



# Davenant Newsletter

## Summer Term 2025

“Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit”

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### Return to School after Summer Holidays (Week 2):

Wednesday 3rd September—Year 7 and Year 12 induction day

Thursday 4th September—All years return to school

**Monday 8th September**  
7pm Parent Association Mtg

**Tuesday 9th September**  
2.30pm Early Close (miss P1)

**Thursday 25th September**  
School Photographs (Y7, 9, 11 & 12)

**Tuesday 30th September**  
12.30pm Early close  
(due to new Y7 Open Evening)  
6pm Prospective Year 7 Open Evening

**Wednesday 1st October**  
9.30am Late start  
(due to new Y7 Open Evening)

**Monday 13th October**

7pm Parent Association AGM

**Thursday 16th October**

4pm Y12 Meet the tutor evening  
6.30pm KS4 & Beyond Y10/Y11

**Thursday 23rd October**

4pm Y7 Meet the Tutor

**Friday 24th October**

Last Day of School before half term  
holidays

**Tuesday 4th November**

Return to school after half term



# Message from the Headteacher

Here we are, summer of 2025 breaking up for the holidays!

It has been an incredibly busy half term, we have welcomed our new Year 7 students and prospective Year 12 students. We have said goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students at two great Graduation ceremonies and celebrated at two colourful and memorable proms.

We have welcomed our Japanese friends back and also welcomed new friends from China. We had an Alumni afternoon with ex staff and ex students coming to visit. They were taken on a tour of the school and saw an outstanding exhibition put together by Mrs Perry and Mrs Shaw and their team of students.

We have had our annual cricket fixture against the Diocese of Leeds, we have had two music concerts and incredible sporting success in athletics by winning the districts comprehensively, as well as having two students race in the English schools finals at the Birmingham arena.

Sports day was a sunny, colourful and exciting affair with Whitechapel winning Sports day but Salisbury taking the overall house cup by 2 points!

Our Charity walk raised just under £4000 for Haven House and the rain stopped just as our day started and came back dead on 3 o'clock as we finished! We were blessed!

Our exam season went well with students really embracing the self discipline needed to succeed and this very much links into part of the Davenant ethos. We want our students to be resilient and able to bounce back from knocks and set backs. We want students to go out of their comfort zone and not give in, it is a dangerous precedent to set if you let children back out of things or allow constant excuses for not doing their best. I love the fact that every Year 7 has to go on stage and be part of the choir, for some that is not their thing but you do it for your school and to push yourself.

Please encourage your children to get involved in as many clubs and activities as possible next year, it builds them up and gives them confidence as well as the opportunity to meet new friends.

It just leaves me to say thank you for your support over the year, you are aware the government has cut our budget again so it gets harder to deliver all the extras but with your support we will continue. A big thank you to our Parents' Association and all who have supported them, it makes such a difference.

Have a wonderful summer, look after yourselves and let's make the 2025 to 2026 school year an even better one.

*Take care, God Bless, Mr Thorne*







# Message from the Governors

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, and Members of our School Community,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity—on behalf of the entire Governing Body—to thank you all for your continued support, commitment, and dedication to our school.

This year has brought many challenges, but also many achievements. Our students have once again demonstrated their resilience, talent, and enthusiasm as they take advantage of the many opportunities Davenant provides for them. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished so far and we wish every success to our students who will be waiting for Public Exam results this summer.

We extend very special thanks to our hardworking staff, who consistently go above and beyond to provide a nurturing and high-quality education for every child. Their professionalism, compassion, and drive make a huge difference every day. I'd also like to take a moment to remember Chris Seward who was the Headmaster of our school from 2001 to 2016 and sadly passed away last month. Chris was a wonderful man and a dedicated head teacher. May he Rest in Peace and we hope his legacy and our gratitude bring his family comfort in difficult times.

Over the past year, the Governing Body has continued to focus on:

- School Improvement – Supporting and challenging the leadership team to ensure progress in key areas such as teaching quality, student outcomes, and curriculum development.
- Wellbeing and Safeguarding – Ensuring that the physical and emotional wellbeing of all students remains a top priority.
- Inclusion and Equality – Monitoring how the school is ensuring opportunities for all, regardless of background or need.
- Finance and Resources – Making sure our school budget is spent wisely and sustainably to benefit every pupil.

We say goodbye to our Year 13 and some of our Year 11 pupils and wish them every success and happiness in the next stage of their lives. They leave us with our best wishes and a firm belief in their bright futures.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming new staff, governors, and families joining our school in September. We are excited for what the new academic year will bring.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community.

**Best wishes,  
Glynne Anthony  
Chair of Governors**



# In Memory of Chris Seward

## Former Headteacher at Davenant



**It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Chris Seward, former Headteacher of Davenant Foundation School. Chris was a dedicated educator, who led the school for 15 years between 2001 and 2016.**

During his tenure as headteacher, Chris steered Davenant through some difficult times while maintaining its uniqueness and character.

Colleagues, students, and parents alike remember Chris for his warmth, wisdom, and kindness. He had a passion for education and was Chair of the Secondary Heads of Essex as well as supporting a local secondary school with his leadership.

He championed the arts, celebrated diversity, and inspired both staff and students to strive for their best. The benches, placed in his honour, outside the school to celebrate his retirement, stand as a quiet but powerful symbol of the love and gratitude felt by all who knew him.

As we mourn his loss, we also celebrate his life as he inspired and supported so many young adults during his time both at Davenant and at his previous schools.

On behalf of the entire Davenant community, I extend our deepest condolences to Chris's family and loved ones. May they find comfort in knowing how deeply he was admired and how greatly he will be missed.



# Thank you...from the Reynolds Fund Trustees

We are very grateful to those of you who donate regularly to the Reynolds Fund.

If you don't already donate, we respectfully request that you please consider doing so as this Fund is used to provide 'extras' not possible from our government funding and financially supports the Davenant ethos.

Here is a snapshot of how donations have been/will be used:

- One school minibus
- Extra-curricular sports – coach transport to fixtures, affiliation fees, etc.
- Extra resources for the Library
- Fitness Suite equipment
- Awards, badges etc. to celebrate student success
- Events in line with our Christian ethos
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme co-ordinator
- Enhancing facilities for the students including the Reynolds Lecture Theatre and the Brokenshire building.

The Fund also facilitates the successful Music and Drama activities that Davenant is renowned for: music and drama tuition, extra-curricular music activities and the regular concert seasons.

Details of how to donate are below.



<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17600#!/DonationDetails>

Where you are able to set up a regular Direct Debit.

(Please have your bank details to hand)

A reminder if your child is leaving Davenant this year – we would welcome your continued support (and many parents continue to donate after their children have left) - but if you want to stop your regular donation, please cancel the standing order with your bank/ direct debit with CAFDONATE (use the link above).

Once again, thank you for helping to enrich the students' Davenant experience.

With best wishes

The Trustees of Davenant Foundation School - The Reynolds (School Private) Fund

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# Prospective Year 12 Open Evening

## Davenport Foundation School



### PROSPECTIVE YEAR 12 OPEN EVENING

5 November 2025

You are warmly invited to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 5 November, 6.00-9.00pm.

During the course of the evening, there will be two Headteacher's talks at 6.30 and 7.30pm. You should aim to visit as many departments as necessary in order to gain a better understanding of the content of the courses, the skills students will develop and the potential links to higher education and careers. Teachers and current members of the Sixth Form are available around the site to answer questions about their subjects and provide an insight into student life at Davenport Sixth Form.

The evening is designed to give students the information they need in order to choose three, (or in exceptional cases), four subjects to begin studying to A-Level next year. As A-Levels are now all linear on a two-year course, it is very important that students make considered decisions and select the subjects that are right for them.

Our Open Evening is an important part of our transition programme to the Sixth Form and we hope that you and your parents/carers enjoy your visit.

