



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School



On Friday 11 June, supported by our Design Technology Team, Ruby Wood, Bea Buchanan, Emma Statton and Lamara Philp attended the award ceremony for the Design Ventura 2020 competition in London.



Seven schools were shortlisted to attend the celebration event and full details of the shortlisted entries can be found [here](#).

It was an incredible experience made even better as Davison CE High School for Girls were awarded Third Place! This is a huge achievement, with over 15,000 students taking part this year, and we couldn't be prouder.

More details of their amazing design 'Positivitree', a giftable plant in pyramid packaging that is aimed at boosting mental wellbeing, can be found [here](#) and an edited version of the live streamed award ceremony winner announcements from the Design Ventura 2020 Celebration event can be viewed [here](#).

A few words from our team!

We were all passionate about making a difference to the world especially as these times have shown us all how fragile life is.

The news reports were filled with people feeling lonely and losing their way, as we were not allowed to be with our loved ones.

Luckily our first few meetings were in afterschool club where there was a lot of creative discussion about what people really needed at this time. We frantically scribbled down so many great ideas as they were tumbling out.

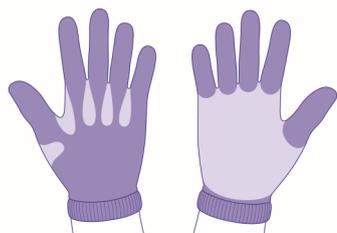


Our early research showed that 9~18 year olds struggle with their mental health and would benefit the most from a product that they could tend to. The key word from our research was 'negative', feeling lost, feeling alone. So, we flipped the word to 'positive' and knew that had to be in the title! Joining this up with nature was the easy part as everyone was being encouraged to be outdoors and lots of facts were around stating the benefits.

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Prototyping the design was the challenge in lockdown, as we relied upon the equipment at school. We were after a very high professional finish because we wanted a product that someone could treasure; several tweaks and prototypes later, and with help from our teacher, we think we have created something that is precious, unique, and fits the need for this time.

Our 'Positivitree' had to be a wellbeing booster, focused on the theme of 'nurture through nature' to help better the lifestyle for all. Our quirky design symbolises growing your mind set. We hope it is perfect for any age, any gender and because of its eco-friendliness it can improve everyday life without causing harm to the environment.



In addition to this amazing news **Betsy Carter in Year 8 was one of the top five selected students who attempted the Design Ventura mini challenge.** Betsy's design has been translated by a professional illustrator and included as part of the Design Ventura 2020 Exhibition at the Design Museum which runs from the 12 June until the end of August.

At a time when we need more engineers and designers, it is wonderful to think these amazing young people are showing us all positive ways to view the future!



Thank you to everyone who entered the 'Nature' Photography Competition for **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Check out the video of all the Winning Entries and Special Mentions.

They can be found on:

FROG - My Wellbeing

(Click on Mental Health Awareness Week 2021)

Wildlife – **Winning entry:** Freya Faithfull

Special Mentions: Libby Miall, Amber Purcell, Ella-May Silver

Birds – **Winning Entry:** Alice Kay

Special Mentions: Rianna Etherington, Amy Crawford, Eva Thomson

Flowers – **Winning Entry:** Lara Ungan

Special Mentions: Imogen Wheeler, Mya Mackrell, Amalie Whelan

Trees – **Winning Entry:** Esther Jones

Special Mentions: Alara O'Leary, Arianna Andrews, Blake Smyth

Up Close – **Winning Entry:** Tiani Matthews

Special Mentions: Summer Jinks, Eleanor Wood, Beatrice Blanchard

Small World - **Winning Entry:** Chloe Chambers

Special Mentions: Violet Taylor, Aliys Short, Gabrielle Pitt

Water - **Winning Entry:** Bella Deffee

Special Mentions: Jessica Wilson, Faith Wheatland

Composition - **Winning Entries:** Maia Terry, Gemma Alderman, Sienna Thomas, Sydney Craddock, Gaia Dickens, Heidi Hodges

Credited for entry:

