



Message from the Headteacher



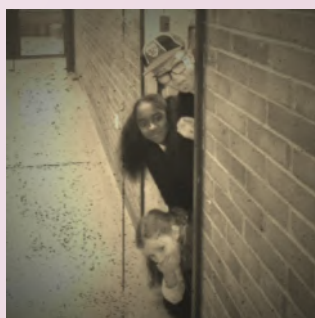
What a term we have had, the new Year 7 and 12 students have settled in well. We have had a huge number of students take up extra curricular sport. Our Ex Head Boy became the national 800m champion with many other students continuing to train for national and county honours. We have managed to get our Duke of Edinburgh trips complete and some Geography field trips. One of our students came top of a national computing competition with many others getting top honours.

Our staff have been doing an amazing job be it in the classroom or online, ensuring our students make great progress. Our Year 7 students ran the remembrance tribute this year as we honoured those who never came back.



Music lessons, ensembles and bands got together where possible and we had great fun making films this year. Our parents have been amazing sending in their thanks and support which kept our staff going. There has been a pandemic... but that will not stop us at Davenant being awesome.. We will embrace whatever 2021 has in store for us, we will stay strong, do our best and live out our values.

Have a great Christmas, stay safe and we will see you in the New Year. *Mr Thorne*



Key Dates

Return to School:

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 11th January to Tuesday 19th January

Y11 Mock Exams

Tuesday 12th January

7pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 19th January

Y10 RS Mock

Wednesday 20th January to Tuesday 26th January

Y13 Mock Exams

Thursday 28th January

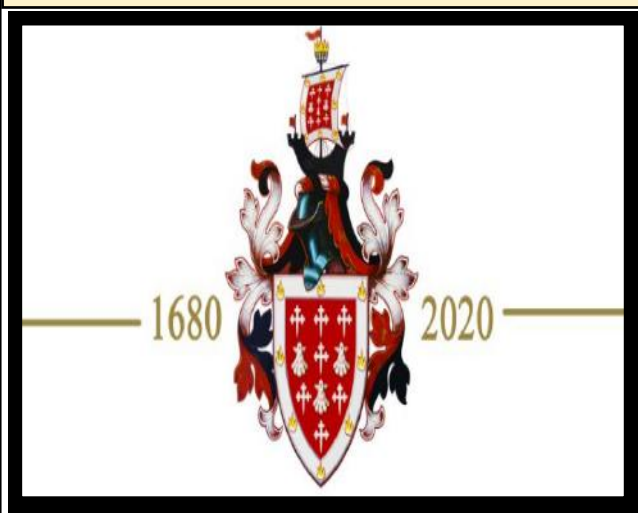
Virtual Epping Forest Careers Fest

Thursday 4th February

4pm Y12 Parents Evening

HALF TERM

Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February



Parents Association Update



The Parents Association were late to start their fundraising this year due to covid restrictions and with the absence of being able to host a Christmas Fair, events had to change slightly.

The annual non uniform day was still held with a monetary donation rather than the usual chocolates and drink for our tombola's. This started us off with the students finally getting a little excited that some things were staying a bit normal.

We donated two 10ft Christmas trees to brighten up the reception area and add some sparkle and memories to the hall. Our memory baubles were another of our fundraising activities for Christmas. As a whole school, over the few weeks, we have seen our tree gradually fill with personalised baubles to remember our loved ones and the year that will go down in history!

Our bi-annual Grand Draw tickets went on sale and it was amazing to see how many tickets you bought this year. At the time of writing we do not yet have any winners, but will notify the lucky people directly with their prize money.

Together we have lifted spirits and enjoyed doing some of our normal Christmas activities. We have raised £6445.00 with special thanks to a donation from J.D. Wood (Countrywide Estates), a phenomenal amount considering the current situation.

The Parents Association would like to thank you for your generosity at a time when we are all struggling in some way, our children will reap the benefits for the years ahead.

We wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas.

Niccy Marshall & The PA Team



If you would like to be more involved in the PA committee please contact Davenantpa@hotmail.com or if you can donate in any way to our fundraising.



