



# Davenant Newsletter

## Spring Term 2024-2025 | Issue 1

“Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit”

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## Key Dates

These dates are correct at the time of publication, please refer to the calendar on the website for changes and additions to these dates.

### Return to School after Half Term: Monday 24th February (Week 1)

**Monday 17th to Friday 21st February**  
Half Term

**Tuesday 25th February**  
Early close 2.30pm (students miss P3)

**Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th  
and Thursday 6th March**  
School Production  
'Beauty and the Beast'

**Thursday 6th March**  
Careers Fest at New City College

**Monday 10th March**  
Year 9 Vaccinations

**Wednesday 12th March**  
Year 9 Options Evening

**Thursday 13th March**  
Year 12 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 20th March**  
Year 10 Take your child to work day  
Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 3rd April**  
Year 8 Parents' Evening

**Friday 4th April**  
Last Day of School

Return to school after Easter Holidays: Wednesday 23rd April 2025



# Message from the Headteacher

Happy Valentines day to all, it was lovely to see some of the treats the students sent to each other this week.

Well, here we are hitting the halfway point for the year. I can't believe we are half way through the year already. Year 7 and 12 have really settled in well. In sporting terms, we are at half-time. There have been some inspirational half time talks over the years in sport. These would range from football, American football, Rugby to basketball and cricket. These half-time talks though have been transformational for the teams or individual. One of the most famous is the Jonny Wilkinson bilingual half time talk to his team in Toulon.



And at half-time for this year I want to say thank you to the students for all their hard work and effort. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all our students, especially those in Year 11 and 13, to review, reflect and give themselves and their peers, encouragement and inspiration to succeed. The Americans do this very well, with a real sense of self belief and can-do attitude. It is never too late to improve, turn things around or just keep going.

This half term it is time for that half time talk. Parents and carers, take that time to talk about the year so far, ask those questions and let's see what can be achieved in the second half.

This picture is the ultimate team; it is students, parents and staff together. This was for a fundraising netball game but is a real illustration of what our community is all about. Working together for the good of our young adults.

Enjoy your Valentines today and have a wonderful half term.

Take care and God bless,

**Mr Thorne**







# Cultural Exchange

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we were delighted to welcome a group of students from **Xinxiang Pingyuan Middle School, Henan Province China** to take part in a one day cultural exchange with our Mandarin Club students.

The Chinese students accompanied their Davenant “buddies” to a lesson and they enjoyed a special British lunch together in the canteen. In the afternoon we enjoyed a presentation from the Chinese students followed by Ping-Pong and Chinese calligraphy. The day concluded with a speech delivered in Mandarin by Mr Sanz.

Our students were very happy to make this connection with a Chinese school and we hope to continue to work together to build more links in the future.

Here are some photos of the day...

**Mrs Yates, Mr Sanz and Ms Price**





# Art Department

**ART  
DEPARTMENT**



## **REMINDER : Exciting opportunity for Year 9!**

Visiting artist workshop (2.5 hours) AM or PM session on  
**Wednesday 26th February**

Cost - £7.50/ £1.00 PP

There are limited spaces available. Please pay via ParentPay

Confirmation of a place will be sent after half term  
and students will be informed which session to attend.

Jeanette Barnes is multi-award winning artist with extensive tutoring experience and her specialist workshops have a lasting impact on students' work, encouraging them to take risks, explore possibilities and be decisive.

She has over twenty-five years of teaching experience devising and leading workshops and courses for a range of institutions including the Royal Academy of Arts, the Royal Drawing School, Somerset House, NSEAD, and The Big Draw amongst others.





# Creative Hub Club



## CREATIVE HUB CLUB

Students have been busy crocheting rose keyrings to go on sale during the school production of Beauty and the Beast. Also on sale will be decorated tealight holders and rose tipped pencils.





