



# DAUBENEY

## DESPATCH



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### Daubeney Academy becomes part of the Challenger Multi Academy Trust

On 01.09.16, Daubeney Academy became a proud member of the Challenger Multi-Academy Trust family. In partnership with a growing number of educational experts from within CMAT's leadership team and other schools who have also come on board we are both excited about the opportunities ahead and increasingly confident that we will achieve our aim of becoming an outstanding secondary school.

This is our final year as a good middle school as we embark upon our exciting journey towards becoming an outstanding secondary school. For our students and their families, there will be no need to reapply for a school place as we will keep all of our current students on roll until they have completed their GCSEs in Year 11.

Currently, Daubeney Academy offers a vibrant and inclusive community where students are "always polite and courteous to adults and each other" and "learn to appreciate and respect the diversity of life in modern British society," (Ofsted 2016). We are equally proud of the excellent pastoral care that we offer, and Ofsted also commented in 2016 that "Pupils feel safe and are well looked after in the school." On top of this, we have worked hard to achieve the highest SATs attainment in Kempston as well as a record of sporting and musical excellence.

As we develop as a secondary school we will, as a member of the CMAT family of schools, be able to offer a great many exciting educational opportunities to our students and our aim is to provide a world class learning environment on our site in the heart of Kempston.

In our current status and for the last time during 2016/2017, we are committed to providing educational experiences in the middle years (National Curriculum Years 5-8) that will support and nurture young adolescents in developing their unique strengths and talents as they discover their own distinctive personal identities, sustaining and renewing a healthy sense of belonging to their school, their communities and society as a whole.

One of our key aims continues to be to make sure that the life chances of our students are improved by building on the excellent work of Kempston's emerging primary schools and preparing our students for a successful life in modern British society.

Although we are proud of our deserved status as a good school, our outstanding teachers and incredibly hard-working students will not rest until we have achieved recognition as an outstanding school that is dedicated to serving Kempston and its surrounding areas.

**"Pupils are achieving well in a wide range of subjects, including Maths and English." Ofsted 2016.**

**"Pupils behave very well and they develop positive attitudes to their learning. They are happy at the school and work hard." Ofsted 2016.**



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## Values Discussion with the Daubeney Community

Mr Miles (Acting Head teacher) would like to express his thanks to all members of the Daubeney Academy community (students, parents, teachers, non-teaching staff and everyone else!) who took the time to contribute to our recent Values Discussion. Before the end of this half-term, he will let our community know which values have been selected by us all and how we will focus our efforts into shaping Daubeney with the choices in mind.

Copied below are the original 33 choices that we used as a starting point for the discussions which took place in staff meetings, during form times, in assemblies, in discussions with parents and via letters sent to all students' homes. At the end of the discussions we will have a school that both expresses the views of the community it serves and has a clearly defined moral purpose.

We will ask our talented and experienced teachers to weave the values into the already academically rigorous curriculum so that our students are even more prepared for a modern society where it is important to have not only excellent qualifications in your school subjects but also a great deal of social intelligence.

Respect	Appreciation	Co-Operation
Kindness	Forgiveness	Independence
Honesty	Patience	Confidence
Loyalty	Friendship	Lawfulness
Learning	Humility	Diversity
Safety	Tolerance	Care
Resilience	Generosity	Trust
Empathy	Motivation	Unity
Positivity	Awareness	Integrity
Responsibility	Courage	Commitment
Success	Love	Humour

## Uniform

As we move forward together towards our aim of becoming an outstanding secondary school, one of the most immediate signs of commitment to the cause is the pride that our student body takes in the wearing of the complete and correct Daubeney Academy uniform.

All of our teachers are equally filled with pride each morning at the sight of almost 500 students arriving to school with the smartest presentation that we have ever seen at our school. Very often, students who are dressed correctly and take a pride in their school behave in a much more mature manner and are more appropriately engaged in learning in lessons; this is certainly something that we have seen at Daubeney so far this year.

To clarify, all students at Daubeney Academy must now wear the new uniform that was introduced in September 2015:

*Daubeney blazer and tie  
White shirt*

*Black tailored trousers or black skirt*

*Black shoes or trainers that are completely black with no other colours at all*

Please note that the black v-neck jumper, although a popular option amongst students, is not compulsory.

Thank you for your continuing support.



## Open Evening

We were delighted that so many parents and students were able to attend our recent Open Evening in order to listen to teachers explain how we are preparing for life beyond our middle school status as we aim to become an outstanding secondary school over the next three years. As a partner of the Challenger Multi-Academy trust (CMAT), our outstanding and experienced teachers will deliver a world-class curriculum that balances core academic values with character growth. Very intentionally, our recent staffing recruitments have been outstanding secondary school teachers and many of our longer-serving staff already have a great deal of recent and relevant secondary experience. Of course, it is also worth highlighting that our internal monitoring last year indicated that 90% of all lessons could be rated as good or better and that many of our teachers consistently delivered outstanding lessons.

