



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Whole School News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for all your support throughout this term. On behalf of all of our staff, I would like to wish you a **wonderful Christmas and New Year!** Please pass on our very best wishes to your family and friends too. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Kind regards,
Chris Keating

Odd Socks Day

Thank you to everyone who got involved in **odd socks day** to mark the start of **anti-bullying week**.



There were some great pledges made and socks on doors!

Sussex Safer Road Partnership

On 10th November, year 7 enjoyed a visit from Sussex Safer Road Partnership who delivered an interactive production called 'Look Up'.

Year 7 students were taught about the importance of pedestrian safety, how to spot



hazards on a journey, the importance of using sense in road safety, how to think like a driver and understand the impact behaviour has on safety.

Some students participated during the show and enjoyed the challenges - like trying to walk safely with lots of distractions!



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.



Davison Drama Department at The Old Market, Hove



Over 30 **GCSE Drama students** took on the enrichment **challenge of preparing a Shakespeare performance** that was performed at **The Old Market, Hove** on 6 November. Davison delivered an abridged version of **A Midsummer Night's Dream** as part of **Coram Shakespeare's Schools Festival**, the largest youth drama festival in the world.

This non-competitive festival takes place in **professional theatres** up and down the country. **Davison students excelled themselves** in delivering Shakespeare's **craziest play**, with **commitment, talent** and perhaps a little bit of **sass!**



Other schools who took part were Brighton Girls and St, Christopher's Hove. We also took over **student technicians Faith, Holly and Eloisa**, who excelled themselves in the **smooth running** of the technical aspects of the play, working alongside the professional crew at the theatre.



Students who took part did so **entirely in their own time**, often rehearsing late on a Friday afternoon until 5pm! Our performers also had a high level of input with the **choreography** and **comedy moments**, with Bottom dancing to Right Said Fred's 'Too Sexy'. This created a **huge contrast** to the entry of Titania held aloft as she floated in to the memorable strains of Chaka Khan singing "I'm Every Woman".

Congratulations to all the performers! A **memorable** and **visually stunning** performance celebrating Shakespeare's best-loved comedy.



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. If you still have issues, you can call the school office telephone number and select option 1 to leave a message on the attendance line.

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.

Staff Painting Club

Developing creativity, supporting well-being and improving concentrationthe benefits of painting are endless.

Thanks to **Miss Walker** for leading an amazing staff painting club inspired by the legendary artist **Bob Ross**. Didn't we do well!

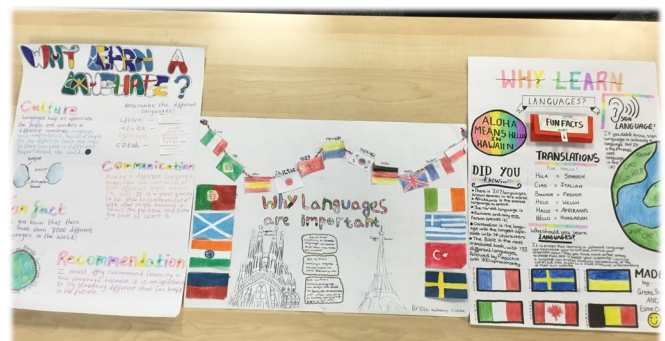


Hola! Bonjour! Ciao!

Thank you to all of the Y7 students who entered our 'Why Learn Languages?' poster competition. We had so many wonderful designs, they really did make it tough for us to decide a winner! However, after much deliberation, the MFL department picked the following winning posters:

- 1st place - Greta S (7SI) & Esme C (7GR) - right
- 2nd place - Konnie P (7PI) - left
- 3rd place - Ella W (7WH) - centre

The top 3 each won a prize, and the winning posters are displayed in the MFL corridor for all to see!



Spanish trip



From the 19th to the 23rd of October, **GCSE Spanish students** took part in an **exchange in Jaén, Spain**. They got to **explore the area, eat some local delicacies and visit museums or UNESCO monuments like La Alhambra**.



Our students also spent some time with **Spanish students**, where they got to **practise Spanish** in school and social settings. **¡Lo pasamos bomba!**



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.

