



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School

We are delighted to be able to share the news that John Thompson, our long-standing School Governor, was made an MBE in the 2020 Birthday Honours List for services to the community in West Sussex.

John has been a Governor at Davison since 1999 and was Chair between 2013 and 2019. He was heavily involved in the Davison Day Nursery as Chair of the Management Committee from 2002 to 2016.



Chris Keating, Headteacher

Over the years I have worked with some amazing people and this award is as much for them – my contribution has been to provide support and encouragement, challenge when needed and be there for them. Over the past 20+ years I have been a governor in several schools besides Davison: my focus being helping schools out of special measures and improving provision for children who struggle in school. I am a Lay Member of the West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership and a Trust Governor at Western Sussex Hospitals.

Becoming part of the Davison family through being a sponsor of the Youth University and then as a governor has been one of the greatest joys of my life. To see the Davison of today is a testament to the dedicated team of people who make it happen; our amazing students who embrace all the school has to offer and our parents who support their daughters and the school. For our school every challenge really is an opportunity.

John Thompson, MBE

Please accept our sincere thanks for your support of our school's PTA ~ the Friends of Davison School (FODS) ~ Winter Grand Raffle. Your kindness and generosity of donated items and prizes meant FODS had 50 prizes to give away!



Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, **we are delighted to announce £3,656 was raised!** This will go towards FODS latest fundraising project to help support with the purchase of a long jump pit for our school.

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Our brilliant Community Prefects raised £80.00 in Candy Cane sales for local charity Turning Tides ~ well done, a great team effort!

A Non Uniform Day was held and the proceeds raised £1,122 which has been shared between the Community House and FODS.

The contribution to the Community House enabled them to provide for more families than ever before.



They were able to buy 56 full Christmas meals for families and the presents that were donated meant that many children received a present at Christmas.

Thank you to students and staff who entered into the spirit of fundraising!



Christmas Hamper Donations

The **'Community House'** support people and families in Worthing. They provide practical help, guidance and advice on housing, education, health and signpost those who require assistance with applying for benefits/financial help. The Community House operate a 'Food Bank' point from their driveway in order to respond to the needs of the local community. This Christmas, they wanted to distribute hampers, food parcels and gifts of new toys to vulnerable families. The Davison Family supported this initiative whole heartedly.

Thank you to parents/carers and staff who donated items, which we delivered to the Community House just before Christmas.

Instead of sending Christmas Cards to each other, staff at Davison donated the money they would have spent to charity. **They chose the British Heart Foundation for their 'Christmas Card Donation Appeal' and raised an outstanding £175!**





Did you know, whenever you buy anything online, from your weekly shop to car insurance, fashion items to homeware, take-aways to birthday gifts you could be raising free donations for our school, without costing you a penny extra!

Davison CE High School for Girls, PTA ~ the Friends of Davison School ~ FODS, have joined easyfundraising, the UK's biggest charity cashback platform.

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite 'cause' ~ that's us!

What a fantastic way to raise money for our school!

There are no catches or hidden charges and it's easy to join!

When shopping online through easyfundraising, you will find over 4,000 retailers who will donate to our school, such as, Argos, eBay, Nike, Asos, M&S, John Lewis, Trainline, Curry's, Microsoft Store, Just Eat, Dominos and Waitrose.

You can also raise large donations of up to £60 when you buy insurance, broadband, utilities and mobile contracts with retailers like Aviva, Sky, Vodafone, uSwitch and BT. It will not cost you anything extra because the retailers pay the donation, not you the shopper.

Since 2005, over £30 million has been raised for schools, PTA's and charities through shopping online with easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is trusted by over 140,000 good causes in the UK, including thousands of PTAs, and has a 4.7 star rating on Trustpilot.

This is a fantastic way of raising funds consistently alongside FODS fundraising events, which have been on hold due to the current situation.

Please [click here](#) to take you to the FODS website page where you can find further information about easyfundraising and how to sign up as a supporter of Davison CE High for School for Girls ~ PTA.

Or [click here](#) to go straight to our cause page to sign up and start raising free donations for our school every time you shop on line through easyfundraising.



Thank you for your support which really will make a big difference to students and school.

Can you help by collecting used stamps for the RNIB ~ the Royal National Institute of Blind People. If you receive cards and letters through the post, please save the stamps.

The RNIB will recycle these stamps into much needed funds for their services. They accept all stamps: new or used, first or second class, first day covers, presentation packs or albums.

