



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School

A warm welcome to our first Parent Bulletin of this new academic year. I am delighted to announce that our new and existing students have settled extremely well into their studies, particularly in view of the unprecedented amount of time that our students have been out of the classroom. Thank you so much for everything you are doing to help us keep your daughter, and our whole school community, safe by providing hand sanitiser and face coverings. I am very pleased to say that our processes are working really effectively thus far and we are so pleased to have our students back with us. *C. Keating, Headteacher*

We are delighted to be able to present the [new school website](#).



Instead of the traditional open mornings and evenings, this year's events will take place virtually, and details of our **open events** can be found [here](#). We are also very excited to share our [e-prospectus](#) with you. **If your daughter is happy and is flourishing at Davison, we would ask you to share our news and recommend our school to your friends and family who may have children in Year 6 ~ thank you.**



One morning in late May, I was fortunate enough to be the member of staff to take the call from Mr Illsey of the **Highdown Rotary Club** and learn of the offer to provide digital devices to students with no access to such technology. I will not forget that moment when I was able to appreciate the community spirit and kindness being extended to our school.

Since then I have had the pleasure of seeing students respond with surprise and delight when told that they are to be the recipient of a digital device which will transform their studies. After all the challenges and uncertainties of the last few months, we are proud and thankful of Highdown Rotary Club for choosing to share this project with us. *J. Eldridge, Assistant Headteacher*

With the desperate need for PPE in the NHS, this was a 'call to arms' for all schools and local business to support our doctors and nurses.



Davison took up the challenge and Mrs Poland, Mrs Green and Mr Boswell have been busy making a range of equipment from laser cut face shields to surgical scrubs. The school's science department have also donated a large number of safety glasses.

If one doctor or nurse is protected from COVID 19 because of what we supply, it means they themselves are not in danger and they can go on to save lives. We made what we could with the resources we had. *C. Boswell, Subject Leader for Design and Technology*

Due to the restrictions we faced this year, we were unable to hold a number of our regular charity weeks. As a result, we weren't able to raise the money to support Princess or Jernested, who are 2 girls we sponsor at Marantha Preparatory Academy in Ghana, through the charity Compassion UK. Davison have supported Princess since 2014/5 in the **Green** family and the prefects have supported Jernested for the past 2 years.

To try and cover the cost of the sponsorship of both girls I decided to run from Guildford to Shoreham (40 miles), and my son even agreed to cycle alongside me!

I was fortunate enough to visit a compassion UK project when I went to Ghana in 2015 and saw first-hand the life changing work they do. I came back determined to champion their work and to try and give more kids a fighting life chance. What I planned to do was nothing compared with the obstacles they overcome.

I completed my run on the 29th July and my time was 5hrs 13mins, I blame my pacer for setting a hot pace! Thank you to everyone who sponsored me, amazingly, the green family has raised a mind boggling £1,155 to keep changing the lives of Princess and Jernested. *A. Clayton, Head of the Green Family*

The **Blue & **Yellow** Colour Families organised a variety of fundraising activities in aid of the amazing local charity 'Cancer United'.**



Our students are delighted to have fund-raised over £400! Jan Sheward from CU visited Davison CE High School to present certificates and lead an incredibly inspirational and informative assembly to students, we are really looking forward to working with Cancer United in the future.



Friday 25th September was the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning', which we have celebrated for many years with our students. This year we had to think differently in order to support the event that is close to our hearts. We asked students to bring in their own cake, perhaps that they had decorated at home, and we encouraged our staff community to have an 'actual break' in their bubbles, wherever they may be, with their own slice of cake and a cuppa in hand. We raised over £200 ~ look out for our socially distanced photos in the next bulletin!

We are proud to have supported the locally based charity [Link to Hope](#) with their 'Shoebox Appeal' for the past 20 years ~ during our virtual assemblies, your daughter will have had the opportunity to learn how *Link to Hope* support people living in Eastern Europe to rebuild their lives and communities. You will have received an information email with a suggested items list ~ we kindly ask for one item and **contributions need to be in by Monday 5th October please** ~ thank you for your donations so far.



We are incredibly proud to report huge success at both the **Area and Regional Young Enterprise Finals**. Davison scooped 5 of the 8 awards at the Area finals:

- Young Achiever Award – Sew Retro (Yohansa Bandaranayake)
- Best Presentation – Sew Retro
- Team Journey Award – Karma Kandle
- Runner-Up South Downs Area – Sew Retro
- Best Company – South Downs Area – SOS Scrunchies



SOS Scrunchies went on to receive two further awards at the Regional Finals; one for Sustainability and also Best Company Runner Up. To be awarded Company of the Year Runner Up is a first for a Davison team at this stage of the competition and a huge well done to all involved!

