**Collective Worship**

This week's Collective Worship focused on **Belonging to Derby Cathedral School**.

Mrs Hay shared Romans 15:7: *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you."* Students reflected on how we can create a school community where everyone feels welcomed, valued and respected. They were encouraged to show kindness, celebrate differences and look out for one another. We also reminded students that if they are worried about themselves or someone else, they should speak to a trusted adult so that support can be provided.

**Attendance Matters...and Punctuality**

Thank you for your support with attendance so far this term. It has been a positive start. Punctuality is important too and most students arrive on time to both school and lessons. A reminder that the **gates close at 8:30am each morning** – students arriving after this time should go to the late gate (KS3 entrance area) and will be issued with a 20-minute detention. We appreciate that there have been some issues with traffic, so students are arriving by car please leave in plenty of time and where possible park away from the school grounds.

If your child is absent, please report their absence as early as possible by emailing: **attendance@derbycathedralschool.org.uk** giving your child's full name, tutor group and the reason for absence.

**Free Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club is available from 8.15am each morning. Students can enjoy cereal and toast before lessons begin.

**Mobile Phones**

Students are getting into good routines – mostly leaving phones at home and those with exemptions accessing the lockers sensibly and quickly. If a student has an appointment and needs to leave school part way through the day, they are permitted to hand in their phone to reception before tutor and can collect it on their way out of school.

**Class Charts**

Around 85% of parents/carer have now accessed their Class Charts accounts. If you have not yet logged in, we would encourage you to do so in order that you can get timely information from school about your son/daughter and wider school information. If you have not received your login details or are experiencing any difficulties accessing the system, please contact the school as soon as possible.

**Uniform and Equipment**

Overall, standards of uniform and equipment have been excellent again this week. Thank you for your support in helping students take pride in their appearance and arrive ready to learn. A few reminders:

• All students should wear their school lanyard every day

• Top button on shirt button should be fastened

If you have any concerns about uniform, please direct them to the year team in the first instance.

**ParentPay**

Please ensure your **ParentPay** account is active and topped up where needed. ParentPay is used for school payments throughout the year, including replacement lanyards, ties and clear pencil cases. If you have any issues accessing your account, please contact the school office.

**Dates for the Diary**

**Monday 28 Sept:**

- School Photos

**Tuesday 29 Sept:**

- Y7 and Y12 Welcome Service at the Cathedral
- Y6 Open Evening (5pm-7pm) – please let friends and family know if they have children in Y6

**Wednesday 30 Sept:**

- Parent/Carer Connect Meeting (3:15-4pm) – All welcome

**Queries and Support**

Our Pastoral Team plays a vital role in supporting students both academically and personally. If you need any help or advice, please see below for a reminder of the key contacts.

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| **Year 7** | HOY: Ms V Lynch | PYL: Mrs P Smith and Mr S Blackwood |
| **Year 8** | HOY: Mrs B Hill | PYL: Miss L Roe |
| **Year 9** | HOY: Mr B Webster | PYL: Mr A Fearn |
| **Year 10** | HOY: Mr D Brierley | PYL: Miss C Benton |
| **Year 11** | HOY: Mrs M Bird | PYL: Ms K Brooks |

For general or urgent enquiries, contact our Reception Team on **info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk**, who will be happy to help or direct your enquiry to the appropriate member of staff.