



# Davenant Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM, ISSUE 2

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**\*\*Return to School after Christmas Holidays on Monday 8th January  
—Week 1\*\***

### *Key Dates*

**Monday 8th January to Tuesday 16th  
January**

Y13 Mock Exams

**Monday 15th January**

7.30pm P.A. Meeting

**Tuesday 16th January**

2.30pm Early Closure (Miss P5)

### *Dates cont.*

**Thursday 18th and Friday 19th  
January**

Y10 RS Mock Exam

**Thursday 25th January**

Year 11 Parents Evening

**Friday 2nd February**

PA Year 7 and 8 Disco



# Message from the Headteacher

Well, we made it. Today is the shortest day of the year so we can look forward to the days getting longer from tomorrow as we head to spring (still a bit of a way off and I am sure we will have snow at some stage).

I have just come out of the Christmas carol service as just one of our many Christmas events. Nine lessons with a different church leader or teacher reflecting on each one representing the wonderful breadth of the Davenant Community. We have had a Christmas fair, Christmas jumper day, Christmas meal and Christmas concerts. It was wonderful to see so many new musicians performing for the first time, the future looks bright.

This term is the longest and most tiring for staff and students and for you as parents/carers I'm sure, so it is important that everyone has a good rest over the holidays. We decided to break up a bit later and come back later so families can enjoy time together after the hustle and bustle of Christmas and the new year.

I would ask that you think of and pray for our staff as they prepare for next term. We came into the year off the back of record breaking results again and straight into getting the next cohort started. There is a national teacher recruitment crisis, the like that has never been seen before. Teachers are retiring early and leaving the profession in their 1000s with less young teachers joining the ranks. The two main reasons for early retirement and not becoming a teacher are excessive workload and a significant increase in the challenging behaviour from some parents/carers.

This is a nationwide issue and though we are blessed with our community we are significantly underfunded with many more demands being put upon us. We say a church is not the building but the people who make the congregation, well a school is not the building, it is the staff, students and parents/carers who teach, care and learn together. We are blessed with outstanding teachers and support staff as well as our incredible students, please help me look after and support them all. You can tell what's on my Christmas list for Santa!

As we look forward to the year 2024 we have an exciting new building project, our new 6th form block and we look forward to starting our toilet upgrade this summer as well as looking at how to expand our sporting facilities. I would like to thank the Parents Association who have worked hard with your support and raised significant funds for the school through Fireworks night and the Fair as well as supporting the Concerts and other school events.

Well I will be starting my Christmas shopping later today and I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Having had Hanukkah already this December, let's build some great memories of family time at Christmas and New Year, these will last forever.

As the late Great Bing Crosby once sang "May your days be merry and bright".

It may not be a white Christmas but it can still be magical.

God Bless, Mr Thorne



# Message from the Governing Body

As we approach the end of the year, and the festivities of Christmas are upon us, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together as a school community.

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the dedicated staff members who work tirelessly each day to provide our students with a safe, nurturing, and engaging learning environment. We are blessed with a strong leadership team and passionate teachers who truly are the backbone of our school, and their commitment to our students' success is unwavering.

To our incredible students, thank you for the resilience, determination, and positive attitudes you continue to exhibit. At the last governors meeting of the term, we were delighted to be joined by members of the Student Council and thoroughly enjoyed listening to their achievements, ambitions and insights. It was gratifying, and indeed inspiring for us all. Your achievements, both big and small, continue to make us immensely proud. Keep up the great work!

I also want to extend my gratitude to our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement in our school community plays a vital role in creating a thriving educational experience for our students. Thank you for entrusting your children's education to us and for your ongoing commitment to their growth and development.

During this Christmas period, let us remember the importance of kindness, compassion, and gratitude. It is a time to cherish our loved ones and show appreciation for the blessings we have in our lives. As we celebrate Christmas, I encourage you all to take a moment to reflect, recharge, and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

May the spirit of Christmas fill our hearts with joy, love, and peace. We look forward to a New Year filled with renewed hope and endless possibilities.

On behalf of the entire governing body, I wish you all a safe and happy festive season. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our wonderful school.