Discussions with CMAT partners about the development of our secondary curriculum have been ongoing for a number of months now and Ofsted have recently validated our KS3 curriculum as successfully laying the foundations for what will follow at KS4. The ideas of CMAT fit with our own; our current values discussion also places much importance on the development of an individual's character as well as ensuring that outstanding academic learning takes place. We want all Daubeney students and parents to be assured that Daubeney will be at the forefront of a Kempston wide broad and balanced curriculum that will be personalised for:

- Successful learners
- Confident learners
- Responsible learners
- Effective contributors

Alongside the finer details of the new curriculum, we will continue to take a pride in the diverse nature of our community and our learning will always reflect this. Our ethos of *Work Hard & Be Kind To Each Other* will also continue to underpin our ambition, along with the results of our currently ongoing values discussion, and all students at Daubeney will be known and known well by trusted staff. Indeed, the excellent relationships between staff and students that we are proud of at Daubeney will be a key feature of our development as a 600-student secondary school (the average size for a secondary school in the UK!) and will enable the outstanding learning that we are planning for to flourish.

## Communication

Two weeks ago we sent home with every student a guide to who you can get in touch with at Daubeney Academy if there is an issue that you would like to raise with us. The A5-sized colour Keep In Touch poster is perfect for sticking onto your fridge door and includes both our main switchboard phone number as well as the email addresses of key staff. On the next page is another version of the poster for you to keep!

We are committed to providing not only an excellent education for our students but also first-class communication with the parents of our students. If we receive a phone call or email, we will endeavour to reply as soon as possible and normally within 24 hours. Of course, it would be unreasonable to expect a form-tutor or subject teacher to leave a lesson in order to reply to an email but once the students have gone home it suits both the school and home for issues to be resolved before they return again the following day.

However, emails and phone calls are not the only way of keeping in touch with us. At the beginning and end of each day you can find senior staff from the school, myself included, talking to both parents and students as they leave and arrive. This kind of personal touch is important to all of us and, in my opinion, embodies what Daubeney Academy is all about; we are a small school with big plans for world-class learning where all students will always be known and known-well by trusted staff.

Over the course of this year and the next few years, as we develop our clear aim to build upon our success as an Ofsted-rated good middle school and become an outstanding secondary school, we will continue to also aim to develop even more effective communication with the community that we are proud to serve.



# Keep In Touch

## How to contact us at Daubeney Academy



**Phone: 01234 400111**

In most cases, we would suggest that you contact your child's form tutor first. This is most effectively done with an email. You just need to write your child's form tutor's initial and surname followed by the Daubeney Academy email suffix: [@daubeney.bbvle.com](mailto:@daubeney.bbvle.com)

5B	Mr Saadallah	<a href="mailto:nsaadallah@daubeney.bbvle.com">nsaadallah</a>
5H	Mrs Sherwood	<a href="mailto:asherwood@daubeney.bbvle.com">asherwood</a>
5J	Miss Saunders	<a href="mailto:dsaunders@daubeney.bbvle.com">dsaunders</a>
5R	Miss Harris	<a href="mailto:charris@daubeney.bbvle.com">charris</a>
6B	Miss Yentis/ Miss Ives	<a href="mailto:ryentis@daubeney.bbvle.com">ryentis</a> OR <a href="mailto:sives@daubeney.bbvle.com">sives</a>
6H	Mrs Adamska	<a href="mailto:madamska@daubeney.bbvle.com">madamska</a>
6J	Mrs Khan	<a href="mailto:fkhan@daubeney.bbvle.com">fkhan</a>
6R	Mr Randall/Mrs Russo	<a href="mailto:srandall@daubeney.bbvle.com">srandall</a> OR <a href="mailto:lrusso@daubeney.bbvle.com">lrusso</a>

7B	Mr Gill	<a href="mailto:rgill@daubeney.bbvle.com">rgill</a>
7H	Mrs Moubarak	<a href="mailto:smoubarak@daubeney.bbvle.com">smoubarak</a>
7J	Mrs Olivadoti	<a href="mailto:solivadoti@daubeney.bbvle.com">solivadoti</a>
7R	Miss Rodrigues	<a href="mailto:crodrigues@daubeney.bbvle.com">crodrigues</a>
8B	Mrs Willn	<a href="mailto:jwilln@daubeney.bbvle.com">jwilln</a>
8H	Mrs Steele/ Mrs Pilgrim	<a href="mailto:wsteele@daubeney.bbvle.com">wsteele</a> OR <a href="mailto:dpilgrim@daubeney.bbvle.com">dpilgrim</a>
8J	Miss Payne	<a href="mailto:bpayne@daubeney.bbvle.com">bpayne</a>
8R	Mr Boast	<a href="mailto:jboast@daubeney.bbvle.com">jboast</a>

