



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School News!

A very warm welcome to our first Parent Bulletin of this academic year. It is wonderful to welcome both our new and returning students to the start of a new academic year.

Over the summer we celebrated the astonishing GCSE results achieved by our 'Class of 2023.' It seems like no time at all since they were starting out afresh in September 2018. We wish them every happiness in their future endeavours.

Chris Keating, Headteacher

Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding the first **non-school uniform day** of this academic year on **Friday 13th October**. This first **non-uniform day** falls within the **Year 10 charity week**, and their chosen charity is **Cancer Research UK**. **Students who choose to wear home clothes on a non-school uniform day are asked to make a voluntary £1.00 donation, which will be shared between Cancer Research UK and the Friends of Davison School (FODS).**

*Please can we ask for your help in ensuring the spirit of fundraising is upheld by making sure your child considers the following: **Students who have PE on this day, must still bring in their full PE kit as normal. No bare midriffs, onesies or high heels. Please note that this will be enforced.***

Wear Red Day - 20th October 2023



We are delighted to be **supporting Wear Red Day** again this year and will "Show Racism the Red Card" on **Friday, October 20th**.

This is an awareness event, not a fundraising event, and we will be asking students wear their red PE tops with their school skirts or trousers on this day. This is in support of the Show Racism the Red Card charity, which delivers anti-racism workshops nationwide.

At lunchtime on the day, our Equity & Diversity and Community Prefects will have an awareness stall at lunchtime in the Hall, where students can sign cards to pledge to support the fight against racism.

Other than wearing the red PE top on October 20th, normal rules for school uniform must be adhered to.



Did you know that as well as topping up accounts electronically [via this link](#), cash top-ups can be made for as little as £1, via the machines in the Refectory and Diner. This allows students to avoid having to load the minimum electronic top-up of £10.

Charity elections!

All students took part in our **first ever Charity Elections** on 5th October. The students in each year group **nominated local charities, a shortlist for each year group was drawn up and campaigns were run.**

Each year group then got the opportunity **to cast their vote at our Polling Station** in the refectory on **5th October** and to choose who their year group will raise money for in their charity weeks during this academic year.

This was a great opportunity to deliver our **National Curriculum Citizenship education** about voting systems and how elections run. We really **appreciate all your support** and the **engaging conversations** that you had with your child about the charities nominated or the process of going to a polling station and voting. If you haven't already, I'm sure that they would **love to hear about your experiences of voting in the past** if they haven't been to the polling station with you.



We are pleased to announce that the winners of our elections were:

Year 7 - RSPCA

Year 8 - St Barnabas Hospice

Year 9 - Chestnut Tree House

Year 10 - Cancer Research UK

Year 11 - Wadars



Students will **support each of these charities** until the end of their current Key Stage.

FODS Winter Raffle!

The FODS (Friends of Davison School) will not be holding a Winter Fayre this year, however, the Winter Raffle will still be going ahead. Details of the fabulous prizes you could win and how to buy tickets will be announced soon. If you would like to donate a prize then please email Kirsty Chamberland, our Community & Marketing Manager, at k.chamberland@davisonhigh.school



Lost Property Reminder!

- **Students can look through un-named lost property in Student Services during break, lunchtime and also before and after school.**
- **We will upload images of unnamed lost property onto the lost property section on FROG.**

Please note that we are unable to allow parents through to Student Services to look in Lost Property. At the end of each term, any unclaimed un-named items will be recycled within the school and local community. Thank you.

Save the Date - Class of 2024 Prom!



Our **Class of 2024 Prom** will be held at the **Avisford Park Hotel, Arundel**, on **Friday 28th June 2024!**

We are all too aware how expensive prom dresses can be. The **St Barnabas House Wedding Boutique** in Rowlands Road, Worthing, has a **large range of prom dresses** and appointments can be made by telephoning 01903 823424.



We also hope to be able to offer **preloved prom dresses** nearer the time. If any of our parent/carers would like to **donate a dress** for one of our students to wear next year, please email k.chamberland@davisonhigh.school

Book Donations!



In order to **encourage our students to read in another language**, the **Top Trio**, MFL Team and the LRC would be extremely grateful for **donations of French and Spanish books aimed at teenagers**, but also any other Languages spoken in our community. In particular **Tagalog, Bengali, Polish, Italian, Japanese, German and Ukrainian**.