Best wishes

*Mrs K. Fisher*

**Mrs K Fisher**  
**Assistant Headteacher - Head of Sixth Form**



# Parliament visit

## Account of parliament trip:

The school council were lucky to have been offered to take part in the Learn with the Lord's event which includes a visit to the Houses of Parliament. The trip consisted of a guided tour of the Houses of Commons and Lords, in which we were able to watch the debates which were taking place and see how the bills are transported from the houses which is called 'Ping ponging'. After this, we met Baroness Finlay of Llandaff who spoke with us about her application to become a life peer and her efforts to prevent smoking and vaping. We were also able to ask the Baroness questions such as the positives of being involved in parliament and how she became a member of the House of Lords. Overall, this trip was a useful insight into the inner workings of our government and what the life of a member of the House of Lords entails.

*From R Clarke Yr 12*







# Davenant History Alumni Display

On Tuesday 8th July 2025, the history department selected many students that they thought would excel in creating a history display for the alumni.

This project required these students to access an exclusive archive room and retrieve documents from Davenant Foundation School in the 20th century.

These students got into groups of 3-5 and were assigned a decade or specific period of time through the 20th century. These documents included newsletters/magazines, school photos, student records, letters and more!

On Tuesday 15th July 2025, Davenant Alumni will be invited to look round and have a blast to the past as they see things they may have experienced during their school years.

As many of you know, there have been many events in history of the school. From when it was opened as Whitechapel Foundation school in 1680 by Ralph Davenant to experiences of the Titanic and World War I and World War II.

Most recently, the school is mourning the death of Mr Seward - The headteacher from 2001 until 2016 .

*By Freya and Charlotte*







# Performing Arts

## Music Tuition

Sign up NOW for AUTUMN TERM September to December

ON PARENT PAY NOW

Closing Date for signing up is 31st August 2025

### MUSIC & DRAMA TUITION

Music Tuition starts again the week commencing the **15<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

If your son/daughter is taking Music or Drama GCSE/A' Level then tuition will greatly aid their performance grade. Beginner piano skills are considered a distinct advantage to those taking music as the composition element of the course is programmed using the keyboard.

**SIGN UP FOR TUITION** **AUTUMN MUSIC & LAMDA (Drama) TUITION**

Please complete a new Google Form [TUITION GOOGLE FORM](#)

Payment **must** be received on Parent Pay by **31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025**. Please detail in the notes section the lesson/s you are signing up for. Applications after this date **may not be** successful.

Payment is now due if you are on PUPIL PREMIUM at a nominal rate of **£12.50 per term**.

Please complete a Google Form as a new school year [TUITION GOOGLE FORM](#)

- Fee for 10 weeks of 30 minutes is £235
- A 15 minute or shared lesson is £125
- If you require instrument hire: add £30 to lesson fee
- Please specify the instrument/vocal/Drama to NOTES section

**Lessons start week beginning 15th SEPTEMBER 2025 for next term.**

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE:

*Lessons are timetabled during the school day. Lessons are usually on the same day of the week but times are rotated so that students do not miss too much of the same subject. The lesson time and day will be posted on their Google Classroom and is printed on a timetable outside the Music Office every FRIDAY for the following week. It is vital that students check these. Changes to the timetable MUST be requested by 11am MONDAY morning.*

*Lesson times are occasionally subject to change due to events outside our control (sporting events/assessments/room changes/teacher absence or schedules/other school events) so we advise students always to double check on the morning of the lesson. We will do all we can to make sure changes are communicated in good time and if a change is particularly short notice we may go and collect your child from their class to ensure they make their lesson.*

*If you need to change the lesson time booked (for example due to Dentist/Doctor appointments/Exams/assessments/family issues) you must give 48 hours' notice otherwise the lesson is still charged and not rescheduled. If you need to change a lesson and give sufficient notice we will endeavour to reschedule for the same day or add as a catch up lesson later in the term.*

*More information is available on the school website [PERFORMING ARTS/Tuition](#).*

*If your child has school tuition it is mandatory that they join a school musical ensemble – a band or a choir. Obviously those who learn outside school are more than welcome too!*

*If you still have questions please email: [charlotte.santer@davenant.org](mailto:charlotte.santer@davenant.org) who is the Performing Arts Administrator. Queries that are most important will be answered first as it is the busiest time of the year for our department. The music office will be closed to queries after the 17th July 2025 until 1st September 2025.*



# Summer Concert Review

## Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July

It truly was a great two nights for the music department at Davenant. The summer concerts were packed with musical talent, brilliant conducting, and smooth stage movements from the stage crew.

On Tuesday we started strong with the orchestra, which set an exciting tone for the night. They performed 'The Best of the Beatles', an assortment of 'The Beatles' hits arranged by Custer which was conducted by Mrs Tubb. Next up was the Senior Girls' Choir with a touching rendition of 'Pie Jesu', the Latin repetitive chant composed by Lloyd Webber. Mrs Flanagan led this ensemble, who also performed another moving choral song, 'Hallelujah' by Leonard Cohen, on Wednesday night. Mr Tubb superbly led the Brass ensemble with their take on the jazzy classic 'I got Rhythm' by George Gershwin, it was performed with snappy precision and an exciting pace.

This was followed by a solo by the brilliant G. Koskinas, who sang "If I Can't Love Her" from the 'Beauty and The Beast' musical in which he played the Beast back in March. The String ensemble followed, they gave us a great performance of 'Zadok the Priest' a song used in coronations but more well known for its inspiration of the Champions League Anthem. Mrs Tubb decided to go for a more modern sound the following night when they played the famous 'Viva la Vida'. A. Osborn also sang a stunning solo 'Meadowlark' from *The Baker's Wife* by Stephen Schwartz.

After this ensued Davenant's very own barbershop choir. Made up of 6 year 13 boys, they performed two well-known pop songs across the two nights, arranged in multi-layered harmony. They gave renditions of 'I want it that way', and the following night 'Teenage Dirtbag'. Then we had the pleasure of listening to Band 89, led by Mr Ball. This band of year 8s and 9s showed us their talent through two songs, 'Beaches' by Beadadoobee, and 'Notion' by the Rare Occasions. This band serves as a big inspiration for young students to get involved in music at Davenant. The first half was wrapped up by the School choir. Our large collection of students across all year groups in the school choir really epitomises the togetherness of the music community at Davenant. They performed two musical numbers, 'Speechless' from Aladdin, and 'Defying Gravity' from Wicked conducted by Mrs Tubb.

We were back with a bang in the second half with the Swing Band, with 'Soul Bossa Nova'. A rather exciting song performed expertly by Mr Williams and his band. They then took a more poignant and bluesy turn, with 'Cry me a River' by Arthur Hamilton. P. Watan and M. Bentley took the solos with class across the nights. A. Cheal took the reins the following night with a fan favourite, 'Our House'. The crowd even started to join in for this one! The Junior choir dialled the mood back to slow and heartfelt with 'My heart will go on', including solos truly felt with emotion. Mrs Flanagan does a great job of developing and inspiring young musical talent that we saw on stage.

Next was Sock Hospital, led by Mr Ball, with a smashing performance before most of their band members, J. Williams, O. Prosser, M. Johnstone and S. Marx leave. Sock Hospital performed "Driven to Tears" by The Police, and "Better Than Me" by the Brobecks. We are confident that the very talented P.de Sousa will carry on Sock Hospital's legacy, not only in Sock Hospital but many other bands. Mr Ball has been a great inspiration to us all - a real rockstar. The first night ended with a lot of fun and dancing with the year 7 medley. Their positive energy and radiant singing was tremendous and very uplifting. We look forward to seeing these promising students shine and take to the stage next year. On Wednesday, we had the privilege of seeing some additional acts. Kittun Asylum, the explosive maverick of a band, gave us renditions of 'Bobby Sox', and 'Welcome to the Black parade'. Mrs Santer, who runs this ensemble, blew us away on this one. We are very sad to see Daniel, the guitarist, leave but we are sure he will thrive in his engineering course.

