

Downlands News

Learning is at the heart of everything we do



July 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends of Downlands!

We are at the end of another successful academic year at Downlands. I am extremely grateful to our amazing team of staff who have worked so hard to provide such superb opportunities for our students. Thanks must also go to you, our parents for your unrelenting support – we know that a major factor in students success is the support they get at home. Finally, thanks to the students themselves who have worked hard, been amazingly resilient and taken advantage of the many opportunities on offer. We have had some great moments this term including our Summer Fayre, which raised over £6,500, PE Awards Evening, Academic Awards Evening and the Year 11 Leavers Prom. Sports day was yet again brilliant, as was our GCSE Fine Art, Art Textiles and Technology Exhibition.

We are excited about coming back in September and moving into our new buildings – the three storey block, changing rooms, staff room and wider corridors should be ready and shortly after the beginning of term we will move into the dance studio, learning support and other ancillary facilities. We are also looking forward to welcoming our second cohort of 240 students into Year 7.

We will be launching a new School Development Plan based on placing learning at the heart of everything we do, focusing on:

- Teaching and Learning
- Professional Development including Leadership
- Learning for Life
- Culture of Learning
- Community
- Care
- The Best Outcomes for All

As part of the process we will be consulting parents and community at our first Downlands Forum on Monday 2 October. I would like to encourage you to attend and have your say about the direction of OUR community school. Our second Forum on Tuesday 6 February 2018 will be focused on our Curriculum review – if you are at all interested in what your child is taught I would like to encourage you to come along and give us your views on this vital and fascinating area of our school.

We are saying goodbye to a number of colleagues – all of whom have made a significant contribution to the school – some over a long period of time. The list is as follows in order of service to Downlands:

- David Hall
- Stirling Triggs
- Caron Méthol
- Eileen Woods
- Claire Farrell
- Sophie Palmer
- Ash Deadman
- Nadia Korniotis
- Duncan Murdoch
- Liz Dobson
- Nicola Silsby



However sad we will be to say 'good bye' to our valued colleagues, we are also excited to be welcoming the following new staff:



Tess Millington - English



Maxine Lincoln - Music



Greta Fabbri - MFL



Morvah Cull - Dance



Vicky Cornish – SEND



Jim Matthews - DT



Giulia Chiocca - Science



Alex Simpson - SEND



Eszther Seres - Maths



Josh Samuels - Maths



Matt Talbot - Science



Mark Lowe - Science

Alex Radmore - English
Karen Van Den Dolder - Science

Looking forward to seeing you all again in the new academic year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Wignall".

Mark Wignall
Headteacher

PE DEPARTMENT NEWS

It has been a highly successful summer term for the PE Department. We recently enjoyed an exceptional Sports Day in which a number of school records were broken. Houses competed across a wide range of activities with South Downs House finishing the day as winners. Congratulations to Mr Chandler who enjoyed a victorious first Sports Day as Head of South Downs.

We also enjoyed another fantastic Sports Awards Dinner in which we welcomed Brighton and Hove Albion captain, Bruno, as our special guest! Students and parents clearly relished the opportunity to hear Bruno answer some questions from our students and then watch him present our award winners with their trophies and medals.

Our Year 7 athletics team finished the season on a real high winning the annual Mid Sussex athletics event at Broadbridge Heath. Ten other schools entered the competition and competed across a variety of track and field events. We dominated in the sprint events, winning the 100m, 200m, 300m and the 4x100m relays. Well done to all students who took part – this is a truly outstanding achievement.

The annual Reg Clarke athletics event took place this month at the Broadbridge Heath stadium in Horsham. As always, we took a strong team to the event and were delighted with our 5th place finish. Twelve schools competed in this year's event, and we were only a handful of points away from breaking into the top three!

We have experienced some outstanding individual performances over the course of the athletics season – however, particular recognition must be paid to Adam Lindo. He recently won the long jump event at the English Schools Athletics Championships with a jump of 6.3m! Adam is now national champion and we would like to congratulate him for this outstanding achievement and wish him all the best for the rest of the athletics season. Daniel McCourt also performed superbly in the County hammer throw event to qualify for the National Championships.

The achievements and efforts of our students seems to get better and better every year at Downlands. We have enjoyed so much success over the course of this academic year and we would like to thank all students who have been part of this. The PE Department is very much looking forward to further success and high levels of participation next year.