Thank you! **Well done to the Top Trio (Saffy, Tegan and Gracie) for this brilliant idea!**



Missed calls from school

If you miss a call from school and no message is left, we would ask that you bear in mind that with the large amount of staff we have, it is unlikely that our receptionist will know who called. If the phone call is urgent, a message will be left or a follow-up call will be made.



Signing in and out during the school day

Pupils must sign in and out at Student Services only, if required during the day.

Sports News!



Sybil Tarvisio Cup

Congratulations and **thank you** to anyone who took part in any **Area School Sports competitions** last year. Due to such a high amount of teams entered over the range of sports, as well as **fantastic results** in each competition, **we won the Sybil Tarvisio Cup!**

This is a very **prestigious award** competed for by all 12 schools in our area. Schools **win points** for entering competitions and for their overall positions. A **fantastic achievement** and we are **very proud of all our teams!**

PE kit reminder

If your daughter needs any extra or replacement items for her PE kit, the PE department have a selection of second-hand kit for sale. We currently have all items available for £1 as well as trainers in various size for £5. Items can be purchased before school, break times or lunchtime from the PE office.



Autumn PE Club Timetable

Autumn 1 PE Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 1:30 - 1:55pm	GCSE Dance Choreographies Gym Mrs Anstey Year 8/9 Netball Umpires Sports Hall Mrs Cox KS4 Dance Company Dance Studio Mrs Anstey/ Ms Binney Year 10 GCSE PE Support PE Office Mrs Dewey	Year 9 Open Dance Dance Studio Mrs Anstey Year 7 Netball Trials Sports Hall Mrs Cox GCSE Dance Choreographies Gym Mrs Anstey	Lunchtime Stretch Gym Mrs Cox GCSE Dance Choreographies Dance Studio Mrs Anstey Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention Miss Baker	Year 7 Dance Dance Studio Miss Melard GCSE Dance Choreographies Gym Mrs Anstey Year 10 GCSE PE Support PE Office Mrs Dewey	All Years Badminton Sports Hall Miss Baker GCSE Dance Choreographies Dance Studio Mrs Anstey Gymnastics Squad Vault Gym Mrs Dewey
After school 3:30 – 4:30pm	All Years Football Field/Sports Hall The Albion, Miss Gearing, Miss Baker Year 11 BTEC Support PE Office Miss Melard KS4 Dance Company - WK 1 Only Dance Studio Mrs Anstey/ Ms Binney	U16 Football League Miss Gearing Recreational Badminton Sports Hall Mrs Cox Year 8 Open Dance Dance Studio Miss Melard Year 7 Gymnastics Gym Mrs Dewey	KS3 Netball Squads Sports Hall Mrs Cox, Miss Melard, Miss Baker All Years Weights Room Mr Frampton	Year 10 & 11 Netball League Sports Hall Mrs Cox Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention Miss Baker All Years Weights Room Miss Baker Gymnastics Squad Gym Mrs Dewey	

Pupils must inform their teacher if they are feeling unwell and a member of the medical team will see them.

Students are requested not to call home; any student who bypasses this process and is collected without being seen by the medical team will have their absence recorded as unauthorised.

Careers News from Mrs Parnell!



Welcome back and I hope you have all had a smooth start to the new school term.

Year 10 News

Coming soon...

Launch of '**An experience of the Workplace and Skills Week 2024**' week commencing 16th October.

Year 11 News

I have started meeting our year 11 students for a half hour, 1:1 post-16 discussion and will continue to do so throughout the year. However, if your child has a pressing enquiry, please do not hesitate to email me; careers@davisonhigh.school.

College Assemblies

At the start of term, we had the pleasure of welcoming six local colleges into school during year 11 assemblies to talk about post-16 options for our students. I hope your child found the information interesting and useful. Thank you to;

BN1 Arts, BHASVIC, Plumpton College, Collyer's, Varndean and Angmering Sixth Form.

Please find links to all their presentations in the Post-16, Careers & Work Experience section on FROG.

Davison Post-16 & Careers Event – Wednesday 11th October 2023

To continue further encounters with post-16 providers, we are pleased to announce the date of our Post-16 & Careers Event – Wednesday 11th October 5.30-7.30pm. Local colleges, training providers and local organisations have booked a stand and will be available to speak to during the evening to discuss post-16 options available at their establishment.

A letter with further information will be emailed home.

College Open events

In addition to our assemblies and post-16 event, we would encourage all students to attend as many college and training provider open events as possible. A list of dates can be found in the Post-16, Careers & Work Experience section of the Davison website.



Free online careers fair - 17th October – [Click on this link for further information](#)

Wellbeing News!