Phoebe Kaye-Weale	Rosa Gunasekara	Izzy Brown
Evie Whelan	Samantha Anyanwu	Olivia Burton
Daisy Sole	Mrs Green	Helena Bartosik
Danielle Broughton	Laura Bourner	Alexa Dudley
Imogen Ward	Leila Fayou	Mrs Burgess
Sky Venn	Alice Godden	Tamson Brazier
Florence Buck	Katie Rogers	Chloe Redman
Lilia Kirkham	Zita Ridgett	Eleanor Godden
Niamh Hurley	Millie Justice	Boe White
Amber Docwra	Morven Stuart	Laura-May Macpherson
Emily Allward	Serena Bateup	Aimee Trott
Eden Bradford	Olivia Tester	Neve Buck
Megan Andrews	Mrs Williams	Lily Revereault
Mrs Fenton	Holly Jones	Kiera Seaby
Alice Green	Zara Tall	Annie Kingshott
Grace Balcombe	Henrietta Collins	Ella Pinches-Field
Sophie Orchard	Anna Mastromarino	Micah Brakha
Hannah Clark	Niamh Jamieson	
Aimee Hassett	Naomi Barnett	
Amelie Deluca-Smith	Annella Stevens	
Christelle Rivera	Madeline Carr	

Over 120 of you submitted entries for the Mental Health Awareness Week 'nature photography' competition and there were certificates and prizes for all who entered. What a talented bunch you are!



Thank you to students and staff who donated to these worthy charities!

We raised £1,000.00 on non-uniform day, which will be shared between FODS and the Mental Health Foundation.





We are proud to be taking part in the first ever 'NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day' on Monday 5 July 2021.

As a school community, we are excited to be part of this nationwide celebration to show our appreciation for everything the NHS and key workers do for our country. Year 8 students on camp will also get a chance to join in to!

A series of events will take place nationwide during this day and our school will be involved in the following:

- 10.00am Raising the 'NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers' Day' Flag**
- 11.00am Two-Minute Silence and Playing of the Last Post and Reveille**
- 1.00pm Extended Picnic Lunch**

We are inviting all students and staff to bring in a picnic lunch from home and enjoy this together on the school field. We welcome picnic blankets or beach towels being brought into school to sit on. Please note, there will not be a hot main meal available on this day, however the usual grab and go items will be available as normal.

Alongside the events of the day, we will be fundraising for two excellent causes: 'NHS Charities Together' and 'National Care Association'.

If you would like to donate towards our fundraising efforts, payments can be made through WisePay, which can be accessed [here](#) or through our school website. After logging in please select 'Tickets and Events', 'NHS Frontline Social Care & Frontline Workers' Day'. If you require any help with WisePay, you will find a useful page of FAQs [here](#). Alternatively, you can email payments@davisonhigh.school for assistance.



Many thanks to parents, carers and staff who have already returned their FODS summer raffle ticket stubs and money.

FODS are fundraising towards the redevelopment of the 'Wellbeing' space at our school.

We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of donations received so far from parents, carers, staff and businesses.



If you would like to donate a bottle of wine/alcohol please take this to the school reception personally as we cannot allow students to bring alcohol into school.

FODS are grateful for any of the following donations towards mini hampers and treat bags:

Serviettes for picnics/BBQ etc
Bottles of squash, lemonade, coke, sugar free varieties also
Wine, beer, Cava, Pimm's, Prosecco etc
Savoury snacks, crisps, Doritos, Pringles, Twiglets, mini Cheddars
Chocolate, sweets, popcorn, biscuits
Marinades, sauces, jars of dips

If you would like to donate a raffle prize outside of the items listed please do get in touch, perhaps you own a business and see this as a great opportunity to promote your business whilst supporting our school and students.

Donations will need to be received by Friday 2 July.

The 3 top summer raffle prizes are:

- 1st** £100 'Staycation' Hamper for fun days in the sun!
- 2nd** £60 Picnic Hamper, including a picnic blanket!
- 3rd** £60 'Craft Gin' Gift Box as seen on TV!



Plus many more prizes which will be added to the prize list over the next few weeks including kind donations from:



4 x £10 Vouchers for Sea Lane Café!
www.sealanecafe.co.uk



Graze to Go £22.00 Gift Voucher
www.facebook.com/grazetogo/
www.instagram.com/grazetogo



10 x Cut & Blow Dry Vouchers
www.rewardshairacademy.co.uk



A 'Mighty Small Food Box' - 'Perfect Picnic'
www.brightec.co.uk



A £45.00 Gift Voucher
www.greenfingersflorists.co

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to easyfundraising. You have raised just over £370 in free donations for our school! Easyfundraising is a way we can all raise money at no extra costs to ourselves.

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.

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

There are no catches or hidden charges.

When shopping online through easyfundraising, you will find over 5,700 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.

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.

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 and hand them into reception ~ thank you.



FODS new fundraising initiative has arrived!

Our recycling textile bank is based in the carpark outside the school gates.

