



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be celebrating Easter at St George's Church at the end of term ~ on Friday 3 April ~ **please remind your daughter to bring her Red Hat in on the day.** Year 11 students will be celebrating Easter in a special assembly on 31 March in school.

Unless Government announcements change plans ... Friday 3 April is the last day of the Spring Term ~ it will be a full learning day and ends at 3.20pm as usual. The Summer Term begins at 8.40am on Monday 20 April for all year groups.

After interviewing many wonderful and capable candidates, we are pleased to announce our full Senior Prefect Team for 2020/2021:

Head Girl: Ruby Bah

Deputy Head Girls: Trisha Meniano and Yohansa Bandaranayake

Sports Captain: Harriet Smith

Senior Community Prefect: Sophie Hawkins

Christian Ethos Prefect: Esther Frank

Head of Blue Family: Nuha Sikder

Head of Gold Family: Megan Stone

Head of Green Family: Rugile Velykyte

Head of Orange Family: Emma Hall

Head of Pink Family: Henny Sonnemann-Petty

Head of Purple Family: Misha Jairamani

Head of Red Family: Abi Ford

Head of Silver Family: Toma Miksaite

Head of White Family: Ava Venter

Head of Yellow Family: Annabel Fincham

I am sure you will join with us in wishing them every success on their training day on Wednesday 22 April, and every happiness in their new roles.

Sing Into Spring returns on Thursday 26 March, from 5.30pm to 7pm, in the school hall. This informal live entertainment event will include music from our Ukulele Group, String Ensemble, Swing Band, Worship Band, Flute Ensemble, Recorder Group, Choirs and GCSE Music Group, our talented singers and instrumentalists across all year groups. **An email was sent to you recently with full details on how to purchase tickets.**





Two Davison Dance groups have been selected to perform in 'Time to Dance 2020' at Worthing Pavilion Theatre on Thursday 2 April. Our Year 8 Company will be performing 'The Wrens' as their premier piece (based on the work of the World War 2 female code-breakers at Bletchley Park). Our Davison Dance Company, comprising ten KS4 students, will be

performing 'Au Revoir Alston' to celebrate the achievements of choreographer Richard Alston, as he retires in March this year. **Please do come along to watch and support our students performing in 'Time to Dance' ~ tickets are available from the box office or [click here to purchase tickets on line](#).**

The Davison Dance Company will be performing at ['Hosted' at The Old Market Theatre in Brighton](#) on Saturday 21 March ~ following an audition, we were thrilled to be selected as one of 12 pieces to be performed at this event ~ many of the performances are by Youth Dance Companies who have dancers aged from 16 to 21 years old. Please do check out the Davison Dance performance piece 'Au Revoir Alston' on our **YouTube channel - Davison Dance**.

Well done to all those students who competed over half-term for their various dance schools in a variety of dance festivals in the South East. It was lovely to hear of our students' success!

Our Year 10 Apprenticeship event during National Apprenticeship Week was a great success. We welcomed apprenticeship providers from a range of industries, including Health, Engineering, Hospitality, Childcare, Hairdressing, Science and the British Forces. Each student in Year10 spent an hour talking to our visitors and discovering more about Apprenticeships.



Following the event, students commented "It was really informative and there were many local companies there". One student said she "found a different apprenticeship I had never heard of" : another said "you could talk to people that are already doing an apprenticeship and ask them questions".

Next year we will look to find more providers of creative apprenticeships, each year building our contacts and supporting our students to make informed decisions about their Post 16 education.



In support of [The Great Daffodil Appeal](#), in aid of caring for people with terminal illnesses, our students designed three dresses to be displayed in Marie Curie's Durrington Charity Shop windows! Inspired by the humble daffodil, the photographs show the front (left) and the back (right) of just one



of these amazing dresses. See the article in the Worthing Herald by [clicking here](#). We hope that our dresses will encourage others to donate and wear a daffodil, in celebration, in solidarity or in memory of a loved one.

Our Year 9 GTP (Gifted, Talented and Passionate) Drama Club will be performing an adaptation of *Shakers Re-Stirred* on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 April in the Drama Studio. The play, written by John Godber and Jane Thornton and set in the 1980s, is a hilarious insight into both the working and private lives of four waitresses in a cocktail bar called, you guessed it, 'Shakers'. Information regarding performance times and tickets will be forwarded shortly.