Congratulations to Year 7 triathlete Patrick Hovell 7AR!

Completed his first Castle Triathlon race on 24 June, his first open water swim. He was a little shocked at the fish swimming past him! The race consisted of 200 open water swim, 4km cycle and 1600m run, which Patrick completed in 25 minutes 52 seconds finishing an impressive 41st. Patrick is now looking forward to future races in the series. Good luck!



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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Assessed Expeditions have been running through May, June and July with all groups visiting The New Forest to test their skills in less familiar surroundings. Six teams of Year 10 pupils demonstrated some solid navigation, camp craft, timekeeping and teamwork and kept the staff busy check-pointing all over the New Forest. The weather has been very kind this year and all groups have been far busier applying sun cream than donning waterproofs!

Navigation has been pretty solid for most teams this year and teamwork good overall with couple of outstandingly strong groups who should definitely consider Silver next year. All groups on their assessed expeditions camped at New Park near Brockenhurst which is situated well for access to the forest routes but can be tricky to find at the end of a long day. Well done everybody!

Advice for future groups.....

- Always check you have enough tent pegs before you go
- Discuss as a whole team who is taking what e.g. the cooker!
- Listen to the advice given to avoid really boggy ground
- Admire the wildlife..... from a safe distance!

Year 11 (who have just left) who still wish to complete their Bronze should access their online account and complete all outstanding sections as soon as possible. Upload evidence and bring logbooks in for signing off. It's not too late but it soon will be!! If you can't access your account contact Mr Triggs or Mrs Cochrane as soon as possible.

Year 9 – it's your turn soon. Enrolment forms have been issued and most (apart from a few late-comers) have been sent to County. Hopefully some of you will be able to organise your activities over the summer holidays ready for a full start in September

We hope to be starting expedition work with you soon after we return in September so start thinking about who you want to do your expedition with. Minimum is 4 in a group and maximum is 7.

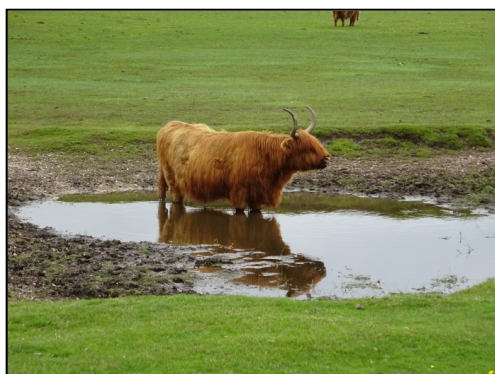
Finally it is with a lot of fond and often humorous memories that I have decided to relinquish my role as Coordinator of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Downlands as I retire after completing my 37th year in teaching and my 32nd year leading the Award Scheme having started it up in 1985. The July trip was our 299th since I started counting so realistically we have done way more than that! Perhaps a book is in order?!

Mrs Cochrane is taking over as Coordinator of the Award Scheme at Downlands and will hopefully gain as much satisfaction, enjoyment and support as I have done these past few years.

I intend to maintain involvement on the Expedition side of things via instructing, supervising and assessing as well as maintaining the equipment and am looking forward to running training sessions for our new Bronze groups on Mondays after school starting in September.

Thanks once more to Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Moller, Mr Gorbell, Miss Silsby and Ms Armstrong for their help with our Bronze groups. Without their great enthusiasm and support the Award would not be the thriving success that it is.

Stirling Triggs



Duke of Edinburgh Award

THANK YOU - Mr Triggs



So.....after over thirty years of running the Duke of Edinburgh award at Downlands, Mr Triggs is retiring. Countless pupils have enjoyed (and endured!) planning their expeditions for bronze, silver and gold awards. They have trekked and camped through sun and rain, moor, mountain and bog, carrying all their kit and achieving a level of independence and self reliance that is not easy to achieve today. They have also been subject to Mr Triggs merciless humour and wit when things don't quite go to plan !!

Running the D of E is a huge personal commitment and involves camping several weekends a year just to run bronze as well as running weekly sessions, completing all the admin and chasing pupils for forms!! Mr Triggs will be a hard act to follow.