The New Normal, a fabulous band made up of year 12s, performed 'Use Somebody' by Kings of Leon. It was a clean and impressive performance from them, as per usual. The concert band then wowed the audience with the John Williams Trilogy. Mr Tubb led the concert band which is always a highlight as it involves many of Davenant's most experienced performers. Bustacean performed Animals, by The Ghost of a Sabre Tooth Tiger. This is a very complex piece, performed by esteemed musicians and led by Mr Burns. It really put us both into a trance - great job guys. Fabric Four's fab performance demonstrated the intricacies of acid jazz. They are very lucky to have Mr Burns on keys and K. Baptiste on bass, who is sadly leaving. The eccentric Jonty performed his signature boogie woogie, playing 'Swanee River Boogie'. His flawless precision mixed with an effortless groove got the audience in a right jolly mood.

Mr Burns' stage crew ran the performances very slickly, thankfully giving us, as comperes, less time to say silly jokes! The stage manager D. Linnane and his team were incredibly helpful and well organised. M. Johnston, with the rest of the sound team, allowed us to appreciate the brilliant music. We owe a big thanks to E. Jowett and the lights department who were steadfast and great in their job.

On the Musical side, Mrs Tubb, Mr Tubb, Mrs Flanagan, Mr Ball, and Mr Williams put on a terrific show which I'm sure teachers, parents, and students alike are very thankful for. Students, there are so many musical opportunities for you to experience here at Davenant, and we really want to encourage you to immerse yourself and try something new! Have a great Summer! **Review by J. Williams and G. Koskinas**





# Sport and Health

The Summer term started with a couple of football finals, followed by a number of Outdoor Athletic events, District Athletics championships plus the Essex Cricket competitions, Tennis and our amazing Sports Presentation event.

Finally, for the first time, Davenant were represented at this year's mini Marathon.

## Football

As the Year 9 Boys football team were informed that they had made the district final, the game scheduled the first week of the summer term between themselves and Debden Park didn't go ahead especially as their cup final was the following week and the boys wanted to stay fit and injury free. It was a tight game against Passmores with the final score ending as a 1-1 draw, and although Davenant stepped it up in the extra time and came out eventual winners 2-1, it was too close for comfort. This team have won the District Cup at every age group since joining Davenant in year 7 but it is getting harder and harder each year. We are hoping that they can maintain their annual record by winning Year 10 next season – no pressure but high expectations!!!!



**Year 9 Boys Football District Winners**

The Year 8 team who had been on form all year were certainly our favourites to come away with a District cup, repeating their winning performance from year 7. However, this wasn't the case while they were evenly matched against a very good Passmore team our boys could not contain the six-foot Passmore player who won every corner. They lost 7-2 with five of the goals coming from the five corners we conceded – it says it all..... Davenant students need to grow taller!!! Although disappointing for the boys it has been a great season and they should be very proud of football they have played, they are a credit to the school and themselves.

The Girls Year 7 team made the finals in the District 7 aside Cup and played St Marks Catholic School at Passmore School, a neutral venue, on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. Our very own H. Biggs, a qualified and active referee, was allowed to accompany the girls and officiate the Cup Final. Our team was a little depleted as two of our regulars were injured and unable to take part nevertheless the girls showed their depth and ability and were dominant from the whistle coming away with a 5-1 win. S. Purdie was nominated by St Marks as being the stand out player of the match!! Davenant Year 7 Girls are 2024/25 District Champions.



**Year 7 Girls (small sided) football team**

## WESSA Team – Essex School Championships

A cohort of Davenant students were selected, or nominated, to take part in the Essex County Schools Track & Field Championships on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. While the WESSA team were down in numbers (taking a team of just 38 athletes) they didn't lack in quality bringing back to the District 5 Golds, 5 Silver and 3 Bronze, and credit to Davenant as a significant number of the medallists came from DFS. Gold medal winners: A.Osagie Junior Boys 200 metres, M.Frith Senior Girls 1500 metres Steeple Chase, H.Stockill Intermediate Boys 3000 metres; Silver medal winners: L.Norden Intermediate Boys 1500 metres, Daniel Arnold Intermediate Boys 1500 metres Steeple Chase and Emily Stockill Junior Girls Pole Vault.

*Massive congratulations to the medal winners and to also to all the other Davenant participants E.Mosanya, D.Anderson, E.Dunnage, Z. Roman, Z. Griffith, H.Ansah. E. Dunnage, D. Fairlamb, I.Oham, J.Prinsloo, N. Sandy, E.Frith who represented WESSA at the championships*



# Sport and Health

## Cricket

The Cricket season started off with Year 9 playing Essex Tier 2 competition, which is 8 aside hardball and each year group's qualifier is played in league format with no more than 4 other schools. Davenant boys did extremely well only losing to a highly skilled team from Robert Clack who having won all their games go to the Year 9 finals. The Year 10 team also missed out on progressing, narrowly losing in two of their fixtures, however our Year 8 (13s) and year 7 (U12s) were unbeatable with both teams winning all their games and going onto their respective finals on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Bentley Cricket Club in Brentwood.



**U13s Bowling**

**U13 Team**



The finals saw both teams involved in a three way play off to decide Essex champions. We had done amazing to get to the final and were expecting great things from both of them.

The U12's first met Sydney Russell and won their game with ease, their problems were with their second game which they played immediately after against a very strong Redden Court team. It was tough but they fought all the way losing by just 15 runs. Another great day of cricket just ran out of steam towards the end.

All hopes were then pinned on the U13s who also won their first fixture against Mayfield but mirrored the U12s performance and quite incredibly they also lost by 15 runs to a very good Robert Clack team. It was sad that the season ended in exactly the same way for both teams however it was such a revelation seeing the cricket talent we have coming through the year groups and very exciting for next year. Well done to all involved in the cricket this season.

## Diocese Cricket Cup Year 9/10

It was our turn to host Bradford Academy for the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Diocese Cup, and a huge thanks to Theydon Bois Cricket Cup for allowing this fixture to take place at their Ground it was much appreciated. We are Diocese champions for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year which is a massive achievement especially when considering the Davenant team was made up predominantly by year 9s supported by a couple of year 8s and even one year 7. We scored 196 for 3 after 20 overs while Bradford scored 99 for 7 after 20 overs. Well done boys a great achievement and even more pressure now for next year to retain the shield. After the fixture the two teams came back to School for a picnic outside Reception – this gave an opportunity for them all to find out more about each other and develop friendships. The social side of the occasion was further developed in the evening when both teams and teachers plus Mr Thorne visited RollerBowl for a competitive game of bowling (not sure who actually won this activity).





# Sport and Health

Bradford then visited the school on Friday morning (27<sup>th</sup> June) and were given a tour of our facilities by Ms Ball and Mr Elliott after which they had a friendly game of cricket on our field (both teams a mixture of Bradford and Davenant students) with Mr Thorne taking the role of bowler.

As usual the two-day visit was a fabulous event, supported by our boys and their parents, and one that Bradford academy thoroughly enjoyed. Bradford Academy are looking forward to welcoming us to their area same time next year.



**Bradford Academy and Davenant Foundation Cricket Teams**



**Friendly mixed Team cricket match  
Bradford Academy & Davenant students**

## Outdoor Athletics

The first outdoor athletics event on the 30<sup>th</sup> April was the schools open cup organised and run by Chelmsford Sports & Athletics centre and Davenant use it as a warm up and an opportunity for Year 7 pupils to experience a large-scale event in preparation for the English schools Athletics Cup later in the term.

