



Davison CE High School for Girls

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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 2024.' It seems like no time at all since they were starting out afresh in September 2019. We wish them every happiness in their future endeavours.

Chris Keating
Headteacher

Welcome Year 7

Year 7 have settled in well to Davison life as they get used to finding their way around, making new friends and trying lots of clubs. The main two events for them so far have been the welcome church service and the 'Let's Glow' disco which were both great successes in very different ways! We have really appreciated the help of our colour prefects and community prefects to help them get settled in.

The service was their first chance to wear their red hats and walk to St George's Church and it proved to be a wonderful occasion. Our new students have got off to a great start and have had a fantastic first two weeks - we can't wait to see what the next five years brings.



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3G Multi-Use Pitch

The PE department are very excited with the completion of the new 3G multi-use pitch. To support our pupils in extra-curricular clubs, we are asking for any kind donations of old Football boots (non-metal studs) or astro that may no longer be used in your household. If you do have any old boots that you are happy to donate, please drop them off at reception or your daughter can drop them in at the PE office.

Better Business Show

Mrs Parnell & Mrs Chamberland took 6 Year 10 students to the Better Business Show recently, and were inundated with praise from business owners, local dignitaries and even our two MP's about how polite, professional and helpful they were.



They spent the day as Event Assistants, meeting and greeting visitors, signing people in, signposting people to stalls and delivering lunches. They also met our 2 new MP's, Beccy Cooper and Tom Rutland. Well done to all involved, and thank you to Mrs Parnell and Mrs Chamberland for their hard work.



Drama Club News

Year 7 Drama club is a prefect-led fun club - Wednesday lunchtimes - sign up for place to ensure numbers are manageable.

Year 9 Drama club is Mondays after-school with Mrs Stitt

Year 10's - Macbeth rehearsals are Friday lunchtimes, in preparation for the Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Old Market in November.

Further clubs will take place during the year.

Public Speaking competition teams meet on Thursday lunchtime.

GCSE Drama Theatre Trip to see Blood Brothers on November 6th.



Swimming Gala

Recently, 12 students went to represent Davison at the Area Swimming Gala in Horsham.

We competed in 4 team relay races, with our intermediate team winning their freestyle heat!

Congratulations to all involved.

Furniture Making Club

The Design, Technology & Engineering department are excited to introduce a new club on a Tuesday after school! The girls in KS3 are invited to our new Furniture making club. This club will run every Tuesday with limited spaces. If your child misses out this term, they will have another opportunity to join next term. If your child would like to find out more they can speak with Mrs Baumann in the Technology department.



KS4 Cross-Curricular Reading Scheme

There is a new KS4 area in the LRC aimed at encouraging Year 10 and 11 students to continue reading for pleasure and to choose books that will widen their understanding across the curriculum. The books have been selected by departments across the school to help students challenge themselves to move on from the YA genre (which of course still has a place in our LRC) and to step into reading more sophisticated texts. Students who take out and read 6, 12 or 18 books across KS4 will be tracked and there are some wonderful DR (Davison Reader) bronze, silver and gold badges to award to those who successfully participate. Simply visit the LRC to sign up!



Davison Youth Panel

On Thursday 26th September, Councillor Carl Walker came in to meet with our first Davison Youth Panel. Students were invited by Carl to share their opinions about what they would see improved in Homefield Park and he is going to submit these as part of the consultation being held by Worthing Council. They also discussed what their priorities would be for Worthing and shared this. We are going to continue to look at these the next time we meet with him. All of

the students involved were great at sharing their opinions in small groups and with the whole group and it was fabulous to see them giving their views in a way where they know that they are going to be listened to and that their views are valued.

Nationals Netball Competition



On Saturday 5th October, our U16 netball team participated in the Nationals Netball competition held at Roedean School. The atmosphere was charged as the team represented the school and themselves brilliantly, showcasing their skills and teamwork amidst a strong field of competitors.

The day began positively, with our players securing four impressive victories in the pool matches. They held their own against several well-established private schools known for developing talented netball players, resulting in a commendable second place in their pool. Advancing to the quarter-finals, the team faced Ardingly in a closely fought match. Although we were ultimately defeated, the players performed admirably, displaying resilience and skill throughout the game.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to announce that the team will compete against Brighton College in the County Cup. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to demonstrate their amazing skill level. Well done to our U16 netball team for their hard work and commendable performances.



GCSE Photography

Year 10 GCSE Photography students have been exploring using different camera techniques, glass photo spheres and natural framing during their trips to Worthing Beach. What a wonderful start to the course - keep up the excellent work Y10!



National Schools Equestrian Association

Davison CE High School for Girls, with the help of parent Lynsey Mackew, has applied to be part of The National Schools Equestrian Association. Lynsey's Daughter Molly is a keen equestrian and competes most weekends, however until now has never been able to take part in any NSEA competitions. Lynsey would like to know if there are any other keen horse riders at Davison, who have their own pony and would like to compete for their school. If you are interested in knowing more, then please contact Lynsey at lynsey.mackew@gmail.com.