However, although I will be running D of E, thankfully Mr Triggs will still be very much involved in the weekly training and also the expedition weekends, which is just as well as we have signed up sixty new entrants for bronze next year.

Aliison Cochrane

Year 11 Prom 2017

After the weeks and weeks of revision and GCSE exam stress, the Year 11 Downlands students were finally able to let their hair down and celebrate their five years at Downlands. In the perfect setting of Plumpton Racecourse there was a stunning display of beautiful dresses and super smart suits. The students had certainly pulled out all the stops and looked fab-u-lous - one and all. They arrived in a variety of different vehicles - from a TVR sports car to a vintage double decker. After a delicious three course meal, the students danced the night away in the vast Plumpton Racecourse marquee. It was a wonderful night - certainly one to be remembered.



CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

The National Students' Art Exhibition 2017

Under patronage of the Royal British Artists

Since 2014 the Art Department has been submitting pupil's work to the RBA National Students' Art Exhibition. We have been successful each year and have had pupils work exhibited in the Pall Mall Galleries alongside the work of the Royal British Artists. The work is of an exceptionally high standard. Over 4,000 pieces of work are submitted annually with only 400 been chosen for exhibition.

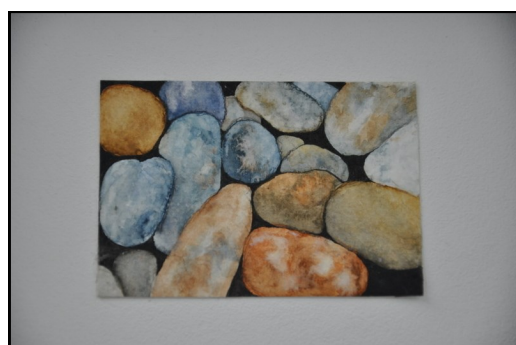
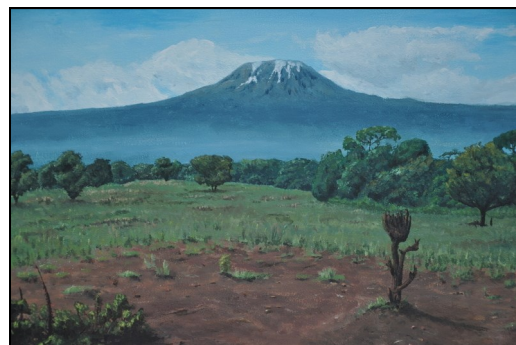
This year we were very pleased to have four pieces of work selected. Congratulations go to:

Jonah Brenner Year 11 'Walking'

Hana Smith Year 11 'Details'

Letty Raby Year 10 'Brighton beach'

Poppy Haward Year 11 'Wrap'



De la Vigne Award for Art

Matt Freestone, our guest of honour, presented the very talented Will Worthington with this year's de la Vigne Award for Art. The presentation of the award was part of this year's Fine Art, Textiles and Technology exhibition - more examples of students work can be viewed on the Art curriculum page of the school website.



Mable's Emporium Children's Art Competition

The department also submitted work to a local competition in Burgess Hill on the theme 'The World'. Meg Millar in Year 8 was awarded the prize for best art work in the 11-14 category and Sarah Chapman in Year 10 for the 15-18 category. Congratulations!



NEWS FROM DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The end of another very busy term has seen some incredible practical work produced by students across the year groups as well as a special visit to the department from James Villiers, an ex-Downlands student who was a runner-up in the last series of "Masterchef: The Professionals".

Mrs Skelton contacted James and arranged for him to run an after-school Master class session with 28 Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition students in order to improve their presentation techniques. James demonstrated two dishes using everyday ingredients such as chicken, carrots and cabbage and showed students how even the simplest of ingredients can be prepared, cooked and served with style.



The Year 10 students applied James's presentation techniques a few weeks later when they completed a three hour mock exam – preparing, cooking and serving three Italian dishes. The results were superb.

