



DSPA

Building a stronger school community
Enhancing our children's experience
Giving something back to parents



Welcome to Dauntsey's. As a parent of a new pupil, I'd like to introduce the Dauntsey's School Parents' Association (DSPA) – part of the Dauntsey's community.

The DSPA, is a charity foundation that has been set up to enhance our children's school experience. It enables all pupils to benefit from the wider areas of the curriculum. By being a member, you help to provide experiences and materials that the school would not necessarily offer. The DSPA ensures that those little extras are available for all students to enjoy throughout their time at Dauntsey's.

The membership subscriptions are our main means of fundraising. This is a one off (optional) life membership of £25 per pupil, which equates to £3.60 per year.

We also raise funds through social occasions within the School, mostly drama and music events and productions. A bar is always on hand with wine, beer and snacks. At larger events we offer food and interval refreshments.

The children benefit from 100% of the profit, which is generated from your kind support. Over the past nine years, the DSPA has donated more than £73,000. This has funded the climbing wall, a lighting tech desk, the tower clock, an outdoor adventure rope climbing system as well as many smaller items such as a pace clock for the swimming pool, several items for School Houses, dance and language clubs and the design and technology department.

Since 1984, the DSPA has funded the Travel Scholarship to promote the development of initiative & independence through purposeful travel. Annually, we sponsor The Young Enterprise Programme, the Third Form Moonrakers' competition as well as public speaking competitions, various year group project prizes, school prizes and donations and team tours. For further information please see the DSPA pages on the school website.

In 2014 the DSPA worked with the School's Careers Department to build a mentoring programme, providing valuable insight & experience into the world of work. This is now an integral part of the Careers department and incorporates professional advice and assistance from the Dauntsey's School community. The DSPA continue to work closely with the careers department.

In the last year alone, the DSPA has allocated £20,000 to the Well-Being Area, which is situated between the athletics track & Mercers' Field. We are in the final stages of the project. The area will include trees, shrubs, meadow flowers, benches & gym equipment for all to use & enjoy.

The DSPA not only provides for the students; we also believe in making time for ourselves and other parents. In this regard we arrange as many social events as we can to help bring parents together.

The DSPA has representatives for each year group, who amongst other things arrange the sharing of parent contact details (only after consent is given) which most new parents find invaluable, especially in an emergency. The reps also arrange social functions throughout the year, enabling parents to get together and have a bit of fun – events such as a 'Pimms and Rounders'. Year group representatives as well as the Committee contacts can be found on the School website on the DSPA pages.

Being a member does not require you to help the DSPA, but parents are welcome to go a little further & become a DSPA Committee Member or helper. Some members find that being more involved in the community enables them to see a different side of the School. We warmly welcome new members to the DSPA to contribute as little, or as much as you like. It is a great way to meet other parents & make new friends. It is not however compulsory!



With Best Wishes,

Simone Wilmot
Chair of DSPA

Please do get in touch at: dspacontact@gmail.com.

All details of DSPA AGM and meetings are available on the School website.

Please take a moment to join the DSPA by completing the online form on the website.

<https://www.dauntseys.org/our-community/dspa>



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