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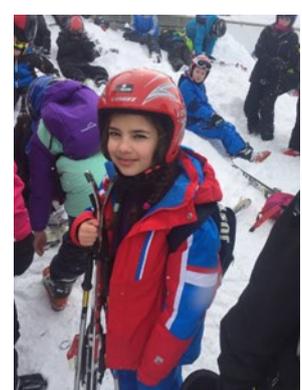


January/February 2017

Ski Trip

Along with other CMAT schools, 29 Daubeney students visited the tiny European nation of Andorra in order to take part in our inaugural Ski Trip last week. This trip was the latest opportunity for Daubeney Academy students to learn outside of the classroom and develop skills that will be essential in later life. We are so proud of the attitude and effort that both our students and teachers showed in making sure that this trip was such a huge success.

Daubeney's future as a provider of an outstanding all-round education is securely bright and we know that we will have another group of students, committed to both Daubeney and their own personal development, who will be signing up for future trips.



My skiing teacher is so impressed with me, I can turn side to side without my hands - Daniel Pitchford

I definitely want to come next year - Abigail Saunderson

I managed to improve my self confidence by doing things I never thought I'd be able to do - Cerys Gittens

All in all, it was one of the best things that I have ever done - Melody Lonsdale

This trip was amazing as four different schools came together and went skiing - Holly Massey

My favourite part of this trip was meeting lots of people - Abbie Williams

I have become friends with people who I never thought I would be friends with. Now I know that the saying 'never say never' is true - Amaanat Chandi

This week has been one of the best weeks of my life - Jessica Cook

One of my favourite parts was the fact that I made lots of friends from different schools - Gabriel Douglas

I loved the challenge and loved being part of the CMAT trip - Katie Quince

The people made this trip special - Freddy Asare

The 2017 Andorra Ski Trip was an extreme success and everyone can now ski. I hope that you continue trips like this as it is a great opportunity for pupils to get to grips with the world - Harrison Hannant-Laird

This trip has allowed me to see that everyone is capable of doing things that they only dream about doing - Georgia Gribble



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Colours

Since we returned to school in January, students at Daubeney Academy have been logging credits earned towards their Colours via www.pupilrewardpoints.co.uk. Although both daily and monthly sessions take place in school that allow students to do this, I would encourage both parents and students to also track progress outside of normal school times and each child's username and password has been provided via ParentMail so that credits can be logged at home.



Our new Colours system is unique to Daubeney Academy and will allow our students to demonstrate that they are developing their character as well as their academic abilities. As the year goes on and our students are given even more opportunities to learn outside of the normal classroom environment, each activity will be added to the drop-down list of activities that can currently be found on the website listed above.

As you already know, our Colours system links with our shared values of:

Respect Responsibility Learning Confidence Honesty

As well as working towards gaining excellent academic qualifications, Daubeney students will be able to make themselves more employable to businesses and attractive to colleges by gaining the nationally renowned Challenger Diploma, which we will offer as an integral part of our school life and our drive to produce effective contributors to society. Once students have earned 100 credits (20 against each of our shared values) they will have earned their House Colours and will be rewarded with a metal pin badge that can be worn on their school blazer. After all four badges have been earned, which may take a few years of effort towards developing their character against our shared values, students will also have earned their Challenger Diploma. In order, the Colours that students who are committed not only to developing an outstanding character but also to Daubeney Academy can gain are:

House Colours Daubeney Colours CMAT Colours Challenger Diploma Colours

Our unique Colours system is the latest in a succession of exciting developments for Daubeney Academy as we move towards becoming an outstanding secondary school. Without doubt, there will be further developments in 2017 and we look forward to the continued challenge of creating both academic and social excellence in Kempston.

PTFA

The PTFA purchased crackers for students to have with their Christmas dinner at the end of last term and we would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the Christmas Fayre which raised £447.

We have also purchased a defibrillator and cabinet for this school. This is the only effective treatment for cardiac arrest and by having a defibrillator the lives of students, staff and visitors may be saved.

The PTFA have two events booked for further fundraising.

Quiz Night - Friday 3rd March with prizes for the winners and losers, a raffle and refreshments. Doors open at 7pm.