Congratulations go to two very talented, hardworking GCSE groups. Here is a sample of the dishes they served up:



NEWS FROM DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT

KS3 STUDENT OF THE MODULE: Every term students are nominated by their teachers for their hard work and determination to succeed. James Villiers came back into school to present certificates to this terms talented students who are:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Gracie Weller Jonathon Martin Amelia Hill Jack Smart Sarah Bee Harvey Wild	Jasmine Cross Ryan Hook Ashleigh Marlow Oliver Hall Ella Chapman Leon Alfrey	Jessina Brigden Owen Peak Helen Millard Archie Henderson Charley Subedar Josh Dummer



Our Year 7 and 8 Food students have also impressed this term with their efforts and enthusiasm for all things food – Year 8's tackled a Seasonal Pizza project and Year 7 got stuck into salads, especially ones containing cereal products. Here are a few examples of their excellent work:



JESSICA TAYLOR



RUBY ELMS



NEWS FROM DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Year 10 Btec in Home Cooking Skills students have also been very busy completing their final assessment by passing on their cooking skills to others. They have successfully produced homemade pizzas and cakes for the Head Teachers Tea Party which is held at the end of every term for students in all year groups who have the highest number of achievement points. They also recently catered for the Art, Textiles and Product Design Exhibition, producing Canapes for 150 guests. Well done to the Year 10 team



JAKE TURNER



NAOMI NJIE



LEE HURST

Year 10 Child Development students have now completed 30% of their Coursework – their final Year 10 controlled assessment required them to research the problem of childhood obesity and then plan, prepare, cook and nutritionally analyse a two course meal for a 4 year old child. Here's a sample of their delicious, nutritious meals:



STEM PROJECT:

The stretch and challenge club have been designing testing and developing projects for the current Year 8. They have been experimenting with pulleys and electric motors as well as pneumatics, designing a project that incorporates technology, maths and design. The first run through of the project to build and race electric buggies have been a popular success with Year 8 classes racing their work across the hall. They have been using the data collected to calculate maximum and average speeds as well as velocity ratios of the pulleys used in their buggies. The fastest speed so far is 8.7km/hour.



NEWS FROM DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Year 11 Textiles, Resistant Materials and Product Design work was recently displayed in the end of year Fine Art, Textiles & Technology Exhibition. You can see many more examples of the students work on the school website on the Art Curriculum page.



And finally..... Mrs Moller, Mrs Skelton and Ms Reid would like to say a big thank you to parents in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 for providing ingredients throughout the year – hopefully most of the dishes prepared and cooked in school arrived home intact! Please encourage your children to continue expanding their culinary skills and confidence by cooking at home (and they do know how to wash up, even though they may tell you they don't).

Have a lovely Summer break.

Ms Reid

A Thank You Message from the DSA Committee...

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers and visitors to our Downlands Summer Fayre on Saturday 24 June. This year you all helped to raise a grand profit of £6800! An amazing effort that will be of help to our school in these times of austerity cuts.

We would like to thank our lovely sponsors : Sainsbury's, Budgens, Hassocks Hardware, Bangers Galore, The Conservatory Cafe, Candy King, Station Garage, The Heeler Centre, Caterlink, Profiles, Hassocks Eyecare, Proper Coffee, The Thatchers, Smart Hair Extensions. Your money and donations made a real difference to our profit margins.

Coming up next is our Christmas Market on November 25th. Please contact the school office (office@downlands.w-sussex.sch.uk) if you'd like to help out or have a stall at the market.

In September we plan to have a Welcome Drinks and first meeting of the term for all DSA committee members, so if you'd like to join we'll be in touch with more details at the beginning of term.

Until then have a lovely summer break,
Justine (DSA Chair)

ACADEMIC AWARDS 2017

Congratulations to all the students who received an award this year. Carolyn Barton from the Hassocks Twinning Association gave an interesting speech outlining the significance of learning languages in the post Brexit environment and then presented the awards to all the students. Achievement Leaders from all year groups were on hand to offer their congratulations as well. Students were recognised for their hard work, determination, kindness and resilience. Special awards went to Megan Garmston-Newman - The Hays Travel Award for Geography and to Ben Pointer - the Margaret Rose Award for Languages. They have all worked diligently throughout the year and deserve a well earned rest over the summer - well done to everyone!



