



Davenant Remembers



Today every student and every member of staff paid their respects to those who died in past and present conflicts. Students researched and dedicated their cross or star to a member of their family or a local soldier who died in World War one or more recent wars.



Each student and staff member placed a symbol in the ground during the morning. At 11 o'clock the whole school gathered around our memorial lawn and the last post was played on a military bugle by Mr Beaumont. There followed a 2 minute silence by the whole school which ended with the Bugle call. Two students laid a wreath by the silhouettes of unknown soldiers in remembrance of those who fell. Davenant lost both staff and students in the Great War 1914 to 1918





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Nurturing Mind, Body & Spirit

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back from half term break. We have had a very eventful first term and bit with two very crowded and popular Open Evenings, following the best set of results the school has ever had.

We welcomed our new staff and students to Davenant and as always they have added to the rich and vibrant community we have here.

We have said goodbye to Mr Roy Taylor who had been a Deputy at this school for over a decade. We wish him all the best as he enjoys retirement in the world of permanent school holidays.



Our students continue to make us proud both in and out of the classroom with their achievements. We have two students who now play for Saracens rugby team, three students playing for their county and one who got silver medal in the world championships. These are but a few, other achievements have been with the EPQs the 6th form have been working on, winning Art and Music prizes, the list is endless.

At open evenings I state that Davenant is more than a school, it is all the extra we do and the opportunities we offer within our Christian community.

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Director of Music who will start in January. A very accomplished musician and very experienced teacher. We look forward to her joining our Creative Arts team. Please if you can, do follow us on twitter.

Finally, as you can see with our special front page Davenant Remembers



God Bless *Mr Thorne*

Key Dates

Tuesday 13th November

2.30pm School closes early

7pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday 15th November

7pm Year 11 Awards Evening (Year 12 students)

Friday 23rd November

School Closure

Saturday 1st December

Parents Association Christmas Fair

Wednesday 5th December

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Tuesday 11th December

2.30pm School closes early

7pm Christmas Concert

Wednesday 12th December

7pm Christmas Concert

Thursday 13th December

Sixth Form Christmas "Bake-Off"

7pm Christmas Concert

Wednesday 19th December

Christmas Panto Y7

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Service KS5

Friday 21st Dec

Christmas Service KS3/KS4

12.30pm School finishes early

END OF TERM

Year 13 Graduation Evening

On DATE we celebrated the achievements of the young men and women who left our school this summer. They have gone on to Universities, apprenticeships and work where they will take with them the values and support of the Davenant community. Some had been at Davenant for seven years some for two but they have all been part of our VIth form.

Our Guest speaker this year was Rebecca Elliot, author and illustrator of the best selling Owl Diaries and Toby and Clemmie books.

Her speech to our students and parents



was truly inspirational and it has been said the best in living memory. The night started off with our very own house band and finished with a buffet in the VIth form

canteen. Students were honoured with many awards including the Harry Varda award that was brought forward this year as this was Harry's year group.



Students were recognised for effort and achievement on the sports field, in music, performing arts and of course in their academic studies.

We wish our alumni all the best in all they do, you made us proud



Flanders Fields
*In Flanders Fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, while in the sky
The larks, still singing bravely, fly
Unheard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset's glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies blow
In Flanders Fields.*
Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae (in



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Sports Update

Rugby

It has been a great start to the season for the Davenant rugby teams.

The **First XV** have beaten Enfield Grammar and KEGS, Chelmsford at home but unfortunately lost 45-43 to QE2 Barnet in a thrilling encounter in the second round of the National Cup. After this game Vice-Captain, **Samson Adejimi** was invited to a trial with the Saracens under 18 academy, which was later extended to a full year after an impressive first training session.

The **Year 10** team have won both their first 3 fixtures. The first being a comfortable, local derby win against Trinity, Woodford in the National Cup first round. They followed this up by winning the District 10 a-side competition hosted at Davenant and then beating QE2 Barnet putting the team in the 3rd round of the National Cup.

The **Year 9** team have continued their unbeaten run (currently over 2 seasons!) into this year with a win over Leventhorpe, winning the District 10's competition and beating Bancrofts 22-19 in their first Essex Cup game.

The **Year 8's** have started well with a good performance against Leventhorpe, despite losing the match and in the U13 Essex waterfall competition.

Finally the **Year 7's** have started well winning their first game against Leventhorpe school with the last play of the game!

All teams look forward to competing in more Saturday friendlies as well as District, Essex and National competitions this season.

Royal Academy of Dance

Davenant School have embarked on a Dance Programme with the Royal Academy of Dance, which is an inclusive schools dance programme which is part funded by the Jack Petchey Foundation.

This programme, is a partnership between the Jack Petchey Foundation and the Royal Academy of Dance, it is the UK's largest fully inclusive secondary school dance programme, providing extra-curricular classes and performance opportunities to main stream and SEN schools per year across London and Essex. The aim of the programme is to offer 60 hours of extra-curricular dance classes.

This programme will raise the profile and quality of dance at Davenant School ultimately provide an amazing opportunity for our Students and Staff to experience and work alongside such a prestigious institute. This will also provide Continued Professional Development to PE Department members specialising in Dance in order to develop examination Dance.