Our Young Enterprise company members attended the Better Business Show at Worthing Assembly Hall last month. The students were professional and showed both confidence and initiative talking to other local business owners. The photo (left) shows some of our YE students getting ready to listen to Guest Speaker, Matt Hunt ~ star of *Dragons Den* and founder of *The Great British Porridge Co.*

We would like to wish our Young Enterprise companies, SOS Scrunchies, KarmaKandle and Sew Retro, the best of luck at the South Downs Area Finals on Wednesday 29 April at The Body Shop in Littlehampton. The students have worked extremely hard creating and marketing excellent products, writing company reports and attending a fair number of sales.

Congratulations to Amelia Hawke (Year 8) who competed in Gillingham on Sunday 8 March for a place on the South East Regional Trampolining Team and came 2nd! Amelia, therefore, qualified for a place on the Team and will now go on to represent Team South East at the Regional Team Finals in Birmingham in June. We wish her every success.





Congratulations to Lottie Pilbrow (Year 8) who has also qualified to represent the South East at the Regional Trompolining Team Finals in Birmingham in June. In DMT (Double Mini Trampoline) Lottie won 2nd place out of 13 competitors at Level 4, and won 3rd place in trampolining at Level 6. We wish her every success.

Congratulations to all our students who performed brilliantly at the South East Team Floor and Vault Gymnastics competition in Kent on Sunday 9 February.

Lottie Pilbrow, Isadora Lee, Hannah Keating, Elizabeth Shephard and Izzy Haynes won 2nd place in the U14 competition.



Poppy Gardner, Imi Hunt, Jasmine Duncan-Kurz, Georgia Goldman and Fleur Booloozian won 3rd place in the U14 competition and Harriet Smith, Mia Britton, Maddie Cunnell and Georgia Nicholaides won 3rd place in the U19 competition (0.1 points away from 2nd place!).



Congratulations to Sydney Craddock (Year 9) who gained an award at the Arun Youth Aqua Centre, a young person sailing club in Littlehampton. Sydney only started sailing last May and was awarded the Best Novice of 2019 at the end of the season AGM. See left for a photograph of Sydney sailing a topper single handed.

Well done to our U13 Football squad who recently competed at the U13 Albion Football tournament held at Brighton and Hove Albion training ground. Nine schools from around Sussex were competing for the cup. Our squad came through the pool stages as the winner and progressed to the semi-finals against Hailsham. It was a very close game, resulting in Davison winning 1-0. Warden Park were the team to beat all afternoon and Davison faced them in the final! Brilliant performances from all involved. Unfortunately the score line was not in our favour, however, second place is an amazing achievement. Well done to Jasmine Wards, Annie Kingshott, Thea Rose, Claudia Bono, Izzy Haynes, Emma Harkin and Ella Wardle.





ECO NEWS!

Our ECO Club would be very grateful to receive donations of gardening equipment and seeds ~ please bring into Reception or contact Mrs Dodd on j.dodd@davisonhigh.school ~ thank you.

- **Crisp packets** ~ please keep on collecting and sending into school (Sc4) ~ they will be recycled into picnic benches and planters.
- **ECO bricks** ~ we are still making and collecting ECO bricks, so please continue to make these at home and send into school.

On 13 February, 37 students who study Spanish travelled to the beautiful and sunny region of Andalusia and spent five incredible days in Malaga, Granada and mainly Jaén. They were able to meet their Spanish pen-pals and experienced a morning in a Spanish school, did a 'scavenger hunt' with their Spanish friends around Jaén, practising their speaking skills as they had to find different things around this lovely, typical Spanish town. On



Saturday morning, they went to a Spanish market, where they bought food to prepare an amazing lunch for their hungry teachers! Toma (Year 10) commented 'it was an amazing opportunity, it really helped me understand the Spanish culture more and I loved trying all the new dishes, especially the tapas. My favourite part was going to the Spanish school and meeting all the students and teachers. It was really interesting ... just to be able to talk fluent Spanish to people my age was so cool and to be able to put my skills in class to use'.