The winning students in Year 7 were:

Emily Harris Josh West Jemima Goldsmith Alex Savuk Lola Coleman Ben Wright Alice Sawyer Phoenix Payne Olivia Smith Sebastian Fotheringham Ellenis Wilson Joseph Woodhouse Sophie Armstrong Ryan Martin Emily Cragg Damon Conway Lucy Balcombe Harvey Baker Leo Watts Ben Driver Hollie Kaye Bea Bambury Brenner Patrick Stone Oliver Barton Eleanor Cole Amalia Hower Alexander Wintle Sasha Twigge-Molecey Muhammad Wilson Lucy Stenning Joseph Thompson

The winning students in Year 8 were:

Ruby Elms Michael Lea Jessica Sargeant Daniel Wilton Rosey Lacey Alex Danks Leah Morris Jamie Slade Annie Davey Logan Oughton Daisy Lyons Leon Alfrey Ruby King Kyle Barbour Meg Millar Amelia Brooks Amelia McBain Sylvie Goodwin Cat Kendall Alexa Rose Daisy Bushnell Tristan Simon Charlie McGhee Bebel Lord Soares Isobel Cooper Sam Burchett Ted Ward Daisy Hearle Ella Chapman Frankie Angel

The winning students in Year 9 were:

Josie Griffiths Alfie Keenan Grace Spooner Jesse Kibble Ella Tourle Cissie Yates Georgina Haddon Charlie Jones Josh Dummer Rebecca James Louis Anderson Isobel Enright Jonny McGlennon Amelia Godfrey-Brookes Finley Keene Cade Lippett Emily Wright Archie Henderson Jesse Kibble Poppy Growney Michael Rose Oliver Appaya Rebecca Stevens Jamie Telfer Esther Powell Kate Barkley Nicole Wood Paloma Radley Smith Oliver Munt Nell Garnett Adam Lindo Greig McKechnie-Smith Erin Brewer Joshua Hickingbotham Rebecca James Lana Mae Garrett

The winning students in Year 10 were:

Ella Forbes Noah Powell Lydia Hollingdale Alfie Goatcher Lily Dumbrill Nick Kitchen Josephine Leggett Ben Pointer Rona Surtie William Horn Ellie Naicker Charlie Hester Hannah Robinson Louis Morris Letty Raby Madeline Camp Amelia Wilkinson Rebekah McBain Joe Houldcroft Aaron Goff Emily Philpot Naomi Njie Toby Burch Josephine Leggett Holly Meredith Charlie Hester Toby Burch Kai Makey Sam Williams Sam Howarth-Moore Sophie Payne Rona Surtie Jake Turner James Woodward Daisy Drake Lee Sam Evans Frederick Coleman .

DOWNLANDS ECO SCHOOL

We celebrate the fact that we were successful in our Green Flag renewal this year. The eco schools assessor commented

'It is clear that the school has a strong ethos of environmental stewardship and great to see top-level support for the Eco-Schools work. The school is doing a remarkable job with numerous projects and initiatives underway and in the pipeline to improve its sustainability. The students I met are fantastic young people full of enthusiasm, commitment and fresh ideas for making the school greener'.

This Year we have celebrated the following:

'Switch off Fortnight' – Over the space of two weeks we monitored electrical use across the school during break and lunch. Certificates were awarded to the departments who remembered to 'switch off' rather than 'leave on' Congratulations to Languages, Science and PE for achieving Gold this academic year. Our annual energy use over the last 3 years is nearly 20 percent less than in 2011-14 however as a school community we still need to focus on wasting less energy.

'Waste week' – We focused on reducing waste and litter and organized a lunch time litter pick. Students in year 7 and 8 also took part in the West Sussex wastebuster home recycling challenge. Downlands were placed sixth in the table – the highest placed senior school in the county.

'Walk to school week' - We organised a school travel survey which we will use to help update the school travel plan and highlight areas that may be of concern. Thanks to all staff and students who took part in the survey – results are to be announced at the beginning of next term.

Students from eco club and year ten triple science classes have been involved in our termly survey of the Herring stream, a tributary of the river Adur that runs alongside the bottom of the school field and then through Hassocks. This is something that has been organised by the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust and the local HKD Transition group. It involves surveying aquatic life in the stream and data gathered is collated alongside data from several other sites along the stream.

Mr Cole and Mr Griffin continue to meet twice termly with a group of pupils eco and pupil voice forum. They are delighted that a group of students have met twice termly to discuss issues and act on them. Students in the forum have been concerned about recycling and litter in school and whilst the new suite of recycling bins are being used quite well we are still not litter free. There will be a new campaign at the start of the autumn term to raise awareness. Parents can help by encouraging the use of less packaging and refillable drinks bottles for packed lunches

The vegetable and plant growing area close to the science labs has been improved and this is thanks to staff and pupils from the Green Rooms and from Learning Support.