We hope to raise extra funds for the school through textile recycling, whilst being part of something really positive for the environment and reinforcing the importance of recycling.

The textiles/items collected are sent to poorer communities across Eastern Europe and Africa. Garments that cannot be used are recycled into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes, so nothing ends up in landfill. It's time to tidy out your cupboards!

The following items can be accepted:

- Men's, women's and children's clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags, bags, ties and belts
- Bed clothes, towels, soft toys

The following items cannot be accepted:

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets & Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing
- Workwear
- Shredded or mutilated textile material
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



The results are in for the Great Davison Sewing Bee!

We had some incredible entries ~ well done and thank you to everyone who took part!

Entries were judged on suitability of fabrics and components, range of techniques used in the make and originality of the idea.

Weekly Challenges:

There was a prize winner every week and the winners in each of these categories are...

Week 1 Turn a t shirt into a new product ~ **Helena Bartosik, 7 Yellow**

Week 2 Make a face covering ~ **Grace Adams, 7 Orange**

Week 3 Make a holdall for a collection of objects ~ **Jasmin Fisher, 7 Blue**

Week 4 Make a hat from rubbish ~ **Bronwyn Milner, 9 White**

Week 5 Make a plushie toy ~ **Belle Deffee, 7 Yellow**

Week 6 Make and decorate a tote shopping bag ~ **Jessica Stewart, 7 Yellow**

Overall Winner

The winners from each week made it to the final and the overall winner was decided with a Davison vote over May half term.

Well done to Bronwyn Milner, 9 White!

You encapsulated the essence and the feeling of our time with your products.

You showed so much creativity and skill in the production of your upcycled plastic hat.



Shine

It has been an epic term of creativity and it has been wonderful to see you all shine!

Davison representatives were back in action for the first time since the pandemic at the Sussex School athletics event held on 12th June, making for a very busy weekend of athletics.



The PE department are really proud of the following student's achievement in the following events;

Alice Howie wowed the crowds in Hammer Throw and came 1st in the Junior girls division with 42m 20cm, which is actually further than the Intermediate boys winner and all the other competitors in that event.

Haulwen Davies who achieve a height of 2m 70cm in the pole vault in the Intermediate girls competition, which tied her in 5th place with 3 other athletes achieving the same height.

Hope Yelling won the intermediate girls triple jump competition with a distance of 11meters 21cm.

Emma Finlay in Year 9, achieved a height of 1m 50cm in the high jump earning her a tied height with the 1st place jumper in the junior girls competition.

Amber Purcell came 2nd in the long jump intermediate girls' competition with a distance of 5m 23cm.

Lily Taylor achieved a distance of 4m 48cm in the junior girls competition, earning her 3rd place.

Natalie Mills came 5th in the intermediate girls Javelin competition, with a distance of 24m 42cm.

Cerys West completed the 800m in a time of 2 minutes and 34 seconds earning her 4th place.



Congratulations to Isabella Mason-Iran 10PI and her fellow gymnasts who competed at the 2021 European Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics in Bulgaria in June.

They were the first British team to compete at the European Championships for 9 years.

This was their first international group competition as seniors and they scored their personal best. They competed in two routines , one with 5 balls and one with 4 clubs and 3 hoops.

They came 17th overall and had a wonderful experience watching and competing with the world's best. Well done!



Congratulations to Àine Daly 9YE , who took part in the Solent Irish Dancing Feis on the weekend of the 26/27 June.



Àine participated in 4 dances and gained two 1st places, a 2nd place and a 3rd place.

We are extremely proud, well done Àine!



Huge congratulations to Coralie Hunt 11 Gold, who has been accepted by the **National Youth Theatre!**

Approximately 9,000 young people auditioned and Coralie was successful in securing one of the 250 available places available ~ **amazing!!**



Well done to all our Year 8 students who recently took part in Geography Fieldwork on Worthing seafront. The students engaged with the fieldwork brilliantly, and we were very impressed with their behaviour and attitude to the tasks. For many of the students, this was their first Davison school trip and we think they had a fantastic time!

Congratulations to the Top Ten Accelerated Readers who gained the most points for the month of May

May ~ Reela Awad 7 Silver, Lola Lassman 8 Blue, Keira Owens 9 Yellow, Christelle Rivera 9 Red, Mia Williams 7 Silver, Ayah Miah 7 Yellow, Grace Vincent 9 Blue, Hallie Foreman 9 Green, Alara O'Leary 9 Pink, Niamh Hardy 9 Green.

