

END OF YEAR REPORT



DANIEL 'DANNY' DAVIES
YEAR 8, DORMITORY 1.05

English

Teacher - Mr. Anthony Fitzsimmons

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Considering Danny missed a large chunk of the year following his accident, he caught up exceptionally quickly and seems to have a renewed determination to do well. Some of his closest peers have a particular love of the subject which he seems to have picked up on and now seems to enjoy joining in on group discussions more. His written work can be a little hit-and-miss and he often slips into 'text talk', which should be avoided when completing formal schoolwork.

Final Grade ★★★★★

Maths

Teacher - Mr. Owen Beecham

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny's enthusiasm for the subject continues to shine through and he picks up new theories exceptionally quickly. He worked extra hard this year to recover from his missed time, but also seemed to determined to top his previous grade and achieve 5 stars. Danny has a deep and thorough understanding of various mathematical systems, to the point where he has been able to help other members of the class to do well.

Final Grade ★★★★★

Science

Teacher - Mr. Nigel Jenkins

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Daniel's interest in the class remains more on the physical side and less the theoretical. He does not seem to struggle with theory, as demonstrated by his adequate work, it just seems his motivation is lacking which is what resulted in his mediocre grade. With a little more determination, Danny could greatly increase his grades ahead of moving onto GCSE level.

Final Grade ★★☆☆☆

History

Teacher - Mr. Victor Chambers

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny has worked hard this year, especially in light of his prolonged absence and subsequent recovery. While his grade has remained the same, I would still consider this a success given the challenges faced. If Danny is able to keep up this level of motivation and determination as he moves into Year 9, I would expect significantly improved results.

Final Grade ★★☆☆☆

Geography

Teacher - Mr. Maynard Cunningham

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny's interest in the subject is often found to be lacking a little. While he appears to have the understanding necessary to thrive, he consistently fails to push himself to the limit of his capability. He seems content to put in the least effort possible to slip through on a mediocre grade. It is a shame to see such potential unfulfilled and we may have to consider other ways to coax it out in Year 9.

Final Grade ★★☆☆☆

German

Teacher - Mr. Francois Bombelles

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny has continued to develop his German vocabulary, but his conversational skills have stalled somewhat. Whilst he should be praised for the work he put in to maintain his learning during his absence, this level of motivation did not continue upon his return which is what has led to the slight drop in his grade.

Final Grade ★★☆☆☆

French

Teacher - Mr. Klaus Richter

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Daniel has progressed in only minor amounts throughout this year. He has expanded his vocabulary only with the bare minimum and does not seem able to converse in French outside of pre-planned sentences. Must work harder.

Final Grade ★★☆☆☆

Design and Technology

Teacher - Mr. Oscar Verity

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny's enjoyment of DT has continued to show this year. During his absence and his period of more limited mobility upon his return, he successfully shifted his focus to the more theoretical side of the subject which does appear to have resulted in greater understanding. Now he just needs to work to raise his practical work to the same level as his theory.

Final Grade ★★★★★

Art and Design

Teacher - Mr. Rubeus Warren

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny has faced great adversity this year which shows in much of his work. Unfortunately, he seems to lack the natural talent to translate the feelings within to any of the mediums offered to him in class. Danny has a wonderful spirit and a sharp mind, but seems to lack the hands of an artist. Considering this, he still performed exceptionally well and should not be disheartened by the grade he received. Keep being you, Danny!

Final Grade ★★☆☆☆

Music

Teacher - Mr. Charles Yaeger

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny has tried well to keep up with his more musical peers this year and has put in some great work in class activities and team projects. His solo work is successful in the more academic side of the subject, but is somewhat lacking on the more creative side. While Danny does appear to have a vibrant creative streak, that creativity seems more suited to other outlets.

Final Grade ★★☆☆☆

Physical Education

Teacher - Mr. Trevor Hargreaves

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny has been forced to sit out most of the year's PE lessons thanks to his accident and recovery. His participation prior to the accident was always excellent and he demonstrated both excellent skill and wonderful teamwork. Although his lack of participation has resulted in a lower grade, having Danny on the sidelines has helped reveal he has a wonderful eye for strategy and sees things others appear to easily overlook. Definitely a useful skill and one we should continue to nurture.