Eco club has continued this year on Tuesday/Wednesday lunch times and it is attended by a small but committed bunch. Students have taken part in many different activities. They have audited the school's energy use and have continued to monitor Downlands Half Century Wood. They have planted new trees where gaps have arisen and have noticed that the willow whip circle is growing well. Next year we will meet in the science room S4 on Wednesday lunchtimes and we look forward to welcoming new members especially those from Year 7.

Mr P Cole

SCIENCE NEWS

Year 10 Immersion Day

All Year 10 pupils recently had a science immersion day where they learnt about sampling techniques, used in biology, to estimate the population size of species in an area. This involved half a day of practical work on the school field. The pupils also spent half a day separating dyes using chromatography. These two experiments make up a portion of their GCSE “required practicals” The day was enjoyed by all pupils and staff.

Mr Urwin



Year 9 teach Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2

Year 9 pupils had an amazing time working with Foundation children. We were trying to make different shaped bubbles and the biggest bubble. We even learnt how to make bubbles in our hands. The children were so enthusiastic and showed great determination when the bubbles burst.

Year 9 helped with the development of rockets in Year 1 and helped Year 2 plan an experiment to find the best chocolate to use to decorate a cake. This experiment did get a little messy!

Walking back to Downlands all the pupils were busy discussing their experiences with the different year groups and comparing notes. They all agreed they had fun and how their confidence had increased.

Year 6 new intake day

The Science department hosted some Year 6 classes on the taster day. There was lots of excitement and enthusiasm as they completed a number of experiments. The pupils had in most cases their first lesson using a Bunsen burner. They burnt wood and magnesium and also learned about chromatography of inks.



Energy Quest Workshops

Some students in Years 7 and 9 were fortunate enough to take part in an Energy Quest Workshop run by Young Engineers. They explored the different types of engineers that work together to develop products and technology along with designing and testing their own electric car. Pupils had to use their data and knowledge of their own car to complete the challenge and compete against other groups.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES NEWS

It has been another fantastic year for the Language Leaders, visiting various primary schools across West Sussex, promoting and raising the importance of language learning. The primary pupils have loved learning German, Spanish and French and have shown great enthusiasm for languages, thanks to our super Language Leaders. Our Year 10 Language Leaders have now completed the award and have received their certificates - a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Megan Garmston-Newman, Kian Garside, Lydia Ives, Jodie Johanson, Charlotte Eastham, Megan Burchett, Kamma McMahon, Josie Leggett, Martha Heyes, Olive Dunnett, Ethan Roberts, Ben Pointer George Howell, Gabe Burnett pictured here with Mr Murdoch and Ms Méthol.



We now welcome our new Language Leaders for the 2017-2018 academic year and know they will be great ambassadors at continuing to promote languages across our primary feeder schools in the year to come! Ms Garcia will be coordinating the new Language Leaders are:

Kate Barkley, Lana-Mae Garrett, Ameilia Godfrey-Brookes, Rebecca James, Cade Lippet, Olivia Murray, Luca Oliver, Owen Peak, Nathan Warren, Nicole Wood, Hannah Wilson, Cecilia Yates



ENGLISH & MATHS DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Tuesday 11th July, Harry Baker and Chris Read came into Downlands Community School to run some poetry and music workshops with Year 9 & 10 drama and music students. The day consisted of a performance by Harry and Chris, followed by workshops where each student wrote three poems followed by afternoon performances by the students.



Poems and songs ranged in content from the lunch queue, apple juice, pets, independence and so much more! Given that the students had just three hours to write, perfect and finalise their work the quality of the afternoon performance was phenomenal. There was even a poem for Mr Deadman thrown in, too.

IMPORTANT Message from Pupil Services

Lost Property

Please ensure that your child's uniform is marked with their name. Each pupil has their own locker to store their belongings within school. If they lose their locker key, this can be replaced at a cost of £4. This is a great deal cheaper than having to replace their valuable belongings. We have also helped pupils find their belongings by retracing their steps as sometimes staff keep lost property in their rooms until the end of term.