We took along 4 Year 7 teams, two boys and two girls, and two 8/9 combined teams, one boys and one girls. While the teams didn't win

their respective age groups there were some really notable performances. The Year 7 boys took first place in the 200 metres and Hurdles (A. Williams and M. Adams respectively), R. Anderson also won Year 7 girls hurdles event taking maximum points. The combined Year 8/9 boys team saw their highest achievements in the 100 metres where (D. Fairlamb) finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and A. Osagie came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 metres. The Year 8/9 combined girls team were placed highest finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place overall; their best placed athletes were 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200 metres (Z.Griffith) and 4<sup>th</sup> in the High Jump (P.Whelan).

We also have to offer massive thanks to funding from Chris Smith Memorial Fund which financially assisted us in enabling so many pupils to take part in the event and we are extremely grateful to them and more importantly to Mrs Frith (mother to Eric and Tilly) who had successfully applied for the funding on the school's behalf. Evidence of how brilliant and supportive our parents are – a massive thank you from all of us in PE department!!!!



**Davenant students—Chelmsford schools Open Athletics**



# Sport and Health



**Junior girls Hurdle event – Davenant  
(E. Dunnage) leading the way.**

**Year 8/9 Combined Boys High Jump  
(D. Fairlamb)**



The participation in Chelmsford Schools Open definitely did its job in preparing the teams for the English Schools Athletics Cup first round and as all four teams (Junior Boys and Girls, Intermediate Boys and Girls) rose to the occasion and made finals. The Intermediate Boys and Girls and Junior Boys made the B final while the Junior girls went one better and qualified for the A final.

The three B finalist teams (Junior Boys, Intermediate Boys and Girls) were outstanding considering the adverse weather, strong winds and torrential rain, throughout the day of competition. The two boys teams finished in second place with scores of Junior Boys 401 and Intermediate boys 396 (missing out on first place by just a mere 3 points). Stand out performances from the Junior Boys has to go to N. Sandy who achieved 48 points on his own winning the 100 metres in 12.8 and the shot put 11.89 (half a metre further than his nearest rival). In the intermediate J. Prinsloo has to be mentioned for his total score of 36 points coming 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Javelin 36m and 2.23 for 800 metres. The Intermediate girls finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a score of 302, T. Akpoveta was stand out for her 35 total points earned from 13.6 in 100 metres and 1.32 High Jump.

Other notable achievements came from E. Amadou who achieved a total of 34 points for his good performances in 100 metres and triple jump where he finished second with 11.23m. Finally, a fantastic spectacle to see was A. Osagie taking the baton in the last leg of the 4 x 100 metre relay 25 metres behind the leading runner and managing to catch, and overtake, him to win the event – amazing!!!

The A finalist Girls Junior did themselves proud making it to such a high-level competition, however although they achieved their highest score yet reaching 401 points they finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place. Notable performances on the day came from Z. Griffith who obtained a total of 46 points for 200 metres; E. Dunnage 44 points for hurdles and shot; Z. Roman 39 points and I. Lester 38 points High Jump and 800 metres.





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## DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Congratulations Davenant Foundation School are now District Champions for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. They won overall taking year 8, 9 and 10 age groups and coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in year 7s – although we find it difficult to believe as 8 of our year 7 pupils have been selected to represent WESSA in the Essex County Championships this week.

All years won their mixed relay event, Year 10 finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Notable performances by E.Amadou who broke the district record 12.20, triple jump, Year 7 girls were separated by a mere lean forward great race by M.King and SB Francis, Year 8 Gold medals for the 200 metres Z. Griffith for the girls and A. Mitchell Gold for the boys; Gold repeated again for the 200 metres Year 9 with A. Osagie for the boys and B. McClean for the girls, an additional Gold year 9 in the 300 metres H.Ansah for the girls and D. Fairlamb for the boys. The Year 10 students also brought back the golds F.Owers in 800 metres, J.Powndall-Jones High Jump and J.Prinsloo in the Javelin which he threw around 40 metres.



**Davenant's District Athletics Team 2025**



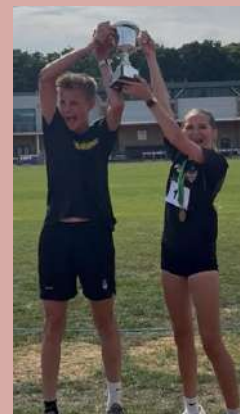
**Two Davenant Year 7 girls fighting for the 100 metre gold medal**



**Year 8 mixed relay winners  
Z.Griffith , Z.Roman, N. Sandy, A.Mitchell**



**DFS District Winners 2025**





# Sport and Health

## West Essex Year 7 Championships

Eight of our Year 7 District team were selected to represent the West Essex team at the Essex County School Championships on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June and even more honours were brought home.

A big thank you from the West Essex Organiser (A.D'Silva – West Hatch School) for all the pupils involvement in the year 7 Championships especially as it was such a tight turnaround from Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. He was extremely proud of the district's young athletes on their very first taste of County athletics. The squad was able to boast a few finalists on the track, a medal haul of 4 (2 Gold and 2 Silver) and Pb's throughout the event.



Davenant are extremely proud that one of the Gold medallists was our very own R. Anderson in the 75 metre Hurdles – such an achievement. Congratulations to all those year 7 Davenant students who took part: R.Anderson, I.Machine, M.Adams, E.Staucean, M.King, S. Stephenson, A. Williams, S-B Francis.

**Back Row: A.Williams, M.Adams, E. Staucean, I.Machine.  
Front Row: S-B Francis, M. King, R.Anderson, S.Stephenson**

## DISTRICT TENNIS

It was very disappointing that two of the District Tennis teams pulled out of the competition which just left Davenant playing Chigwell. They had 12 players and we took along 7 so we threw convention to the wind and played a round robin of doubles and singles to the delight of the students, each of whom played 7 fixtures each. It was decided that it was a tied match and the outright winners from DFS team were JJ Benjamin and M Blackham, both of whom won every match, they are certainly superstars now and ones to watch for the future!!!! Well done to Davenant Tennis team K.Thomas, J.Spronk, E. Frith, A. York, G.Pover, JJ Benjamin, M. Blackham.



**U13 District Tennis  
Davenant Tennis team vs Chigwell School**







# Sport and Health

## Mini-Marathon

Ms Ball managed to secure 25 places in the mini marathon this year for Year 7 pupils and it was a tough deciding who to invite however the afternoon start of 1pm did exclude a number of our runners as they were involved in other sports events.

Four PE Staff attended along with the pupils and run with them so a big thank you to all those who helped out and especially to the children who loved the occasion and are hoping they get the opportunity to take part again next year.



**Year 7 pupils that ran the mini marathon with their medals.**



**Year 7 cohort—mini marathon 2025**

## Other

Our students don't only excel in the sports we offer they also shine in extra curriculum activities and we were very pleased to hear of the achievements of Year 9 student A. Fullerton, who has represented Essex in Hockey since 2024 (u13 Boys) and last November (2024) he was selected for the Essex Boys (U14) training team. He earned his Essex colours by being selected for the A team, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> April this year his team took part in the East Regional championships which they won and were crowned Regional Champs 2025. Such an achievement, well done!!!