Easter Bingo Night—Friday 24th April with raffle and refreshments . Doors open at 7pm for eyes down at 7:30pm.

Tickets will be sold at school before both these events and we look forward to see as many of you as possible.

A visit by Lancot Challenger Academy

We were proud to welcome all Year 6 students from Lancot Challenger Academy in Dunstable to Daubeney Academy on Tuesday 24th January so that they could continue their preparations for going to secondary school in September.

The students were keen to see what life is like in a busy, good secondary school and during their time with us they experienced lessons in DT, German and PE as well as singing with Mr Randall and talking to Mr Pugh and Mrs Kaler about what it's like in a big school.

The Lancot students were superb ambassadors for their school and we hope that they found the visit informative.



Chinese New Year Festival

We were delighted to welcome students and teachers from Springfield School, Camestone School, Kempston Rural and Bedford Road School to Daubeney for our joint Chinese New Year Festival.

Led by the outstanding arrangements of Mrs Ventriglia from Springfield, all of the students who took part were a credit to both their schools and the diversity of Kempston.



At Daubeney, we are an outward-facing school that places great value on the learning of different cultural beliefs and traditions and we believe that all nations and nationalities should work with each other rather than against each other.

Book Fair

Our Book fair will be running from Wednesday 1st February to Tuesday 7th February this year. Students will be able to visit during their English Literacy lessons to reserve books with payment being taken during lunchtime from Thursday 2nd February onwards. Please make all cheques payable to Daubeney School Fund.



Reminders

If you have moved house or changed your telephone number please inform the school.

If your child has borrowed dinner money from the school office please can you remember to reimburse the school as soon as possible.

Parents/carers need to telephone the school each day their child is absent giving details of their child's full name, registration group and stating the reason for the absence.

The school car park is for school staff and visitors only. Please do not use the car park for dropping off or picking up your child as an increase in traffic at these times causes severe congestion and poses a danger to our students.



Links with good and outstanding schools

We are grateful for the support that we have received this year from Shenfield High School in Brentwood, Essex, as well as other good and outstanding schools both locally and nationally. Shenfield is an Ofsted good secondary school with outstanding progress 8 scores and a track record for not only academic but also sporting, dramatic and musical excellence. Because of its obvious similarities with Daubeney, a link has been established that will benefit both schools as they aim to become outstanding providers of secondary education for their respective communities.

Since September, Shenfield's Head Teacher, Carole Herman, has acted as a mentor for Mr Miles during his first terms as a Head Teacher and in January Mr Miles, Mrs Adamska and Mrs Russo visited Shenfield in order to help us to continue our own curriculum development in preparation for having our own Year 9 students on board in September 2017.

Throughout this year our subject leaders will all be establishing links with proven providers of quality education and we are certain that the links that we are establishing with good and outstanding schools will help us to become the outstanding school that we are aiming to be.

Attendance

We are pleased to report that our current school attendance is **94.94%**,

The current totals for each year group are as follows:

Year 5: 95.48%, Year 6: 95.11%, Year 7: 95.52%, Year 8: 94.43%

Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th February, 2017—last day of half term (school open to students)

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February—half term (school closed)

Monday 20th February, 2017—school open to students

Wednesday 22nd February—Jeff Rich Drumming

Friday 10th February, 2017—Bedford Foodbank Trip

Wednesday 1st March 2017—Lion King Trip

Thursday 2nd March 2017—World Book Day

Friday 3rd March, 2017—PTFA Quiz Night

Monday 13th March to Thursday 16th March 2017—Mock SATs Week

Wednesday 15th March, 2017—Big Bang Stem Fair

Thursday 23rd March 2017—KS3 Parents Evening

Thursday 30th March 2017—KS2 Parents Evening

Friday 24th March, 2017—PTFA Bingo Night

Tuesday 4th April 2017—Maths Curriculum Enhancement Day

Tuesday 4th April, 2017—last day of term (school open to students)

Wednesday 5th April to Monday 17th April 2017—Easter Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 18th April 2017—Teacher Training Day (school closed)

Wednesday 19th April 2017—school open to students