With very best wishes

*Glynne Anthony, Chair of Governors*





# Davenant Sport and Health

The second half of the Autumn term has been even busier and having to overcome what has felt like a continuous downpour we have been extremely lucky in getting all of our home football and rugby games played, almost all of our netball games finished as well as the cross-country English Schools and most of the District competitions completed. Competitions in Basketball, Indoor Athletics and even a gala has been offered across the various year groups.

For the latest information  
please visit:

Sports and Health on the  
Davenant Website



## Football

Year 8 progressed the furthest in the English Schooling (ESFA) competition reaching Round 4 and losing very narrowly to Goff Oak at the end of November. The team and the manager were really disappointed as this was a game they felt should have been theirs as they were definitely the better team on the day. More positive news is that four teams are still in the Essex Cup competitions including our U16 girls who have played some tough opposition to reach the third round. The Year 9, 10 and 11 Boys will be competing in the third round early January and we are hoping that they will all progress to the quarter finals although they will be facing strong opponents from Shenfield, Brampton Manor and Riverside or Harris Academy (Chobham).

The U19 college team have managed to play all their fixtures so far with a mixture of results leaving them in fourth place in their Division. However, they have progressed in the League Cup and will now face Appleton on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, but the boys are under pressure before they even kick a ball as the U19 college team were finalist of the same cup last season so they have a tradition to uphold.



**U15 GIRLS TEAM – winning 9-0 second round ESFA fixture  
verse Holland Park School**

## Rugby

The Year 7s played Sydney Russell and gained valuable experience although losing their first fixture 5 tries to 4, they showed their fighting spirit in the District Champs to be tied first place with Epping St John. This result means both teams will go forward to play the best two teams from the Harlow side of the District early in the New year. Great result for Year 7.



**YEAR 7 RUGBY – away to Sydney Russell**

# Davenant Sport and Health

## Rugby continued

Year 8 played West Hatch in a warm up game where Davenant won by 5 tries to 4, however, the rain beat the District finals scheduled for early December with waterlogged pitches preventing the event from taking place, another tournament that will happen in the New Year.



**Year 8 RUGBY – home to West Hatch**



**YEAR 9 – Home to West Hatch**

Year 9s also had a warm up game against West Hatch and again Davenant showed their strength by winning 31-16, which will no doubt make them one of the favourites at the District championships. The Year 9 definitely met expectations in the Championships by winning all their games comfortably keeping a clean sheet throughout the event. Congratulations and hope you keep up the great work when you go the finals against the Harlow schools in the New Year.

## Cross Country



English Schools (ESAA) Regional final took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and our intermediate Boys team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place which means for the first time Davenant Foundation School had a team representing at the National Final.

**H Stockill finished in 2nd place in the Regional final**



# Davenant Sport and Health

## Cross Country *continued*

The Schools National Cross Country Final took place at Woodbridge School in Suffolk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, in below freezing temperatures, but this did not deter the boys as they again exceeded themselves finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the Country which is a brilliant performance. H Stockill was our top finisher coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Davenant are immensely proud of the 7 boys who have been involved from the qualifier through to the National Finals - H. Stockill, L. Norden, D. Arnold, A. Apostol, A. Buckley, J. Stephenson and N. Gould (reserve for the National Schools Cross Country Final team). What an amazing team!



The Nationals wasn't the only event we experienced success during this term, 60 plus pupils took part in the District Cross Country finals held at Ashton Playing Fields on the 8<sup>th</sup> December. The West Essex & Harlow District Cross Country results showed that Davenant retained the overall title for a fourth consecutive year and remain District champions for 2023/24. Mr Humphries believes that our success is down to the hard work of students running the 2K course several times during the autumn term, which then becomes a habit that then leads to success. He congratulates everyone for a job well done and says that his team will look at ways that we can continue to improve so that Davenant can defend the title next year and beyond!

Some highlights from the event: We won 4 out of the 6 events; The 2 we didn't win, we were runners-up; We had 1 race winner - W Muffett; 18 runners finished in the top 10; Davenant have 8 students who will now go on to represent West Essex schools at Essex championships on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January namely: D Arnold, F. Owers, L. Knapman, E. Mosanya, T. Frith, W. Muffett, L. Norden, H. Stockill, A. Wood (reserve) J. Sephenson (reserve).

