



Davison CE High School for Girls

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We hope the Davison community are having a positive start to 2025. We are certainly very excited about the events that this year will bring, and will enjoy sharing these in the Parent Bulletins throughout the year.

IMPORTANT

Year 9 Options Deadline

Please can we kindly remind **all year 9 students and parents** that the **options deadline** is fast approaching. The form needs to be **submitted by 4pm on Wednesday 12th February**.

Considerate Parking



Recently, we have noticed some **vehicles parking in unsafe or restricted areas**, particularly at the end of the school day, which poses a significant risk to students, carers, parents, and other road users. These situations can lead to **accidents or congestion**, especially in high-traffic times.

We appreciate that there are limited parking spaces around the school, particularly on Dominion Road, and therefore it is suggested that you arrange to **meet your child a short distance away from the gates**.

To ensure the safety of everyone, we kindly ask all carers/ parents to:

- ✧ Use designated parking spaces or drop-off zones.
- ✧ Avoid parking on yellow lines, near pedestrian crossings, or in areas that block visibility.
- ✧ Follow the instructions of school staff.

Please be advised that where school staff are concerned about dangerous parking, we will report this to Sussex Police through Operation Crackdown. **Thank you** for your support with this important matter.



Davison 'Big Iftar' Event

Following the **success** of our first Big Iftar last year, we are proud to announce that we will be holding this event again on **Wednesday 12th March**.



The Mahaan and Efe's have been **confirmed as sponsors** this year, so we would like to **thank them** in advance for their support. If anyone in the community would like to contribute towards the evening, please contact Mrs R Monnan via info@davisonhigh.school.

Parent Bulletin No. 3 February 2025



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.

Drama News



All years

Rehearsals for **Matilda the Musical** are now well underway and we want to **thank students and staff** for all their commitment so far.

A reminder that the dates for this will be **June 17th, 18th 19th and 20th** Details of how to purchase **tickets** will be sent out in due course.

Please can students ensure they follow the **Rehearsal Schedule** that is pinned up in the **Wallis Building**.

Year 10

GCSE students have been looking at **stage and set design** & we wanted to share with you some of the **remarkable results of this**. Do take a look at the following shoebox model sets:



Esme C – back to the Future



Genevieve W - Macbeth



Katie O - Hamilton



Izzy W - Matilda

Children in Employment

Did you Know? Children of ages 13-16 must have a **work permit** if they are employed irrespective of the type of work, whether it's a paper round, helping in a shop, washing up in a café or any other type of work. **An employment licence is free**, and an employer must apply for a licence **as soon as the child commences work**.

IMPORTANT

The presence of a work permit ensures the child is **adequately safeguarded** whilst working, and it means the employers **liability insurance** covers the child if there is any accident at work. We are therefore taking this opportunity to share with you a useful leaflet which offers you further information on children working. Please see the end of the bulletin for this information.

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.



Thank you to everyone who supported our December book fair. For every book purchased the LRC receives a percentage to buy new books. We were able to buy **£250 of new books!** Our next Book Fair will be in **March**.

THANK YOU!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

World Book Day is on **Thursday 6th March**. As a school we love to celebrate book characters and reading. **Dressing up themes, Quizzes and Competitions** will all be announced in the coming weeks.

Book Donations

We are always looking to stock our library with **new and exciting books** - we happily accept **book donations**. Please contact the LRC if you have any books you would like to donate: lrc@davisonhigh.school



Reading Development

What you can do at home to support your **child's reading development**:

- Ensuring there is a quiet place and time for your child to read away from screens or technology
- Talking to them about what they are reading
- Sharing your own favourite books
- Listening to them read or reading aloud to them, if you have time, as it is one of the best ways to support reading fluency



Should you wish to discuss any concerns about your child's reading, please do contact our Reading and Literacy Lead Mrs. Mason via email to s.mason@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/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.