Stamps are sold by weight and **raise £20 per kilogramme**. You might own or work in a business which receives a large amount of post. Stamps don't need to be sorted, just leave a 1cm of envelope or packaging around each stamp. This will ensure the perforations of the stamp aren't damaged. Pop your stamps into an envelope or container once you have a sufficiency. **Please keep hold of your stamps and bring them into school once we are fully open ~ thank you.**

RNIB

See differently



Wellbeing Wednesdays

We hope that you and your daughter are finding our weekly wellbeing bulletins interesting and helpful in these differing times. We would welcome any feedback, suggestions and ideas for future editions.

Please contact Mrs Jameson c.jameson@davisonhigh.school



to our Y7 STEM Christmas badge competition winners!

The best gift ~ Maddie Edmonson, **7 Gold**

Hugging Angels ~ Imogen Weir, **7 Yellow**

Friends holding hands for infinity ~ Emily Hersee, **7 Green**

The competition was 'In these uncertain times it's more important than ever to stay connected and show someone you love them and are thinking about them. **Design a Christmas message for you and your loved ones to go on badges.**'

The Davison DT crew transformed the winning entries into 5 badges to hand out at Christmas to friends and family!





Henny Sonnemann-Petty, 11 Pink, was invited to become a part of the **International Youth Mayor's Association**. This started small with only youth mayors from across the UK but has expanded to Europe and further - and hopes to have a connection with America and The Commonwealth by next year.

It is all very exciting and we wish Henny all the very best in her new role!

We are very proud of Sydney Craddock, 10 Purple, who took part in Chichester Festival Theatre's Christmas Production of Pinocchio.

Sydney has also been offered a place in 2022 at The Emil Dale Academy on the BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Performing Arts Practice (Musical Theatre) and we think she is a real star in the making!

"Chichester Festival Youth Theatre's production of Pinocchio (2020). Photo by Manuel Harlan"



Congratulations to the Top Ten Accelerated Readers who gained the most points for the months of November and December

November ~ Bella Deffee 07 Yellow, Rubhaya Aziz 07 Red, Ella Hamilton 09 Purple, Loretta Hasanaj 08 White, Katie Guthrie 07 Silver, Lara Ungan 07 Pink, Charlotte Worthley 07 Red, Eloisa Johnson 08 Silver, Christelle Rivera 09 Red, Lizzie Clark 09 Pink.

December ~ Bella Deffee 07 Yellow, Christelle Rivera 09 Red, Ella Wardle 09 Blue, Rubhaya Aziz 07 Red, Emily Pollard 07 Purple, Poppy-Anne Bell 09 Blue, Ayah Miah 07 Yellow, Poppy Glover 08, Blue Daisy Speak 07 Silver.

At the end of the Autumn term, these 3 forms have read the most words so far this year...

...in third place is 9 Red with 8,354,771 words read,

...in second place is 8 Yellow with 11,294,023 word read,

...and in first place is 7 Red with an incredible 11,908,477 words read!

National Apprenticeship Week(8-12 Feb) and National Careers Week (1-5 March) are on the horizon; keep an eye out for opportunities to engage with employers, employees, training providers, colleges and higher education!

The Brighton and Sussex Medical School are holding a monthly lecture entitled When Grannies Attack: Age, Ageing and Health Problems in Later Life on Wednesday 3rd February from 6.30pm to 7.30pm for secondary school students. Booking is essential for this lecture and more information can be found in the link [here](#).

From Google Classroom to Microsoft Office.

Home-schooling over the last 10 months has reminded us that teachers have a hard job and the highest patience threshold known to the human race! Imparting knowledge still seems like a mountain us mere parent mortals are struggling to climb, but we must take solace that some of the skills being learned by our children don't always need to be along the lines of being able to show your full working on a long division calculation.

The world of work has been forced into embracing virtual meetings and independent days in the home office. Technology has meant flexible working employers have been more common, but the current global situation has sped up an inevitable corporate revolution. If there can be any possible silver linings in all this, one might be that it has finally proved a work life balance is not just possible, but a reality we can sustain offering a future of less commuting and more flexibility.

The skills our students are learning might not be on the curriculum currently, but with most business being conducted over very similar platforms to the likes of Google Classroom, they are learning a new and different way to approach their day that those with a few more years on the clock might not be doing quite as well at adapting to. They are learning about self-motivation and policing their own efforts with no classroom led examples – these are tough lessons. They are learning new IT skills and communication methods that I believe may well end up as subjects taught in school at some point in the near future.

My hope is that any missed hours in the classroom have been filled with learning how to work remotely. Interacting with people in a productive way whilst not being in the same room or even the same town is going to be the norm when our current students start in the world of work, and whilst we may feel they have been dealt a bad hand in what we perceive as a standard education, there is another way of looking at it.