We would also like to congratulate the successful Year 10 students who will participate in the 2020-21 Young Enterprise Company programme following their impressive presentations in front of the 'Dragons Den' panel. This year's company will be run by Caitlin Howie, Abi Clay, Poppy Hodge, Tiffany Lai, Matilda Phipps, Katie Chen, Izzy Brown Ella Jones & Rachel Finlay. We look forward to sharing more news about their product soon. Please join us in wishing them the best of luck for the year. V. Stitt, Young Enterprise Coordinator

The Davison CE High School for Girls Prayer Space took place in March. The Prayer Space gave students the opportunity to explore faith and spirituality from a broadly Christian perspective in a safe, creative and Interactive way. Seven prayer zones were created, each asking the students to stop, think and then respond, in prayer if they wished. Students in years 7-11 visited the Prayer Space for a whole lesson. All students had the option to return at lunch time if they wanted to. Over 700 students visited the Space during the week, along with various members of staff.



Huge congratulations to our very own Mrs Green, Assistant Head of the Design & Technology Department, who has been named as STEM teacher of the year - Worthing district 2020!

I found an envelope addressed to me in my pigeon hole. I squeaked loudly as I read that I had been selected for a Sussex teacher of the year award 2020. I had absolutely no idea that I had been nominated! I heard the news last week that I've received the STEM Worthing region award, which is amazing. I'm incredibly proud to have been awarded this accolade. This award I raise in praise of all the teachers and staff who have supported me, guided me and inspired me over the years to make me the teacher that I am today. J. Green, Assistant Head, Design & Technology



Huge congratulations to Alice Howie, 8 White, who has just been ranked No1 in the UK for U13 Hammer – well done!

Congratulations to Henny Sonnemann-Petty who was elected the Deputy Youth Mayor of Adur and Worthing Youth Council Earlier this year.

It was 'European Day of Languages' on Saturday 26th September! Together with the MFL Department and prefects, students have been joining in with activities, competitions and prizes to be won! Watch this space.....





We are inviting students to wear something **yellow** on **Friday 9th October in support of Young Minds**, raising awareness to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day. Dig out your neon socks or tights, hi-vis jacket, mustard scarf, ribbons and hair bands, yellow nail varnish or banana coloured hats!

Parents/Carers, please can we ask for your help in ensuring your child thinks through their needs for school on this day - [#HelloYellow](#) day is a working day!

- ✓ Normal uniform to be worn
- ✓ PE kit to be worn as usual if your child has a PE lesson
- ✓ The usual classroom equipment, including planners, pens, pencils etc are brought to school
- ✓ No hair dye

Frozen 2 Cinema Special – Year 7

*Thank you to parents who have already purchased tickets for our Frozen 2 Cinema Special! Tickets are £3.00 each and the **deadline for purchasing tickets is Wednesday 7th October**. Payments can only be made online via WisePay and your daughter may only attend her colour form bubble session. More detailed information was sent to you via SchoolComms email.*



News from our Learning Resources Centre (LRC):

Please remind your daughter that book reservations can now be made on the library catalogue Access-IT which can be found on Frog. Form tutors will be kindly picking up reservations from the library for them. Any book returns need handing to form tutors. Only 2 loans per student still stands so please make sure students' hand in any books that they have finished.

We're asking students to send in photos of their pets caught reading and any book reviews they might like to share with everyone. 2 positive SIMS will be given for any photos or reviews used! Please send to s.davey@davisonhigh.school

Extra-Curricular clubs - the PE department are happy to announce that after school clubs are now back up and running! Sessions are being run with individual year group bubbles on different nights. If you daughter has signed up for a place at any of the clubs and been notified she has a spot, please ensure she has diarised all the date that she will need to attend. These dates and all further information on PE clubs can be found on our department site on FROG under the extra-curricular clubs tab.

A quick reminder about which PE kit your daughter will need to wear to school for days when she has PE or after school PE clubs.

Pupils should wear:

- Either - navy skort, plain black leggings or plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms (no big logos, mesh, perforations, stripes etc)
- Red PE shirt
- Red or white PE socks
- Sports trainers
- PE fleece (no hoodies, sweatshirts or other non-PE jumpers please)

If your daughter is missing any kit she can purchase clean second-hand kit from the PE office at break and lunch times. All items £1.