Sports News



We are pleased to report that our under 16 football team **won the Worthing School U16 football tournament** last week. They have had a clean sweep for this season, winning the league and the tournament. **Well done!**



A **huge congratulations** to the 18 girls that represented Davison at the **District Cross Country** on 28th November.

We have just received the results and Davison came **first place** across the year 7 Junior (Y8 & 9) and Intermediate (Y10&11) teams!



Our **year 11 netball team** played their **final games** in Davison colours this week at the area netball tournament. They **started strong** in their pool, **winning** convincingly in their first 3 games and only losing their final game by 1 goal. This still put them through to the finals, **finishing top of their pool.**

They went on to finish **1st overall** winning 4-6 against Oscar Romero in the finals.

Mrs Cox would like to say a **massive well done** to all involved, they have been a **fantastic** team since year 7 and we hope they continue to play when they leave us!



Student Success!

Congratulations to Cléa Révéreault who has been selected onto **the 2025 Rhythmic Senior Group Programme at British Gymnastics.** This is a fantastic achievement, well done Cléa!

We are changing the **format of detentions**, to make them **daily**, rather than 3 times a week. Some students may not fully understand why they are receiving detentions or may not be motivated to **change their behaviour** due to the delayed nature of the detention. This change will enable **quicker follow-up** to poor behaviour, supporting children to make **better choices.**

Notifications for detentions will come via the **My Child at School App (MCAS).**

West Sussex Democracy Awards



Ms Gearing took 3 of our students who were elected to the **West Sussex Youth Cabinet** to Parliament for the **West Sussex Democracy awards**. We were **awarded** an award for **outstanding recognition** for the number of students who stood for election and the **high turnout percentage** that we had in the 2024 West Sussex Youth Cabinet elections.

The student representatives were given a tour around the **Houses of Parliament** by Tom Rutland, MP for East Worthing and Shoreham.



PSHE News

In **year 10 PSHE** lessons this term, Acorn pregnancy counselling centre visited to deliver sessions about pregnancy choices.



Year 10 have found these sessions **very informative** and have **asked great questions** throughout.



In **year 11 PSHE lessons** this term, representatives from the **Terrence Higgins Trust** have visited to deliver sessions and provide information to students.

Year 11 have **enjoyed these visits**, listened to their stories and asked great questions to understand and learn more.

You can find out more about what is taught in PSHE and RSE (Relationships and Sex education) here [Government RSE](#) and on our school website.

▪ **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.

Term Dates 2024/25

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**

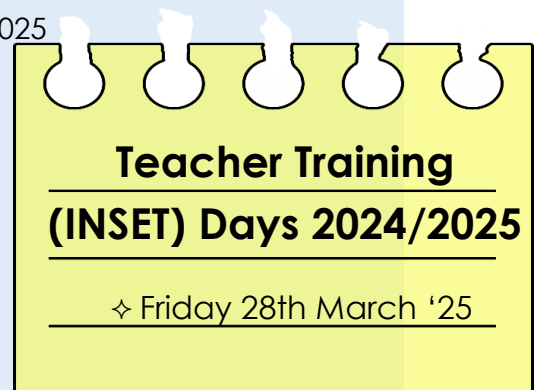
Half term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3rd September (INSET DAY) to Friday 19th December 2025

School starts for students on **Thursday 4th September**

Half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October



Dates for your diary...

