



# Davison CE High School for Girls

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## Whole School News!

### Ramadan

With **Ramadan** estimated to begin on **March 11th 2024**, the Davison community has **invited** all of our Muslim friends and family to our **first ever Iftar event**.



The event will be held in school on **Wednesday 27th March 2024**.



If any non-Muslim members of our community **would like to attend**, please email [k.chamberland@davisonhigh.school](mailto:k.chamberland@davisonhigh.school) for number purposes.

### LRC News!

**Thank you** for your support for our **Christmas book fair**. We sold **£575 worth of books** which earned us **over £200 of free books for the library!**

There will be another book fair in the run up to the Easter holidays - more info to follow.



WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

**World Book Day** is just around the corner. we will be celebrating the '**Read Your Way This World Book Day 2024**' on **Thursday 7th March**.

There will be quizzes, competitions, book giveaways and various other reading activities to enjoy.

There are **lots of exciting new reads** in the LRC and '**surprise**' books, please do encourage your child to **come and see us**.

**NEW  
BOOKS**

*Well  
done!*

Finally, we are **very proud** of the many students that are **exceeding their Accelerated Reader targets**. Their love of reading and books is great to see. There are lots of **points, rewards and badges** to win by gaining points on AR.

Happy reading!

### 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.





## News from the Drama Department!

We are underway for preparing for our **Summer Musical: Shrek Junior!**

This year the performances will take place **19, 20, 21 June** and we look forward to playing to **full houses of friends and family** (tickets details will be released much nearer the time).

Parents & carers, please note that we always run an **INCLUSIVE school play** so that any girl who wishes to commit to the project will **definitely have an opportunity to perform** in some capacity. The lead roles tend to go to Year 10 and 9 students, with 7s and 8s joining in the rehearsal process a little later.



Some **Year 9 students** have also taken part in the **English Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition**.  
congratulations to...

- ✧ **Megan Silburn** and **Katie Oakley** who will proceed to the next round against other school with a scene from As You Like It
- ✧ **Tilly Buck** and **Lily Harris-Smith** who will proceed to the next round against other schools with Juliet and Nurse
- ✧ **Frankie Lea** and **Lexi Anthony**, who performed as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth
- ✧ **Edie Sellwood** and **Netty Retardo** who performed as scene with Juliet and her mother.

All four pairs showed **excellent oracy skills** and we would also like to **thank Mrs Nilsson** who acted as our in-house judge.



**Year 11 GCSE students** will **perform their final GCSE pieces** to an invited audience on **Monday 25 March** and then to the **visiting examiner on Tuesday 26 March**. We have everything crossed for them!

Since September, the **Year 9 Gifted, Talented & Passionate Club** have been working towards a **performance of 1Daisy Pulls it Off**. A play written by Denise Deegan and set in Grangewood School for Girls.

DAISY PULLS IT OFF  
by Denise Deegan

Daisy Meredith is the **first scholarship student** to attend the school and the privileged students are determined to make her look bad. However, **Daisy wins over her chums**, saves the school from financial disaster, finds treasure and saves the life of her chief nemesis!. The **rights have now been secured** and they will be sharing this with family and friends on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm in the Drama Studio**. More details to follow.

! SAMUEL FRENCH !



Over half-term, **Lily S and Lily H-S** took part in a **week long production of Oliver at the Theatre Royal Brighton**. All 8 shows were sold out and received **standing ovations** every night! They worked extremely hard over the past 6 months with **long rehearsals**.

Lily S was an Orphan, Fagin's gang and youth ensemble and Lily H-S was in the Youth ensemble and a backing singer. **Well done girls!**

### Signing in and out during the school day

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

### Magistrates & a mock trial

Students in Year 11 GCSE Citizenship Studies were visited by two working magistrates who led them in a session about the role of the Magistrates and the cases that they see most often which was fascinating.

They then took part in a mock trial where students took on the roles of all the characters in a criminal case at the Magistrates Court. Here you can see our defence solicitor, Tegan, presenting her case.



We look forward to welcoming the Magistrates again in April with our Year 10 groups.

### Davison Alumni Spotlight!

We are very proud to announce that former Davison pupil, Professor Emma Bunce, has been awarded an OBE for services to astronomy and science education in the New Year Honours list 2024.



Photo credit University of Leicester

This is an incredible achievement, which we wanted to share with you and also hope that you will share with your daughters.



Emma is a British space physicist and Professor of Planetary Plasma Physics at the University of Leicester. Currently Director of the Institute for Space at the University of Leicester and formerly Head of the School of Physics and Astronomy, Professor Bunce is playing a key role in ESA's JUICE mission to Jupiter, which launched earlier this year, and has been involved in multiple international space projects.