They are being prepared for a new way of working that none of us were trained for. Maybe there have been some missed hours studying the imagery in Macbeth, but maybe that those hours haven't been wasted, but rather used in adapting and teaching young adults about a new world. It could be that through home-schooling we've started to ready them culturally and technologically, so they can grab this shift in the working model and make it a success.

Who knows, they may even find the solution to stopping the cat walking across the keyboard!

Andrew Markwell, Davison CE High School for Girls Enterprise Adviser

Fuel Hardship Grant Information for Families

Financial support is available for families who are struggling to pay their bills this winter. The County Council is working with Citizens Advice to offer a DWP Covid Winter Grant Scheme for families in need across West Sussex.

The online referral/ application form can be accessed [here](#)

You can also email referrals/ applications to grants@westsussexcab.org.uk

The closing date for this funding is 31st March 2021.

The grant can be used for a range of things, from paying gas, electric and water bills, boiler repairs, purchasing blankets, slow cookers, heaters. Other help may be mobile phone top ups, energy advice, benefit checks referrals for specialist debt advice.

The criteria for who can apply is broad and includes;

- Families who have had to claim Universal Credit and don't have significant savings
- Families on Universal Credit, home schooling and worried about heating their home
- Families in debt and struggling to pay their gas or other bills
- Care leavers on a low income
- People with disabilities who are worried about putting their heating on.

For any queries, enquiries or if you have difficulty applying, please contact us.

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

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**

Spring Term 2021 ~ Monday 4 January to Thursday 1 April

Half Term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

Early school closure to prepare for Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening on Thursday 4 March.

Summer Term 2021 ~ Monday 19 April to Friday 23 July

Half Term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June

INSET DAY ~ Friday 30 April

BANK HOLIDAY ~ Monday 3 May

Early school closure to prepare for Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening on Thursday 29 April and Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening on Thursday 10 June.

Terms end for all students at 12.30pm on Friday 23 July

School Term and Holiday dates for 2020/21 and 2021/22 are now on our website and can be viewed [here](#).

A list of named contacts and their email addresses is available on our website and can be viewed [here](#).

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

Year 7

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 4 March ~ Year 7 Subject Consultation Evening

w/c Monday 26 April ~ Year 7 Exam Week (tbc due to current restrictions)

Year 8

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 29 April ~ Year 8 Subject Consultation Evening

w/c Monday 28 June ~ Year 8 Exam Week (tbc due to current restrictions)

Year 9

Dates for your diary ...

Wednesday 3 February ~ deadline for receipt of Option choices

w/c Monday 15 March ~ Year 9 Exam Week (tbc due to current restrictions)

Year 10

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 10 June ~ Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening

w/c Monday 14 June ~ Year 10 Mock Exam Week (tbc due to current restrictions)

Watch this space for Prefect applications! Students will receive an email next week, with the application process starting after half term.

Year 10 Work Experience week 17 ~ 21 May

The decision has been made to cancel the planned 'experiencing a work place week'. The week will now be known as the 'World of Work week' and all students will be expected to take part whether at home or through online learning. Further details to follow.

Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 February

Your daughter will be taking part in CV writing and Interview technique workshops, led by our Enterprise Advisor, during lessons 4 & 5 (this will be set as a lesson via her usual teacher) and will be as follows:

Mon 1 ~ CV writing

Lesson 4: 10x PE

Lesson 5: 10y PE

Tuesday 2 ~ Interview techniques

Lesson 4: 10y PD

Lesson 5: 10x PD

Year 10 Apprenticeship Event ~ Friday 5 Feb

To celebrate National Apprenticeship Week, Year 10 will spend one hour on Friday morning, 10y during lesson 1 and 10x during lesson 2, hearing from Sussex Police, Rolls Royce Motor Cars and Vocate Training about their apprenticeship schemes.

Year 10

Virtual Work Experiences

There are some virtual work experiences on the Experiencing a Work Place FROG page, under the Virtual Work Experiences tab. Any experience listed is to be completed outside of school hours, **there are a number of them running during February half term.**

Companies offering these so far are NHS, Nestle and CIM and there is also Law and Teaching experiences offered via Springpod that your daughter can consider. **Each listing has a registration process and a deadline to do this by - some of which are very soon!**

Please keep an eye on the FROG page as it will be updated when new experiences are offered.

Year 11

Dates for your diary ...

Friday 29 January ~ closing date for DfE Consultation on the way which grades will be allocated in 2021. [Please click here](#) for more information.

Well done to those students who completed their Travel & Tourism and Child Development BTEC examination this month.

Thank you to the senior team for their wonderful assembly on diversity.

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