**A Fullerton—Essex Hockey Player U14**



## Sports Awards Event

This year we saw the first Sports Awards evening since COVID and what an evening it was, hot and sweaty, like most of the sports & activities, but thoroughly enjoyable. The PE department presented badges, certificates and awards to more than 80 recipients. We were fortunate to have Barnaby Merritt (an ex pupil of Davenant and now a regular player for Saracens 1<sup>st</sup> Team Rugby Club) and Mr Thorne present the winners, a full list is detailed as follows:







# Sport and Health

## Major Award/Individual Award Winners

L. KNAPMAN L. CROOK	STUDENT COACH OF THE YEAR - JOINT AWARD
H. BIGGS	THE BIGGS AWARD ( PE SUPPORT)
D. FAIRLAMB	EXTRA-CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTION - Male
E. STOCKHILL	EXTRA- CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTION - Female
A.WILLIAMS	ROOKIE OF THE YEAR MALE
R. ANDERSON	ROOKIE OF THE YEAR FEMALE
S. HAU	SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR MALE
A. WOOD	SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR FEMALE
D. ARNOLD	YEAR 10 SPORTS LEADERS AWARD
E. AMADOU J. POWNELL JONES	MOST IMPROVED MALE - JOINT AWARD
L. THEO	MOST IMPROVED FEMALE
L. ELLIOTT	STAFF COACH OF THE YEAR
H. STOCKILL L. NORDEN A.BUCKLEY A. APOSTOL J. STEPHENSON M.MCGOVERN	2024/25 TEAM OF THE YEAR

Sport	Year 7	Year 8	YEAR 9	Year 10	Year 11
NETBALL	M. King	S. Adetona	P. Whelan	M. Murphy Zaleska	A. Hau
FOOTBALL GIRLS	L. Hudson	M. Petitt	B. McClean	I. Cowell	M. Bruton
FOOTBALL BOYS	I. Machine	H.Wimpress	J. Britton	K. Silva	M. McGovern
ATHLETICS GIRLS	R. Anderson	Z. Griffith	H. Ansah	F. Owers	D. Anderson
ATHLETICS BOYS	A. Williams	N. Sandy	A.Osagie	M. De Aguiar Vieira	M. Edwards
RUGBY	T. Kilden	A. Rogers	I. Brown	J. McCaughley	E. Warwick
X COUN- TRY GIRLS	S. Stephen- son	R. Muffett	P. Gray	F. Owers	E. Mosanya
X COUN- TRY BOYS	I. Machine	E. Frith	H. Loe	D. Arnold	H. Stockill
CRICKET	M.Adams	I. Varghese	S. Butcher	xx	L. Adams
DANCE	J. Emmanuel -Thomas	J. Egbulonu	N.Badach	X	x
BASKETBALL	J. Balogun	S. Halm Adjepong	T. Erics	A. Stevens	A. Goncearuc
SWIM GIRLS	L. Given	L. Wotton	E.Chappell	E.Lea	M.Bentley
SWIM BOYS	A. York	F. Shankland	H. Loe		A. Apostol



# Sport and Health

A selection of photos from the event highlighting the individual sports winners (badge and certificate) plus major award winners (trophy and individualised medals)



I. Machine – Y7 X Country



E.M Mosanya – Y11 X Country



R. Muffett – Y8 X Country



L. Adams – Y11 Cricket



D.Fairlamb – Major winner



L. Knappman/L. Crooks  
Major winners



F.Shankland – Y8 Swimmer



S.Adetona – Y8 Netball



D. Arnold Major winner



# Sport and Health



A. Stevens – Y10 Basketball



J. Balogun – Y7 Basketball



E. Amadou – Major Winner



J. Pownall Jones Major Winner



N. Badach – Y9 Dance



A. Williams – Y7 Athletics



R. Anderson Yr 7 Major Winner



J. McCaughley – Y10 Rugby



A. Osagie – Y9 Athletics





# Sport and Health



M. Bruton – Y11 Football



H. Wimpers – Y8 Football



D. Anderson – Y11 Athletics



Biggs Award winner – H. Biggs



Team of the Year – Senior Boys Cross Country

*The PE department have had an extremely busy year but have thoroughly enjoyed it.*

*We would like to wish you all a sunny and relaxing holiday and look forward to welcoming you back for another year in September.*



# Sport and Health

## Sports Week & Sports Day

PE decided to offer an entire sports week this year to encourage mass participation and generate more house points and the events did their job as everyone played either dodgeball or rounders or both throughout the week, even those that normally sit out for PE – the school acknowledged this as a huge success. The points from the four days of dodgeball and rounders were carried over to start the fifth day of sports week which was then dedicated to the traditional Sports Day.

As usual, it was a highly competitive, frantic but spectacular day starting at 8.30am with the middle-distance races. Even missing the crowds at that time of the morning everyone could feel the thrill and excitement as the participants gave their all to gain valuable points for their respective Houses. The Field events also were performed without an audience, the only people attending being the participants, but this didn't distract from achievements and a new record was set in the Javelin at 44.6 metres by our very talented J. Prinsloo – the old record of 44.25 metres had stood since 2007.

Straight after a shortened lunch all the pupils were welcomed out to participate in, or support, the track events. The level of support could be heard around the entire school as the excitement rose especially in the sprint races; it must have been the immense level of noise that encouraged B. McClean to set a new record in the girl's Year 9 200 metres, which she won in a time of 27.21 beating the long-standing record of 27.5 set in 1997 – an amazing achievement well done. The relays, as always, were the highlight of the day and were as competitive as ever although the high temperatures did affect the times with them being considerably slower than those last year but each race was hugely competitive and hard fought right down to the line.

After calculating all the points, we were able to announce the winners of Sports Day for the fourth year running as being Whitechapel with a score of 702. Salisbury finished as runners up, 31 points behind Whitechapel, and Gillingham were in third spot just a mere 3 points behind Salisbury. Added to the Sports Day scores were the sports week points of Gillingham 83, Salisbury 132 and Whitechapel 135 (only three points between the runners up and winners of the dodgeball/rounders competitions) however these scores didn't affect the sports day outcome as Whitechapel increased their win overall by achieving 837 Salisbury 703 and Gillingham 651. Sports Day was another brilliant day of competition and a fitting end to a hugely success sports week, we are all looking forward to another hotly contested sports week in 2026.

A special big thank you to the Sports Captains who were unbelievable throughout sports week and especially on Sports Day, helping out generally and supporting the PE Staff/Officials enabling the entire week and sports day to run so smoothly, you know who you are, we couldn't have done it without you!!!!



**Whitechapel are the 2025/26  
Sports Day Champions**

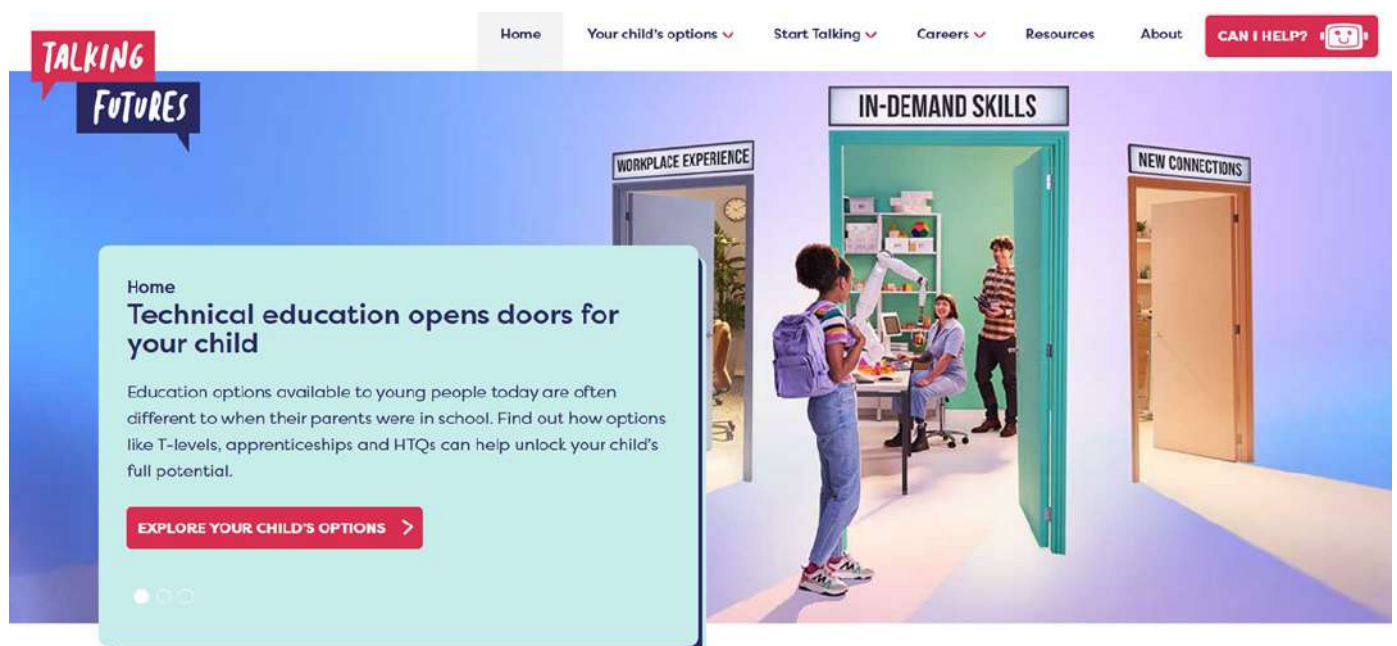




# Careers

## Unsure about your child's options after school?

**Talking Futures** is a resource to help and support parents/carers to have informed conversations with their child about careers and all the options and pathways available to them after Year 11 and Year 13. Visit <https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/> for more information.