You can find out more about Emma and her incredible career and achievements on her Wikipedia page [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma\\_Bunce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma_Bunce)

### Vacancy

We are currently accepting applications for Exam Invigilators.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please click [here](#) to be directed to the vacancies section of our website.



**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. This is because official absences are only approved by the Headteacher or medical team in the case of illness.



## 10RED Nativity

To celebrate the festive season, some members of **10RE** (plus a few friends) **wrote, directed and performed** a nativity. The students performed this to their colour family year 7s in the Drama Studio. It was **thoroughly enjoyed** by all who watched



and **Mr Davies** commented on their "**Amazing performance, hearty congratulations.**" They should all be **very proud** of themselves for giving 7RED and the staff who attended such a **fantastic** contribution to the Christmas season at Davison. **Congratulations all!**

## Chinese New Year

We are very lucky to have such fantastic catering facilities and staff here at Davison. We recently celebrated Chinese New Year, which you can see some photos of below.



## Uniform

Please could we ask parents/carers to please ensure that all students are wearing the correct uniform. We have noticed that staff are having to spend an increasing amount of time asking students why they are wearing trainers, incorrect socks, jewellery, hoodies and coats that do not fall within the uniform policy.



Please do familiarise yourself with our uniform policy, as we reserve the right to withdraw students from lessons if they are in breach of this. You can find the link below.

[Uniform - Davison High School](#)

## Please read! Year 11 - Varndean College Applications Still Open

Varndean College are aware that there are a number of students from West Sussex who did not apply by the Priority Application deadline, but who have not yet secured a place at a Sixth Form College.

While applications have now closed for September 2024 entry to Varndean, they are happy to work with us to accept any applications from Davison students as a priority application.

For further details about Varndean College please see the link to their [website](#).





## Spring 2 PE Clubs

|                                   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Lunchtime<br><br>1:30 - 1:55pm    | <b>Ski Fit</b><br>Gym<br>Mrs Cox<br><br><b>KS4 Dance Company</b><br>Dance Studio<br>Mrs Anstey/ Ms Binney<br><br><b>Year 10 GCSE PE Support</b><br>PE office<br>Mrs Dewey<br><br><b>Year 11 BTEC Support</b><br>PE Office<br>Miss Melard<br><br><b>Interform Dance Practice</b><br>Sports Hall | <b>Year 9 Open Dance</b><br>Dance Studio<br>Mrs Anstey<br><br><b>GCSE Dance Choreographies</b><br>Gym<br>Ms Binney<br><br><b>Year 10 GCSE PE Support</b><br>PE office<br>Mrs Dewey<br><br><b>Interform Dance Practice</b><br>Sports Hall   | <b>GCSE Dance Homework Club</b><br>Weights Room<br>Mrs Anstey<br><br><b>Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention</b><br>PE Foyer<br>Miss Baker<br><br><b>GCSE Dance Choreographies</b><br>Dance Studio<br>Ms Binney<br><br><b>GCSE Support</b><br>Mrs Cox's office<br><br><b>Interform Dance Practice</b><br>Sports Hall | <b>Year 7 Dance</b><br>Dance Studio<br>Miss Melard<br><br><b>Ski Fit</b><br>Gym<br>Miss Parle<br><br><b>Interform Dance Practice</b><br>Sports Hall  | <b>Gymnastics Squad Vault</b><br>Gym<br>Mrs Dewey<br><br><b>All years Badminton Club</b><br>Sports Hall<br>Miss Gearing<br><br><b>Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention</b><br>Weights Room<br>Miss Baker |
| After school<br><br>3:30 – 4:30pm | <b>All Years Football</b><br>Field/Sports Hall<br>The Albion, Miss Gearing,<br>Miss Baker<br><br><b>Year 11 BTEC Support</b><br>HS1<br>Miss Melard<br><br><b>KS4 Dance Company</b><br><b>Week 1 Only</b><br>Dance Studio<br>Mrs Anstey/ Ms Binney  | <b>Recreational Badminton/ Volleyball</b><br>Sports Hall<br>Mrs Cox<br><br><b>Year 8 Invite only Dance</b><br>Dance Studio<br>Miss Melard<br><br><b>KS3 Weights Room</b><br>Miss Gearing<br><br><b>Year 10 GCSE Trampoline</b><br>Gym<br>Mrs Dewey<br><br><b>U14 Football League matches</b><br>Miss Baker | <b>KS4 Weights Room</b><br>Mr Frampton<br><br><b>GCSE Dance Choreographies</b><br>Dance Studio<br>Ms Binney  | <b>Year 7 Netball League Matches</b><br>Sports Hall/ Courts<br>Miss Melard/ Mrs Cox<br><br><b>Gymnastics Squad</b><br>Gym<br>Mrs Dewey<br><br><b>GCSE Dance Choreographies</b><br>Dance Studio<br>Ms Binney<br><br><b>Year 11 GCSE PE Intervention</b><br>Weights room<br>Miss Baker | <b>Basketball Club</b><br>Sports Hall<br>Mr Clayton  |

## District Cross Country

Our year 7, Junior and inter **cross country teams** took part in the District competition in Lancing. All teams ran **exceptionally well** on a **challenging** and muddy course.