Absence & Appointments

Please help us keep our daily registers accurate by phoning the pupil absence line in the event of your child's absence. Dial the school number (01273 845892) then press 1, leave your child's name & tutor group and the reason for their absence. Please make sure that you inform us of your child's absence by 9am. We require daily updates regarding your child's absence.

If it is necessary to take your child to an appointment, a letter to their tutor in advance of the appointment is ideal or alternatively use the absence line to advise us of unexpected appointments.

Punctuality

All students are expected to be on the school site by 8.45am, when the warning bell is rung. Students are expected to be in their tutor rooms for 8.50am. Each morning names of students who are late are recorded in a late book. They are then directed to Pupil Services to sign in. Break/lunchtime detentions are issued to students without a valid reason for being late. If the lateness fails to improve then students will be issued with after school detentions.

Thank you very much for helping us with the above.

Mrs Searle

Attendance Officer - Pupil Services

IMPORTANT Message from the Medical Room

Could parents/carers please remember to keep the medical room updated of any changes in their children's medical conditions. Your children's welfare whilst in school depends on this information being up-to-date. Could we also ask that you ensure that your emergency contact details are current. If you have moved home, have a new mobile number or your work number has changed please remember to let us know, we need to be able to contact you in an emergency or if your child is unwell.

Please do not send your children into school if they have sickness or diarrhoea. You should keep your child at home for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

Thank you.

Mrs Pryor

Medical Officer

Cafeteria Account

Please pass the following onto your daughter/son.

Remember to check the balance on your cafeteria account regularly. If you are unable to pay for your canteen purchases using the online payments system.

Please hand cash or a cheque to Reception in a clearly marked envelope with your name, tutor group and what the money is for by 9.20am.

Don't leave it until you are due to visit the canteen as there may not be the staff available to credit your account at the last minute.

There is a "no debt policy" in the canteen but if you think your balance is wrong or you have forgotten a packed lunch please speak to the Reception staff so that we can sort something out.

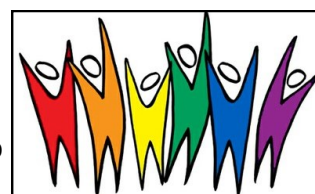
Mrs Jones

Business Manager



Alumni Association at Downlands Community School

Calling ALL former students! Did you or someone you know used to go to Downlands School? If so, please sign up to our exciting new alumni network! You'll be kept up to date with all the latest goings-on from the school and have the opportunity to come back and talk to our current students, help with school events or even apply to become a school governor!



Please follow this quick link

<http://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/downlands>

Important Dates Next Half Term

4 September	INSET Day
5 September	INSET Day
6 September	New Year 7 at 8.45 am Year 8, 9, 10 at 11.15 am
7 September	Year 7 Study Skills Evening
14 September	Securing the Grade for Year 11 and Year 10
15 September	Year 8 Trip to Blackland Farm
26 September	PE Football Tour 2018 Information Evening
2 October	Downlands Forum
5 October	Open Evening for Year 6 Students
6 October	INSET Day
11 October	Music Trip to Glyndebourne
12 October	Year 11 On From 16 Evening
13 October	History Trip to Ypres
19 October	Year 7 Settling In Evening
23-27 October	Half Term



House Conduct Points July 2017

Weald
Conduct Points
32236

Wolstonbury
Conduct Points
28228

South Down
Conduct Points
26107

Beacon
Conduct Points
23012

School Library News

Summer Reading

We have a great selection of new fiction in ready for the summer holidays, pop in and check a book out for those moments lying on a beach or just lying in the garden enjoying your break. Remember most of the books have been chosen by YOU!

Book Amnesty

Please could you check bedrooms and bookshelves to see if you have any school books lurking at home, we would very much appreciate you returning them to school via students or you can pop them into Reception before the end of the Summer Term or beginning of Autumn term.

Library Cards

Year 7 pupils will receive their cards in the first 3 or 4 weeks of term when they have their library induction. The rest of the school will need their library cards for the Autumn Term, please check and if they have lost them replacements may be purchased from the library for 50p.

Stationery, Printing & Fines may be paid online in Scopay

You may put money on your child's account to cover any emergency printing or stationery purchases they may need to make.