## Quick Read: [“9 Things Parents Should Do to Help Their Kids’ Careers”](#)

An article posted on ‘FE News’ containing tips and tools to be a supportive guide for your child as they explore their future options.

Read the full article here: <https://www.fenews.co.uk/employability/9-things-parents-should-do-to-help-their-kids-careers/>

## Supporting our Davenport Careers Programme

If you would like to get involved in supporting our careers programme, we are always looking for individuals to help with careers talks, mock interview sessions, assemblies, work experience and tutor talks. Please get in touch at [careers@davenport.org](mailto:careers@davenport.org)





# Careers Continued

**Davenant Careers Site** – visit <https://careers.davenant.org/> to explore different qualification routes, jobs and salaries and careers events/activities available to Davenant students.



## Post-16 Support

### Post-16 Options and Planning



[Talking Futures](#)

A resource to help and support parents/carers to have informed conversations with their child about careers and the pathways available to them after school.



[Essex Opportunities](#)

An all-age magazine to help you find a



[Choices](#)

Choices magazine by [Amazing](#)



[Find a courses and training opportunities](#)

The National Careers Service provides careers information, advice and guidance. Use the website to take a skills assessment, explore different

## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) quadcopter challenge

Mr Beaumont has led a team of Year 9 pupils who were set a challenge by Raytheon engineering.

The challenge was to design and adapt a quadcopter to 'help local heros'.

We decided that we would try to assist with the issue of litter on school premises, especially with the new law governing food waste in public buildings. We assembled a team of 7 students each having responsibility for an area. P. Gray is the project manager, E. Morriss graphics and presentation, C. Darragh Finance, A. Salter co-ordinator, T. Trewartha designer, O. Brown and A. Rus pilots and engineers. We set ourselves the brief of 'research, design and adapt a quadcopter that will identify the location of and identify if the litter is recycling, food or general waste.

They put together a presentation that was entered in June. We have found out that we have got through the first round into the regional finals. If we do well here we go to the national finals

**Tim Beaumont, DT Teacher**





# Art & Design Department

COMPASSION



## WINNERS OF GRAFFITI PROJECT

R Gana - 7D  
*Gillingham*

C Ayres 7A - *Salisbury*

A Gardner 7E -  
*Gillingham*

I Lester 8V -  
*Whitechapel*

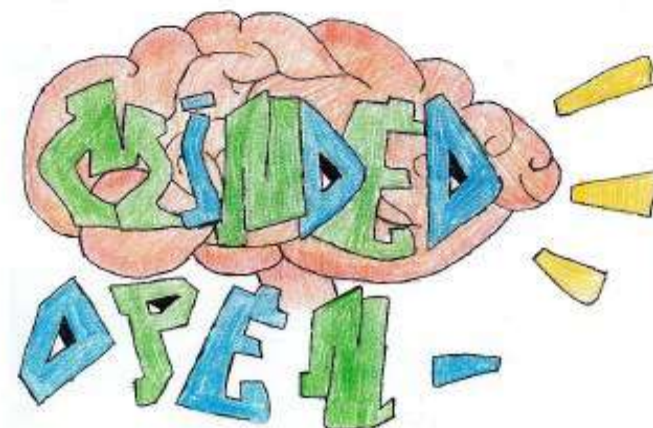
A Fullerton 9V -  
*Whitechapel*

Each student wins 50  
house points





# Art & Design Department



## RUNNERS UP OF GRAFFITI PROJECT

L Stokes - 10D  
Gillingham

O To - 8N Salisbury

E Lea 9A - Salisbury

Z Randall 9N -  
Gillingham

J Ribeiro 9D -  
Gillingham

**Each student wins 25  
house points**

All students that entered  
the competition will be  
awarded a house point for





# Art & Design Department

Check out Edition #3 of the Art & Design Department Magazine 'In the Frame' for articles on projects and trips from last term

IN THE  
FRAME



THE  
WALLACE  
COLLECTION



Includes details on The Graffiti Mural, KS3 Rewards Trip and the Creative Hub Club – Art Trail 2025. Articles on exhibitions and workshops, along with suggestions on places to visit over the summer. Click the link to read more...

[In the Frame- Third Edition](#)



**Edition 4 will have highlights from this year's GCSE and A level students.**



# Jewish Society Events

JSOC hosted a great event with the Jewish Lads and Girls Brigade. Thank you to the JLGB team, Louis and Gaya, for joining us and running a brilliant session, lots of fun and great engagement from everyone. Also thank you to UJS for sponsoring the lunch, we really appreciate the support! Looking forward to the next event - date tbc.

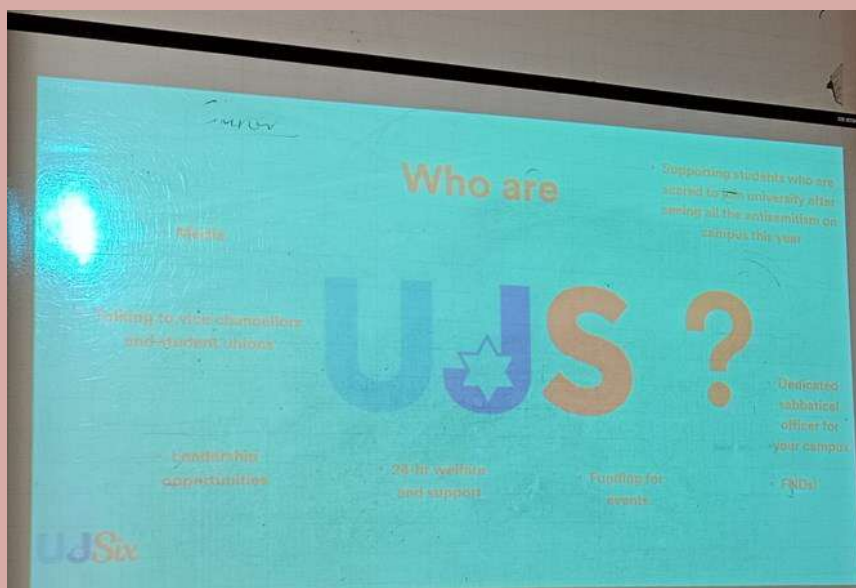


Alice Abraham from UJS (Union of Jewish Students) ran a really informative session for our Year 12 Students on Preparing for University and Being Jewish on Campus.

She discussed with them anti-semitism on campus, how to deal with it and where to get support/report any incidents.

She also talked about Jewish life, both socially, culturally and religious and explained about role of both UJS and Jewish Chaplaincy and the support that they can provide when students are away from home.

Hopefully UJS will return in a Year's time to run a similar session for our new Year 12 cohort.





# Cyber Explorers Bebras Coding Challenge

## CYBER EXPLORERS

A huge well done to all the students (listed below) who exceeded the minimum requirements in the **Cyber Explorers programme** and earned their **Cyber Champion certificates**! These certificates are **SCQF Credit Rated**, making this a recognised and valuable achievement.