Signing in and out during the school day

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

Y8 and Y9 Bake-off Competition

The overall winner of the Y8 and Y9 Bake-off Competition is....

Connie P in 8GO with her amazing and delicious Mallorcan cake!

The **amazing** runners up were **Yolanda A 8PI** with her **classic German Marmorkuchen**, and **Miley P 8GO** with her really **well-presented Dutch cake**. They will all get some positive points.

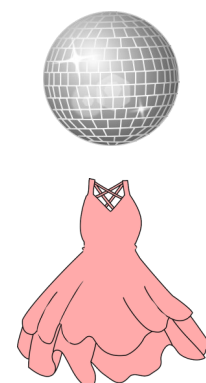
Thank you so much to everyone who took part! It was a very difficult decision to make as there were so many delicious and creative cakes!



Reminder - 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

WisePay

Did you know you can **check** your WisePay **payments history** via 'My Wise Account' on the WisePay dashboard?

An example is shown here – don't cause yourself a sleepless night!

Welcome [redacted] your account for [redacted]

Home My Merged Account **My Wise Account** My Contact Information Change Password Help Log Out

Account Overview

Payments, Balances and Messages Merged Accounts Your Details

Payment History (50 Most Recent Transactions)

Date/Time	Order Reference	Payment Method	Item Description	Amount
31/10/2023 16:02:29	1166037617	Online Card Payment	Legally Blonde - Y18	£ 17.00
20/09/2023 16:41:08	1162401160	Online Card Payment	DT Contribution 2023	£ 10.00
05/09/2023 16:02:45	1160693662	Zero Cost Order	LOCAL CONSENT FORM	£ 0.00
28/06/2023 16:43:57	1157649190	Online Card Payment	LOCKERS 2023 HIRE RENEWAL	£ 15.00



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.

Sports News!



Spring 1 PE Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 1:30 - 1:55pm	GCSE Dance Choreographies Gym Mrs Anstey All years turn up and play Netball Sports Hall Mrs Cox KS4 Dance Company Dance Studio Mrs Anstey/ Ms Binney Yr10 GCSE PE Support Mrs Dewey Year 11 BTEC Support PE Office Miss Melard	Year 9 Open Dance Dance Studio Mrs Anstey GCSE Support Mrs Cox's office GCSE Dance Choreographies Gym Ms Binney	GCSE Dance Homework Club Weights Room Mrs Anstey Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention Miss Baker GCSE Dance Choreographies Dance Studio Ms Binney	Year 7 Dance Dance Studio Miss Melard Year 10 GCSE Trampoline Gym Mrs Dewey GCSE Dance Choreographies Sports Hall Ms Binney	Gymnastics Squad Vault Gym Mrs Dewey All years Badminton Club Sports Hall (Starts on 19 th January) Miss Gearing Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention Weights Room Miss Baker
After school 3:30 – 4:30pm	All Years Football Field/Sports Hall The Albion, Miss Gearing, Miss Baker Year 11 BTEC Support HS1 Miss Melard KS4 Dance Company Week 1 Only Dance Studio Mrs Anstey/ Ms Binney	Recreational Badminton/ Volleyball (Starts on 23 rd Jan) Sports Hall Mrs Cox Gymnastics Squad Gym Mrs Dewey Year 8 Invite only Dance Dance Studio Miss Melard KS3 Weights Room Miss Gearing	KS3 Netball Squads Sports Hall Mrs Cox, Miss Melard, Miss Baker KS4 Weights Room Mr Frampton GCSE Dance Choreographies Dance Studio Ms Binney	Year 8 & 9 Netball League Matches Sports Hall/ Courts Mrs Cox/ Miss Baker Year 7 Netball League Matches Sports Hall/ Courts Miss Melard/ Mrs Cox Gymnastics Squad Gym Mrs Dewey GCSE Dance Choreographies Dance Studio Ms Binney Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention Weights room (Starts on 1 st Feb) Miss Baker	Basketball Club Sports Hall Mr Clayton

In the first half term our **year 10 and 11 netball team** got straight into the new school year and played in their area **Netball League**.

