

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has embarked on his/her first year at Davis College. It is important that you as parent/guardian, and your child as a student of Davis College, are engaged into the school community in a positive way so that your child may derive maximum benefit from their time here at Davis College. This ethos is very important to all members of staff and each teacher endeavours to ensure that each first year student is made **feel welcome** to the school and at ease with the transition from Primary to Secondary school.

**T**he transition from Primary to Post Primary has been recognised as a crucial stage in young people's school career. A positive induction policy in Second Level School is seen as vital to the positive transfer of students to Second Level Education. \*

\*(ESRI Survey 2002)

**'There is growing evidence that young people's experience of the transition process from Primary to Second Level School can influence their subsequent academic and social development'.**

(ESRI Survey 2002)



*Multicultural Food Festival 2011*



*Maths For Fun November 2011*

The Mission  
**'EDUCATE THAT YOU MAY BE FREE'**

Thomas Davis

**Our Aim**

**To promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of the students and to prepare them for their role as participative and responsible members of society.**

**The college promotes a safe, orderly, caring and supportive environment which enables the fruition of a student's ability in an atmosphere of mutual respect.**



*1<sup>st</sup> Yr Ceili for Seachtain Na Gaeilge 2011*



*1<sup>st</sup> Yr Cinema Visit*



*Shared reading with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Gael Scoil.*

## Staff at Davis College



Mr Denis Healy  
Principal



Mr P Healy  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Head



Mr Jack Barry  
Deputy Principal



Mr E McCarthy  
1 Aisling  
Class Teacher



Ms P Nash  
1 Aengus  
Class Teacher



Ms C Mahony  
1 Aoife  
Class Teacher



Ms R Vereker  
1 Aine  
Class Teacher



Mr B Moylan  
1 Aodain  
Class Teacher



Ms Tanya Kelly  
Student Counsellor



Ms Trish Lynam  
Home School  
Liaison



Deirdre Foley  
School Completion  
Programme

## Staff Members at Davis College

Mr. Denis Healy	Principal
Mr. Jack Barry	Deputy Principal
Mr. Richard Goggin	Metalwork, Technical Graphics
Mr. Coleman O'Neill	Metalwork, Engineering
Mr. James O'Sullivan	English, History, SEN
Mr. Pat Healy	Science, Ag. Science, Maths
Mr. Michael McGuane	Irish, Geography
Ms. Margaret Kennedy	Home Economics/SPHE
Mr. Michael Bradley	Construction St. /Tech Graphics
Ms. Helen O'Hanlon	English/History
Ms. Suzanne Kiely	German
Ms. Rachel Vereker	French/ CSPE
Mr. Tony Morrissey	Art/ Computers
Ms. Carina Carey	Business/ LCVP/Maths
Ms. Carmel Stanton	Gaeilge/History/CSPE
Mr. Michael Lawlor	Gaeilge/ R.E.
Ms. Patricia Nash	Gaeilge/History
Mr. Ronan O'Sullivan	Maths
Mr. Tom Sheehan	Woodwork/CSPE
Mr. Eric McCarthy	English/History
Ms. Helen Carey	Home Economics/Religion
Ms. Siobhan Murray	Biology/Science
Ms. Maria White	P.E./Science/ Chemistry
Ms. Winnie Daly	Music/Maths
Ms. Collette O'Callaghan	Economics/Law
Ms. Karen Kennedy	Accounting/Business, Religion
Mr. Tom Ashman	Mathematics
Mr. Aodhan Bohane	PE/ Science/Physics
Mr. Glen Burke	Geography/LCVP
Ms. Catriona Mahony	Biology/ Maths/ Nutrition
Mr. Brian Moylan	Geography/ Maths
Ms. Kathy Kilgallon	Business/ Enterprise
Mr. Eoin Joy	PE/ French
Ms. Ashley Prenderville	PE/ English
Ms. Bernadette Lucey	Business/ Maths
Ms. Elaine Hayes	PE/Maths
Mr. Aidan McGuinness	History/ Geography
Ms. Regina McEvoy	Art/Craft/ Design
Mr. Gareth Hickey	PE/History
Mr. Loic Labat	Science/ Maths
Ms. Majella Richter	Chief Special Needs Assistant.
Ms. Kathleen Kelleher	Special Needs Assistant
Ms. Yola Radon	Special Needs Assistant
Ms. Tanya Kelly	Career Guidance
Ms. Trish Lynam	Home School Community Liaison