# Performing Arts

**Tickets on Parentpay NOW**



**TUESDAY 4TH MARCH  
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH  
THURSDAY 6TH MARCH**

## **Music events SPRING term:**

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR MUSICAL**  
4th, 5th, & 6th MARCH 2025  
All Years

**ROTARY CLUB OF RODING**  
Youth Makes Music Event  
West Hatch School  
Friday 14th MARCH 2025  
6pm Tickets £5 - On door

**RECITAL FOR All Years**  
18th MARCH 2025  
5-7pm School Hall

**SUMMER CONCERTS**  
**ALL YEAR 7's PERFORM**  
Tuesday 8th July  
Wednesday 9th July  
7pm— School Hall

## **Performing Arts: Music Exams**

**Congratulations to  
R. Muffett for her  
Grade 1 Merit in  
Piano  
(ABRSM Exam)**





# Sport and Health

The first half of the Spring term has been extremely busy in PE with many opportunities for all years to get involved in a variety of competitive sports including Football, Cross Country, Netball, Basketball, Swimming as well as a Dance/Drama Event.

## Football News

### Essex Schools Cup:

We had three teams left in this competition at the start of the Spring term namely the U16 Boys, U13 and U16 Girls. We had high hopes for them all to make the final stages. The U16 boys were first to play against Eastbrook Academy late January and while they fought hard to get a 3-3 draw at full time, they lost concentration at the start of extra time conceding early goals which they were unable to claw back. They had a great season up to that point, so well done boys and no pressure but we are expecting you to make the finals of the WESSA District cup. The U16 girls had to change pitch on the day due to waterlogged conditions at Davenant and this obviously affected the girls' playing strategy as they lost not only the home advantage but also the game to a very strong Great Baddow side although the score (7-3 win to Gt Baddow) didn't reflect the actual closeness of the game. Only U13s left in the competition now and this game will have to be played after half term because the pitches are still proving to be unplayable.

### WESSA District Football

We are managing to play all our District games away on Astro pitches which has enabled us to be half way through the league but with varied results. The Year 7s have won 1, drawn 1 and lost 1, Year 8 are doing the best having won 4 games, Year 9 and 10s have both won 2 and lost 1 respectively. The Year 11 fixtures are starting after half term. So far, the Year 8s are showing the best chance of making the final, but a huge well done to all the teams that have represented Davenant so brilliantly since the start of this academic year!



**Year 7 Football Team**



**Year 8 Football Team**

The girls smaller sided District Championships will start after half term, but WESSA have managed to get Year 7 and a combined 8/9 league running with a number of district teams. Davenant have done well so far winning all their fixtures.





# Sport and Health

## Cross Country - WESSA

The first competition this year was the Essex Schools Championships hosted by Clements Hall leisure centre and Park in Rochford on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. As reported in the Autumn newsletter a number of our Davenant students qualified to represent WESSA district in the Essex Schools race. All students were amazing and ran their hearts out in the freezing cold conditions. A specific highlight was our District Year 10/11 team dominated their race, are now County Champions, and four of the runners were from Davenant – H.Stockill 4<sup>th</sup>, L. Norden 6<sup>th</sup>, D. Arnold 12<sup>th</sup>, J. Stevenson 13<sup>th</sup>. H.Stockill and L.Norden are now guaranteed an instant entry to represent Essex in the English Schools Cross Country Event. D.Arnold and J.Stephenson will now represent Essex at the inter County Cross Country competition. The other students that competed from Davenant were I. Lester, R. Muffett, E. Frith, W. Godsave, EM Mosanya, D.Anderson, A. Wood.



98- Arnold; 100 – Stockill;  
101- Stephenson; 104 - Norden



## Basketball

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10/11 boys have played in all of the District Leagues/ Championships with varying success. Years 10/11 had their first qualifier on the 30<sup>th</sup> January where they beat both RVHS 24-10 and WHHS 23-11 giving them a place in the final on the 10<sup>th</sup> February against St Marks where it was a much closer game but Davenant still came out as winners 58-49 – they are now District Champions for the second year running.

