



# Davison CE High School for Girls

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## Whole School



You are warmly invited to our Winter Fayre on Friday 29 November 6.30-8.30pm, which marks the start of the festive season. It brings us all together as a community and is an important fundraising event for the Friends of Davison School (FODS). Your daughter will have brought home a [Winter Fayre letter and a book of raffle tickets](#) for you and your family to consider purchasing. First prize is a Deluxe Christmas Hamper!

**Please return raffle stubs, money and any unsold raffle tickets, to the Community Office by the morning of Friday 29 November.**

**Donations for the Winter Fayre** ~ we would not be able to run our wide variety of FODS stalls without your support and generosity and would be grateful for any of the following donations: **chocolates, biscuits, toiletries and candles**. There will also be a **bric-a-brac and toy stall** ~ any good quality donations for these stalls would be gratefully received.



We are also running a **bottle tombola** ~ if you would like to donate a bottle of wine/spirits, we kindly ask that you bring it in personally to Reception as we obviously do not allow students to bring such items into school. **Please can all donations be brought into school by Friday 22 November ~ thank you.**

**The Davison Winter Concert will take place on Thursday 5 December at 6.30pm** ~ this concert will feature performances from all of our choirs, instrumental groups and GCSE Music groups along with various Chamber Music performances from our talented singers and instrumentalists across all year groups. Tickets are priced at £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children and seniors. Refreshments will also be available to purchase on the evening.



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

**Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 11 December for Years 7, 9 and 11 and Thursday 12 December for Years 8 and 10.** The cost of a Christmas lunch is £2.35 ~ information on how to order and pay for a lunch will follow shortly.



**Our Community Prefects fantastic fundraising talent show 'Encore!' is on Monday 3 February 2020.** Sign-up sheets for auditions will be available from Monday 2 December. 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.



**Congratulations to Marcy Ferguson for baking the winning entry in our Year 9 'European Day of Languages Bake Off'.** A delicious sponge cake, in the colours of the Italian Tricolore flag, complete with complementary jelly and fruit topping – well done Marcy!

Thank you to all the students who entered.

**As a result of her involvement with Worthing Youth Council for the last 18 months, Sophie Hawkins (Year 10) has now also been recruited as a Youth Trustee of [Worthing Borough Council's Community Chest](#)** ~ a registered, local, independent charity that supports projects and activities in Worthing which enable social and economic well-being by awarding small grants to groups, clubs, events and other good causes. Congratulations Sophie!



**In the second week of October, two Year 8 students, Ashlei Kerkhove and Alana Holland, took part in Firebreak ~ an initiative run by West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service.** Students attend a fire station for a week, taking part in a structured, disciplined programme of events that combines practical training



with classroom-based workshops. They took part in HEART stop, first aid, learnt how to hose run, scaled ladders and had a week of testing themselves in team work, resilience and endurance. **Students from many schools attended, however, both Davison students brought back special awards of excellence ~ many congratulations to Ashlei and Alana!**

**This year, the Chichester Festival Youth Theatre (CFYT) will be performing *The Wizard of Oz* on the Festival Theatre stage. We are delighted to inform you that Sydney Craddock (Year 9) has been cast in this year's Christmas production.** Sydney also performed with the CFYT in a charity concert at half-term, at the Festival Theatre, alongside a number of West End and Musical Theatre stars! Good luck Sydney!

**Congratulations to the Top Ten Accelerated Readers who have gained the most points for the month of October** ~ Mayra Aroska (Year 7), Miriam Frank (Year 7), Niamh Hardy (Year 8), Hanna Seymour (Year 7), Anya Bates (Year 7), Sasha Kingston (Year 7), Eve Mudie (Year 7), Christine Nwobi (Year 9), Arianne Velasco (Year 7) and Sasha Ward (Year 7).



**Year 11 have been playing their Netball League matches since September and have not lost a game!** On 17 October, the team played in the semi-final against Durrington, winning 12-2, and in the final, winning 6-1. Their success means that Davison are League Champions for the second year running ~ well done to our wonderful team!

**Our U14 team spent a Saturday in the pouring rain at Roedean School, competing in the Netball Nationals Sussex round.** They played absolutely brilliantly and, as the only state school in their competition, had a few of the teams very worried! They ended their day in 4<sup>th</sup> position having won 5 matches and lost 3 by a very small margin. Well done to all of the students and good luck for their league and cup games in November.