On 4 March, eight Year 10 students entered a Year 10 Maths Competition for local schools, run by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme, at Worthing College. Representing **10XA** were Henny Sonnemann-Petty, Amelia Macleod, Estelle Scullard and Emily Batchelor, and representing **10YA** were Esther Frank, Abi Ford, Amy Davis and Megan Tate. There were several rounds during the afternoon, each

enabling the students to apply mathematical skills and knowledge they already had, but in new and creative ways! The students were also exposed to some new mathematical concepts that they had not met before, and this provided a healthy sense of challenge. Most rounds involved the team working together, practicing effective teamwork and communication skills as well as applying mathematics. **10YA were awarded first place in the 'Problem Solving' round** and all students engaged brilliantly with the event and received a certificate of participation. The organisers of the event also gave the students some information relating to the further study of maths and further maths at A-level, a taster of which some of the competition rounds gave them.



Sixteen KS3 students travelled to Chichester College on 10 March to take part in the Inter-school Literature Quiz 2020. Our teams did not win any prizes but all agreed that they had a really fun time!

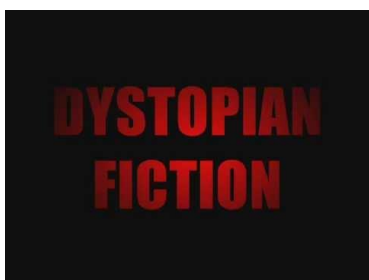
News from our Learning Resources Centre (LRC):

We celebrated a fantastic WORLD BOOK WEEK with many activities. The 'Dressing-up as a literary character' day took place on the Tuesday and there were so many fantastic costumes we decided to have five winners! Congratulations to: **Katie Nicholson** (8 Gold) who was Violet Beauregarde from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, **Mischa Petri** (8 Silver) who was Mrs Coulter from *His Dark Materials*, **Kathryn Silk** (10 Yellow) who was Crowley from *Good Omens*, **Aisha Letamendia Moore** (9 White) who was Joker from *DC comics* and **Maia Letamendia Moore** (9 White) who was Harley Quinn from *DC comics*.

Students also took part in the World Book Day Quiz ~ the winning team was The Assassins (Mady, Ulyssia, Evie, Muhsanah and Emma). Well done to all our students who took part in the events so enthusiastically and a special thanks to Estelle Scullard, Amelia Macleod and Henny Sonnemann-Petty for the Quiz questions and the special bonus round!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Friday 20 March ~ leaflets listing the books available at the book fair can be found in the LRC. **Five students have the chance to win a £5 book voucher to spend in the book fair ~** just send a 6-word story to Miss Moore in the LRC ~ closing date for submitting your story is Friday 20 March (winners will also receive some chocolate!).

Congratulations to the Top Ten Accelerated Readers who gained the most points for the month of February ~ Olanna Procter-Mitchell 7 Yellow, Florence Buck 7 Green, Angelica Muir-Hardinge 9 Pink, Eloisa Johnson 7 Silver, Maria Bryson-Perryman 8 Blue, Seren Fletcher 9 White, Aine Daly 8 Yellow, Emmylou Crozer 7 Green, Gabriella Nisbett 8 Purple and Evelyn Vickers-Currey 7 Yellow.



It is Dystopian Month in the LRC! Your daughter is invited to borrow from our display of books such as *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *Divergent* by Veronica Roth, or the classic, *1984* by George Orwell, and many many more.

National Careers Week 2020 was full of engaging encounters and inspiring discussions for students from Year 7 to Year 11.



Year groups heard from KING games, The British Army, Lauren Bravo, Wates Construction and the Brighton and Sussex Medical School in assemblies throughout the week, with great impact. Some of the comments following these assemblies included:

"It really opened my eyes on how much effort and work people go to to make games that we don't even take a second glance at" Year 7 student:
"I learnt that there are so many jobs to do in the army, I only thought that you could be a soldier or a nurse." Year 8 student.

Year 11 students listened to the Brighton and Sussex Medical School talk about applying to University and the timescales involved. In less than 2 years their applications to University will have been made!

Our 'Curious about College' and 'Understanding University' pop up sessions took place every day over lunchtime, welcoming a number of our local colleges and universities. Students

from all year groups came along to ask questions and gather information. Our visitors commented on the number of younger students that were interested and how mature they were.