2024/25 Year 10/11  
Basketball Team





# Sport and Health

## Basketball Continued

The Year 7 and 8s made it through the qualifiers to reach the finals but didn't have the same success at the U16s: The Year 7s finished in 3rd place winning 2, losing 2 and drawing 1. Year 8s also finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the final, in a very closely fought competition which they could have won if all their key players had been fit and healthy but a great performance nevertheless. The Year 9 team faced strong opposition in their qualifier event missing out on a final place, they did, however, play some great basketball – well done Year 9.

**Year 7 District  
Basketball Team**



**Year 8 District  
Basketball Team**





# Sport and Health

## Netball WESSA Tournaments

Much better start from the netball teams in the District Leagues across the board this year. Year 8 are leading their league currently with Year 7s in a close 2<sup>nd</sup>, U16s are in third place and the Year 9 in 5<sup>th</sup>. The second half of the District netball competition, on route to the final in each age group, will be the Festivals all of which will happen towards the end of the Spring term. Winners of both the league and festival combined will then go on to represent at the Harlow and West Essex District Netball final and we have high hopes for all our teams.

Davenant are taking a group of 40 Netballers on Tour at Easter which is very exciting in itself, but even more exciting is that the parents held a Netball Parents vs Pupils match on the 8<sup>th</sup> February to raise much needed funds for new Netball dresses. A massive thank you to all involved especial Mrs O'Neal and Mrs Burch for organising this positive event which raised in excess of £1000!!!! According to the parents, that wasn't the most important result, it was that the Parents won 13-9!!!







# Sport and Health

## Swimming Gala

West Hatch hosted the second gala of the academic year on the 30<sup>th</sup> January for Years, 7, 8 and 9. It was a brilliant event and as expected Davenant did extremely well. The girls came first overall with the boys finishing in a close second place. Miss Hudson reported it was a highly competitive event with every race feeling like a final – the Davenant teams were unbelievable which bodes well for future competitions.

Miss Hudson also shared a very positive message from one of the parents

*“Just a note to say thank you for arranging for my son to join the gala today, he loved every minute! He has never put his name down for a school activity before so hopefully this will give him the confidence to do more.... “*



**Swim Gala Boys Team**  
Year 7, 8 and 9



**Swim Gala Girls Team**  
Year 7, 8 and 9







# Sport and Health

## Non-Competitive Action

Finally, we stepped away from sports competition and Miss Ball used her specialism and expertise to recruit, train and deliver a fantastic evening of performances in Dance and Drama.

The event, Dance & Lamda Showcase, on the 30<sup>th</sup> January was attended by more than 100 parents and supporters who were enthralled with the superb talent on stage. A wonderful event enjoyed by all. A huge well done to everyone who took part, organised and supported such a brilliant and entertaining occasion showcasing the exceptional talent we have at Davenport.







# Thank You from Teams4U Loughton

Branch based at the Methodist Church on the High Road

## ***Teams4U Shoebox update—Message from Teams4U***

Thank you all for your support for the Teams4U 2024 Shoebox campaign.

We checked, sealed & cartoned 2,052 shoeboxes which were sent to Romania & Ukraine. Only with your help was this possible and we cannot thank you enough for all your efforts.

We went on a distribution trip to Sarajevo in December and experienced, on your behalf, many excited children with happy smiling faces. It is a trip littered with memories that will stay with us forever.

We have come back with even more passion and enthusiasm for the shoeboxes. We have seen first-hand the difference shoeboxes can make in children's lives, and 'thank you' seems so inadequate.

***Just as a reminder, our students/parents/carers contributed a record 380 boxes!***



We are experiencing high levels of sickness in the school with various viruses circulating. If you are unsure whether to send your child in, there is helpful guidance on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Should your child require pain relief during the school day, please complete a form from the Davenant website (Parents/ Medical Room/Medical Forms) and send in the medication clearly labelled to reception.

Thank you.