**A massive well done and congratulations to Hollie-Rose Harbour, Claudia Bono and Ashlei Kerkhove (all in Year 8) who have been accepted into the Chelsea Football Development Squad.** They had to go through two rounds of selection trials before being picked for the U14 Squad. We wish them every success and look forward to following their progress.

**Well done to our PE Students of the Month (October):** Year 7 - Katie Potts, Year 8 - Mia Farrow, Year 9 - Jess Pascotto, Year 10 - Bethany Morley Davis and Year 11 - Tessa Milner. 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.





**Congratulations to ex Davison Girl, Becky Matthews (2010-2015), who now runs her own company ~ [the Rosepetal Cake Company](#) ~ and won the Young Achiever Award at the Adur and Worthing Business Awards!** At Davison, Becky took part in the [Young Enterprise scheme](#) and was Company Manager for *Pate a Sel*. Becky attributes her success to the

experiences gained from taking part in this scheme, giving her a taste of what running a business is like. We are sure that her success will inspire our current and future Young Enterprise students. Thank you Becky!

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

**The Orange Family** held a cake sale, raffle and 'car wash' for their chosen charity, [The Little Princess Trust](#), and raised **£214.02**. This charity provides real hair wigs to children and young people with hair loss, and funds vital research into childhood cancer.

**The Red Family** held a doughnut, hot chocolate and cookie sale and raised **£140.10** for the [National Portage Organisation](#) ~ Portage is a home-visiting educational service for pre-school children with SEND and their families.

**Our Harvest Assemblies were joyous occasions!** Thank you to parents, carers, students and staff who donation Harvest items. The two charities we collected for, 'Turning Tides' and 'Off The Fence', greatly appreciated the wonderful decorated Harvest boxes, filled with a variety of kindly donated items.



**[Turning Tides](#)** are holding two fundraising sleep out events ~ on Saturday 16 November and Saturday 23 November ~ for further information on how to take part, please email [fundraising@turning-tides.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@turning-tides.org.uk).

**Our Drama Department is presenting two Shakespearean Evenings this term, on Monday 2 December and Tuesday 3 December**, with two abridged versions of *Macbeth* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* being performed by Year 10 students.



**Our fabulous newly-renovated Library (LRC) has a growing selection of brand new books!** In order to encourage students to read a wide variety of literature, the LRC also runs fun competitions, from photography (photo of your pet reading!) to Bingo! Monthly 'themes' will also encourage students to choose different genres ~ this month's theme is Murder Mystery! Our recent Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success, earning over £200 to spend on more new books for the LRC ~ thank you.

**Students celebrated El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a Mexican tradition famously portrayed in the Disney film 'Coco', at KS3 Languages Club and produced some lovely masks, pictured right.**



**On 24 October, 99 Davison students and accompanying staff travelled to London's West End, for four days of shows, workshops and sightseeing!** The students had an amazing time, experienced some great performances and joined in with enthusiasm on the dance, acting and singing workshops. Everyone commented on how well behaved and engaged our students were and it really was an unforgettable trip.



**27 students from Year 10 and Year 11 spent an absolutely fantastic time visiting the Bay of Naples in October.** The trip included exploring the crater of Mount Vesuvius and investigating the impact of the eruption on the ancient cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum. We also enjoyed visiting the Amalfi coast and understanding how geology and coastal processes shape the coastline. It was great to get an insight into local Italian culture, including food, farming and architecture too. *The photo (left) shows the group at the top of Vesuvius!*

**As you begin your Christmas on line shopping, and if you haven't joined already, please could you sign up for the Giving Machine, nominating Davison as your cause: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/find-a-cause/>** It is quick and easy to register and already we have over 100 givers and received over 400 donations. Through small amounts, we have already raised nearly £200 from this initiative. Imagine if we had 1,000 parents and staff buying through the Giving Machine! The items you buy cost no more than a normal on line purchase from that retailer but they make a donation to the school. There are over 2,000 supermarkets, retailers and high street stores in the scheme. If you booked a holiday through the Giving Machine, the school would receive a very significant donation! **To make it even easier to remember to use the Giving Machine when you shop, you can install "Shop and Give Reminder" on your pc or tablet or there is an app for your phone.** When you visit a store on line, you will be notified if the shop is participating in the Giving Machine and prompted to give as you shop. It is easy to install ~ just click the install button on the Shop&Give page and follow the instructions. Thank you for helping to raise money for Davison.