Students also heard how the skills they are learning in lessons can be transferred into careers, for example:

- **English** students learnt about becoming a freelance journalist and published writer.
- **Music** students took part in a song writing session led by Northbrook College.
- **Media** students heard from a Sky News Cameraman and were also able to investigate the camera equipment that he so kindly brought into school.
- **Geography/Maths** students heard how their skills can be transferred into roles within the British Army and the Construction Industry.
- The Rose Petal Cake Company spoke with **Food Preparation and Nutrition** students and they were kindly shown the café pod from which cream teas are served on Goring Gap in the summer.
- **Design & Technology** students learnt about the Furniture Making and Upholstery courses at Brinsbury College.

If you would like to be involved in our careers programme please get in touch with our Careers Leader, Joanne Wood at j.wood@davisonhigh.school

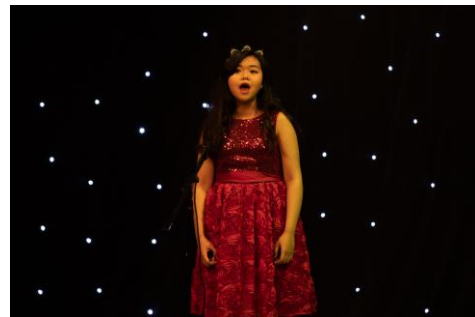
FODS Race Night at Northbrook College is a sell-out! **If you would like to support this event and advertise your business**, for the small cost of £10 you can have a race/horse named after you or your company ~ please contact Mrs Bunyard on n.bunyard@davisonhigh.school for further details.

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

- The **Purple Family** raised £120.62 for the local charity, [Wadars Animal Rescue](#), by running a 'chocolate throw' and selling slices of cake (made by the talented Mrs Burgess) to staff!
- The **Yellow Family** organised a cake sale, name the Easter Bunny Competition and an Easter Egg raffle to raise £230.80 in aid of the local charity, [Cancer United](#).

Well done to our Community Prefects for arranging the fantastic fundraising Talent Show, 'Encore!', and congratulations to the amazing winning acts ~

1st place: Andrea Palma Lizardo (Year 7) singing *I Dreamed A Dream* (pictured right)



Joint 2nd place: Sydney Craddock (Year 9) performing *What Baking Can Do* and Ruby Wood (Year 8) dancing to *He Lives In You*

3rd place: Eva Davies (Year 8) singing *The Power Of Love*

Best New Comer: Holly Frampton (Year 7) singing *Make You Feel My Love*

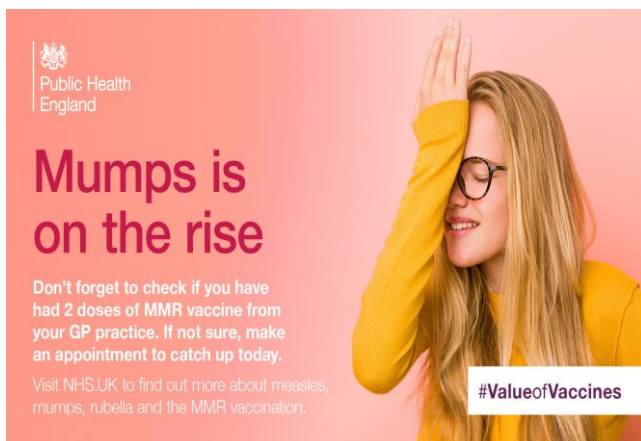
Thank you to everyone who performed and for your support. **Our amazing and dedicated Community Prefects have raised over £1,000 during the year, for their Charity of the Year, Care for Veterans.**



Muffi Day on 13 March, in aid of Sports Relief and the Friends of Davison School (FODS), raised over £1,000 ~ thank you! Congratulations to Staff and Prefects who took part in our Sports Relief obstacle race at lunchtime ~ we can see you all thoroughly enjoyed yourselves!

Three Davison students played a major role in the World Day of Prayer service at West Worthing Baptist Church recently. WDOP is celebrated on the first Friday of March each year, in over 170 countries, and aims to bring together people of different races, cultures and traditions in a common day of pray and service. This year the service was written by the Women of Zimbabwe and titled 'Rise! Take Your Mat And Walk'.