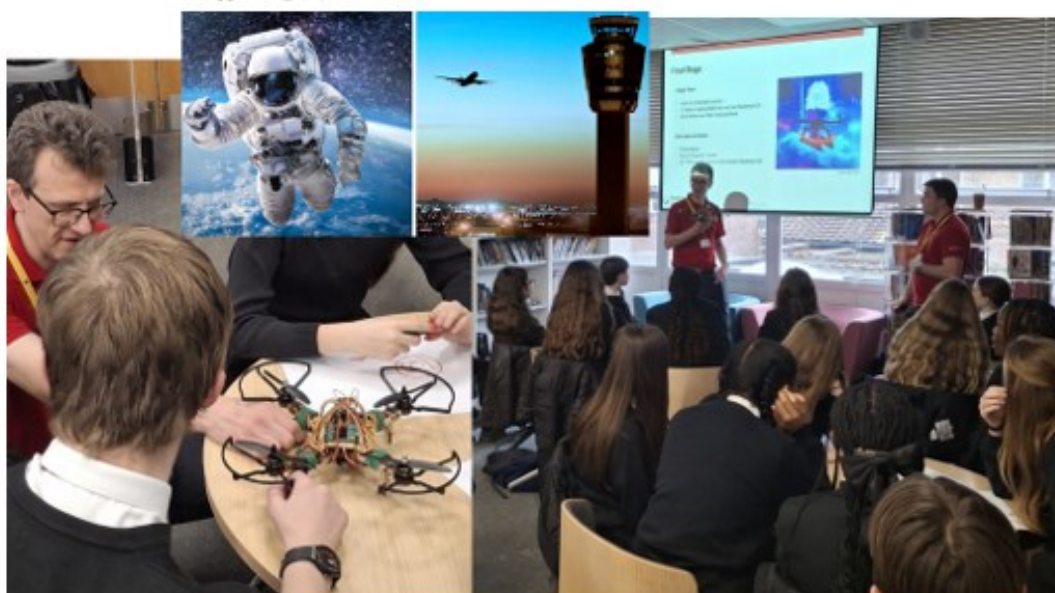


# Careers

## Careers

### Learning from industry experts

On 16<sup>th</sup> January, each Year 8 form attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) workshop, hosted by Raytheon UK, a global technology company based in Harlow. Students learnt about drone technology and then took part in challenges to design innovative ways to adapt their 'Quadcopter' drone to help solve real-world problems such as ocean pollution, city traffic congestion and mountain/cave rescue. It was great to see the students engaged in the tasks and sharing their ideas with each other.



### Law Careers Talk

Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to attend a lunch time talk with Mr Goldsworthy, a partner at Bird & Bird law firm based in London, to find out about careers in Law. Mr Goldsworthy explained the apprenticeship and traditional degree routes into Law, as well as detailing what's involved day-to-day and the skills and qualities you need to succeed. The students were enthusiastic and impressed him with their probing questions.







# Careers Continued

## Exploring Different Post-16 Pathways

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 explored different land-based and animal management pathways open to them after they leave school, at a talk by Capel Manor College, London's only environmental college.

Students learnt about the range of courses on offer from animal care to landscape gardening, and agriculture to forestry, as well as the different types of qualifications they can choose from such as T Levels, NVQs (National Vocational Qualifications) and Apprenticeships.

Attending talks by colleges and employers helps students to explore their options after school and make informed decisions about their future.

### Capel Manor College

Across our campuses, we have two zoos, a farm, a dog grooming salon, laboratories, over 30-acres of gardens, and over 200 acres of working access to land across the capital.



## Year 13 University Applications

The school has sent **154 university applications** to UCAS, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, and **56%** of our students have already **received offers** from their chosen institutions.

# UCAS

The Careers Team will continue working with students over the coming months to help them finalise their firm and insurance university choices, as well as supporting all those with their apprenticeship applications and other intended plans after Year 13.