***Congratulations to: G.Kurtev, J.Ayers, P DeSousa Reis, I. Lester, J. Kelberman, C.Bush, D. Osinibi, J. Denhard, J. Ayers and T. Peel***



## BEBRAS CODING CHALLENGE

🎉 Congratulations to our BEBRAS Gold Award Winners! 🎉

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students who received gold awards in the BEBRAS Coding Challenge! This competition was only open to those who achieved the top 10% in the BEBRAS Computational Thinking Challenge in November 2024, meaning the students listed below were the top 10% of the top 10% nationally!

***The students achieving a gold award were: I. Judd, A. Gardner, N. Copperwheat, R. Gana, E. Staucean, J. Kelberman, I. Lester, F. Nixon, O. Brown and J. Denhard***







# Teacher Appreciation Week

*A sample of student messages*







# Teacher Appreciation Week

## A sample of student messages

You are one of my favourite teachers! You almost never fail to make a class exciting. Always giving me something new to learn and laugh about.

You're extremely kind and funny and always seem to have a smile on your face, which automatically makes me smile! ♥~

Your lessons are always interesting and I enjoy Geography because of you!

Continue to be the bright and bubbly ~~star~~ that you are! Spreading your light across the classroom!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED BY MANY!

Thank you so much for being such a good teacher. You have made me learn so much new and exciting topics this year and I'm so excited to be learning lots of new and adventurous science topics in the future ahead.

You always make sure that we are listening and focusing so we don't miss anything important. You have made me realise how fun science is especially when we do practicals and experiments.

Thank you for being such a nice  
art teacher and form tutor.  
You are my favorite teacher  
and I hope to have you  
for art next year.





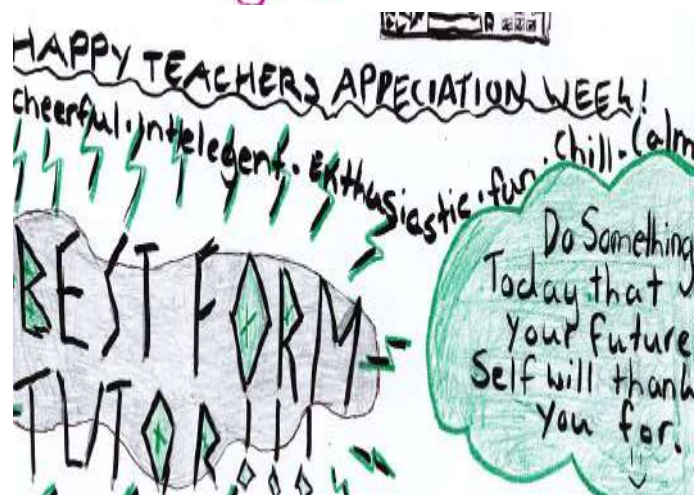
# Teacher Appreciation Week

## A sample of student messages

We just wanted to say how much we appreciate everything you do for us as our PE teacher. You always bring such great energy to every competition and make sure everyone feels included and motivated. Thank you for always encouraging us to push ourselves and try our best, even when things get tough. You've helped us grow not just physically, but in confidence too. Your support and kindness mean so much to us, we are really lucky to have you!

Thank you for being an amazing Geography teacher providing engaging yet interesting lessons. You have inspired me to always try my best and to learn about the millions of wonders of the world. Thank you, for always teaching with a smile and patience.

HAPPY TEACHERS APPRECIATION  
WEEK!



Thank you for being such an amazing Maths teacher. Every time I have Maths lessons with you as my teacher, I look forward to them because you make the classroom such an enjoyable place to be in. I feel so much more confident with my maths abilities because you are genuinely passionate about what you teach and that has led me to not only love maths, but also be fairly good at it. You are also the teacher that changed my opinion about maths as a subject. At the start of year 7, I hated maths, but as the year progressed, I enjoyed it more and more until it became my favourite subject. Thank you for being such an amazing teacher!





# Teacher Appreciation Week

## *A sample of student messages*

Thank you for being so supportive during lessons. You've helped me a lot and I'm so grateful for that. During this year you've given me more confidence in my work and more confidence in general. You're so kind and brave (when you removed that bug (o.c)). I hope I get you next year so that I could progress even more. You're the reason I get my grades up. When I was in year 7 I wasn't good or enjoyed English but you changed that on the first lesson I had.

Thank you for being such a great teacher!



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THANK  
YOU!



# Teacher Appreciation Week

## *A sample of student messages*

THANK YOU for being a  
great English teacher

HAPPY  
Teacher Appreciation

We really appreciate the effort  
you put into our lessons!

Week

Thank you for making  
us math geniuses! We  
love pi! 😊



thank you for being a great teacher  
and ~~etc~~ always helping us.

We love you!





# Safeguarding - Latest Advice for Parents and Carers

## The Safeguarding Team – Who we are

Davenport 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 & Deputy Head:** Mrs J Dennison

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

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@davenport.org](mailto:safeguarding@davenport.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 A 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



 **Mind** in West Essex  
Mental Health Support Teams in Schools



## 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 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)



Essential support for under 25s



**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



**CALM HARM**

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

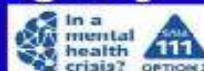
Helps reduce urges to self-harm and manage emotions in more positive way.



**CLEAR HEAR**

### 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)

**SET CAHMS** – Monday to Friday telephone: 0800 953 0222

Out of hours and weekend Crisis Support Service: 0800 995 1000

**Young Minds** -Text crisis messenger 24/7: text YM to 85258 (free from most mobile networks).

Parents helpline Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm 0808 802 5544 (free of charge)

**Essex County Council Children & Families Hub** - Telephone 0345 603 7627 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Telephone 0345 606 1212 (out of hours)

**Vita Health (16+)** -Telephone 0300 0152 966. This is NOT an emergency service. Self-referrals are accepted.

**Family Lives** - Helpline 0808 800 2222 Email [askus@familylives.org.uk](mailto:askus@familylives.org.uk)



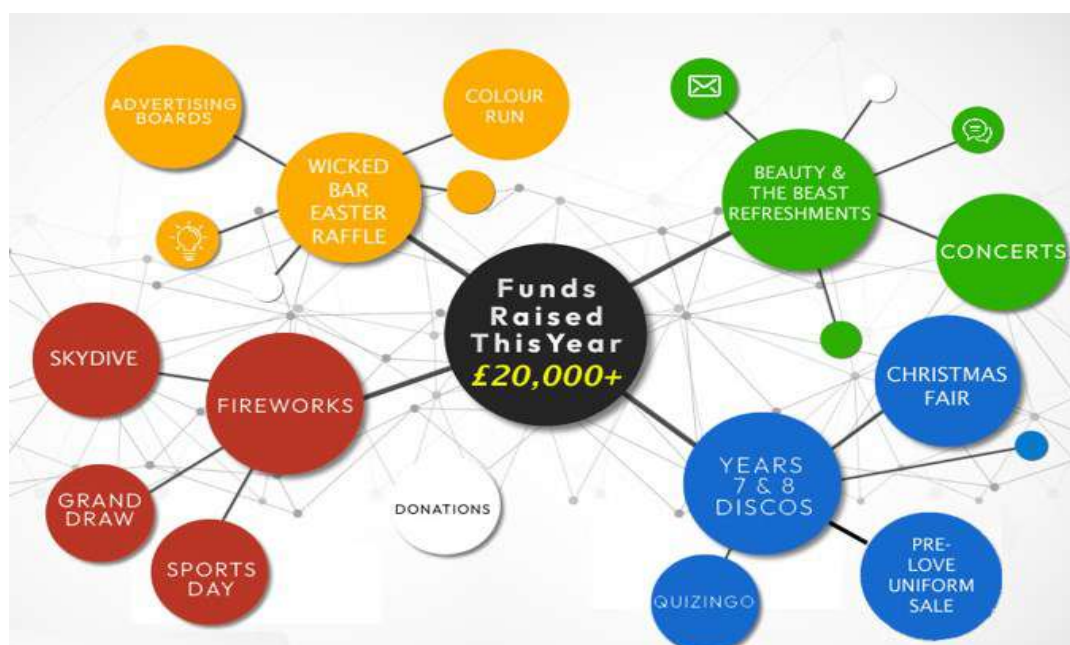
# Parents' Association



As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, the Parents' Association would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.