# Davenant Sport and Health

## Cross Country *continued*



**Action photos from the course**



**Supporting their colleagues still racing**



**Year 7 Boys team who won their event**

## Indoor Athletics

The Year 8/9 combined teams took part in the Indoor Schools Championships hosted at Lee Valley Athletic Centre on the 15<sup>th</sup> November and three of the four teams, Boys A & B, and Girls A, made it through to the semi-finals, which took place a week later. While they all did well they narrowly missed out making the final by just one place, both the Boys and Girls A teams finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place. The Indoor schools Championships for Year 7 boys and girls will start in the New Year.



# Davenant Sport and Health

## Netball

The four girl's teams have done remarkably well to get 90% of their games played before the Christmas break with a mixture of results. Year 7, 9 and U16 have won two and lost two games each, while the Year 8 team are still developing and after losing four straight games seem to have turned a corner with a draw in the last game of the term against a very tough West Hatch side.



**Year 7 Netball team**



**Year 8 Netball Team**



**Year 9 Netball Team**



**U16 Netball Team**



# Davenant Sport and Health

## Basketball

The four teams, Year 7, 8, 9 and U16, have all played in the District qualifiers over the past two months and three of the four have done exceptionally well to reach the next level in the various competitions. The Year 8 teams, A & B, have made it through to the play offs on the 18<sup>th</sup> January, the Year 7 A team won all four of their fixtures while the B team managed to win only two, nevertheless both teams have qualified for the finals in February. The U16 team had the only female representative taking part, M. Abidekun, who along with L. Ajisegbede were the highest points scorers for Davenant in their win over Roding Valley 57-42 which enabled them to make the District final.



**U16 Basketball Team**



**Year 9 Basketball Team**

The last of the quartet to play was the Year 9 and they did very well beating Roding Valley 19-12 however they lost to a very strong West Hatch side 22-14, which has unfortunately halted their progression, but an outstanding performance nevertheless.

## Swim Gala

The first swim gala for Year 7 and 8/9 combined took place at West Hatch 18<sup>th</sup> December. Although it was a late invitation Davenant managed to get 16 eager participants to represent the school at the competition and we came away with 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Year 7 Boys and girls, as well as Year 8/9 girls. The boys Year 8/9 did even better by winning gold so well done to the three Year 9 boys – L. Stokes, Z. Rashid, D. Furnica and a special mention for the lone Year 8 swimmer, H. Loe.

***Congratulations to all the Davenant students. We are impressed with your achievements.***

# Epping Forest Schools Parliamentary Debating Competition 2023

On Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, two Year 12 students, O Ayanru and M Prinsloo, made their way to Chigwell School for the annual Epping Forest Schools Parliamentary Debating Competition. The young men were tasked with arguing against the motion, 'this house believes that the internet brings more good than harm' and had been diligently preparing their arguments for a number of days. Despite stiff competition from a number of local schools, they were victorious and Davenant brought home the Dame Eleanor Laing Cup for Parliamentary Debating.



## ***What an achievement!***



The evening was good fun and excellent sportsmanship was displayed by all but it was clear that M Prinsloo and O Ayanru were in a league of their own.

Indeed, the distinguished judging panel could not help but we won over by their confident delivery, their ability to interject into other speeches, and handle interjections into their own speeches and, most

importantly, the fact that they barely needed to refer to their notes.



***Next year, Davenant will host the competition here and we will aim to retain the cup for another year!***



**955 points**

Whitechapel



**1264 points**

Gillingham



**894 points**

Salisbury



# Chanukah—Jewish Society



## JSoc Chanukah December 2023

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December we were joined by Rabbi Wollenberg for a Chanukah themed session – Spreading the Light. We each discussed what Chanukah means to us and in true Chanukah tradition we enjoyed some doughnuts, which were kindly sponsored by Tribe and UJS. All students were invited to light the Chanukiah to remember the miracle of light.