## Careers Week 2025

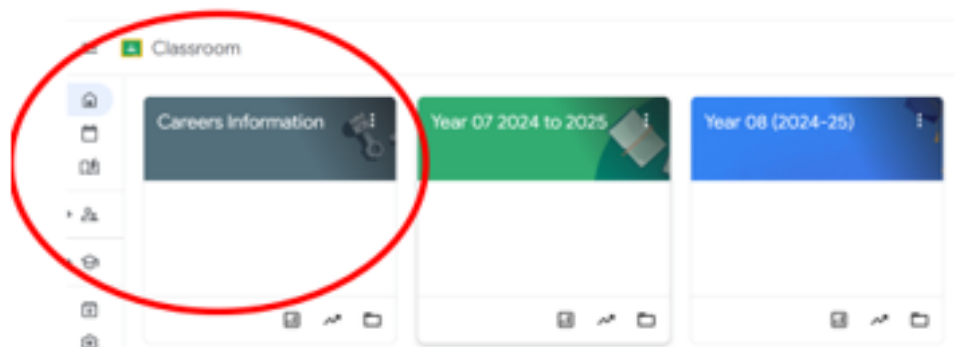
One week is not enough - we are extending National Careers Week (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March) to 'Davenant Careers Fortnight' to celebrate all things 'Careers' from 24<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March. During assemblies, students will be able to find out more about jobs and apprenticeships from employers and providers including the Royal Air Force, Ankura Consultancy and Harlow College. Back for the 15<sup>th</sup> year, our annual careers fair, Careers Fest 2025, is on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 3.00pm-6.30pm, at New City College, Epping Campus.



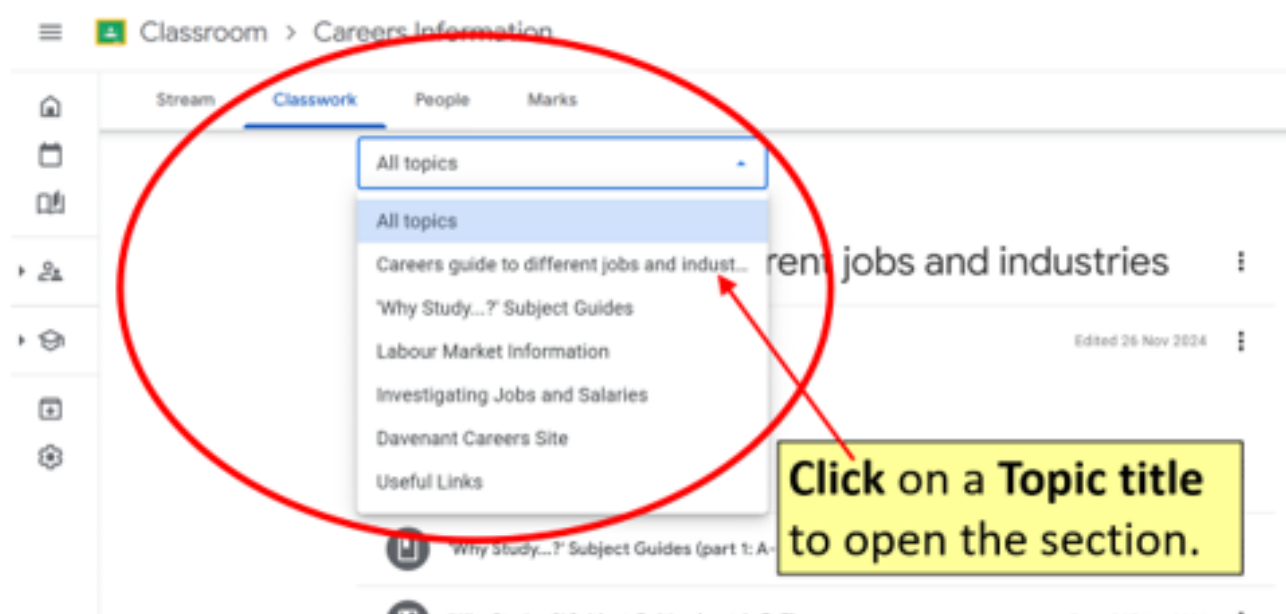
# Careers Continued

## New for students - Careers Information Google Classroom

All students can now access careers information from our new **Careers Information Google Classroom**, which can be found on each students' Google Classroom homepage.