Through the NSEA you will have the chance to compete in Regional competitions, across multiple disciplines, with many qualifiers for the National Championships.

If you would like to know more about the NSEA, then please visit [About the NSEA - NSEA](#)

Please can we remind you that all parents must buzz the gate to enter site, report directly to reception upon arrival and must not walk around the school unsupervised.

If your daughter has forgotten an item and you are bringing it in for them, it will be left in the 'student drop off box' in reception for your daughter to collect themselves. We do not have the capacity to take it to them.

Bishop Luffa PFA
Invites you to the 2024/25 prom season to:

BUY or SELL at our:
**Pre-loved
Prom Dress Sale**

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2024

12 Midday Until 4PM

**Bishop Luffa School, PO19 3HP
Access via Westgate**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Lightly worn Prom dresses & Accessories

Free Parking

Pick up pre-loved bargains (some gowns BNWT)

Make Money Selling your used Prom wear

Cash Payments Preferred

If you would like to sell prom items*
please email for a sellers pack:

blpromdress@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you

*Lightly worn dresses, evening wear, accessories, bags, shoes, jewellery (not earrings), stoles / bolero jackets and so on

Term Dates

2024/25



Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September (INSET DAY) to Friday 20 December 2024

Half term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January to Friday 4 April 2025

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April to Tuesday 22 July 2025

Monday 5th May is a **Bank Holiday**

Half term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

Teacher Training

(INSET) Days 2024/2025

✧ Monday 2nd December '24

✧ Friday 28th March '25

Dates for your diary...

- ✧ **Thursday 24th October** – Year 10 West End Residential departs
- ✧ **Friday 25th October** – **LAST DAY OF HALF TERM**
- ✧ **Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November** – **HALF TERM**
- ✧ **Monday 4th November** – **BACK TO SCHOOL**
- ✧ **Wednesday 6th November** – Blood Brothers theatre trip
- ✧ **Thursday 7th November** – Year 8 information evening
- ✧ **Monday 11th November** – Anti-bullying week
- ✧ **Thursday 14th November** – Shakespeare Schools Festival
- ✧ **Thursday 14th November** – GCSE awards evening Class of 2024
- ✧ **Wednesday 20th November** – Year 7 theatre trip to see Wicked, London
- ✧ **Monday 25th November** – Year 9 Drama Club performance
- ✧ **Wednesday 27th November** – Carols for the Community
- ✧ **Thursday 28th November** – Winter Concert
- ✧ **Monday 2nd December** – **INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- ✧ **Thursday 5th December** – **EARLY CLOSURE - School closes at 2pm**
- ✧ **Thursday 5th December** – Year 9 Subject Consultation Evening
- ✧ **Friday 6th December** – Winter raffle draw
- ✧ **Monday 9th December** – **Community** Carol service at St George's Church 7pm
- ✧ **Tuesday 17th December** – **EARLY CLOSURE 2PM**
- ✧ **Friday 20th December** – Non-uniform & **EARLY CLOSURE AT 2PM**
- ✧ **Friday 20th December – Friday 3rd January** – **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
- ✧ **Monday 6th January 2025** – **BACK TO SCHOOL**



Parent, Carer & Student Reminders

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.

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.

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.

Signing in and out during the school day

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

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.

Wellbeing News



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.
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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)
- childline**
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
0800 1111 (open 24/7)
- PAPYRUS**
0800 068 41 41 or Text
PAPYRUS to 07860 039967
- 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

POWERED BY
YMCA DownsLink Group



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.

Sussex Mind

If you're worried about your child or young person's mental health and wellbeing, West **Sussex Mind** can help you to support them and build their resilience. Their parents and carers service aims to increase your knowledge and awareness of mental health and boost your confidence in coping with and addressing your child or young person's mental health.



They offer support for parents and carers of school-age children (five to 18 years) across West Sussex by providing:

- Online and in-person peer support meetings, which are hosted and mediated by Mind staff
- Talks by 'Experts by Experience' on specific topics (evenings), such as self-harm, school avoidance and autism and mental health
- One-to-one sessions with a peer support worker
- A closed Facebook group
- Signposting to other services as appropriate
- A range of free parent and carer [webinars](#) on different topics
- Free [e-learning courses](#) on topics, such as disordered eating, self-harm and LGBTQ+ awareness.

If you're interested in their parenting support or would like to speak to someone in the parenting team, please contact their Help Point on 0300 303 5652 (Mon to Fri, 10am to 4pm) or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org. You can also complete their support request form using the link below.

This link also takes you to information about the free and low-cost training and resources they also offer.

https://www.westsussexmind.org/help_and_support/specialist-services/parenting-support

Gentle reminders.....

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.

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.



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 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 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



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