Final Grade ★★☆☆☆

Citizenship

Teacher - Mr. Stanley Francis

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny has continued to develop a keen sense of justice and has developed a good understanding of the rights of individuals and groups. His compassion allows him to consider perspectives others of his age easily overlook or fail to consider. While his absence did result in falling behind a little, he has caught up well and, assuming full attendance next year, should be well on track for top grades.

Final Grade ★★★★★

Computing

Teacher - Mr. Lionel Uxbridge

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny understands computers and technology, but simply seems to not be their biggest fan! He has a good understanding of the core basics which he uses effectively in team and individual tasks, but seems to care more about the people using the computers than the computers themselves. An adequate performance and, unless he can find a sudden interest in the subject, the best he is likely to perform.

Final Grade 

Drama

Teacher - Mr. Levi Trent

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny is a wonderfully talented actor and can portray emotions and nuances that most cannot even comprehend, let alone convey. Danny easily understands characterization and motivation to a far higher level than is necessary. While GCSE selection is still a year away, I would strongly encourage Danny to consider drama as one of his choices. It is also a field I feel he could pursue beyond Kingswood. A true star student.

Final Grade ★★★★★

Grade Overview

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies

Average Grade 3.4



English ★★★★★

Maths ★★★★★

Science ★★★★★

History ★★★★★

Geography ★★★★★

German ★★★★★

French ★★★★★

Design and Technology ★★★★★

Art and Design ★★★★★

Music ★★★★★

Physical Education ★★★★★

Citizenship ★★★★★

Computing ★★★★★

Drama ★★★★★

Extracurricular Activity 1

Activity - Football

Staff Member - Mr. Maynard Cunningham

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny continued to show himself to be an excellent goalkeeper, but unfortunately had to be sidelined for most of the year due to his injury. However, every cloud has a silver lining. Danny's continued attendance despite not being able to play has demonstrated his true dedication to the sport, but has also helped us to discover his outstanding skill for strategy and team planning. This may be of particular use as he moves into Year 9 and re-takes his place on the team.

Extracurricular Activity 2

Activity - Swimming

Staff Member - Mr. Owen Beecham

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny has continued to be a skilled and competent swimmer. He could often be found guiding and helping weaker swimmers at the club and even while he has been unable to take part, he has continued to be an active and valued member. As he (hopefully) returns to the pool for Year 9, it is my hope that he will be interested in taking part in upcoming competitions.

Extracurricular Activity 3

Activity - Drama

Staff Member - Mr. Rubeus Warren

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



As Daniel has started studying drama as part of his Year 8 courses, his love for the club has only grown stronger. An excellent performer on stage, particularly when paired with certain other members of the club. However, Daniel has shown clear signs of potential skill in other areas such as direction. Danny is a delight to have at drama club and as we slowly return to some sense of normality, it is my hope he will be willing to take part in further activities and performances.

Extracurricular Activity 4

Activity - Dungeons & Dragons Club

Staff Member - Flynn Page, Year 12

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny makes our sessions fun, not only by playing wonderfully in character and coming up with creative solutions to problems, but also by ensuring the rest of the players are engaged and comfortable. He has helped guide new players in understanding the game system as well as in character creation. He is one of those players that every DM loves to have involved in their campaign.

Extracurricular Activity 4

Activity - Water Polo

Staff Member - Mr Iain Darby

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



As a new player, Danny was quick to pick up the rules and strategies necessary to succeed at the game. He showed great potential as a player, but unfortunately missed out on most of the year due to his injury.

Once signed off to return, it is my hope we will see Danny back in the pool and continuing to succeed.

Social and Accommodation

First Floor Master - Mr. Levi Trent

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Following the events of Danny's Year 7, we had hoped for a somewhat smoother Year 8, but alas this was not to be. However, the trauma and difficulty caused by his accident and recovery has only served to show the true depth of Danny's characters as he has faced seemingly insurmountable challenges with grace and strength far beyond his years. Seeing Danny's fight for recovery has been truly motivational to behold.

Danny has continued to be a prominent and important presence in all aspects of his time as Kingswood, being a key member of his dorm, popular member of his extra-curriculars and just a kind and devoted member of the school.

Danny appears to have a very active social life and integrates well with peers beyond his own year group. Overall he is a highly-valued, well-respected and truly loved member of the first floor and it has been a joy to work with him.