Go to **Classwork** to view the different topic sections.



Using **Careers Information** will help students to:

- explore different jobs and salaries.
- learn about different qualifications, e.g. A Levels, T Levels, vocational (BTECs), apprenticeships, higher technical (HTQs) and degrees.
- research Year 9 subject options and options after Year 11 and Year 13.
- make informed decisions about their future.

Careers information is also available from our Davenant Careers Site - <https://careers.davenant.org/>





# Careers Continued

## 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Careers Fest

Our annual careers fair to meet employers, universities, colleges and sixth forms will be taking place 3.00pm-6.30pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at New City College, Epping campus. Everyone welcome!



# CAREERS 2025 FEST

Sponsored by



London

## Thursday 6th March 2025 3.00pm – 6.30pm

New City College, Borders Lane, Loughton, IG10 3SA



### Exhibitors Include:

Arcadis	VCCP
Essex Police	Salesforce
Macfarlanes LLP	Rothschild & Co
CBRE	Qualis Group
Buzzacott	Austin Rose Associates
Higgins Partnership	Swissport GB
Border Force	Omnicom Media

**Free to  
attend.**

**No booking  
required.**



# Former Davenant Student joins Middlesbrough

## An article from Eastbourne Borough FC:

**Eastbourne Borough can announce  
midfielder Brayden Johnson has joined  
EFL Championship side Middlesbrough  
for an undisclosed fee.**

The tenacious midfielder has been a key part of Adam Murray's side in the first half of the campaign, and after some impressive performances the 18-year-old has earned himself the opportunity of playing in the second tier of English football.

At only 18, Johnson had been the subject of interest from many EFL clubs, and it's Middlesbrough who have captured the youngster, who had made thirty appearances for the Sports this season – scoring one goal and getting two assists.

Chief Executive Alan Williams said: "It's never easy to make an announcement when you sell a player, it's hard for the supporters to accept, especially when Brayden has been so good for us this season. But it's also hard for the staff, football and non-football, who have all played their part in creating an environment where he has been able to thrive and shine. Special mentions obviously to Adam and his team for the exceptional coaching and development, to Nick the Chef for making sure he was well fuelled and to John and Kim – who's pastoral care adds so much value to what we are doing. Please remember we have never gone back on what we said at the start of this journey – we are here to develop people into the best version of themselves. It's neither correct or acceptable to do anything other than allow him to go, with our blessing and best wishes. Both myself, Simon and Adam have great pride in what has been achieved with Brayden and so should anyone who had the pleasure of watching him play."

Johnson is the fourth player Borough have sold to a club at a higher level in the last twelve months – following Fletcher Holman's move to Premier League Wolves, Shiloh Remy's switch to Dagenham & Redbridge and Leone Gravata's transfer to York City.



**Congratulations Brayden!**

Link here to view the news article

<https://ebfc.co.uk/2025/01/brayden-joins-middlesbrough/>





# Cyber Explorer Cup 2025

## Cyber Explorer Cup 2025

Cyber Explorers, an initiative led by the UK Government, is a free platform that teaches 11–14-year-olds cyber security skills and introduces them to careers in the field. Complementary to the learning programme, the Cyber Explorers Cup, launched in 2024, returns for its second year, offering a fun, interactive competition for students across the nation.

Last year entries were restricted to 1 team per school but this year schools may enter up to 5 teams.

Davenant has entered the maximum number of teams. Students have applied to take part and are currently working through challenges to qualify for a team place.

Teams will be announced after half term and the competition will take place in the week commencing 1st April.

You can read more about the competition here:

<https://www.nicybersecuritycentre.gov.uk/cyber-explorers-cup-2025>





# Bebras

## **BEBRAS**

Key stage 3 students and Computer Scientists from key stage 4 took part in the BEBRAS challenge in October 2024.

