



18th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

As we move into the final week of the summer term, it is a pleasure to reflect upon some of the recent events that have returned to the school calendar and that have been so very missed during the pandemic. I am writing this end-of-term message after a week of joyous 'whole school' events such as Sports Day and the Colour Run. These follow on from weeks filled with our school production 'Annie Junior'; music concerts; transition day; Class of 2022 Prom; Year 5 'taster' days; science fairs; school trips and charity events: everything that enriches school life at Davison and provides a wonderful end to a busy term. Whilst we say a temporary farewell to our students; we are saying 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Jenny Lees (25 years) and Mrs Jacqui Bown (19 years) who are retiring from Davison after so many distinguished years working with us. Both leave with our most sincere thanks and best wishes for all their wonderful work in many capacities.

Final day arrangements – Thursday 21st July

Students will attend timetabled lessons for periods 1 and 2 with an extended break from 11.00am until 11.30am; the final hour will be spent with their form and they will be **dismissed by their form tutor at 12.30pm**.

Return to school arrangements September 2022

Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September are the first two of five Teacher Training (INSET) Days for 2022/23. Students return to school on **Monday 5th September** with a staggered start time, depending on their year group:

Year 7 report to the **tennis courts** by **8.40am**

Year 8 report to the **main hall** for assembly at **10.30am**

Years 9 & 10 report to **form rooms** at **11.20am**

Year 11 report to the **main hall** for assembly at **11.20am**

Uniform

We are seeking to clarify our school uniform policy on coats and would ask for your support in ensuring that coats are fit for purpose i.e. warm, splash-proof and suitable for cold and wet weather. We would ask that coats are in uniform colours throughout the garment (no different coloured sleeves), do not contain any excessive logos, and are not in fabrics such as denim, pleather/leather or 'teddy' material. In recent times some students have started to 'accessorise' their uniform with baseball and motorcycle type jackets as opposed to coats. These items will not be allowed from September 2022.

In addition, students will be expected to return to school in full compliance with the [uniform policy as per our website](#). Any newly acquired nose studs, tongue piercings or ear piercings above one small stud, in each ear, must be able to be removed prior to returning to school and accessing lessons. We would also advise that students must conform with our standard

rules regarding hair-colouring as per our website. There have been many occasions, in the past, where students have not been able to wash out temporary dyes within the timescale advertised on the packaging of the temporary dye!

We are really proud of how smart our students look when fully compliant with our uniform policy. Buying into it is part of buying into our school. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support in ensuring that your daughter adheres to the Davison CE High School for Girls Uniform Policy.

Emotional wellbeing and mental health support during the summer

With the end of the school term, the summer holidays and exam-results-days approaching; now is a good time to talk about our children's wellbeing and mental health.

Whilst we hope the summer holidays will be a time to relax, some young people may find the holidays more difficult. Being active and staying in touch with friends is a good way to support one another. If you need extra help with your or your child's mental health, support is available and there are people you can talk with. Please [click here](#) for more information, including links to free summer holiday clubs and food and community hub support.

West Sussex County Council Parent/Carer Online Safety Survey 2022

West Sussex County Council are keen to understand local views from parents and carers about their child/s digital resilience and what support they may need, in order for them to better shape and direct theirs and their partners online safety support and resources. The survey takes place 5th July – 14th September 2022. We have been asked to share this information with you and [the survey is available to complete here](#).

And finally!

I would like to wish you and your family the very best of health and happiness over the summer holidays. Your support throughout this changing academic year has been truly appreciated by all of our staff. Your children have been a pleasure to work with and we are really looking forward to seeing you all again, in September, with optimism and enthusiasm for another enriching year.

Thank you so much!

Yours faithfully



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