## 2011 Time-Table

1 Aine, 1 Aisling, 1 Aengus, 1 Aodhan and 1Aoife

### 1 AENGUS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00	History	Technical Graphics	Maths	Science	Maths
09:40	English	Maths	History	Science	Woodwork
10:20	Gaeilge	Gaeilge	English	Maths	Woodwork
11.00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:15	Metalwork	PE	French	Gaeilge	Tech Graph
11.50	Metalwork	PE	French	Metalwork	Tech Graph
12.25	Maths	English	History	Metalwork	Gaeilge
13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:40	Technical Graphics	Pastoral Care	Science	Woodwork	Science
14.20	Computers	Home Ec.	CSPE	Woodwork	English
15:00	Religion	Home Ec.	SPHE	CSPE	Religion

**Core Subjects:** English, Irish, Mathematics, Science, Religion, P.E., CSPE, SPHE

**Optional Subjects:** Pick **one** from each row

<b>Band 1</b>	History	Geography			
<b>Band 2</b>	French	German	Art	Technical Graphics	
<b>Band 3</b>	Metalwork	Home Economics	Technical Graphics	Geography	Art
<b>Band 4</b>	Home Economics	Technical Graphics	Music	Woodwork	
<b>Band 5</b>	Business Studies	Metalwork	Home Economics	Woodwork	

### **Rewards:**

The **School Awards Day** takes place in September/October each year. It is one of the highlights of the school calendar, as it gives teachers an opportunity to reward students for their achievements during the year in a public forum. Students are awarded for academic achievement. Also students who make a tremendous effort during the year in terms of punctuality, attendance and behaviour are also awarded. Students are also awarded for their specific talents e.g. Music, Drama, Science and Sports Award etc.

### **Pastoral Care Class:**

Every Tuesday at the 1.40pm class each class teacher meets with their class. This class is used as an opportunity for the class teachers to meet with their class, to get to know them. It is also an opportunity to pass on information to students and to speak to them with respect to pastoral care issues which may arise for the students.

### **Pastoral Care:**

Pastoral Care refers to the care a school exercises for a student's well being as a growing person. The school is committed to the maintenance of a close, supportive community in which pastoral care is fully integrated into the school's daily routine. A Care Team is in place in Davis College. Meetings are held once a week and concerns over particular student's welfare is discussed in a confidential way. A number of initiatives have taken place through the Care Team, e.g., guest speakers addressing students, workshops on various pastoral issues etc.

Transitional Programmes are in place for all 1<sup>st</sup> years. A Buddy System operates in September with all 1<sup>st</sup> years meeting their 4<sup>th</sup> yr Buddy in a supervised setting at least three times in the first couple of weeks. Big Brother Big Sister operates in October to further assist some 1<sup>st</sup> years who are finding the transition from primary to secondary school difficult.

### **Student Journal:**

The student journal is a key element in the implementation of the school's homework policy and on communications between the school and home. It should therefore be of considerable assistance to teachers and students in their day to day work and should simplify communication for parents. It is a valuable record for student and parents.

Students should use the journal to organise and plan their school work. They should consult it each day and plan the books, copies, equipment, homework etc. that they need to bring to class. They should record all homework given to them by their teachers in the journal. They should use the journal to convey messages to and from parents.

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings:**

Parent/Teacher meetings are held once per year for each year group but teachers are available by appointment to speak to parents if an issue arises for a student with regard to a particular subject. The college would strongly encourage all parents to attend these meetings.