Health and Wellbeing

School Physician - Dr. Arkwright

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny has faced challenges in his time at Kingswood that could easily affect his ongoing mental health. While he appears fit and well in this regard, he should remain mindful of the long term impact of trauma and ensure he seeks help if he finds himself struggling at any time.

Danny's fractured vertebra has obviously impacted his physical health significantly, but he has worked exceptionally hard with his physiotherapist, Blane Smith, and has far exceeded expectations for his recovery. Feedback from Blane states that Danny has continued to push himself hard and seems capable of withstanding great pain while tackling any obstacle that pops up.

Ongoing medical support will be offered in accordance with recommendations following Danny's discharge from NHS services.

Disciplinary Record

Deputy Head - Mr. Norman Gregory

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



While Daniel's disciplinary record looks somewhat cleaner than it did in Year 7, I suspect this is largely due to his prolonged absence and restricted activity during his return. I note there were continuing issues of misbehaviour earlier in the year which led to disciplinary action by Mr Trent for entry into a prohibited area.

I would hope Danny's time during his recovery has been spent considering his future behaviour. Once returned to full health, he should aim to avoid slipping back into old habits.

Headmaster's Overview

Headmaster - Mr. Trystan Everett

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



I seem to recall writing my review of Danny's Year 7 and noting a request for a somewhat calmer time in Year 8. Obviously this was not to be. The accident Danny endured was a terrible tragedy, but from it we can draw many positives. Danny has received much praise for his hard work with regard to his physical recover and his ability to catch up on work that was missed. His change of perspective has also resulted in the discovery of new skills and capabilities that Danny should be very proud of.

However, it is important that we do not let Danny's year be defined by a single accident. He has taken part in various school activities and was part of the group that won the Halloween costume contest. He has also shown himself to be a leader amongst his peers and continues to be a wonderful role model. These skills will serve him well when he begins his role as a mentor after Year 9.

Danny has also managed to improve many of his grades, despite his absence, and he should feel very proud of this, while using it to motivate himself to continue the upward trend next year. Let's hope Year 9 is, finally, a more relaxed year for Danny.

Mentor's Comments

Mentor - Joseph Hunter, Year 11

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



Danny's my hero! He had already shown that back in Year 7, but the courage and determination he showed this year after his accident is the sort of thing that would inspire anyone.

Danny has also shown himself to be a credit to Kingswood in the way he has so eagerly and willingly integrated with visitors from other schools as part of the SCIPS football and rugby tournaments. He quickly made friends with boys from other school and made them feel welcome at Kingswood.

Every day I spend with Danny is a gift and it brings me so much joy to know I get to continue on as his mentor for two more years. I am genuinely excited to see how he continues to grow as a person in that time.

Student's Comments—Successes

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



What has gone well?

What have you achieved?

What are you proud of?

I was excited to see I had got 5 stars in two different subjects this year as I didn't get any in Year 7. I know some of my other grades dropped, but others went up and I don't think that was too bad with all the time I missed. I didn't get to take part on the SCIPS football matches, but I got to help the team captain to make plans and strategies that I think really helped my team. It was fun too.

Last year I helped get the roof garden made over and turned into the Peace Garden. It made me so happy this year to see so many people using it. Sitting up there and watching the sun set almost makes what happened up there worth it.

We got first place in the Halloween Costume contest which was awesome, although I did have a slight wardrobe malfunction, which was a bit embarrassing but it gave the audience a good laugh.

One of the things I'm most proud of is my recovery from the accident. After it happened, the doctors weren't sure I would ever return to full mobility, and if it did it could take years, but I managed to prove them wrong and I'm mostly back to normal now. It was hard and I still have pain, but it was worth every moment to say I beat it!

Student's Comments—Areas to Improve

Student - Daniel 'Danny' Davies



What could have gone better?

What do you wish to achieve next year?

What are your goals?

My skills at 'not falling into big holes and getting paralysed' could do with a bit of work! Joking aside, it does make me sad to think how much people had to worry about me because of the accident. I know it wasn't my fault and couldn't really be helped, but I still wish it hadn't gone the way it did.

Next year I would like to NOT be the centre of some big horrible drama. I would like to just spend the year going to classes, doing things with my friends and just being a happy, normal student.

My main goal is to get signed off by the doctor to return to sports and take back my place on the teams. I would also like to continue improving my grades. I also want to learn more from my mentor, as he is a really good one and I know I have to become a mentor myself soon and don't feel prepared quite yet.