In 2019 there were over 5,000 lab-confirmed cases of mumps in England, the highest number seen in a decade. Mumps is a viral infection that used to be common in children before the introduction of the MMR vaccine. It is most recognisable by the painful swelling of the glands at the side of the face, giving a person with mumps a distinctive "hamster face"

appearance. Other symptoms include headaches, joint pain and fever. Although most people usually recover without treatment from mumps, in some cases it can cause serious complications. **Public Health England is encouraging all students and young people who may have missed out on their MMR vaccine to contact their GP practice and arrange an appointment to catch-up as soon as possible.**

Adur & Worthing Councils have asked us to forward the following advice:

We understand there have been concerns about anti-social behaviour (ASB) on Ladydell Bridge recently and parents might be concerned about the best way to report anything they or their children have witnessed. **Adur & Worthing Councils ASB Team are co-located with and work in partnership with Sussex Police.** Reporting crime and ASB is important because it ensures the police are aware of a problem and helps them allocate resources. Please do not assume someone else has reported something ~ the more reports the better because this helps build up the most accurate picture.



- Reports should include as much detail as you can remember.
 - Posting details of an incident on Facebook will not result in police involvement although we appreciate it can be useful to raise awareness.
 - You can report a **non emergency to the police by calling 101** or emailing 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk.
 - If the police are needed in an **emergency, ring 999**. If you genuinely think someone needs their help please **do** make this call.
 - It is always helpful to report ASB to Adur & Worthing Councils as well as the police, so we are best placed to understand local needs and help in partnership with the police ~ contact us via the reporting line 01273 263356 or online by going to: <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/eforms/aw-ext-asb-report.ofml>
- These will be responded to within 3 working days.
- Anything criminal should be reported to the police.

If you are not sure what we mean by 'ASB', go to: <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour/>

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

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
GCSE Dance Performance Evening ~ Monday 30 March
Drama Evening ~ Wednesday 1 April
FODS 'PJ & Film Afternoon' ~ 3.20-6pm Thursday 2 April
Easter Church Service for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 ~ 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](#) 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. Information will be available on WisePay and online payment will be open w/c Monday 16 March.



The Year 7 and Year 8 FODS PJ and Film Afternoon has been rescheduled to Thursday 2 April ~ from 3.20pm to 6pm in the school hall ~ due to a change in the release date ~ refreshments will be on sale.

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.

Dates for your diary ...

Tuesday 17 March and Wednesday 18 March ~ your daughter will be taking part in a Performing Arts enrichment event on one of these days, with a performance to parents at 2.45pm

Thursday 2 April ~ 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

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Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 2 April ~ 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

Following a very successful Year 8 Colour Family Dance Competition, Mrs Anstey has launched the Year 9 and 10 Colour Dance Competition! Both Forms in each Colour Family will work together to create a piece of dance, to be performed on stage at Worthing Pavilion on **Monday 27 April**. Letters of consent will be sent out to parents and carers as an online document in due course. Please do complete and return to allow your daughter to join us down at the theatre for a technical rehearsal during the afternoon of the 27 April.

Dates for your diary ...

w/c Monday 16 March ~ Year 9 Exam Week

25 to 29 March ~ Swanage residential fieldtrip

Monday 27 April ~ Year 9 and Year 10 Colour Family Dance

Year 10

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Students studying GCSE Creative Textiles were invited to [The Stitch Festival](#) at The Business Design Centre, London on 27 February. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to meet designers, artists and textiles specialists and to help support them with their GCSE studies.

We wish our Year 10 students on their work experience placements a successful, enriching and enjoyable week with their employers. Please ensure your daughter takes her [Blue booklet](#) with her every day. Please would your daughter remind her employer to complete the monitoring form (at the back of her Blue PD booklet) and bring both this and her completed PD booklet to the Careers/Work Experience Office next week. **Note: in the case of absence, parents/carers must phone the employer and the school ~ thank you.** Students will be given the opportunity in form time to provide feedback on their week.

Year 10 Continued ...

Dates for your diary ...

w/c Monday 16 March ~ Work Experience Week

Wednesday 22 April ~ Prefect Training Day at the Charmandean Centre

Monday 27 April ~ Year 9 and Year 10 Colour Family Dance

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 ...

Friday 3 April ~ Year 11 Leavers' Service at St George's Church

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