Congratulations to Aimee Dumbleton and Annie Kingshoff!

These students have now moved on to college, but they were 2 of the Year 11 **Wellbeing Prefects** last year. As part of their role, they chose to work towards a **Level 2 qualification through Minds Ahead**. We are **delighted** to announce they **passed with flying colours** and have achieved the **Level 2 Award for Mental Health Peer Mentors**. Well done!

SAVE THE DATE: 'Coffee & Chat' – Parent/Carer Workshop: Supporting our children with any worries/anxious feelings

Following such **positive feedback from parents and carers** who attended our **interactive workshop about supporting children** with any worries or anxious feelings they may have, we will be running it again.



Mrs Charlie Jameson (Wellbeing Lead) and Lisa Beckley (our in-school counsellor through YMCA Dialogue) will once again lead the workshop.

The session will be held in the **school hall on Wednesday 1st November from 9:20am – 10:50am**. It will be an interactive workshop. We appreciate this time will not suit all people and will look to offer at different times in the future. As we are sure you will appreciate, we are needing to work around staff, student and room timetables.

In order that we have an idea of the number of parents/carers who plan to attend the session on 1st November, **please complete the form through the link below**.

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Please arrive no earlier than 9:10am for the session. You will be required to sign in at the diner entrance on the day. If you have any questions, please email the Wellbeing Lead at c.jameson@davisonhigh.school

Polite Reminder: Please can we ask parents/carers to please **drive and park carefully** when dropping off and picking up students, and that the **school site should not be entered** whilst collecting/dropping off unless you are coming into Reception to meet with/speak to a member of staff. Please **do not block driveways or park on corners**, which then makes it difficult to cross the road safely.



Please can we also remind parents/carers that you **must always report to the main reception** when arriving onsite. No parents/carers should be walking around the school site unaccompanied, reporting to Student Services or using the school site as a cut through. **Thank you** in advance for supporting our safeguarding procedures.

Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1 September (INSET DAY) to Friday 15 December 2023

Half-term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023

Christmas Break: Monday 18 December 2023 to Monday 1 January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 2 January (INSET DAY) to Thursday 28 March 2024

Half-term: Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024

Easter Break: Friday 29 March 2024 to Friday 12 April 2024

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 April to Tuesday 23 July 2024

Monday 6 May is a **Bank Holiday**

Half-term: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024



Teacher Training (INSET) Days 2023/24

- ✧ Monday 4th December 2023
- ✧ Tuesday 2nd January 2024
- ✧ Friday 26th April 2024

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 11th October - Year 11 Post-16 Evening 6-8pm

Wednesday 11th October - Additional Open Morning 9-11am

Friday 13th October - Charity Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 18th October - Year 7 'Six weeks In' meeting for parents & Form Tutors

Friday 20th October - Show Racism the Red Card - wear red PE tops

Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023 - **HALF TERM!**

Monday 30th October - **Back to school**

Thursday 2nd November - Year 8 Parent/Carer information evening

Thursday 9th November - KS4 Celebration Evening

Tuesday 14th November - 6.30pm FODS AGM, 7.30pm FODS Events Team meeting

Reminders for students, parents & carers



Could we politely ask that if your child is unwell for school, that you report this on Studybugs by 8.30am. This allows us to safeguard effectively as a school.

The 'Studybugs' app can also be used to notify us if your child has an appointment and needs to leave early using the option 'send other message'. The app is quick and easy to use and install; absences are then automatically added to our registers, eliminating any unnecessary absence texts to you. Please [click here](#) to get started. If you are having problems with Studybugs, please ensure we have the correct email address on file ~ email addresses not on file will not be recognised.

Reminder - Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in-school on 2nd November.



Water Bottles, Breakfast & Antihistamine!

Please can all students bring a water bottle to school with them, and please encourage them to have breakfast and any required antihistamine before coming to school.



Maths Equipment

Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment for their Maths lesson. We would prefer that they purchase their calculator through the school, as it will have all the functions available that we deem important (an Aurora AX595, @ £7.70). WisePay is now available for purchasing calculators.

Please could you remind your child ...

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 child 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 our Reception.

To avoid bringing food items into school that contain nuts, as we have members of our school community who have severe nut allergies.

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.

Reminders for students & parents



Davison offer second-hand uniform for sale in various sizes (subject to availability) at very reasonable prices.

