Weekly Update for Parents and Carers **25 September 2026**

Celebrating Students

In every lesson, teachers award **Golden Tickets** to recognise outstanding effort, achievement, or positive attitudes to learning. Students can then enter their tickets into the weekly prize draw. Any tickets not selected are retained and automatically entered into the end-of-year Grand Prize Draw, giving students multiple opportunities to be rewarded for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. Please ask your son/daughter about these.

Remember to sign up for **Class Charts** if you have not done so already as all the positive points that students collect are recorded on there. FAITH awards based on points will be coming soon. Watch this space!

Attendance Matters…and Punctuality

Attendance at **Derby Cathedral School** was an impressive **95.7% last week**, which is **1.5% above the national average**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our students and the support of our parents and carers in making attendance a priority.

A huge congratulations to **Year 10**, who recorded the highest attendance of any year group last week. Thank you to everyone for your continued efforts in ensuring students are in school, on time, and ready to learn each day. Keep up the great work!

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.

Uniform and Equipment

We are also pleased to introduce our **Pre-Loved Uniform Collection**. If you have any clean, unwanted school uniform items, we would be very grateful for your donations. These can be placed in the collection box at Main Reception or handed in by students at the Uniform Loan Cupboard near the KS4 canteen.

Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for families to purchase pre-loved uniform at a reduced cost. If you require help in sourcing school uniform at any time, please get in touch.

Overall, standards of uniform and equipment have been excellent once again this week. Thank you for your continued support in helping students take pride in their appearance and arrive at school fully equipped and ready to learn.

This week's reminders:

• All students are expected to wear **lanyards** round their necks at all times around school building

• Top button on shirt button should be fastened

• The only jewellery allowed is one pair of ear studs and a single nose stud.

Replacement Lanyards, ID Cards and Holders should be purchased through **Parent Pay**. If you have any concerns about uniform, please direct them to the year team in the first instance.

Chewing Gum Reminder

We want all students to take pride in their school and help us keep the site clean, welcoming, and well maintained for everyone. To support this, **chewing gum is not permitted on the school site**, as it can be difficult to remove and can cause damage to carpets and other areas of the school.

Students have been reminded of this expectation, and any student found with chewing gum on site will receive a **20-minute detention**.

School Photos - Monday 28 Sept

Our annual school photographs will take place on Monday 28 September. Students should arrive in full school uniform, looking smart and ready for their photo. Further information about ordering photographs will be shared following the event. 📸

Welcome Service at Derby Cathedral – Tuesday 29 September

We look forward to our **Year 7 and Year 12 students** Welcome Service at **Derby Cathedral** on Tuesday 29 September. Students should arrive at school as normal and line up in tutor groups on the MUGA for registration at **8:30am**, before walking to the cathedral together. This is an important opportunity to celebrate the start of their journey at Derby Cathedral School and reflect on the year ahead. ⛪

Year 6 Open Evening –Tuesday 29 Sept 5:00pm to 7:00pm

If you have friends, family members, or neighbours with children currently in Year 6, please encourage them to come along and discover what makes Derby Cathedral School such a special place to learn and belong. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families. Some of our current students will be helping out at this event. Please ensure they have made arrangements for getting home at the end of the evening ✨📚

Parent/Carer Connect Meeting - **Wednesday 30 Sept 3:15-4pm**

All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for our **Parent & Carer Connect** meeting. This is an informal opportunity to hear school updates, ask questions and share your views on topics that matter to our students and their families. This session will focus on **how students have settled into the new school year**. We look forward to welcoming you and hearing your thoughts.

Supporting Positive Behaviour

At Derby Cathedral School, our behaviour systems are designed to help students make positive choices and maximise their learning time. The vast majority of students meet our expectations every day, and our stepped detention system provides clear opportunities for students to reflect on their choices, take responsibility, and get back on track quickly. Working together with parents and carers, we can ensure that all students are successful and ready to learn.

- **20-minute detentions** may be issued at breaktime, lunchtime, or after school on the same day.
- Failure to attend a 20-minute detention will result in it being escalated to a **60-minute detention** the following day.
- Failure to attend a 60-minute detention will result in it being escalated to a **2-hour detention**, which takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday.
- Failure to attend a 2-hour detention will result in a day in Reflection, alongside a further 2-hour detention after school. Students can reduce this after school detention by up to one hour through positive engagement and good work throughout the day.