### **Junior Certificate School Programme:**

The Junior Certificate School Programme is based on the concept that all young people are capable of real success in school and that they can have a positive experience of school. The Programme is an intervention within the Junior Cert to motivate student`s engagement to learning. A whole school approach to literacy and numeracy is part of the framework of JCSP.

It is hoped that through their involvement in the programme, the students will:

- + Experience Success
- + Enjoy a broader Curriculum
- + Develop positive self-esteem
- + Develop a sense of belonging
- + Improve basic skills in Literacy and Numeracy
- + Improve school attendance
- + Realise their potential for progression.
- + Have a positive record to bring home
- + Achieve a final positive record of achievement.



***JCSP Students with their Achievement Certificates in May 2011.***

**3<sup>rd</sup>  
Year**

### **Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities:**

The college supports all students who engage in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. Sports on offer include; GAA, rugby, basketball, spikeball, volleyball, table tennis, athletics, soccer, camogie etc.

A games room is available every lunch time where supervised board game competitions are run by the School Completion Programme (SCP). A fully furnished gymnasium for student use with individual and class programmes available. Niamh Barry, a member of staff, qualified in nutrition, is available to students on dietary and nutritional needs.

Students are encouraged to take part in numerous co-curricular activities; the debating team, Toast Masters, Green School committee, Local Education Committee, quiz team, student council, Gaisce, YSI, Young Scientists, numerous educational fieldtrips, CSPE outings, school tours, etc

### **Special Educational Needs / Learning Support:**

At Davis College, students are assessed by the Learning Support Team, and support in the form of individual and small group tuition is given to students deemed in need of such help. Literacy, numeracy, life skills and practical subject assistance – are catered for in these classes.

At Davis College, we now have a computerised resource room with all of the recommended software as outlined in the Psychologists reports, such as Read and Write Gold, Co-writer and Close Pro.

The learning support staff of Davis College have been professionally trained to assist the students to have every opportunity to express themselves through computer media, both orally and written.

### **Supervised Study:**

Morning study is available every day from 7.50 to 8.50. After School, supervised silent study takes place between 3.55pm. - 5.55pm., generally supervised by a member of the teaching staff. This allows students to complete their homework or revision work in an environment which is conducive to study. This service is free of charge, run by the SCP Programme and the groups are divided into a junior and a senior group.

### **Homework Club:**

Homework club is available to specific students organised by the SCP. This is a relaxed study session, where students have the facility to ask questions of the supervisor present in order to clarify aspects of homework.

## Home School Community Liaison:

The Home School Scheme aims to encourage parental support and involvement in school life. This is done in a number of ways;

Coffee morning  
 Parent's room  
 Home visits  
 Courses and classes for parents  
 Numeracy and literacy initiatives,  
 "Maths For Fun"  
 "One- Book Programme"  
 "Science For Fun"  
 Cookery Demonstrations  
 Local Education Committee  
 Interaction with outside agencies on parent`s behalf



**Trish Lynam** is the Home School Community Liaison Coordinator for Davis College. She is a member of the teaching staff. Her mobile number is **086-7712840** and is available to meet with parents regarding their child`s educational issues or any other concerns.

## Multicultural sports fun day



*Mol an Oige agus tiocfaidh si*



## The School Completion Programme:

The School Completion Programme is a Department of Children and Youth Affairs programme that aims to have a significant positive impact on levels of student retention in primary and second level schools and on the numbers of students who successfully complete the Senior Cycle. In Davis College SCP run Breakfast Club, Lunch Time Club, and After School Study, Homework Club as well as many one to one programmes during the school day catering for different student non academic needs.

**Deirdre Foley** is the School Completion Programme Co-ordinator and is contactable on **087 / 6744464**, or [northcorkscp@gmail.com](mailto:northcorkscp@gmail.com). Deirdre is always open to enquiries from parents re SCP.

### SCP Summer Camp 2011