Congratulations to these forms who have read the most words so far this school year:

Third place 7 Silver with 23,144,741 words read,
Second place 9 Purple with 24,692,177 words read,
First place 8 Yellow with 26,220,671 words read!.

Well done all of you for reading so many words!



We are pleased to announce our full Senior Prefect Team for 2021/22:

Head Girl: Aoife O'Driscoll
Deputy Head Girl: Freya Hudnott
Deputy Head Girl: Jessica Pascotto
Sports Captain: Lily Jackson
Senior Community Prefect: Caitlin Howie
STEAM Prefect: Alba Braham
Head of Equality and Diversity Prefect: Rachel Finlay
Head of Blue Family: Isabella Deluca-Smith
Head of Gold Family: Imogen Bates
Head of Green Family: Poppy Hodge
Head of Orange Family: Isabelle Mudie
Head of Pink Family: Scarlett Cosson
Head of Purple Family: Sydney Craddock
Head of Red Family: Matilda Phipps
Head of Silver Family: Daisy Guiver-Bristow
Head of White Family: Seren Fletcher
Head of Yellow Family: Georgia Goldman

I am sure you will join with us in wishing them every success in their new roles!



Join our Alumnae of past students and spread the word!
Please sign up using this [link](#).

Support During Difficult Times

At Davison we take great pride in being at the heart of the community. We support many local organisations and also invite our wider community to join with us too for events, celebrations and much more.

This year especially, 'community' has been even more important. We recognise that many families circumstances have changed as a result of the economic impact of lockdown with many of us needing extra support in these unprecedented times.

Please click [here](#) for a list of local organisations providing support.

Thank you to those of you who are continuing to participate in the twice-weekly LFD testing of our students.

LFD tests are most effective when detecting infectious cases of coronavirus. They identify people with a high viral load who are the most likely to spread the virus further. LFDs detect the virus in people without symptoms so each positive case we find is one that would have gone otherwise undetected. These tests are proving to be accurate and reliable and, where used appropriately and in the correct way, they will continue to help us to break chains of the transmission and save lives.

Please can we remind you that anyone who tests positive using an LFD test should take a confirmatory follow-up PCR test. It remains essential that anyone who gets a positive LFD result self-isolates immediately for 10 days, as well as the other members of their household. You must only leave home for your follow-up test. You should arrange your confirmatory PCR immediately. For the fastest result, we suggest you [book a PCR test at a test site](#). You can also book a home test [online](#) or call 119 to book a test.

A PCR test will confirm if you have been affected by coronavirus or not, and reduce unnecessary self-isolation by you and your household. If you then receive a negative result from the PCR, and the PCR test was taken within 2 days of the LFD, then you and your contacts will be informed you can cease self-isolating.

Individuals who test negative from their LFD will not need to isolate or take a confirmatory test.

If you have coronavirus symptoms, you should take a PCR test, regardless of any LFD test result.

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.

Full details of the School Uniform Policy are on our website and further information can be accessed via [this link](#)

The School Governors have approved that a navy blue tailored trouser be permitted as an alternative to the school skirt from September 2021. The trouser must be a regulation item which displays the school logo. It can be purchased from our official uniform suppliers [Broadwater Sports](#) or [First4Uniform](#) and we would ask that you contact them sooner, rather than later, in order for them to be able to meet demand. No alternative to the regulation item will be accepted and this decision will be reviewed annually.

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 uniform or unembroidered PE kit in a good, clean condition that you wish to donate, we would be happy to take it in at Reception. **All monies made from the sale of Davison Preloved Uniform goes towards the School Fund.**

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.

Summer Term 2021 ~ Monday 19 April to Friday 23 July

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

Autumn Term 2021 ~ Thursday 2 September to Friday 17 December

Half Term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October

INSET DAYS ~ Thursday 2 September, Friday 3 September*, Wednesday 6 October and Monday 6 December

*** Friday 3 September will be used for the induction of new Year 7 students. Please be aware that our 'Start of Term' dates may change as a result of Government guidance.**

Full 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 11

Dates for your diary ...

Thursday 12 August ~ GCSE Results Day

Friday 10 September ~ Class of 2021 Prom tickets available now on WisePay until Wednesday 21 July

Letter from West Sussex County Council regarding School/College Transport for All Students aged 16+ September 2021

[This link contains information for all parents of Year 11 pupils](#) and provides more details regarding transport options for September. It lets you know where to find more information about travel for young people of sixth form age in West Sussex who will be attending a school or a college in September 2021.

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