Remembering Harley Watson



**From the Staff and Students at
Davenant Foundation School**
*Thinking of you and keeping you in our
prayers.*

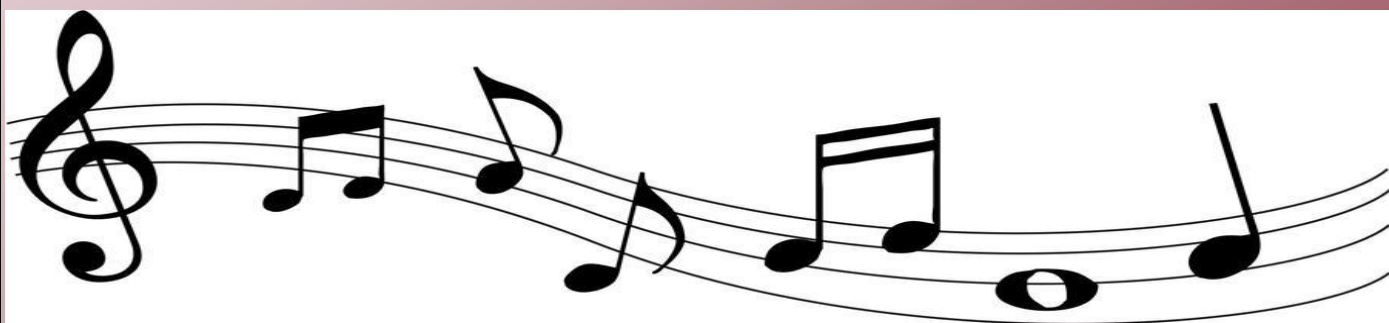


Music Department — Tuition

Most instrumental and vocal lessons will be delivered face-to-face once more, starting in January. Further details have been sent out via email. The Performing Arts Department are still accepting new pupils for instrumental lessons. We have lots of space across the full range of instruments! We are particularly keen to find budding violinists, cellists and brass players.

How to sign up for music tuition at Davenant

1. There are 9 lessons next term. If you are starting part-way through a term, please email performingarts@davenant.org to discuss when the lessons can start, and their cost.
2. Fill in the Online Application Form at davenantschool.co.uk; Performing Arts; Tuition
3. Make payment via ParentPay using the 'Music Tuition Online Spring Term 21' tab.



Careers Update



This term we have been busy as usual conducting careers advice interviews and sending off UCAS forms - the majority of Year 13 have now sent off their UCAS forms with over 90% of applicants receiving offers already.

We are also proud of C Zucconi-Mbowe who came in the top 10 of a recent banking competition held by Bank of England, HSBC and the London Institute of Banking and Finance. His pitch reached the finals for a new product for the banking industry.



Next term whole school careers activities include:

28 January – virtual careers fair for all students

15-18 March – careers week

Sports Update



Sports award

K McClean is blazing a trail for women's football.

K McClean is part of the Essex Regional Talent Club, one of 34 clubs in the FA Girls' England Talent Pathway. She is currently the Captain of the U14 Essex Regional Talent Club's football team.

She has played for West Ham U12 girls' team and after some tough trials before Christmas has been selected for the U15 England squad.

K McClean, Winner of the Sports award with Cllr Richard Bassett



For up to date fixture information, results and reports, please visit:

davenantfoundationschoolsport.co.uk

Duke of Edinburgh



Over fifty Year 10 students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition, in Epping Forest, over 2 days in November.

Despite mini-lockdown, this was within the rules, but they did have to face the hardship of not camping out, and were forced to return home Saturday evening to their beds!



Everything else was completed - planning, training and the 12 hours of navigation/journey time, as well as time to cook.

They all worked so well, in nine teams, and enjoyed the dry weekend, very cold at times but had bright sunshine on the Sunday.



Prayer and Worship

Mrs Fatoye and Mr Cotterell are hosting LIVE worship via google classroom on Friday mornings between 8am and 8.20am. Please join them for LIVE worship, prayer and the Word.

The link is <https://meet.google.com/lookup/g77unyiiyp>

and the classroom code is **molxsty**

We ask that you please keep the camera and mic turned off.



Computing Update

BEBRAS CHALLENGE



The BEBRAS challenge is an annual international computational thinking challenge run by Oxford University. This year it took place remotely.

240 students took part in the challenge and it was wonderful to see this level of optional participation. 30 students achieved a place in the top 10% of the country.

There are four age categories.

The following students achieved the best score in the school. A special mention goes to L Dixon, Year 8 who achieved best in the country for his age group, a tremendous achievement.

Juniors (Year 7) best in school: **E Warwick**

Intermediate (Year 8 and 9) best in school: **L Dixon**

Seniors (Year 10 and 11) best in school **H Shine**

Elite (Year 12 and 13) best in school: **A Fajkus**

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

THE CYBERFIRST GIRLS COMPETITION

The NCSC (National Centre for Cyber Security) are working hard to get more girls interested in a career in cyber security.

