friday 20 March ~ FODS PJ & Film afternoon, 3.20-6pm

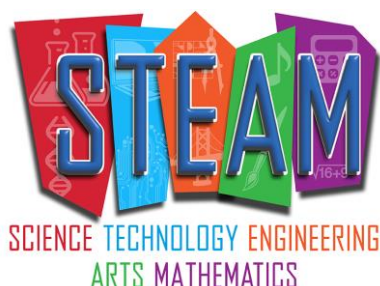
w/c Monday 27 April ~ Year 7 Exam Week

w/c Monday 6 July ~ Year 7 Camp Week

Year 8

Many thanks to all those parents, family and friends for supporting our Year 8 students in their Colour Family Dance competition at the Pavilion Theatre Worthing ~ it was lovely to see the theatre so full, which created a wonderful atmosphere for the students. The theme for this year was 'Myths and Legends'. It was very difficult to choose the best performance, however, the results were: **1st Place ~ 8 PINK, 2nd Place ~ 8 WHITE and 3rd Place ~ 8 BLUE.** Very well done to all the students involved and thank YOU for your generous donations ~ a total of £235.89 was collected for the Community Prefects' charity of the year, [Care for Veterans](#).

Students in Year 8 and Year 9 are invited to the [Big Bang](#) UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair in Birmingham on 11 March. This is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK and aims to show students the exciting and rewarding career opportunities available to them. The day will include workshops, activities, shows and interactive stands provided by industry and academia professionals.



Some Year 8 classes have taken part in a STEAM Arts Project that uses photography and creative learning to explore issues around marine conservation and plastics pollution. The students visited Worthing Beach during their Art lesson to take photographs and carry out a survey of debris and marine life.

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Dates for your diary ...

Monday 2 March or Wednesday 4 March ~ the whole of Year 8 will be receiving Basic First Aid training on one of these days

Friday 20 March ~ FODS PJ & Film afternoon, 3.20-6pm

Thursday 30 April ~ Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening

w/c Monday 22 June ~ Year 8 Exam Week

Year 9

If your daughter has a place on our **Swanage residential fieldtrip (25-29 March)**, **you are warmly invited to a Parents' Evening on Tuesday 25 February at 5.30pm in The Refectory**. At the meeting, Miss Hawker will be talking about the activities your daughter will be undertaking and health & safety issues, including expected standards of behaviour on residential trips. There will also be time to ask any questions you may have.

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Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 13 February ~ deadline for receipt of Options choice ~ all Options information can be found on our website under [For Students, Key Stage 4 Options](#), and is also available on FROG

Tuesday 25 February ~ 5.30pm Parents' Evening for those parents with daughters going on the Swanage residential fieldtrip

w/c Monday 16 March ~ Year 9 Exam Week

25 to 29 March ~ Swanage residential fieldtrip

Year 10

Students studying GCSE Textiles are invited to visit the Stitch Festival on 27 February. The Stitch Festival is one of the largest and most highly regarded textiles and craft events in the UK, and is the definitive event for anyone with a love of stitch and crafts!

Students studying GCSE Drama are invited to a performance of *Ask Me Anything* on 9 March, followed by a Workshop the next day. *Ask Me Anything* is a new immersive show from the multi-award winners, *The Paper Birds*. Set in our teenage bedrooms, it features original live music from celebrated singer-songwriter Rosie Doonan and *The Paper Birds'* unique brand of mischief and mayhem! As well as experiencing live theatre, students will gain valuable creative skills to launch their assessed devised work in the summer term.



Our English Department have organised a trip to the Globe Theatre to see *Macbeth*, one of the Literature GCSE texts, on Friday 13 March. Your daughter will have received a letter from her English teacher.

Year 10 *Continued ...*

On 13 February, our three Young Enterprise companies will be visiting the Better Business Show at Worthing Town Hall and Assembly Rooms. This is a great opportunity for them to learn from the experts, be inspired by guest speakers and connect with the local business community.

Dates for your diary ...

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

The timetable for the 2020 GCSE examinations is now on our website ~ [please click here](#) or go to www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk, For Students, Student Calendar, and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Dates for your diary ...

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 Night at the Hilton Avisford Park Hotel, Arundel ~ full information will follow shortly

Thursday 20 August ~ GCSE Results Day