



Happy Easter!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a very quick message to say, on behalf of all of our staff, 'thank you so much' for all your support throughout this year so far. We hope you have a blessed Easter holiday and are able to take time to relax with your family and friends. We are delighted to see that the term is ending on such a high note, both with the weather and the opportunity to celebrate the true meaning of Easter in our church services with staff and students. Prior to this point, we have enjoyed an amazing array of great experiences which are summarised in this bulletin. I hope that you enjoy reading it.

We look forward to working closely with you again in the final term of the academic year, which commences on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

Chris Keating

LRC and Reading News



The Reading Team

We celebrated another wonderful World Book Day in March with over 200 students and staff dressed up as book characters. The effort put into so many of the costumes was brilliant to see.

We also celebrated the day with a library full of students for our world book day quiz and other creative competitions showing our love of reading.



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Chichester Literature Quiz

In March, 12 of our avid readers from Year 7 and 8 competed in the Chichester Interschools Literature Quiz. They were up against 28 teams from 9 other schools across West Sussex, plus the authors of the 4 books they studied!

Each team from Davison scored top in one of the 4 rounds and overall **Davison Team A came 3rd in the competition** - a brilliant result.

Well done to the following students for all their hard work:

- Gretal E, Hazel T, Maddie G-J, Leila M (Team A)
- Grace W, Ava S, Rita A, Lily O (Team B)
- Ava G, Martha A, Lacie P, Meriel P (Team C)





Southern School Book Awards

In February, seven Year 9 students visited Hurstpierpoint College to attend the annual Southern School Book Awards.

The students had read and voted on a selection of 5 books leading up to the event.

During the event the students got to meet the authors and hear more about their writing and their love of reading.

The girls represented the school beautifully and had a brilliant time meeting all of the authors present.

**Southern Schools
Book Award**

Davison French Trip

Bonjour! From 4th to 7th March, forty of our Y9 and Y10 French students travelled to France to visit local high school, Collège Jean Jaures. Students from Davison teamed up with their French pen pals for bilingual games and activities, both in and out of school. As a group, we also visited the local market in Le Touquet, a chocolate factory in Beussent and assisted in the making of bread at a traditional boulangerie. The trip culminated in a farewell party with the French students, followed by a trip across the border to Belgian theme park, Plopsaland De Panne! It was a fun-packed itinerary, full of plenty of opportunities to practise French, which our students will remember for a long time to come! Thank you to all staff involved in this trip.



Youth Parliament



Stella Dickens in Year 8 was elected as the Member of Youth Parliament for Worthing and Adur last spring and recently attended the UK Youth Parliament debating session in the House of Commons. The Youth Parliament voted on 2 priorities to take to the UK Government to discuss - these are the voting age in the UK and Period dignity.



Important Medical Information

When your daughter first started at the school, you will have been asked to complete a form indicating whether or not you consent to the school administering paracetamol to her if needed, between the hours of 12 – 2pm. If at any point you wish to withdraw this consent, please contact the medical room at medical@davisonhigh.school

Non-Uniform Days

Thank you for your continued support for non-uniform days. These days are enjoyed by our students and staff, and raise vital funds for many local charities, including our Friends of Davison School (FODS). Please note, we do not accept non-uniform contributions via WisePay. Please ask your daughter to hand her £1 contribution to her Form Tutor on the morning of a non-uniform event.

PSHE News

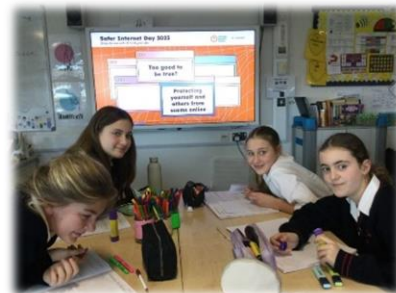
Drugs & Alcohol Awareness



Year 9 took part in an interactive drug and alcohol workshop. Students watched the play 'I love you mum, I promise I won't die' which tells the true story of Daniel Spargo-Mabbs. The play, and the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs foundation supports young people to make safer choices around drugs.

Safer internet Day 2025 - 'Too good to be true'

Year 7 students working in groups and identifying the signs of online scams as part of safer internet day. Students were learning about the offer and support available.



National Careers Week 3rd – 8th March 2025

In PSHE lessons, year 8 celebrated national careers week by finding out about different skills, qualities and qualifications needed for different roles. Vision boards were made and the students explored their 'dream jobs'.

Geography News

We were delighted to take 7 GCSE Geography Students to the Brighton & Hove Geographical Association's WorldWide Quiz. The students competed in teams of 2 and 3 against other schools in the local area to show off their geography prowess. All 3 of our teams did fantastically well, but a special congratulations to Fleur Wickham & Phoebe Kaye-Weale who came in joint second out of over 30 teams!



