



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Davison!

Year 7 have got off to a very positive start this term and have settled very quickly. Their positive behaviour and willingness to take part in clubs and events is showing that they are already demonstrating their understanding of our school values and ethos.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your daughter is so smartly dressed in her uniform. At the church service, the girls looked magnificent wearing their red hats and their behaviour was exemplary. Now that the cooler weather is approaching, I would like to politely remind you that leggings are not permitted under the formal school uniform, however these are permitted as part of the PE uniform; socks or tights only are to be worn. Hoodies are not to be worn on the school site, these are not an alternative to a winter coat. Finally, leather-like school shoes must be worn. If there are financial reasons that mean you are unable to adhere to our uniform policy, please contact me directly and the school will assist where possible.

Teaching groups

In KS3, the girls are put into mixed ability groups for literacy-based and creative subjects. The numeracy-based subjects have now been set and your daughter has been getting used to working in a new group for this learning. Setting is based on school-based baseline assessments which took place this half term and CATS (Cognitive Ability Tests). If your daughter is placed in an upper band set for Maths she will take two languages (French and Spanish) and if she is placed in a foundation band set for Maths she will take one language (Spanish) and Key Skills. Key Skills is a subject designed to boost your daughter's confidence in numeracy and literacy. Please do allow your daughter to get used to her new classes, which may take a few weeks.

Events that we have enjoyed and those which are 'up and coming'

Community

- Year 7 social – we do hope that all of the girls, who were able to go, enjoyed the evening.
- Macmillan world's biggest coffee morning, cake sale – many thanks to all of the students that made cakes and to those who bought and ate them
- Link to Hope shoe box appeal – thank you for your kind donations
- Week commencing 11th October Harvest Festival – one box of goods per form class, which is given to the Worthing Churches Homeless project

Other information '6 weeks in'

We were due to welcome you onsite to share with you how your daughter had settled into her first few weeks. However due to rising cases in the local area, we are going to share that information with you virtually. There will be a short video for you to watch on our school website on Wednesday 20th October.

Following this video please do direct any questions regarding your daughter's settling in to Davison to her form tutor and lead tutor who's contact information can be found in the presentation and on the school website.

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