## MDAUK Fundraier

Our thanks to all who donated to our recent fundraiser, our chosen charity in regards to the issues in Israel and surrounding areas.

***The final amount raised was £550.***

*“Magen David Adom UK was established primarily to assist Magen David Adom in Israel.*

*However, Magen David Adom UK also give aid to other equivalent organisations around the world, providing urgent medical care to civilians*



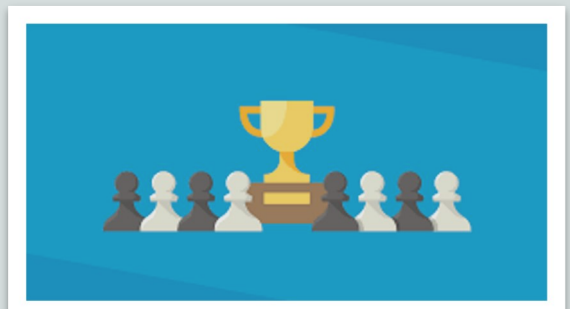
## The Davenant Chess Tournament

Our annual tournament, starts in January, Wednesday lunchtimes.  
7 matches, all against Davenant students, and usually of a similar ability.

The cost is just £2. Please pay on ParentPay

Chess Club continues in room 30,  
Wednesday lunchtimes.

***Everyone welcome!***



# Creative Studies

## Art & Design: Fine Art



At the end of November, the Art Department welcomed back the ever-popular Adebunji Alade (aka the addictive sketcher). He led a fantastic and energetic workshop for Year 10 Art students, exploring the use of tone in portraiture painting. This was a brilliant workshop, all students involved benefitted from his expertise.



Back in October, Darcy Turner Sculpture artist, ran a workshop for Year 11 students and shared his techniques for producing responses to portraiture and natural form in wire. Students then created their own wire outcomes.





# Creative Studies

## Art & Design: Fine Art



**'We Explore Drawing'** ran a workshop for the year 12 & 13 Art Students. Hosted by Paul Brandford, who studied at the Royal Academy, he set fast paced exercises and challenged the students to capture images with a direct response, not over thinking the process. Working in black and white and colour, they produced portraits and still life paintings.



## Creative Studies: Textiles



A patchwork of colour from Year 8 textiles. Students have made cushions inspired by the theme 'Climate Chaos'. Considering Textile waste, using up the scraps and recycling cloth to using Applique and faux chenille techniques.



# Creative Studies: Textiles & Graphics



Year 10 students took part in a workshop with print company, BLANC. Using bold colour and shapes to create collage. Students were introduced to photoshop to change colour waves of their collages and produced their own graphic designs, printed to a professional standard.



# Art and Design



An A Level Art & Design (Fine Art) student at Davenant received top marks from the exam board, in the summer. She achieved 100% in both coursework and exam work — reaching an A\*. The Art Department would like to highlight and celebrate her success.





**CREATIVE HUB CLUB**  
**MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL**  
**3.30-4.30PM ROOM 36**



Along with Form 7T, the Creative Hub Club made Christmas cards for the School PA Christmas Fair, raising over £50.

Join us next term for more creative fun; silk painting, drawing, model making, arts & crafts.

## Davenant Spelling Bee

I recently wrote to KS3 parent and carers to let you know about an exciting new opportunity: an annual Davenant Spelling Bee! All students in Years 7-9 have been provided with a list of approximately 100 words and their definitions. I would like students to learn them, or as many of them as they can, in preparation for our competition in February.

The words have been chosen by our Heads of Department because they are relevant to their subject and important for students to know to secure success. In February, just before half term, students will be quizzed on a proportion of these words, and their definitions, in their English lessons. The most successful students will then be invited to take part in our inaugural Davenant Spelling Bee. Prizes and house points will be up for grabs at this competition.

Learning these words, and their definitions, will take a number of weeks and I have shared, on Talaxy, the Leitner method of using flashcards to assist in committing both words and definitions to memory. If your child would like any assistance in using this method, please ask them to come to see me and I will help them.