We also hold a very limited stock of unembroidered PE kit. To purchase, please email preloved@davisonhigh.school with your child's name, form and details of the sizes and quantities you require. If you have any uniform or unembroidered PE kit in 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.**

FODS recycling textile bank is based in the carpark outside the school gates—an eco-friendly way of raising funds at no extra cost !

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.

We are pleased to be raising extra funds for our school through textile recycling, whilst being part of something really positive for the environment and reinforcing the importance of recycling.



If you are interested in joining Davison CE High School as a colleague, please keep an eye on the vacancies section on our website. [Please click here](#) to be directed to our website.

Are you a former Davison student? Did your time at Davison help **inspire** and **shape** your career paths and achievements? If yes, then we would love to hear from you and share your stories as part of our **#alumnaespotlight**



Please email k.chamberland@davisonhigh.school to be featured.



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 us for events, celebrations and much more.

In recent times especially, 'community' has been even more important. We recognise that many family circumstances have changed and this is only being added to by increasing financial pressures experienced due to rising food and energy costs, causing many of us to need extra support.

Community Hub – Support for all families available

Those children and families that are not eligible for FSM will be able to access urgent support for food via the WSCC Community Hub. We would encourage schools to share this information with the school community.

The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 9:00 – 17:00 seven days a week.

Further information can be found via [West Sussex County Council website](#)

Should you require any further information or advice about the scheme, please contact welfarecommunities@westsussex.gov.uk

Could your family be eligible for extra support? Please click [here](#) for the link to apply for FSMs via West Sussex County Council. Eligibility will depend on what other benefits you might be entitled to. Unfortunately, school have no say in this process.

Free sanitary items for all students - here at Davison, Student Services are able to supply free sanitary products to any student who needs them during the school day.

We can also supply any student, who is unable to afford the cost of them, with free sanitary products during these difficult economic times. Please contact Student Services in confidence to make a request medical@davisonhigh.school



Davison Headship Team

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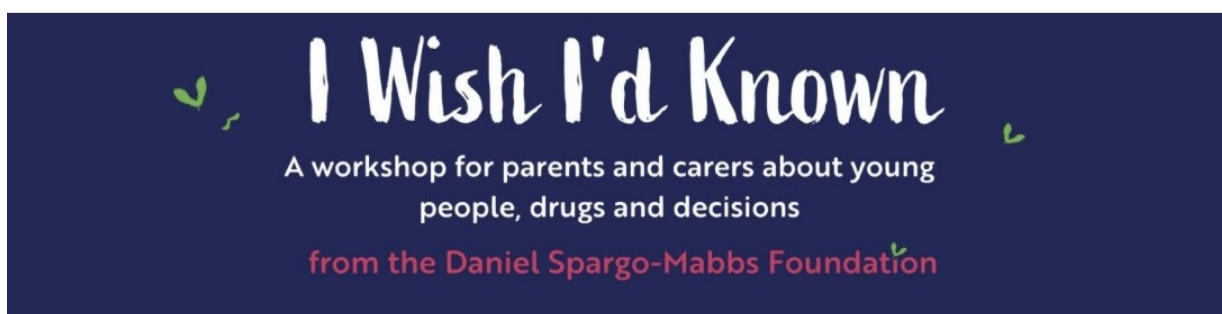
Heads of Year Groups 2023/24

Mrs J Anstey - Year 7	j.anstey@davisonhigh.school
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Mrs E Dewey - Year 9	e.dewey@davisonhigh.school
Mr A Clayton - Year 10	a.clayton@davisonhigh.school
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Assistant Heads of Year Groups 2023/24

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Mr A Smith - Year 11	a.smith@davisonhigh.school

Community Information



Parents Drug Education Workshop

Billy & Beyond and The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation

Thursday 19th October

7pm for a 7.30pm start

Refreshments provided

Worthing leisure centre, Shaftsbury room, Shaftsbury Avenue BN12 4ET

Billy & Beyond are delighted to offer this free drug education workshop, giving parents the opportunity to meet with Nicci from Local CIC Billy & Beyond and Fiona from the Charity The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs foundation.

The workshop will cover:

Levels of young people's exposure to drugs and alcohol – what, where, when and how

What young people, and their parents and carers, need to know about the risks of drugs and alcohol

Facts that affect young people's decisions about drugs and alcohol, including teenage brain

How to have effective conversations with your child, and practical suggestions for what you can do to support them and keep them safe

Where to go for more information and support

Billy's story-animated, a short, powerful video telling Billy's story the night he took MDMA

Please email billyandbeyondcic@gmail.com to book a place