**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)

**Pink Family Charity Week** ~ w/c Monday 11 November

**FODS AGM** ~ 6.30pm Tuesday 12 November ~ you are warmly invited to hear about the fantastic work of our school PTA and an opportunity to join!

**Staff Development Training** ~ Thursday 21 November ~ a slightly later start for students at 9am

**FODS Winter Fayre** ~ Friday 29 November

**Drama Evening** ~ Wednesday 4 December

**'Santa Run' during lunch and DEAR time** ~ Thursday 5 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

**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 for students at 9am

w/c Monday 20 January ~ 'Encore!' Auditions all week

**Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening** ~ Thursday 23 January ~ school day ends at 2pm

**White Family Charity Week** ~ w/c Monday 27 January

**'Encore!' The Show** ~ 6.30-8.30pm Monday 3 February

**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

**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 for students at 9am

**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

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.

## Year 7

**Your daughter is warmly invited to join 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. **An application and deposit are required by Thursday 12 December** ~ for full information, please go to our website or [click here](#).

*Dates for your diary ...*

**Tuesday 19 November ~ 6.30-8pm Year 7 Parents' Forum** ~ please advise if you will be attending and wish to discuss any particular topics by emailing:

[j.page@davisonhigh.school](mailto:j.page@davisonhigh.school)

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

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

## Year 8

*Dates for your diary ...*

**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

**Year 10 students studying Health and Social Care are visiting Southampton University's LifeLab in early December.** LifeLab is a unique, state-of-the-art teaching laboratory dedicated to improving adolescent health by giving students the opportunity to learn first-hand the science behind the health messages.

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/lifelab/index.page>



**Students studying GCSE Geography carried out fieldwork in the New England Quarter in Brighton.** We were really impressed with their maturity and interest in the topic, including how well they spoke to members of the public.



## Year 10 *Continued ...*

*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

Please see Page 9 of this Bulletin for the final 2019 College Open Evenings and Open Days.



**Our Year 11 Community Prefects are holding a new fundraising event for their Charity of the Year, [Care for Veterans](#).** On Thursday 12 December, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, there will be a 'Senior Social' in the school hall ~ with music provided by a great DJ and refreshments on sale. We wish them every success!

**The Drama Department have organised an exciting opportunity for students to see *Blood Brothers* at the Theatre Royal, Brighton on the evening of Friday 7 February.** Please note that places on this trip are limited and priority will be given to students studying GCSE Drama, to compliment the set text they are studying as part of their coursework. Please book your daughter's place by Friday 29 November.

**Students studying GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition have been invited to visit [Higgidy](#) in Shoreham this month.** During this visit, students will be able to partake in an organoleptic tasting session, meet Higgidy's Brand, Processing and New Product Development teams as well as have a tour of their factory. We would like to thank all of the staff at Higgidy for making us feel so welcome.

**Well done to the students studying GCSE Geography, who carried out some fantastic fieldwork in Newhaven, Seaford and Cuckmere.** Their behaviour was excellent and they have been really successful at using the data collected to answer their enquiry questions.

**Your daughter may like to attend the following Careers talks:**

- The IB coordinator, Lee Gray, will be speaking about the International Baccalaureate at Varndean, in HU9 at 1.20pm on Wednesday 13 November.
- Brighton and Sussex Medical School are delivering a talk on studying medicine on Wednesday 27 November in HU4 at 1.20pm.



## Year 11 *Continued ...*

*Dates for your diary ...*

**Thursday 14 November and Thursday 21 November** ~ Worthing College representatives will be in school over lunchtime, in the corridor outside The Refectory, to answer any queries that students may have about applying for courses and interviews.

**Thursday 12 December** ~ 'Senor Social' Disco

**w/c Monday 6 January** ~ Year 11 Mock 1 Exam fortnight begins

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

### 2019 COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS AND DAYS

#### NOVEMBER

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Collyers, Horsham	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 6.30 – 9.00pm
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BHASVIC, Brighton	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 6.30 – 9.00pm
Collyers, Horsham	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 6.30 – 9.00pm
Shoreham Academy	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
BHASVIC, Brighton	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 6.30 – 9.00pm
St Pauls Catholic College	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00 – 9.00pm
Northbrook MET, All campuses	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 5 - 7pm