Your generosity, time, and enthusiasm have made a huge difference in what we've been able to achieve together.

We're delighted to share that, thanks to your support, we have raised in excess of **£26,000** this year. These vital funds go directly towards enriching our children's school experience, and we couldn't have done it without your help.



This year has also seen some exciting new developments. We are pleased to announce that we have now registered for Gift Aid, which will allow us to make your donations go even further at no extra cost to you.

We've also launched our **Pre-Loved Uniform Shop**, providing families with affordable, sustainable uniform options. A **donation box for second-hand uniform** is now located in the foyer of the reception entrance, and we welcome any clean, gently used items you may wish to donate. Uniforms will now also be available to purchase at Parents' Evenings, making it even more convenient to browse and buy.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere thanks to our sponsors **Churchills Estate Agents** and **Crystal Windows and Doors Limited** for their generosity and ongoing support throughout the year. Your contributions have helped make our events and fundraising efforts possible!

Thank you also to Seb Rooney (a recent Davenant leaver) and his dad Keith who recently threw themselves out of a plane at 13,00ft to raise funds for the Parents Association. We are delighted to reports that their mission was completed successfully, and they managed to raise just over **£3000**!

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to another great year ahead!

**Your PA**



# Congratulations

Well done to a team of current Year 12 students and last year's Year 13 students who completed the Walk the Walk 26.2 mile London Moonwalk challenge.

They walked overnight, completing the marathon in 8 hours and 46 minutes and between them have raised over £5200 for the charity!

They were all inspired to do this following fairly recent diagnoses and treatment of breast cancer in their own and in their friends' families.

The organisers and many other walkers they spoke to along the route commented on how unusual it was to see a group of teenage boys taking on this challenge and they were really impressed and motivated by their energy, enthusiasm, playing music, singing and entertaining everyone around them all the way around the course.

The team members were:

J Anderson

T Armstrong

E Twelftree

C Ashley

D Chan

W Lewin

Ex- Davenant students:

J Anderson

L Weaver

D Lorenc-Young



<https://walkthewalk.org/challenges/the-moonwalk-london/>

The parents of the team were very proud of this group of remarkable young men and what they have achieved and the school joins them in celebrating their commitment and achievement.

## Request from Duke of Edinburgh team

Do you have any good quality walking boots, good quality waterproof jacket/trousers/ rucksacks or any other equipment that you are no longer using?

If so, we would really appreciate you donating them to the DofE team as part of the kit we are able to lend to students taking part in the DofE programme.

*Thank you, DofE Team*







# Teacher Training



**ESSEX SCHOOLSITT**

with **tes**  
institute



***Got a degree and not sure how to use it? Looking for a new career challenge? Ever thought about teacher training?***

Davenant is the home and the lead school of Essex Schools ITT, the largest and most successful teacher training provider in West Essex. We work in partnership with TES Institute and over 30 schools across the Epping Forest, Harlow,



Chelmsford, Havering and East London areas. This year, we've successfully trained 54 trainees who are now all excited and more than ready to start as Qualified Teachers in September.

**Watch our recent [graduation video](#)**

Next year, we will have even more trainees under our wing – 76! – who we'll be training and preparing for the teaching profession.

**Our retention rate is 96%**, which is sector-leading.

In the Autumn Term, we will start recruiting for our next cohort of trainee teachers for a September 2026 start – could you be one of them?

**Log onto our website to find out more about us!**  
[www.essexschoolsitt.com](http://www.essexschoolsitt.com)



***In September, why not contact us to arrange a chat or to start a conversation about teacher training?***

**Call: 020 8498 6718 Email: [teach@essexschoolsitt.com](mailto:teach@essexschoolsitt.com)**



# Prayer Letter



## Davenport Foundation School

Prayer Letter: July 2025



It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another academic year. Another year of lessons, exams, school trips, musicals, sporting fixtures, concerts, parents' evening, progress reports and everything else that comes with the day to day running of the school.

As I reflect on the past year, my first as deputy headteacher, I am struck with an overwhelming feeling of gratitude to the people who make up our community. First and foremost, our students, who are the most intelligent, loving, resilient, plucky and spirited group of people I have ever had the pleasure of serving. I am sure that we are biased, as their teachers, but I am constantly struck by just how amazing they are. I am also grateful for the parents who support our students day to day, as well as their wider families and their church families. I spoke recently, at the new Year 7 induction day, about how we take Year 7s from more than 60 feeder schools and how students are often more likely to know each other through church or synagogue than primary school: what a blessing that is! To have so many places of worship represented in one place.

Our staff continue to work tirelessly for the futures of our children and they do so with a, seemingly, never-ending supply of good humour and support for one another. What makes all of this possible is our Lord and loving saviour. What we are providing for students at Davenport is only possible because we have Him guiding our decisions, overseeing our mistakes and blessing all of the people who make up our community.

I would ask, as we go into the final couple of weeks of school and the summer holidays, that you pray like mad that our young people, and all those that look after them, have a restful and blessed summer and that each one of them knows God's peace. Please pray that our Lord leads them to green pastures and restores their soul. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayer.

It would be great to see you this Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm, at our next prayer meeting. It has never been more crucial to support the work of the school with prayer.

Mrs Jen Dennison





# In the Community

## Sing a New Song!



### FREE AFTERSCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

For Year 4 and above interested  
in learning to sing a mix of secular  
and sacred music in a choir,  
and joining a new community!

MEETING AT EITHER...

**WALTHAM ABBEY CHURCH, TUESDAYS**  
**ST JOHN'S CHURCH, LOUGHTON, THURSDAYS**  
**ARRIVING FROM 4PM, FOR A 4.30-5.30PM SESSION**

BEGINNING WEEK COMMENCING 19TH MAY 2025, CONTINUING THROUGHOUT SUMMER



Just turn up! For more information,  
please contact Jonathan Lilley  
[jonathan.lilley@walthamabbeychurch.co.uk](mailto:jonathan.lilley@walthamabbeychurch.co.uk) / 01992 842042  
or speak to Rev'd Will Rose-Moore (Loughton)  
or Rev'd Jane Yeadon (Waltham Abbey)







# In the Community



**FREE! No need to book, just drop in at any time.**

Play in the Park are free **outdoor play sessions** for children, with the Communities Team bringing outdoor activities, arts and crafts, and sports equipment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Visit [eppingforestdc.bookinglive.com](https://eppingforestdc.bookinglive.com)** for a full list of Play in the Park sessions across the district or **scan the QR code to book a free Dr Bike bike check up.**



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# In the Community



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## FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

Tuesday-Friday from 29th July - 29th August (5 weeks)

Eligible school aged children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations and brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education!



### IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (12-16 years) who are eligible for benefit based free school meals. Limited spaces are available for young people who are also from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

### WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will be running at  
WAY2000, 154-155 Brooker Rd, Waltham Abbey EN9 1JH 9-12pm  
Loughton Youth Centre, 106 Borders Lane, Loughton IG10 3SB 3-6pm

### WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!

### HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

If you have received a Holiday Activities voucher code, click the link on the voucher to book your child/children onto a club. If you're still awaiting a voucher code, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a Holiday Activities voucher as your child/children do not receive benefits based free school meals, please contact a local club directly to book on by heading to our website below.

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