Geography Symposium

Mrs Smith & Mr Clayton had a fantastic time taking 9 of our Y10 GCSE Geography students to a Geography Symposium at Brighton Girls titled "Geograp-HER". They got to hear from some amazing female geographers and learn more about their work, including a talk from one of the lead Researchers working on the White Stork Project at the Knepp Estate, who told us about her work & brought in 'Jamie' the Stork for us to meet. The students also worked in groups with students from other schools to develop their own sustainability project, including designing a product, brand & considering how to finance and market their product.



Davison 'Big Iftar' Event



Davison CE High School for Girls recently hosted its second highly successful Iftar event, bringing teachers, students and their families together to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan.

The event was a vibrant gathering filled with laughter and conversation, set against a backdrop of colourful decorations in the school hall.

A highlight of the evening was the Maghrib prayer, graciously led by Imam Idris from Worthing Masjid, whose presence added a touch of spirituality and reminded everyone of the importance of compassion and kindness during Ramadan. Deputy Head Girl Ayah Miah also shared the story of how Zamzam (holy) water which was shared with those in attendance from her recent visit to Saudi Arabia.



Following the prayer, attendees broke their fast with a variety of delicious dishes prepared and donated by local businesses. The event was covered by the Worthing Journal, which will feature a detailed article in its May edition, highlighting the success of the event and the school's role in fostering community spirit and interfaith dialogue.



Overall, the Iftar was a testament to the power of unity and a celebration of the joy of coming together, setting a positive precedent for future community events.

Student Spotlight

A huge well done to Amy, Amelie, Sylvie, Penny and Darcy, who starred in a recent production of Annie at Worthing Pavilion Theatre. We have heard great things about the show.



Sports News



The Davison PE department are looking for football boot donations. If you have any old boots that you no longer need, please drop them into reception. All donations are gratefully received.



Year 7 Football

Congratulations to the year 7 football squad who reached the semi-finals of the district league. Pupils played 3 matches in the pool stage and came second in the table. Unfortunately, Durrington were a bit too strong for the team, with a 2-1 defeat.

Well done to all those involved across all the of the games.

Football club continues on Monday after school with coaches from Albion Foundation, everyone is welcome!



Rowing Success!

It was a great day on the river recently for Lotte, Marnie and Alice, racing together for the first time with the rowing club. Well done!



Davison Dance

Our very talented dancers at Davison were selected to perform two pieces at 'Let's Dance - Sussex' held at the Eastbourne Congress Theatre on Tuesday 1st April.

Mrs Anstey and Ms Binney took The Year 9 dance club, who performed 'Twisted Vortex' based on the extreme weather formation of Tornadoes, and our Dance Company (Year 10 and Year 11 dancers) who performed 'Lee' based on the life of Lee Miller as a war photographer and journalist in the 1930's.

We also have lots of dancers from their Dance Schools representing England this Year at the Dance World Cup.

Congratulations to all the dancers and their respective dance schools on being selected and very best wishes for the event to Brooks Dance Academy, Genesis Performing Arts and Samantha Jane Dance Company

Pictured:

Top row (all Year 11): Izzy Judge, Bella Leighton, Teagan Campbell- Allen, Eliza Starzacher

Bottom Row: Daisy Jones (Year 8), Emily Tonsi (Year 10), Elisabeth Mason- Iran (Year 10), Darcey Thomas (Year 7), Sammy Murr (Year 10), Rosa Vincent (Year 8), Lily Smart (Year 8) (Not pictured - Lily Overy and Rita Abramova) - both Year 8)



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. **This also includes items such as lip balms, for example, many of which contain almond oil.**

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.

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.

Computer Science News



Davison High School for Girls has been recognised for their commitment to encouraging gender inclusion in computer science by the National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE).

Davison High School for Girls has completed the national I Belong: encouraging girls into computer science programme, demonstrating a commitment to encouraging girls into computer science and improving the gender balance within the subject. The I Belong certificate is awarded by the NCCE, a leading body for computing education in England.

The school, under the guidance and support of our Computer Science Department successfully completed all aspects of the programme to achieve the I Belong programme certificate. The evidence-informed programme signposts to a range of activities and approaches most likely to support girls' engagement with the subject.

Mrs Wade (Computer Science Teacher) said, "Pupils and staff have all enjoyed following the program and have embraced the different activities. Seeing student's enthusiasm and engagement blossom has been wonderful to see."

Katherine Ellis, Gender Inclusion Lead at the NCCE, said: "Congratulations to Davison High School for Girls on this accomplishment! Schools play a crucial part in addressing the gender gap in computer science education and related careers. This school is among others leading the way in understanding the issue and creating change at a local level. This certificate recognises the efforts the school has gone to, to support and empower all students, especially girls, in choosing this path."

Established in 2018 and funded by the Department for Education, the NCCE has been instrumental in advancing computing education across schools in England, providing professional development courses, resources, and guidance to enhance teaching and learning.

