

## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Dimensions at Davenant

Whole child development is intrinsic to the curriculum at Davenant Foundation School and it goes to the heart of the school's ethos and mission statement of 'Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit.' In the school's most recent inspection of its Christian Ethos, it was said of our community:

**The *spirituality* of the whole community is regularly inspired and challenged in our regular assemblies and services. The school's continued commitment to the compulsory education of Religious Studies for all students ensures a formal *moral* education; this is further enhanced via a comprehensive personal and citizenship programme. In addition students are encouraged to develop *socially* via speaking competitions in English, participation in pupil led assemblies, or being part of a sports team or music club etc... *Culturally* students regularly engage with life beyond Davenant via the many trips and visits or guest speakers organised by the school.**

Below is a list, far from exhaustive, consisting of many of the activities which students at Davenant School may have been involved in. The list shows some of the activities offered...

- ❖ Music lessons taken by 400 students
- ❖ A full range of Bands, Choirs, Ensembles and School Orchestra
- ❖ Termly concerts including performances at other local venues
- ❖ Overseas music tours (Italian Lakes in 2007, Umbria in Italy in 2010, Normandy 2011 and Assisi 2013).
- ❖ Concert visits and workshops with professional musicians
- ❖ Theatre trips including West End and the Globe
- ❖ Workshops with professionals
- ❖ Year 9 Drama Guild Plays
- ❖ Centre Stage Drama School (Saturday Mornings)
- ❖ Life Drawing classes
- ❖ Pottery club for Key Stage 3 students
- ❖ Year 9 Textile club and workshops
- ❖ Let's Get Cooking – Food Club KS3
- ❖ Curriculum related visits to:
  - Paris (Business Studies)
  - The Houses of Parliament (Government and Politics)
  - South Wales and Snowdonia (Geography)
  - Epping Forest Field Centre (Biology)
  - Various Art Galleries
  - Natural History Museum and Science Museum
- ❖ UK Junior, Intermediate, Senior Maths Challenge
- ❖ Enterprising Maths in the UK (Team Competition)
- ❖ Year 7 'Get Active' (Kingswood Residential Weekend)
- ❖ Widemouth Bay Adventure Holiday (Year 8)
- ❖ Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Gold, Silver and Bronze)
- ❖ Christian Union (Senior and Junior)
- ❖ Special Services for Religious occasions
- ❖ Project with Youth for Christ
- ❖ Various charity events for School Charities (£10K+ raised)
- ❖ Senior Citizens Parties
- ❖ Collections and support for Crisis at Christmas, Shoe Box, Slum Survivor

- ❖ Debating Competitions – Parliamentary, National, School and local
- ❖ Davenant International – debates and visiting speakers
- ❖ Visit to European Parliament
- ❖ Target 2.0 Bank of England Competition for Economists
- ❖ Student Council, Sixth Form Council, Year councils and Learning Ambassadors
- ❖ Peer mentoring and Relate mentoring programme
- ❖ Citizenship Day
- ❖ Overseas links with India, South Africa and Iraq
- ❖ French Exchange, Spanish exchange, lunchtime language clubs
- ❖ European Work Experience in France, Spain and Sweden
- ❖ Gifted and talented activities e.g. attendance at summer schools
- ❖ Visits to universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Essex and London
- ❖ Lunchtime and after school computer clubs
- ❖ Year 7 Science Club
- ❖ Year 7 Roald Dahl Week
- ❖ Year 7 Reading Competition

We believe that this extensive programme enriches the experience of students and helps provide a fuller and more comprehensive education.

**At Davenant we seek to grow in and reflect the love of God in all aspects of our community, where all individuals, being *nurtured in mind, body and spirit*, will be prepared for their role in a changing world.**