The CyberFirst Girls Competition provides a fun but challenging environment to inspire the next generation of young women to consider a career in cyber security.

The competition is a team event, with each one made up of four female students from Year 8.

Whatever your ability, from beginner to expert, the CyberFirst Girls Competition is an opportunity to learn something new about cyber security.

Davenport are entering multiple teams into this competition for the current Year 8 girls. A club will begin after Christmas and several girls have already signed up. If you are a girl in Year 8 and would like to take part please [complete this form](#).



Computing Update

COMPUTING ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS



The Raspberry Pi Foundation have launched a free Learn at Home initiative to support parents and young people with coding resources at home. You don't need any coding experience to join in, and all of their resources and activities are free forever.

- Get involved with their space challenge, [Astro Pi Mission Zero](#) in partnership with the European Space Agency, where young people can send a message to the International Space Station!
- Every Wednesday their team of educators host a digital making live stream to inspire and teach young people about getting creative with technology.
- They provide over 200 coding projects you can follow on any computer, with themes from looking after yourself to protecting the planet. All with step-by-step instructions, accessible online at any time, for free!

Simply [visit their website](#) to get started right away!

Year 7 House Excel Competition



Congratulations to Salisbury who were winners of the Year 7 House Excel Competition.

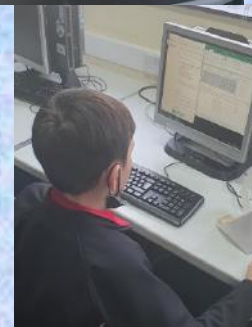
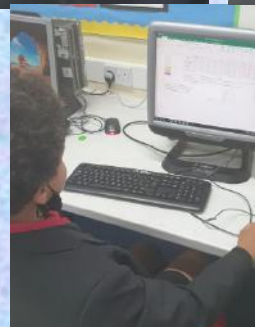
1st Salisbury