Many students did exceptionally well with 53 achieving results in the top 10% of the country and qualifying for the next round, The Bebras coding challenge, which will take place in April 2025. Well done everyone.

Best in school achievements (joint for many) for each age category were:

### **Year 7**

I Machine ,N Copperwheat, J Denhard, A Wilson.

All achieving full marks—an extraordinary accomplishment!

### **Year 8 and 9**

J Kelberman (Year 8), A Fry (Year 9).

### **Year 10 and 11**

J Carter (Year 10).







# Safeguarding - Latest Advice for Parents and Carers

## The Safeguarding Team – Who we are!

Davenant Foundation School's Safeguarding Team have been trained to an advanced level on all aspects of safeguarding. The team is available to any student, parent/carers or staff to discuss and report any safeguarding concerns:

**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) :** Miss A Cooper

**Deputy DSL:** Mrs K Davies

**Deputy DSL & Head of Sixth Form:** Mrs K Fisher

**Deputy DSL & Head of Student Services:** Mrs J Escott

The Safeguarding Team work closely with Heads of Years and Form Tutors to ensure the emotional wellbeing of our students is maintained. They manage and facilitate the mentors and counsellors who come into the school and who work so closely with our students.

**If you have a concern or would like to speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team please email [safeguarding@davenant.org](mailto:safeguarding@davenant.org)**

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## Mental Health and Wellbeing

The mental health and wellbeing of our students is as important to us as their studies. Miss Ashleigh Cooper is the Mental Health Lead of the School. We work closely with many mentoring and counselling providers and are fortunate to have mentors from Spark 2 Life come in to school two days a week to support our students. We also have a Counsellor and a Mental Health Practitioner from MIND in West Essex.

Students in younger year groups can also get access to peer mentors, who are sixth form students willing to mentor and engage with our younger year groups.

The **School Nurse** provision is being brought back into school. We are fortunate to have a Child and Young Person Practitioner (CYPP) allocated to us who will visit the school weekly to hold drop in sessions and meet with students who have been referred to them. Please note this is not a replacement for the GP. The service will provide advice and guidance on a range of things such as anxiety, sleep hygiene, personal hygiene. Those students who are on the waiting list for CAMHS can also be referred. Please contact your Head of Year or the Safeguarding team if you would like your child to be referred to see the CYPP.

Kooth is an online mental health service that we will be promoting in assembly over the next few weeks. It is a free service commissioned by the NHS. We will be sending out a parent email with more information and a short parent video.



# Safeguarding Continued

## Online Parent Workshop Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



Are you a parent/caregiver looking for effective ways to help your young person navigate anxiety and manage big emotions?

Look no further; The Mental Health Support Team is here to support you!

Evidence-based intervention, based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)

Parent support group - online  
4 weekly sessions, led by two friendly practitioners

Helping you to help your young person develop coping strategies and take charge of their well-being

Online Group  
Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th  
March  
1-2pm

Online Group  
Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th  
March  
6-7pm

Online Group  
Friday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
March  
9.30-10.30am

Scan the QR code to sign up to ONE group.  
Attendance at all 4 sessions is essential. Any questions please email [mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk](mailto:mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk)



Information for parent/carers



Registered Charity No. 1091154





# Safeguarding Continued

## Befrienders Needed!

**Befriending is such a great way to get involved and can be a really rewarding and valuable experience.**

We need volunteers in this area, can you spare an hour a week to really make a difference to someone's life?

Get in touch

email: [volunteering@mindinwestessex.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@mindinwestessex.org.uk) or  
go to [www.mindinwestessex.org.uk/get-involved/](http://www.mindinwestessex.org.uk/get-involved/)

Full training and ongoing support provided.