Other key staff that you may wish to contact directly are:

<b>KS2 Progress Leader</b>	Mrs Kaler	<a href="mailto:ckaler@daubeney.bbvle.com">ckaler@daubeney.bbvle.com</a>
<b>KS3 Progress Leader</b>	Mr Pugh	<a href="mailto:mpugh@daubeney.bbvle.com">mpugh@daubeney.bbvle.com</a>
<b>Achievement Leader</b>	Mrs Cliff-Reid	<a href="mailto:tcliffreid@daubeney.bbvle.com">tcliffreid@daubeney.bbvle.com</a>
<b>Acting Deputy Head teacher</b>	Mrs Muscroft	<a href="mailto:cmuscroft@daubeney.bbvle.com">cmuscroft@daubeney.bbvle.com</a>
<b>Deputy Head teacher</b>	Mrs Birchall	<a href="mailto:lbirchall@daubeney.bbvle.com">lbirchall@daubeney.bbvle.com</a>
<b>Acting Head teacher</b>	Mr Miles	<a href="mailto:smiles@daubeney.bbvle.com">smiles@daubeney.bbvle.com</a>

## Attendance

We are pleased to report that our current school attendance is **95.24%**,

The current totals for each year group are as follows:

**Year 5: 95.76%**    **Year 6: 95.50%**    **Year 7: 94.76%**    **Year 8: 94.72%**

As a school we aim for all our pupils' attendance to be consistently above 95.5%. Recent Government changes to the Persistent Absentee rate to schools in England from September 2015 mean that attendance below 94.9% could trigger intervention from the School's Attendance office and the Education Welfare Service.

## 100% Attendance

We are also pleased to report that currently the percentage of students with 100% attendance for this academic year is 58.56% - well done to all 260 students who have achieved this.

## Harvest Appeal

We would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who has already donated grocery items to this year's Harvest Appeal. Everything you donate will go to help local people who are struggling to make ends meet and need a little extra support to feed themselves and their families.

This year, we expect the donations to go towards Bedford Foodbank, a service supported by the charity 'The Trussell Trust', who provide emergency supplies to those who find themselves in sudden or unexpected difficulty.

Please continue to support the appeal. The deadline is 13<sup>th</sup> October.



## Reminders

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Operation Christmas Child

Once again, the shoe box appeal is underway. We encourage our students to think of how they can spread a little kindness to others around the world who live in hardship, neglect or danger.

Your child will have received a leaflet explaining how to wrap and fill a shoe box with gifts for a child. These boxes will be delivered to children who may be living in extreme poverty, who may have no family, or may have been affected by war and conflict. Sadly, there are too many children having to cope with these conditions. Your gifts in a shoe box will help them to know that they are not forgotten.

You can complete a shoe box of your own, or you could team up with others and fill one between you. The more boxes we collect, the more children we can bring some happiness to. Year 7 students will be collecting the completed boxes from each form room.

The deadline for bringing your boxes into school is 25<sup>th</sup> November.

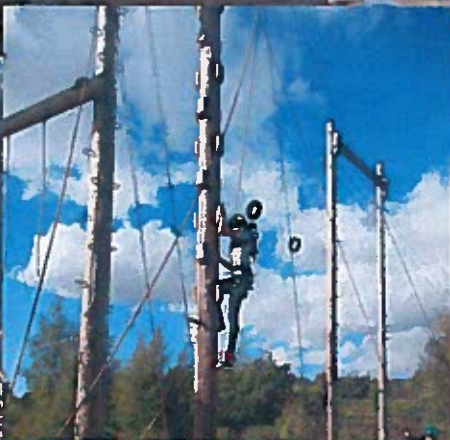




### **KINGWOOD TRIP 2016**

Our students had a fabulous time at Kingswood last month and as always were a credit to their parents/carers and the school.

A big thank you to Mrs Willn (Trip Leader) , Mrs Muscroft, Mr Pugh and Mr Boast.



### **Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 11th October, 2016—Y5 Meet the Form Tutor Afternoon (4-5pm)**

**Wednesday 19th October, 2016—KS2 Review Afternoon (4-5pm)**

**Thursday 20th October, 2016—KS3 Review Afternoon (4-5pm)**

**Friday 21st October, 2016—25 merit mufti day**

**Friday 21st October, 2016—last day of half term**

**Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October, 2016—half term**

**Monday 31st October, 2016—School open to students**

**Friday 4th November, 2016—PTFA Disco**

**Tuesday 15th November , 2016—KS2 Parents Evening**

**Wednesday 16th November. 2016 Ski Trip Information Evening**

**Tuesday 22nd November, 2016—KS3 Parents Evening**