- ◇ **Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025 – HALF TERM**
- ◇ **Wednesday 26th March** - Spotlight
- ◇ **Wednesday 12th March 2025** - Davison's BIG Iftar
- ◇ **Week commencing 3rd March** – National Careers Week
- ◇ **Tuesday 4th March** – Year 11 Grandstand Photo
- ◇ **Friday 7th March** – World Day of Prayer
- ◇ **Friday 7th March** – The Baby Show
- ◇ **Tuesday 11th March** - Year 11 drama performances
- ◇ **Wednesday 12th March** – Year 9 theatre group visit
- ◇ **Thursday 13th March** – Year 8 social event
- ◇ **Friday 14th March** – Non-uniform day
- ◇ **Thursday 20th March** – Year 7 interform musical theatre
- ◇ **Thursday 27th March** – **Early closure – 2pm**
- ◇ **Thursday 27th March** – Year 10 subject consultation evening
- ◇ **Friday 28th March** – **INSET DAY** – school closed to students
- ◇ **Thursday 3rd April** – **early closure – 2pm**
- ◇ **Friday 4th April** – Last day of term
- ◇ **Monday 7th – Monday 21st April** – **EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- ◇ **Tuesday 22nd April** – **BACK TO SCHOOL**





Parent, Carer & Student Reminders

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.

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

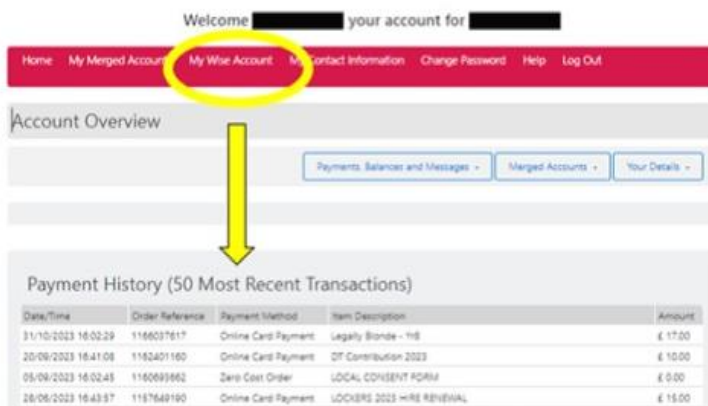
Students are requested not to call home; any student who bypasses this process and is collected without being seen by the medical team will have their absence recorded as unauthorised. This is because official absences are only approved by the Headteacher or medical team in the case of illness.

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.



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



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!

D.A.F.S

Davison Autism Family Support

Behind every awesome autistic child are parents/carers giving and getting special support for them round the clock.

You know who you are. And you know you deserve a cup of tea or coffee and a place to chat with people who get it. That is why we (some parent-carers) have teamed up with Mrs Nicky Robertson, the school's SENDCo, to hold regular get togethers for any of us who care for a child with autism, that attends Davison CE High School for Girls.

Knowing there are others who are in the same boat as you, that you can share experiences; frustrations; and funny stories with, is crucial. If you do not empty your mind of your own thoughts and worries, then you have no capacity to help anyone else. Being given the chance to speak with other parents who are experiencing the same challenges, or have experienced them and can offer guidance and advice, is how we have got to where we are with our own children's needs.

Unfortunately, the majority of support out there is only known about through word of mouth. Without having the opportunity to talk to others and share ideas, people can easily struggle and feel isolated.

Everyone's needs are different, however, having the opportunity to share and care makes the journey a lot less lonely.

We would like to invite you to our next D.A.F.S meeting on

Tuesday 25th March 2025

Arrival from 9am

Ending at 10:45am

Hosted in the school Hall, **D.A.F.S** will be a non-judgemental space for you to relax, share experiences, swap ideas and catch up on the external support available to you and your family.

If you would like to come along, please email SEND Administrator, s.bradford@davisonhigh.school by **Wednesday 19th March 2025** to ensure we have an idea of numbers attending.



Daffodils are associated with strength and resilience by virtue of their ability to survive and weather through winter storms and come out bright and cheerful in the spring. The bright yellow and white blossoms evoke positivity and hope.

Does your school age child have a job?



It is a legal requirement that all compulsory school age children have a permit to work. Please check your child's employer has a work permit in place.

Employing school age children

Children can work in a regulated job after their 13th birthday but must have a work permit. This is the employer's responsibility. The rules last until the last Friday in June of year 11, they don't finish as soon as they are 16.