There are final performance opportunities throughout the year such as (dates to be confirmed)

Street Dance Battles and Step Together Workshops
Regional Borough Spring Sharing Events – April/ May 2019
End of Year Event 'Step Live' - June/ July 2019 (audition)
School Performance - to own school (date to be confirmed)

The Royal Academy of Dance now provide 1 after school class on a Wednesday.

For the latest Results & Fixtures, Results and Match Reports, visit...

davenantfoundationschoolsport.co.uk

Sports Update continued...

Badminton

Davenant PE Department welcomed their new Badminton Coach Mr Ansell this term. The coaching sessions provided are part of our extra curriculum programme. They offer the opportunity to develop knowledge, refine skills and competitive match play, whilst ensuring an enjoyable experience to bring out the best in each player. Badminton competitions against local schools will be offered in the near future.

Essex County Football Association Trials

For the first time Davenant nominated male and female students to take part in the 2018 Essex County FA trials. At present two of our students have been successful in Securing a place in the County Team or a place in the next round of trials. Therefore, we congratulate **Katie McClean** (Year 8) and **Ikechukwu Okafor** (Year 11) who have successfully secured places in the Girls' County Teams.

Football Team Updates

Girls Football: This has really taken off with over 50 girls attending training.

The Under 13's beat a Basildon school (3-1) in the National Cup and a Newham team (9-0!) in the County Cup.

The Under 16's narrowly lost to Forest High 2-1. The U14's won their recent Essex Cup match versus West Hatch and the U15's lost to Bishop Challoner, despite a valiant effort and poor weather conditions.

Boys Football:

The Year 10 boys progressed easily in both recent Cup Competitions.



Netball

Davenant have had an excellent start to this year's Netball season across all age groups. Most recently:

U12s winning 9-0 v Ongar Academy

U16s winning 34-1 v Braeside and 33-1 v Emerson park

U14s winning 22-2 v Braeside and 21-8 v West Hatch



Quilter Kids First

At Davenant, we are one of the first schools or rugby clubs locally to pledge to implement the Quilter Kids First approach for Rugby. Aimed at U7-U13 students and aims to upskills coaches and creates a great rugby environment, so that everyone stays in the game for longer.

We have pledged to:

- Put students at the heart of everything we do and all decisions we make.
- Encourage fun on the pitch, through equal opportunity and realistic expectations of our students.
- Develop student's confidence and character as players and as people, challenging any behaviour that conflicts with this.
- Build the skills of our adults to provide a safe, healthy, respectful and enjoyable environment for children.
- Champion rugby's Core Values, inspiring a lifelong bond between children, adults and our sport.

So far we have awarded 'Green Laces' to a number of students who are demonstrating the Games Core Values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship.

Music Tuition

Please can all parents and students involved with music tuition ensure that they have accepted the Google classroom invites for their specific tuitions. This is the only way we can ensure you receive important information and updates so it is vital that you are all connected.

Anyone having problem accessing this system should visit the Performing Arts Office. Extra Curricular ensembles and choirs have now started and will be added to Google classroom very soon.

Performing Arts

Reminder to Parents...

Parents are reminded that they should not drive onto the school site during the school day from 7.45am in the morning until 5.00pm due to health and safety issues.

Visitors to the school may park between the two main gates in the parking bays.

Dig for Victory

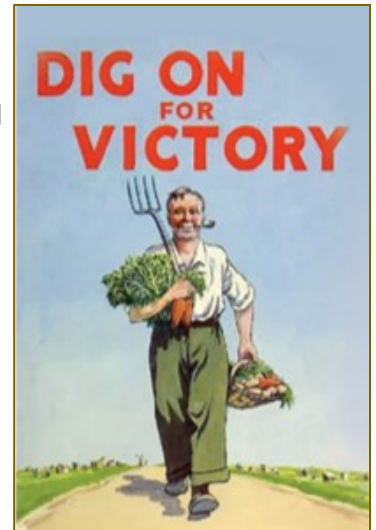
A group of Year 10 students, led by Miss Giles, Mr Beaumont and Mr Pickhaver have been given the exciting task of redeveloping the school garden.

The aim is to produce a range of home-grown vegetables and also to make the area accessible for others to use.

BUT they do need a little help from the Davenant community....

Please consider donating any unwanted garden tools for us to use.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our great community for the help you give us throughout the year.



Fundraising

Davenant students and staff raised over £800 at our annual "Bake Off."

A big thank you to all students, staff and parents for baking and eating cake for such a worthy cause!



Year 7 Quiz Night

The Parents Association held their annual quiz night for new Year 7 students and their families at the end of September. The quiz was an opportunity for parents to meet socially and for students to enjoy some friendly inter-form competition.

The evening was a great success and the Year 7 students and their parents! - did really well.

A huge thank you to all the parents, families and friends who attended and supported the event which raised over which raised £1470!



Christmas is coming...

Davenant Parents Association Christmas Fair



Saturday 1st December

12.00 - 2.00pm

We do hope to see you there.

Please bring your family and friends.

Student stalls- Christmas Café serving tea and homemade cakes

Gift ideas – Raffle – Craft stalls

Domino's pizza – Hot gourmet sausages in rolls

Items that could be used in hampers or tombola are gratefully received!

Helpers needed to set up the Hall on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

Maybe you could help run a stall?

Please contact the Chair of the PA, Alison Hodgkinson via davenantpa@hotmail.com

Thank you!



Please follow the Davenant Parents' Association