Please note that in some instances, I have **bolded** the part of the phrase, or definition, provided. This is to show that this is the part that needs to be learnt. As these words have been provided by various subject areas, it is important to note that the definition we require students to learn may be subject specific and not the commonly accepted definition for that particular word.



The best way for you, as parents/ carers, to support your young person with this task is to quiz them at home. Practice makes permanent, which is what we're aiming to do here: move those words into students' long-term memories, so that they still know them in many years to come!

***Thank you for your support.*** Mrs Dennison



# Economics Essay Competition

The Essay Competition is held for A Level students at London state schools. Sixth form students from London schools and colleges were challenged to compose an essay with the following title:

"Write a 1000 word letter to the Prime Minister outlining the opportunities and challenges AI will bring to education".

Students from sixteen schools and colleges entered essays, where the winner and runner up from each school was chosen by WCIB volunteers.

A big congratulations to our Year 12 economics student J Rana for an incredible essay and our overall prize winner! A worthy runner-up was C Parasram. Both won monetary prizes and attended an International Bankers event at ING Moorgate.

## ***Economics Department***



***We are continually looking for Parent/Carer Lost Property Volunteers to help on a Wednesday lunchtime.***

***Please email [reception@davenant.org](mailto:reception@davenant.org) if you would be interested in helping. Thank you.***



# DAVENANT ENTERPRISE NEWS

December 2023



## THE YEAR 12 URBAN LAWYERS WORKSHOP



17 year 12 students had the opportunity to take part in a 6week workshop introducing them to the UK criminal justice system and what a career in Law looks like. The past 6weeks has seen them learn the difference between *actus rea* and *mens rea*, causation, prepare presentations and work in teams collaboratively on a real murder case to determine sentence, making a case for both the prosecution and the defence in a mock trial. The 6 weeks have been informative and 2 best performing students have been selected for a shadowing opportunity with professional lawyers.

Congratulations to the two selected "Best Performing Students" **Jasmine Rana & Kyiefer Downer**



## THE HAVEN HOUSE ENTERPRISE PROJECT

This academic year 8 year 10 pupils studying GCSE business have been selected to take part in the Haven House Enterprise Project. Using their business acumen, they have put on a series of fundraising events to go towards their £1500 target. The team managed to raise a total of **£500.20p** at the Christmas fair. Thank you to all who donated and took part in the stall raffles and games.



## RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st prize £50 Amazon voucher: Isabella (8T)
- 2nd prize Festive Hamper: Viv
- 3rd prize Beauty Hamper: Clare
- 4th prize 2x bottles of wine: Tanya
- 5th prize 2x bottles of wine: Agatha
- 6th prize Lindt Chocolate: Chloe (8T)
- 7th prize Lindt Chocolate: Ivan (8A)

# Performing Arts

## Music events SPRING term:



**Tuesday 23rd January 5pm in the Hall**

**Lower School Recital** for Years 7, 8 & 9. Students will be invited to sign up to perform via Google Classroom. Ask at the music office if not received an invite.

**MATILDA Jnr The Musical 5th, 6th, 7th MARCH 2024**

## Music Tuition

**Sign up NOW for SPRING TERM January— March 2024**

**Closing Date for signing up 5th January 2024—see details**

## Music & Drama Tuition

For those of you who came to the concerts last week you will see where the tuition and clubs on offer by the school leads to. Hopefully your child was inspired and encouraged to take up an instrument, sing and be a part of the Performing Arts Department.

Music Tuition starts again the week commencing the 15th JANUARY 2024

If you would like to sign up for Music or Drama tuition for Spring term and this is your first time you have signed up could you please complete a **Google Form by 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

If you are renewing lessons PAYMENT has to be made on PARENTPAY

**'MUSIC & LAMDA TUITION SPRING 2024' before 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

**You will not get a place if no form and / no payment has been made by the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Add which instrument/Vocal/Drama LAMDA on NOTES SECTION & Instrument Hire detail**

**Please complete a form if you receive Pupil Premium**

**Complete a new form for each instrument/vocal/Drama LAMDA if you would like more than one set of lessons**

**<https://forms.gle/3A3KQ42VZtNuvWj47>**



# Performing Arts

## Music & Drama Tuition Continued

**Fees:** £205 for ½ hour lesson – standard lesson

10 weeks of lessons

£105 for 15 minute lesson

Instrument hire for some instruments are available at additional cost of £20 per term