**Special mentions** go to Esme Young in year 7 and Julie Walsh in year 10, who both came **2nd in their races**. The overall results had our Year 7 team in **2nd** and both the junior and intermediate teams came **1st**.

**Well done** to everyone who took part!



## Year 7 and 8 County Cross Country competition



We would like to say **well done** to our teams! They did very well in a **huge field** of over 300 students, taking on a **challenging course**.

A **special mention** goes to **Esme Young** in year 7 who **qualified** for the inter-counties event after finishing 17th in her race!



# Sports News!

## Indoor Athletics



**Congratulations** to the **Year 7 & 8 Indoor Athletics teams** who both competed at the recent district event.

Both teams **performed brilliantly** across all events against strong opposition. The Year 8 team came **2<sup>nd</sup>** and the Year 7 team came **4<sup>th</sup>**.



## South East Schools Team Gymnastics Competition

**20 gymnasts** competed at the South East Schools Team **Gymnastics Competition** on Sunday 28th January. They **performed beautifully** and came home with **20 medals!**

This made us the **highest scoring state school in the South East!** A huge well done to all involved.



## 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/carers 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.



**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.



## Community News!

**AUDIOACTIVE**  
**FREE**  
**HAF MUSIC SESSIONS IN WORTHING**  
 Easter holidays TUE 9th April – FRI 12th April  
**AudioActive Worthing 85–87 Montague St**  
**Produce | Play | Rap | Sing | Record**  
 OPEN TO AGES 11–16  
 MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS  
 FREE NUTRITIOUS MEAL PROVIDED  
 EVERY DAY 10.30AM – 2.30PM  
 NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT NECESSARY




**SIGN UP:**  
[AUDIOACTIVE.ORG.UK/HAFO](https://audioactive.org.uk/hafo)




**THE SID YOUTH**  
**PARENT/CARER**  
**DROP-IN**

NO SIGN UP NEEDED

FREE COFFEE & BISCUITS



*A chance to find out more about The Sid Youth.  
 Meet other parents/carers, having a safe space to talk,  
 Plus find out what other services/organisations are in the area!*

**17:45 – 19:15**

THE SIDNEY WALTER CENTRE  
 WORTHING  
 BN11 1DS

**DATES**  
 DECEMBER: 5TH – 12TH – 19TH  
 JANUARY: 9TH – 16TH – 23RD – 30TH  
 FEBRUARY: 6TH – 13TH – 20TH – 27TH  
 MARCH: 5TH – 12TH – 19TH – 26TH

**MORE INFO:**  
 In this group we will discuss  
 key topics impacting on  
 young people including  
 exploitation, knife crime,  
 Well-being, and more!

# Term Dates 2023/24

## 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 2024

✧ Friday 26th April 2024

## Dates for your diary...

- ✧ **Friday 1st March** - World Prayer Day
- ✧ **Monday 4th March** - **Y10** Citizenship Trip to Westminster
- ✧ **Tuesday 5th March** - **Y11** Grandstand Photograph
- ✧ **Tuesday 5th March** - FODS Events team meeting 6.30pm
- ✧ **Wednesday 6th March** - International Women's Day
- ✧ **Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day
- ✧ **Friday 8th March** - **Y11** English trip to see Macbeth at Connaught Theatre
- ✧ **Thursday 14th March** - Dance Trip - making Moves at Sadler's Wells London
- ✧ **Friday 15th March** - Non-Uniform Day for Year 8 Charity
- ✧ **Sunday 17th March** - **Iceland** geography trip departs
- ✧ **Tuesday 19th March** - World Poetry Day
- ✧ **Tuesday 19th March** - **Year 9** Drama performance 'Daisy Pulls it Off'
- ✧ **Wednesday 20th March** - Iceland trip returns
- ✧ **Thursday 21st March** - **Year 7** Interform Musical Theatre
- ✧ **Thursday 21st March** - Inter-school literature quiz at Chichester College
- ✧ **Tuesday 26th March** - **Italy** ski trip departs
- ✧ **Wednesday 27th March** - Easter Church Services
- ✧ **Thursday 28th March** - **Last day of term**
- ✧ **Friday 29th March** - **EASTER HOLIDAYS BEGIN**
- ✧ **Tuesday 2nd April** - **Italy** ski trip returns
- ✧ **Monday 15th April** - **BACK TO SCHOOL**





## Rainbows' Bereavement and Loss Programme

We are pleased to announce, that following the relevant training, Davison C.E High School for Girls is now an accredited 'Rainbow' school. This means we are able to extend our wellbeing support to our students through the Rainbows' Bereavement and Loss Programme.