They played weekly matches with the **top 2 teams** going through to the **semi-finals and finals** just before half term. Both teams **worked really hard** and showed great **determination and positive team work** in their games.

Although the **year 11's** did not reach the semi finals, I would like to say a **massive well done and thank you** for all they have done over the last 5 years and for being so **dedicated to training**. They have also always shown such **good sportsmanship** on and off the court.

Our **year 10 team** **qualifies top of their pool** and went on to play St Oscar Romero in this match. Despite missing a few players who were on a trip, they rallied and **played brilliantly, winning 17-6!**

They went on to **play in the final** against Steying and played an incredibly close match. The final score was 14-16 and they **finished 2nd overall**. **Well done** to everyone involved.



Community News!

December 2023

Parent Bulletin No. 2



2 Dec, 3pm Live Nativity Walk the Christmas story (begin and end at church)	3 Dec, 10.30am All Age Interactive Nativity Service Dress up as a Nativity character and join in	9 Dec, 6.30pm Mothers' Union Christmas Singalong Christmas songs with seasonal refreshments	 Come and celebrate the good news of Christmas! For more details see stgw.org.uk or contact our church office 01903 219672 office@stgw.org.uk St George's Road, Worthing, BN11 2DS Reg. Charity No. 1131206
12 Dec, 7pm Wreath Making Create your own Christmas decorations	17 Dec, 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight Traditional carols by the light of candles	18 Dec, 3.30pm Christmas Messy Church Full of family fun, with activities, crafts and food	
 18-22 Dec Countdown to Christmas	CHRISTMAS WEEK Advent Prayer Service Tue, Wed & Thu at 11.30am and 7pm	 Family Story-time & Activities Tue, Thu & Fri at 3.30pm	
24 Dec, 3 & 5pm Christingle Services Christmas Eve special	24 Dec, 11.30pm Midnight Communion Bringing in Christmas Day together	 25 Dec, 10.30am All Age Christmas Service Celebrating Jesus' birthday!	

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...

Friday 15th December - Non-uniform day and early closure. **School ends at 12.30pm**

Monday 18th December 2023 - Monday 1st January 2024 - Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 2nd January - INSET DAY

Wednesday 3rd January - Back to school

Tuesday 9th January - FODS Trustees meeting 6.30pm

- FODS Events Team meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 11th January - Yr 11 Parent Information Evening - Getting ready for exams

- 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' theatre trip

- Yr 8 & 9 HPV vaccinations

Tuesday 16th January - Year 8 Interform Dance

Thursday 18th January - Year 11 Subject Consultation evening - **school ends at 2pm**

Thursday 25th January - Year 9 Options Evening



Reminders for students, parents & carers

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.



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.

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.



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.

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.

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



www.skipssafetynet.org



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



Headlice Treatment Guidance



Head lice are very common so it is important that you check your daughter's hair as soon as possible to confirm and start treatment immediately.

- Hair should be washed in the normal way
- Whilst wet, lots of any ordinary conditioner should be applied (hair should be saturated in conditioner)
- A fine-toothed comb for example The Nitty Gritty, should be used to comb the whole head of hair from roots to end.
- The comb must be immediately cleaned after each combing of the hair to remove lice and eggs.
- Wet combing should be done every few days over a period of at least two weeks to ensure all newly hatched head lice have been removed.
- Check again that hair is free from lice on day 17
- Chemical treatment is only recommended in exceptional circumstances.
- After treatment is completed hair should be checked every week for a month to ensure it is free of lice.
- All combs and brushes of an infested person should be washed daily in hot water.
- Keep hair tied up whilst at school

THERE IS NO NEED TO KEEP YOUR DAUGHTER OFF SCHOOL WHILST UNDERTAKING THE TREATMENT

AUDIOACTIVE
FREE HAF SESSIONS
& NYE EVENT

for young artists aged 12-16 who qualify for
 free school meals, 28th to 31st December

FREE FOOD
 EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO MAKE
 MUSIC, RAP OR WRITE SONGS
 LIVE PERFORMANCE AND NYE
 PARTY AT OUR WORTHING SPACE

SIGN UP NOW! ONLY 20 SPACES AVAILABLE

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