These fees are per instrument/singing/Drama per term

Instrument Hire info:

<https://www.davenantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Fees+%26amp%3B+Hiring+Instruments&pid=144>

**PLEASE make sure you read and understand the FULL terms and Conditions on the Davenant website**

<https://www.davenantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Terms+and+Conditions&pid=145&action=saved>

All information is available on the school website – if after reading all the information you still have questions email [charlotte.santer@davenant.org](mailto:charlotte.santer@davenant.org)



March  
5, 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>  
2024

### 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/carer or staff to discuss and report any safeguarding concerns:

**Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mental Health Lead: Miss A Cooper**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead : Mrs D Lake**

**Safeguarding ITT: Mr D Parker**

**Safeguarding Sixth Form: Mrs K Fisher**

**Safeguarding Administrator: Mrs K Davies**

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

## Shoe Box Appeal

Last year we collected 294 boxes —our target this year was 300! We are delighted to announce that this year we have collected 334!!



Our thanks to all the parents, carers and students who helped us reach our goal. Your support is invaluable.

*Thank you for helping sending these gifts of love.*





# Parents' Association

Well, a what an incredibly busy but equally fantastic fundraising term it has been!

We started the term with the Year 7 Quiz and crowned new quizmaster champions for 2023!

This was followed by spectacular fireworks and ended the term with superb festive festivities - the Christmas Fair and providing refreshments at the wonderful school Christmas concerts!

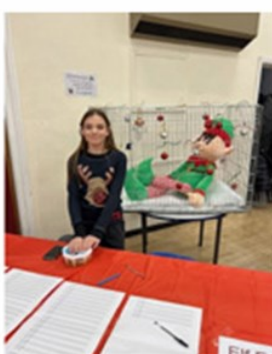
With your help and generous support we have managed to raise just over **£10,000** - every penny of which goes towards supporting our school and our children.



Our ever-popular Chocolate Tombola and one of the many games with our lovely helpers!



Our dream team cooks!



We thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you at next term's events! Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and with health and good wishes for 2024!

*Your PA*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**15  
JAN**

### PA MEETING

The meeting will be held in the sandwich room. 7.30pm start. Everyone welcome!

**2  
FEB**

### YEAR 7&8 DISCO

Watch this space for more info. Tickets will be sold via bookwhn. Link will be sent out to purchase tickets.

**5/6/7  
March**

### SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The School production of Matilda Inc a matinee 5/6/7th March.

# School Council

The school council have had a busy term.

They participated in two Learn with the Lords sessions, a zoom call directly with members of the House of Lords.

Our students asked questions of Lord Wills and Lord Young of Norwood Green.



The school council had the opportunity to attend a Youth Conference on the cost-of-living crisis organised by the Epping Forest District Youth Council. They took part in a debate on whether public transport should be free for young people, and heard from local people involved in supporting foodbanks and second-hand school uniform shops.



The School Council members took it in turns to chair the Year Council meetings this term. Two representatives from each form gather ideas and suggestions from their fellow students, then meet to discuss their priorities.

The School Council met with the school governors. Prior to the meetings, Ms Giles kindly facilitated the students using the food tech room to make some Christmas fayre to be shared with the governors.





# Initial teacher training with Essex Schools ITT



ESSEX SCHOOLS ITT



School-based teacher training with a flexible, online learning programme through Tes Institute. Obtain QTS with optional PGCE.