2nd Gillingham

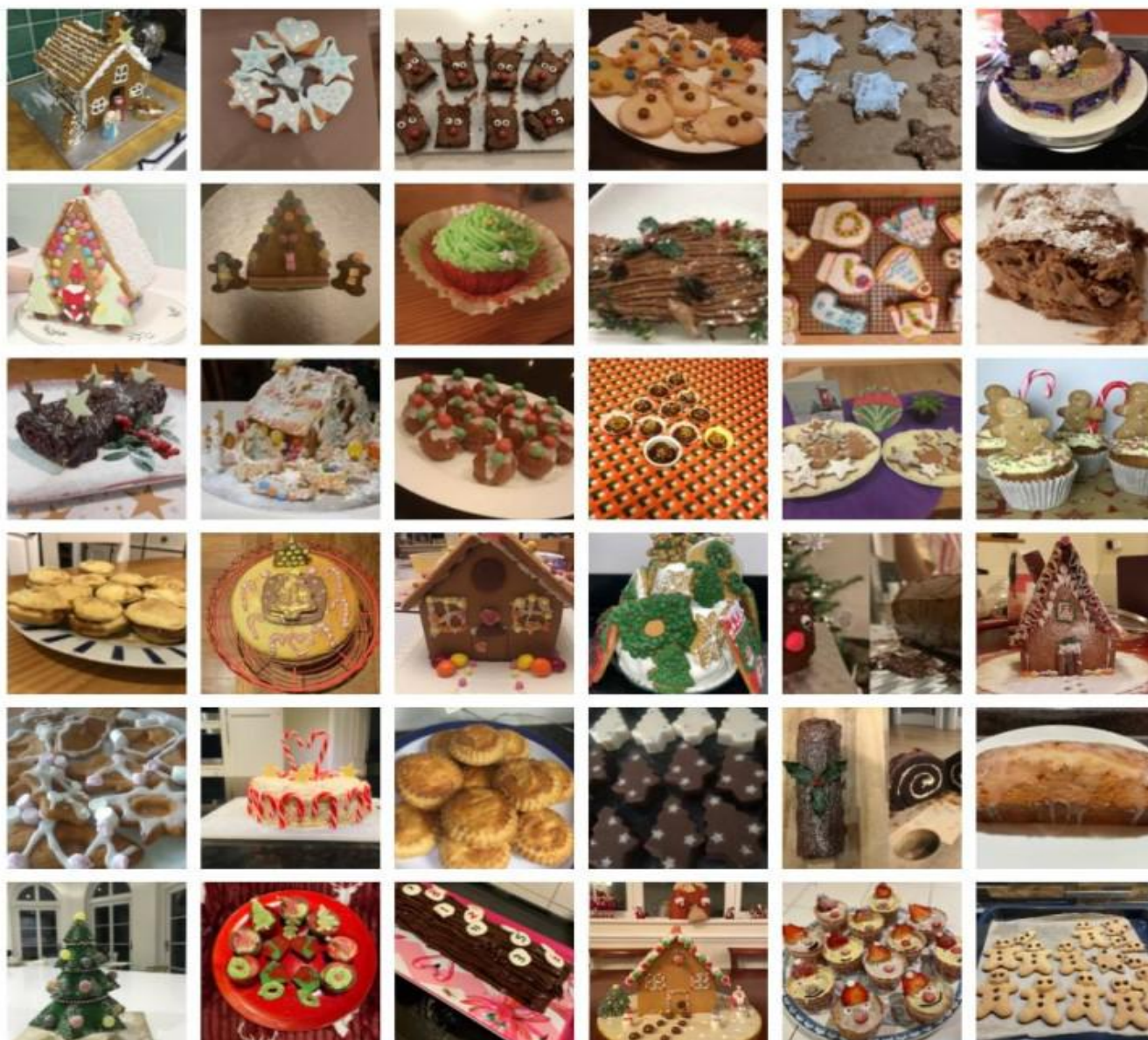
3rd Whitechapel

Well done to all who took part.

Mr Craft, Head of Houses



Christmas Bake Off Results



The results are in!

Year 7:

Star Baker: J Bradley 7A

2nd Place: D Rushmer 7T

3rd Place: C Foot 7D

Year 8-13

Star Baker: N Rouse 8T

2nd Place: A Lechley 9V

3rd Place: F Ward 8N

Congratulations to all who took part, all the entries were amazing and it was a very tough decision!

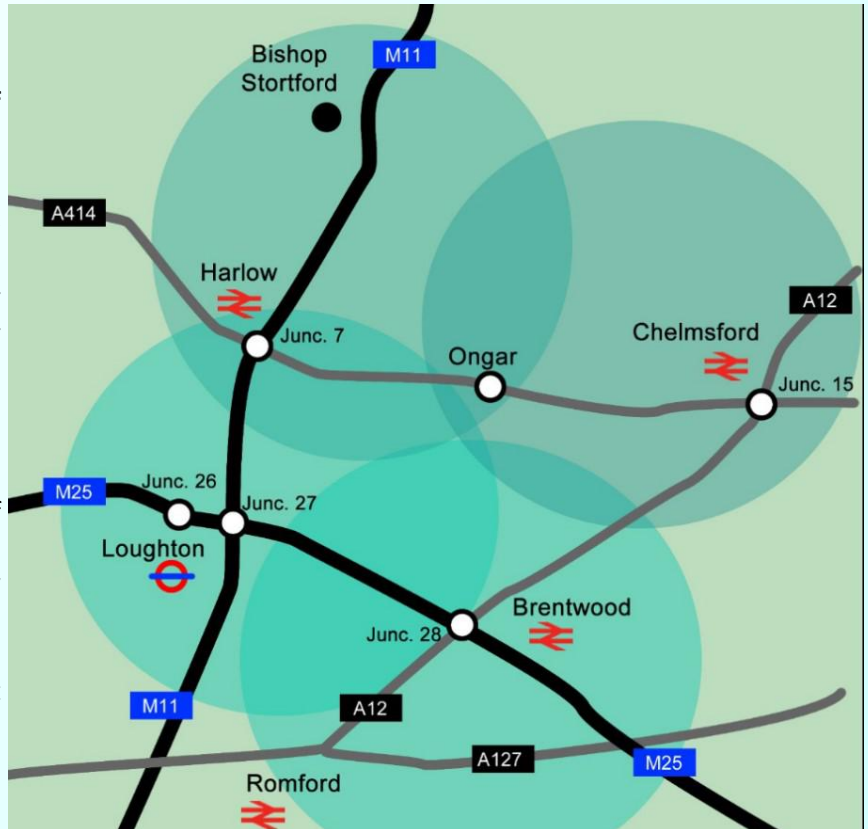
Think about a career in teaching

Not making the most of your degree?

Ever thought about training to teach?

Davenant is the home of Essex School Direct, the largest and most successful teacher training provider in this part of Essex.

Currently we are training 65 teachers, both primary and secondary, in 20+ schools in the Epping Forest, Harlow, Chelmsford and Havering areas. Our success rate is sector leading; 97% of our trainees finished as 'good' or 'outstanding' in 2019-20, and our retention rate was 95%! Furthermore, 63% of our trainees from last year's cohort were appointed to schools with the partnership – many of these where they had done their main placement. If you want to teach locally then our trainees often know about opportunities long before anyone else. Approximately 1/3 of teachers at Davenant have been trained at Davenant, through our teacher training programme.