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. 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

Davison offer a second-hand uniform service, supplying various sizes of uniform items (subject to availability) at very reasonable prices. We also hold a very limited stock of unembroidered PE kit. If you would like to purchase uniform from the 'shop', please email us at preloved@davisonhigh.school – including your daughter's name and form and details of the sizes and quantities you require. If you have any unembroidered PE kit that you wish to donate, we would be happy to take it in at Reception. Please note that we are currently not accepting any donated uniform as we currently have extremely limited storage space. If you have any queries, please speak to Ms Bailey, Mrs Parnell or Ms Corcoran in Reception. **All monies made from the sale of Davison Preloved Uniform goes towards the School Fund.**

Autumn Term 2020 ~ Thursday 3 September to Friday 18 December (Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm on the last day of term – Friday 18 December)

Half-term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020

Inset Days: Wednesday 7 October and Friday 4 December 2020

Early school closure on Tuesday 6 October to facilitate Teach Stream 'test event' where students will log onto a remote lesson from home at 3.30pm.

The school day will finish for students as follows:

- 1.50pm: Year 8 and 9 students register with form tutor and leave school at 2pm
- 2pm: Year 7, 10 and 11 students register with form tutor and leave school at 2.20pm

Early school closure at 2pm to prepare for Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening on Thursday 19 November

School Term and Holiday dates for 2020/21 and 2021/22 are now on our website ~ www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk/hub/ which includes the school calendar.

A list of named contacts and their email addresses is available on our website please go to <https://www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk/contact-us/>

All school policies including our pupil privacy notice can be found on our website under policies



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email: payless@southernwater.co.uk



Please note that this bulletin is accurate at the time of print, however, details and calendar events may be subject to change

Information on Year 11 Post 16/College options

The Autumn Term is when your daughter learns more about Post 16/College options.

During the week of 21st September five Post 16 Option Assemblies were held using our Teach Stream platform, informing Yr11 about Worthing College, Northbrook MET, Chichester College, Apprenticeships and Sussex University.

College guidance meetings are taking place with Mrs Wood. There are still spaces available before Christmas, so if your daughter has not yet signed up please ask her to do so. The sign-up sheet is on the science corridor, near SC8. If your daughter has met with Mrs Wood, notes from their discussion should be available for you to read on FROG, under RESULTS and ATLS.

Our Post 16 Information Evening is sadly unable to take place this year. Further information will follow about an alternative arrangement.

We wanted to share with you some information that may help making the decisions about progressing after Year 11 a little easier for your daughter:

- Your daughter can make as many applications to different colleges/6th forms as she wishes and does not need to make a final decision until she receives her GCSE results.
- If a Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths is not achieved, the college will arrange additional timetabled sessions for these to be taken again, alongside the chosen college course.
- Arrangements for Open Events are different this year, most will be virtual.

Worthing College – Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November 5.00pm to 7.30pm.
Please check the website for further information. www.worthing.ac.uk

Northbrook MET - 3rd, 4th, 5th November. Please check the [website](#) for further information.

Please check individual college websites for their open event information, some are still deciding on what they are doing.

Please try to attend open events of any college or 6th forms that are of interest to your daughter. If there is an option to talk to course tutors I would encourage you and your daughter to find out as much information as you can.

- Before selecting courses, your daughter should consider the way she prefers to learn and select courses that support this way of learning. Some people are more practical learners whereas others prefer theory along with exams. Practical learners may prefer BTECS, T Levels or CAMTECs and those students who enjoy more academic subjects may opt to study A levels.
- If your daughter is going to be attending a 6th form to take A Levels/BTECs/CAMTECs she will need to select 3 course, equivalent to 3 single courses. Each course will have course entry requirements relating to the GCSE grade needed to take this course, these need to be checked carefully to ensure that your daughter will attain that grade, otherwise she may not be able to get onto that course

- If your daughter is going to take a Level 1 or Level 2 course, which are further GCSEs or equivalent, then she will generally only need to select one course as these provide multiple qualifications on completion.
- If your daughter is going to take a Level 3 course at a college, e.g. an Extended Diploma, then she will only select one course as these are equivalent to 3 A Levels and provide a full timetable.
- Your daughter should have a Plan B, so that if she does not get into her first choice of 6th form or college, she has an offer for another 6th form or colleges that she can opt for.
- Your daughter could also look at apprenticeships which are available in many different occupations and further information can be found <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- If your daughter is considering university then she can find out more information on the UCAS website, information can be found on <http://www.ucas.com>
- BHASVIC and Varndean close their applications on Friday 4th December, you CANNOT apply to both.

The Careers page within FROG has lots of useful links to websites, videos and a number of 2021/22 college prospectuses under the Further Education – Post 16 tab. Parents and students have access to this within FROG, please make use of it.

If you have any questions about college options for your daughter please feel free to email Mrs Wood j.wood@davisonhigh.school