## 93%

**Completion rate**  
(far higher than most providers or institutions)

100% pass rate for PGCE

## TRAIN HERE AT DAVENANT OR AT ANOTHER LOCAL SCHOOL

**45** Secondary & primary schools in our partnership... and growing!

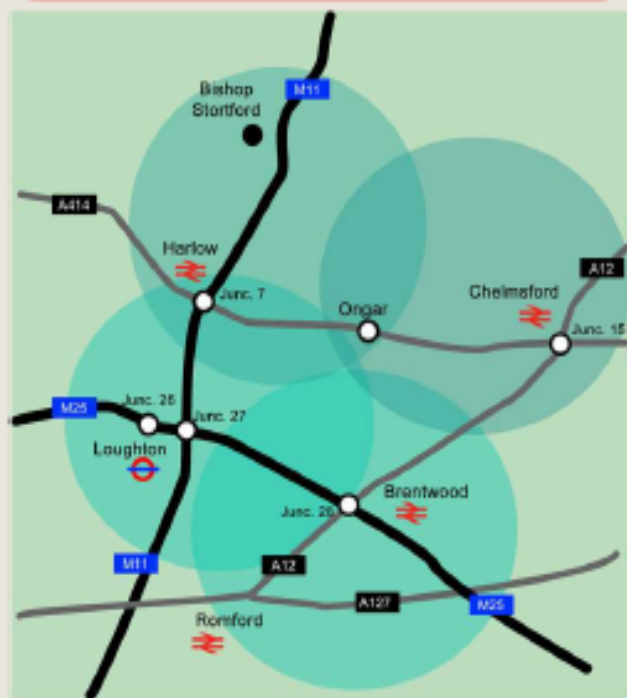
**100%** Employment rate in the last 10 years

Every year, around **75%** of trainees secure posts at their main placement school, or nearby partnership school

BURSARIES UP TO **£28K** PLUS FULLY-FUNDED SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE ENHANCEMENT COURSES (PAYING £175 PW) FOR MANY SUBJECTS

PART TIME OPTION AVAILABLE FOR STRONG APPLICANTS - WE WELCOME CAREER CHANGERS AND THOSE RETURNING TO WORK AFTER RAISING FAMILIES

TEACHING OFFERS GENEROUS STARTING PAY AND EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR PROMOTION



## OVER 35%

**OF DAVENANT STAFF** WERE TRAINED THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP - OUR ALUMNI INCLUDES:



**7**

Heads of Department & Heads of Year



**2**

Assistant Heads

The last **4** Science teachers w/e employed were all ex-trainees



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# Davenant Foundation School

## Prayer Letter: November to December 2023

### The Servant of the LORD

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed he will not break, and a soldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth."

Isaiah 42:1-4

Here we see a prophecy of the coming of Jesus which is quoted again in Matthew 12 v 17-21. As we wait for the coming of Jesus Christ this Christmas, join me in first looking at how God describes Him and then how Simeon responds to His arrival. Let us pray out of these revelations.

### Jesus Presented in the Temple

Luke 2:29-32

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss<sup>la</sup> your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,

Let us Thank the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for their plan of salvation. A plan decided before the world was created. Let us pray that as a community we will realise who our god is: God' the Fathers delight, the one the Father pours His Holy Spirit into. The Saviour of the world. Ask that the Holy Spirit will place a Simeon style expectancy and hope in each of us, and that the reality of the Saviours birth may be real in the students, the families, the staff, and the wider community.

Pray that this Christmas we will receive again the incarnate God in all His power and authority. which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

As we see Jesus Christ for who He came to be and is, this Christmas let us join as a community making both room for His presence at Christmas but also in the coming year. Ask that not only the Davenant community will see Him in His glory but also that all the nations will recognise Him particularly those in conflict, wars and distress. Let us pray for the Middle East, Israel, Palestine and Ukraine that they may know the intervention of the Almighty God.

Pray that Christ will touch those who feel at 'breaking' point. Those families in our community who need physical healing, emotional healing and restoration to relationships.

Ask for those who are struggling financially and may be out of work that He will meet their needs and their hope will not be 'snuffed' out.

Pray for our communities that students will be safe and be protected on the streets and transport.

Pray that Christ's protection will envelop each of our families and extended communities that we will know God's justice and peace this Christmas time.

a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Just as Simeon remained faithful and hope filled, pray that as we experience the pressures of life that as a community we will see and know the fullness of our God. Experiencing him in the joy of Christmas and rest in His gifts and promises to never leave us nor forsake us. May we all receive a revelation of the power and majesty of our God 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulders and He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.'

Amen