Library Printing Charges

5p Black 10p Colour

Library Opening Times Summer Term

Open every morning for Study/Printing/Stationery from 8.30am

Monday	Break	Open to All
	Lunch	Yrs. 7,8,11
Tuesday	Break	Open to All
	Lunch	Yrs. 9,10,11
Wednesday	Break	Open to All
	Lunch	Yrs. 7,8,11
Thursday	Break	Open to All
	Lunch	Yrs. 9,10,11
Friday	Break	Open to All
	Lunch	Yr. 7 Only

Monday		3.05
to	Quiet Study	to
Friday		4pm

STATIONERY SHOP

PRICE LIST

Berol Handwriting Pen	25p
HB Pencil	10p
Eraser	10p
Pencil Sharpener	10p
12 Coloured pencils	50p
12 Coloured Felt Pens	£1.00
15cm ruler	20p
30cm ruler	25p
Clear Pencil Case	£1.00
Maths Set	£1.50
Dictionary	£5.00

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Library Printing Charges

5p Black 10p Colour
25p full page 20p half page
Background colour or
photographs

Community Page

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TAKING PLACE IN BURGESS HILL

Sibling / Friends discount available - must book together

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Welcome to Freedom Leisure Hassocks. We have a couple of new classes at Hassocks sports centre, Tuesday evenings 6.30pm -7.30pm dance fit; learn up to date dance moves with Katie . She will work with you to learn the moves to dance routines to some well known songs over 3 week intervals. Recently they have been learning routines to "Chicago" , "Beyoncé" and "Michael Jackson". Freedom Attack 7.30pm -8.30pm where you will hit all areas of the body using body weight and pump equipment.



We also have high intensity classes on a Wednesday 6-6.45pm HiiT where you will work the whole body to its potential to torch maximum calories in a minimum amount of time and our circuits 7.15-8pm and Abs 8-8.30pm classes on Thursday combine to give you an all over workout using equipment such as Battle ropes, kettlebells, tyres, and sandbags. If you prefer something a little softer we have pilates on Mondays ,Tuesday , Friday and yoga Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6.45-8pm. See timetable below and call us on 01273 841348.

various membership options are available, and this summer we have a special 6 week family membership that enables you to use all Freedom leisure centres at a special rate <https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/promotions/summer-family-pass/>

Our new studio will open in October where we will be starting a variety of new morning classes .

For more information about our facilities please see <https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/hassocks-sports-centre/>

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PROFITS WILL GO TO LOCAL CHILDREN'S HOSPICE CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE



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Beginners Pilates class

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This beginners class is suitable for anyone new to pilates, those wishing to return after a break and for anyone wanting to review the basic principles. All exercises are shown at a variety of levels to ensure all abilities and individual needs are catered for.





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On Friday 14 July nearly 100 children – from Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and Burgess Hill took to the stage for the first ever Create Space Studios Dance Showcase. 7 groups performed from ages 4-14 years old, including the newest formed group for Boys Only. For many it was their debut dance performance and despite any pre show nerves they gave it their all once on the stage in the Bury Theatre, at Hurst College. The dancers performed styles ranging from contemporary to musical theatre, salsa to commercial, dressed in colourful costumes made by me and parent helpers.

The 240 strong audience whooped and cheered creating a fantastic atmosphere and earned themselves well deserved refreshments which included cakes - made by some of the older dancers. We raised a whopping £402.50 for Team Daisy, who are locals fundraising for the Chestnut Tree House Childrens Hospice. So a big thank you to everyone for their generosity.

As a former professional dancer myself, I remember very well the excitement of being backstage, doing hair & make up, donning costumes, last minute rehearsals and the building anticipation. I am pleased that so many children got to experience this and built up their courage to perform in front of a full house. Dance is not just about moving (hopefully in time) to music but also teamwork, creativity, self expression, growing confidence, poise and having fun. Well done to all the children who took part, may you continue to develop and keep trying something new. If you'd like to join our classes on Mondays in Hassocks or Thursdays in Hurst, please get in touch: zoe.createspace@gmail.com.

Zoe Thompson – Create Space Studios



STOP PRESS: IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We are very concerned about cars parking at the bottom of the school drive. Could I please ask you to park safely and sensibly - the parking restrictions are there to keep your children safe - please do not stop in the bays reserved for the school buses or park so that children's lives are put at risk.

Thank you.