How many hours can they work?



Ages 13 to 14		Ages 15 to 16	
Term time	Not more than 12 hours a week	Term time	Not more than 12 hours a week
School days	One hour before school or up to two hours after school, but no more than two hours in total on a school day	School days	One hour before school or up to two hours after school, but no more than two hours in total on a school day
Saturdays	No working before 7am or after 7pm	Saturdays	No working before 7am or after 7pm
Sundays	Between 7am and 7pm, but no more than five hours a day	Sundays	Between 7am and 7pm, but no more than eight hours a day
School holidays	Between 7am and 7pm but no more than five hours a day and maximum 25 hours a week	School holidays	Between 7am and 7pm but no more than eight hours a day and maximum 35 hours a week

On any given day, a child must not work more than four hours without a one hour break. They must have two weeks free from work during the school year. Children must not be employed at any time during the normal school day.

What kind of work can they do?

A child can do many jobs so long as they are 'light duties' only. Examples are:

- Working in a shop
- Delivering newspapers
- Working in an office
- Light cleaning jobs



What kind of work can they not do?

Some jobs are illegal for all children and they cannot do any of the following.

- Working in a pub (except washing up or serving food)
- Work in factories or any industrial undertaking
- Work in a commercial kitchen cooking or food preparation (chip shop, takeaway or restaurant). Light duties in a café or restaurant may be considered if suitably risk assessed
- Collecting money door-to-door
- Working in a hairdressers

There are many other prohibited jobs, so please always check with your Local Authority.



All these rules apply to jobs in a business, even if the child is not paid. This includes working in a parents' business. The rules do not apply to babysitting or dog walking or anything else for family and friends where the child is self-employed.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

- Email: CIEE@westsussex.gov.uk
- Phone: **033 022 28384**



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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.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

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WhatsApp age restriction is 13+

Who is contacting me?

To start a chat on WhatsApp, all anyone needs is a person's phone number. If a child has given their number to someone else who then adds them to a group chat, everyone in this group chat will now have access to their number. This means that complete strangers can contact them. Does your child know what to do if they get a message from someone they don't know?

Secrecy and chat lock

Be aware of chat lock. Chat lock is a feature which allows WhatsApp users to keep their chats in a separate locked folder, with its own secret code. This allows users to hide conversations, even if someone checks their phone and messages. This could include messages about harmful behaviours such as self-harm and inappropriate sexual content.

Disappearing content

WhatsApp has a feature which allows messages to be sent and only be viewed once.

Unfortunately, this allows users to send inappropriate and abusive content which cannot be re-opened once seen. This means there is no evidence of what has been sent. It also means that if you check your child's phone you won't see a complete picture of what they have viewed. You can never really know what has been sent or received by your child's account.

Scams and fakes

Information sharing on WhatsApp can reach a lot of people, very quickly. This means that false information can rapidly gather momentum resulting in sharing of fake news. Children and young people may not have the critical thinking needed to understand what is real and what isn't. This also means that they may be vulnerable to scams. Internet Matters have produced a [toolkit](#) for parents and carers.

What can we do?

Teach them to be cautious - Guide them to ask themselves how likely a message from an unknown number is really from someone they know.

Adjust the settings - You can specify who can and cannot add them to group chats. You can do this in the '**Settings**' menu under the '**Groups**' tab.

Talk to them openly - Without judgment about what they are sharing and how they contribute. Consider with them how they can use group chats safely and that is okay to exit group chats if they feel uncomfortable.

**Thriving in
education**

For more support and advice, please visit our Thriving in
Education [website](#) or scan the QR code.



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.

Davison Headship Team 2024/25

Mr C Keating - Headteacher	headspa@davisonhigh.school
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Heads of Year Groups 2024/25

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Mrs C Rudd - Year 9	c.rudd@davisonhigh.school
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Mrs R Christmas - Year 11	r.christmas@davisonhigh.school