It's a great time to be joining the profession - starting pay is good and the laws of supply and demand are beginning to show in improved pay awards in recent years. If your degree wasn't in a mainstream school subject, there may be an opportunity for you to undertake a Subject Knowledge Enhancement course in the subject you wish to teach. We have a part-time route for those who would be unable to train full-time and we pride ourselves on being a flexible, inclusive and caring team. Our trainees are a very diverse group, ranging in age from early 20s to mid-50s and beyond; some come straight from university, many are career changers, others are returning to work after starting families. The minimum requirement is a recognised Degree and GCSEs (or equivalent) in Maths and English Language at Grade C/4 (+ Science Grade C/4 for primary trainees).

Interested? Please visit our website for more information about our teacher training offer:

www.essexschoolsdirect.com

We are always keen to meet people on a one-to-one basis to discuss options and routes into teaching. Please keep an eye out for our regular coffee mornings and online zoom events, where we will tell you everything you need to know about training with us. These will always be shown on the **Events page of our website**. Register your interest via the Eventbrite links on the page or contact us for more information

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In the Community....



EPHING FOREST COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (INCORPORATING HARLOW COMMUNITY TRANSPORT)



Demand Responsive Transport (DaRT) is an alternative way of providing access to key services in rural areas.

DaRT services differ from bus services in that they are flexible and may divert on and off route to collect and drop off passengers within their operating area.

DaRT is NOT a taxi service, as there must be enough volume of passengers with similar itineraries in order to make the journeys viable.

Most DaRT work is former bus routes and group bookings but unlike a large bus, DaRT only needs three or four passengers to make a group booking. When not operating a timetable bus route or group booking, vehicles may be available for individual runs where no alternative transport is available.

DaRT operates between date and time depends on which service.

Unlike a conventional bus, you need to first register as a customer,

You need to book your seat on a journey at least 3 working days in advance of travel;

DaRT8 Chigwell Service

Passengers need to first register with Epping Forest Community Transport before a seat can be booked.

You can have the option to make a regular booking.

DaRT8 service will align with previously existing routes, the service is flexible and can divert along the route.

Charges and Payments: Adult £4.20 one way, £6 return. Child £2 each way, £3 return.

A monthly invoice account will be opened for all customers. Failure to pay may result in loss of use of the DaRT 8 service

Payment Options: Cheque, Bank Transfer or By Telephone Payment

Should you wish to make payment by telephone using your Credit/Debit card, please contact the office.

Cheques payable to Epping Forest Community Transport.

If you would like to pay by Bank Transfer, Sort Code 20-29-86 and Account number 93180115.

Cancellations by you: All cancellations made on the 'Day of travel' will incur a cancellation charge of the full cost of one-way travel.

Cancellations by us: Epping Forest Community Transport EFCT reserves the right to cancel any travel in the event of unforeseen events or unavoidable circumstances, possibly without notice.

In the Community....

FREE



ONLINE SKILLS

for (grand)parents and carers!

Supporting
your child's
online learning



*Everyone is required to pay £30 college membership fee.

In the Community....

Young People's Board for Change are here to be heard

Aged 13–16?

**Want to help other children
and young people?**

**Want to have your views heard,
meet new people and have fun?**

**Be unstoppable – join the
Young People's Board for Change!**

**Share what matters
most to you**

Apply now to join the NSPCC
Young People's Board for Change
and find out more at
nspcc.org.uk/boardforchange

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

If I become a member, what am I signing up to?

As a member, you must be:

- Committed to being a member for two years.
- Available to come to online and in-person sessions with other young people.
- Happy to share your views and ideas.
- Willing to work as a team.

How do I apply?

Head to our website
nspcc.org.uk/boardforchange
to fill in an application form by
11 January 2021. You will need
to be available for a virtual
interview with one of our friendly
team members on 18, 19, 20 or
21 January.

What sort of things will I do?

- Take part in lots of fun group activities.
- Work together with other young people, virtually and in-person.
- Share your views.
- Get training in campaigning, public speaking and more!

I've never been on an advisory board before. Can I still apply?

Don't worry, you don't need to have any previous experience of being on an advisory board, or with the NSPCC. There will be lots of fun training sessions to learn new things and develop your confidence. We're here to support you through every step of your journey.

See the information sheet for more details.