For more information contact:

Mrs Wade. Teacher of Computer Science, n.wade@davisonhigh.school

The National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE) www.teachcomputing.org

The I Belong: encouraging girls into computer science programme. <https://teachcomputing.org/i-belong>

Community Information

Road Safety Update

Please see the message below from our local Road Safety Office from WSCC.



Road Safety

"With a lack of funding preventing us from delivering as much Road Safety as we would like to, we have had to find alternative methods to educate our residents and keep them informed with Road Safety-related topics.

One way we try to achieve this is via our Road Safety Facebook page, which has now been running for approximately 3 years. Unfortunately, our following remains low and therefore to increase the reach to our page, we need to promote it as far and wide in the county as possible.

To assist us with this and keeping the children and their families in your community safe, I would be very grateful if you could providing them with the following link to our Road Safety page - https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC/?locale=en_GB

All ages can benefit from the information we post, which in turn could help to make your children's journeys to and from school, safer, healthier, and overall easier for everyone."

Local Government Information

There is an information page available about the plans and submission to reform local government in Worthing and West Sussex. The link takes you to this and also gives us the ability to share our opinions about the proposals with the Government.



There are no local council elections being held in May this year here as we are undergoing this period of change and decision making about the future of our local governance. This is a really important way for funding our local services and by completing this, our elected representatives get an overview of what it is that residents want.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/west-sussex-councils-submit-interim-plan-for-local-government-reorganisation/>

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.



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**

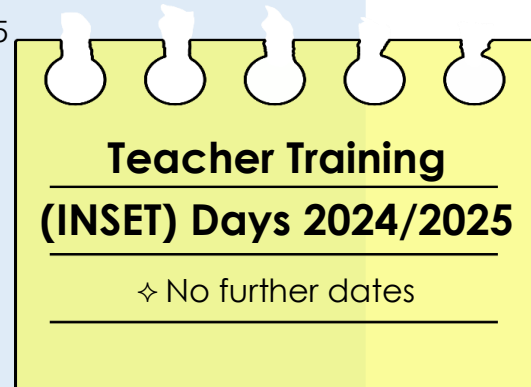
Half term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

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



Please note that further term dates are available at
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>

Dates for your diary...

- ✧ Friday 4th April – Last day of term
- ✧ Monday 7th – Monday 21st April – **EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- ✧ Tuesday 22nd April – **BACK TO SCHOOL**
- ✧ Wednesday 23rd April – Prefect training day
- ✧ Thursday 24th April – Early closure – 2pm finish
- ✧ Thursday 24th April – Y8 subject consultation evening
- ✧ Thursday 1st May – Spring Concert
- ✧ Friday 2nd May – Non-uniform day
- ✧ Monday 5th May – **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ✧ Wednesday 7th May – Y11 Leavers' Day
- ✧ Thursday 8th May – GCSE Exams start
- ✧ Friday 9th May – Y9/10 social event
- ✧ Monday 26th – Friday 30th May – **MAY HALF TERM**
- ✧ Thursday 5th June – Early closure – 2pm finish
- ✧ Thursday 5th June – Y7 subject consultation evening





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.

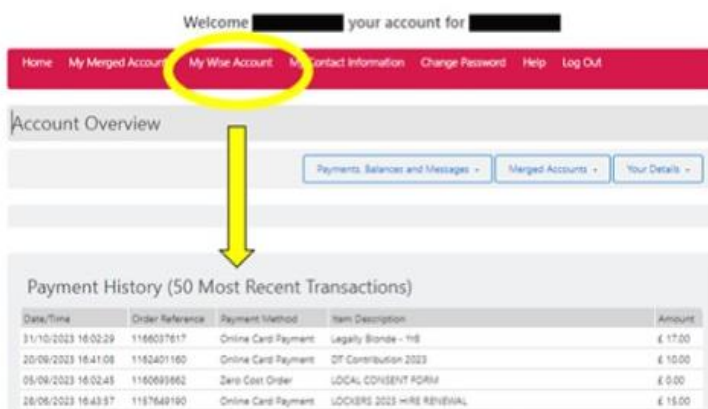
Students are requested not to call home; any student who bypasses this process and is collected without being seen by the medical team will have their absence recorded as unauthorised. This is because official absences are only approved by the Headteacher or medical team in the case of illness.

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!

Date/Time	Order Reference	Payment Method	Item Description	Amount
31/10/2023 16:02:29	1166037617	Online Card Payment	Legally Blonde - HD	£ 17.00
20/09/2023 16:41:08	1162401160	Online Card Payment	DT Contribution 2023	£ 10.00
05/09/2023 16:02:45	1160899862	Zero Cost Order	LOCAL CONSENT FORM	£ 0.00
26/06/2023 16:43:57	1161649190	Online Card Payment	LOCKERS 2023 -HIRE RENEWAL	£ 15.00

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

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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

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