Rainbows' Bereavement and Loss Programme is dedicated to supporting those who have experienced bereavement and loss in their lives. This may include:

- Death of a loved one
- Divorce or parent separation
- Foster homes/adoption and Special Guardianship
- Families coping with life-limiting or terminal illness of a close family member
- A home where a parent is serving/ has served a prison sentence
- Families where one parent has never been part of the child's life
- Those who have experienced war or conflict
- Any other experiences of bereavement and loss.

Please use the link below to either refer your child or self-refer if you are a student. You can find the full information regarding Rainbows' Bereavement and Loss Programme in the documents section below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/LdQru5N8YB>

**If you need support, help is out there...**

**Crisis Services:**

**SAMARITANS**  
116 123 (open 24/7)

**PAPYRUS**  
0800 068 41 41 or Text  
PAPYRUS to 07860 039967

**childline**  
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME  
0800 1111 (open 24/7)

**NHS Sussex Partnership**  
NHS Foundation Trust  
Sussex Mental Healthline  
0800 0309 500 (24/7)

**Text Services:**

**For under 25s:**  
Text **THE MIX** to 85258

**For help with self-harm:**  
Text **SHOUT** to 85258

**For info and advice:**  
Text **YM** to 85258

**General Support:**

**For emotional wellbeing:**  
e-wellbeing  
e-wellbeing.co.uk

**For help with eating disorders:**  
beateatingdisorders.org.uk

**For young people and families:**  
youngminds.org.uk

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:**  
Call 111 or 999, or go to your nearest A&E

**e-wellbeing**  
POWERED BY  
YMCA DownLink Group



## Reminders for students, parents & carers

**Polite Reminder:** We respectfully ask you to **drive considerately and park legally** when dropping off/ picking up students within the surrounding area, This ensures that the safety of students, and other community members, continues to be our number one priority. We have very good relationships with local residents and we are always extremely concerned to hear of occasions when student safety, in general, has come second to the personal convenience of those who reduce visibility for all by parking on double-yellow lines.

Please also note 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. .



### Water Bottles, Breakfast & Antihistamine!

Please can all students bring a water bottle to school with them, and be encouraged 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/carers



**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](mailto: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 Pre-loved 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](mailto: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](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk)

Should you require any further information or advice about the scheme, please contact [welfarecommunities@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:medical@davisonhigh.school)



### Davison Headship Team

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|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Mr C Keating -</b><br>Headteacher                                 | headspa@davisonhigh.school      |
| <b>Mr T Davies -</b><br>Deputy Headteacher Curriculum                | a.davies@davisonhigh.school     |
| <b>Mrs J Lewis-Tutt -</b><br>Deputy Headteacher Pastoral & DSL       | j.lewis-tutt@davisonhigh.school |
| <b>Ms S Binney -</b><br>Assistant Headteacher Head of KS4            | s.binney@davisonhigh.school     |
| <b>Miss H Fox -</b><br>Assistant Headteacher Head of KS3             | h.fox@davisonhigh.school        |
| <b>Mr A Smith -</b><br>Assistant Headteacher Assessment & E-Learning | a.smith@davisonhigh.school      |
| <b>Mr C Bailey -</b><br>Assistant Headteacher Teaching & Learning    | c.bailey@davisonhigh.school     |

### Heads of Year Groups 2023/24

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Mrs J Anstey - Year 7</b>  | j.anstey@davisonhigh.school  |
| <b>Miss K Meers - Year 8</b>  | k.meers@davisonhigh.school   |
| <b>Mrs E Dewey - Year 9</b>   | e.dewey@davisonhigh.school   |
| <b>Mr A Clayton - Year 10</b> | a.clayton@davisonhigh.school |
| <b>Mrs L Wilson - Year 11</b> | l.wilson@davisonhigh.school  |

### Assistant Heads of Year Groups 2023/24

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Miss D Baker - Year 7</b>     | d.baker@davisonhigh.school     |
| <b>Mrs C Rudd - Year 8</b>       | c.rudd@davisonhigh.school      |
| <b>Miss S Melard - Year 9</b>    | s.melard@davisonhigh.school    |
| <b>Mrs R Christmas - Year 10</b> | r.christmas@davisonhigh.school |
| <b>Mr A Smith - Year 11</b>      | a.smith@davisonhigh.school     |