“Peggy’s friendship has helped fill a void in my life, left by my dear Mum and I feel that I have helped her after the loss of Tom (her husband)”



 mind in West Essex

Charity no. 1091154



# Safeguarding Continued

## Keeping Myself Safe

### Non-Emergency Support

#### SHOUT

- Text "SHOUT" to 85258 (free, anonymous text crisis messenger, 24/7)

**shout**  
**85258**

#### Kooth.com

- [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) for free, safe, anonymous online mental health support and counselling (age 10-25, 7 days a week until 10pm)

**kooth**  
The Mix

Telephone support 3pm-12pm everyday  
0800 808 4994

Text crisis messenger 24/7 to 85258

Webchat support [www.themix.org.uk/get-support/speak-to-our-team](http://www.themix.org.uk/get-support/speak-to-our-team)



#### Childline

1:1 telephone counselling 9am-midnight  
everyday 0800 11 11



#### Switchboard

Confidential service available 10am – 10pm,  
every day 365  
days a year. Service provides a safe space  
listening service via  
telephone, email or online chat.

### Free Apps



Helps reduce urges to self-harm and manage emotions in more positive way.

Guided exercises using CBT principles to help manage physical, thought-based and emotional or behaviour changing elements of anxiety.



### In an emergency

Call 999 or attend A&E



#### Samaritans

- Telephone support 24/7 on 116 123
- Email support [jo@samaritans](mailto:jo@samaritans) (24hr response time)





# Parents' Association

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thank you for supporting our events this term!

Our students had an absolute blast at the Year 7 & 8 disco! Our resident DJ Drew was back to provide eclectic energy and to raise the roof!

## What Next?

### Refreshments - Beauty and the Beast 4, 5 and 6th March 2005

We cannot wait for the eagerly anticipated school production of **Beauty and the Beast**. We will be there on all 3 nights to provide you with refreshments.

## Easter Raffle

Following on from last year's hugely successful Wonky bar raffle this year we will be selling **Very Wicked** bars from 10 March!

We are busy trying to source great prizes for **Green** and **Pink** winning ticket holders. This is a raffle aimed to provide some fun for our students and therefore we are looking to source prizes that will appeal to our students i.e JD Sports vouchers, Amazon vouchers, a large Easter egg, a box of Easter treats etc.

**If anyone is willing and able to donate a prize, please contact us. We would be grateful for any donations! The more prizes the more ticket winners and happy students!**

Wishing you all a wonderful half term!

Your PA

[davenantpa@hotmail.com](mailto:davenantpa@hotmail.com)





# Parents' Association

## **Davenant PA Easter Raffle**

**Will you be a  
Very Wicked Winner?**

Please purchase a 'Very Wicked' bar for  
£3 via Bookwhen or at lunchtime on  
Friday 28 March in the School Hall.

The bars will be delivered to your tutor  
groups on the last day of term Friday 4 April.

**Very  
WICKED**  
Chocolate Bar

If you are a lucky winner please hand in your pink or  
green ticket to Student Reception to claim your prize!





# Lost Property



Please see all the lost property we have in Student Reception currently. If not collected by Friday 28th February, it will be disposed of.





# Prayer Letter



## Davenport Foundation School

Prayer Letter: February 2025



Firstly, a big thank you to all parents who support the school spiritually. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community and for the links we have with local clergy. It was our pleasure to host many representatives from local churches this week to share about and promote Christian and Jewish life at Davenport.

We are always looking for more parents to be involved in this way: from local clergy to lead assemblies to volunteers to get involved in our rapidly growing Christian Unions and Jewish Society. I'd also strongly encourage you to attend the upcoming prayer meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March. This is taking place in the Arter Library from 7pm-8.30pm. If you can only attend part of the evening, that's fine: please feel welcome to pop in.

This week, we have delivered assemblies to students on the following passage from 1 John: 'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.'

It is a timely message, given that today is St. Valentine's Day and the message we hope students have gone away with is that we should all strive to show our school values of compassion and inclusion in every interaction we have. Please continue to pray for everyone in our community and that God supports us in treating one another with love, respect and kindness.

**It would be great to see you on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm, at our next prayer meeting. It has never been more crucial to support the work of the school with prayer.**



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