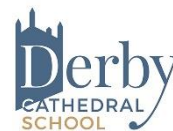


# This Week at Derby Cathedral School

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*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid: do not be discouraged for the Lord will be with you, wherever you go.*  
Joshua 1:9

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

'Cultural capital' is a phrase that is used by many people in education to describe the essential knowledge that children need to prepare them for their future success. It is about giving young people the best possible start in life by using the curriculum to enhance the experience and opportunities available to our students.

It is fantastic to see how many opportunities are opening up to our students now that we are able to offer these experiences again. Please do read this update to see some of the events that we have experienced this week. As always, a big thank you goes to the staff who help to organise these events. A huge amount of work goes in behind the scenes for each of these and we're really grateful that our staff are committed to providing these opportunities for our students. We continue to be very impressed with how well our students represent themselves and our school community every time they participate in these events.

As a city, Derby is also committed to providing a variety of experiences for its residents too. Please do see the Free events in Derby and The Message sections for events that are on offer today, this weekend and in early November. There is a great deal to look forward to. I hope that you are able to take part and enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown  
Headteacher

## Free Events in Derby

On Friday, 12 of our Geography superstars from years 7 – 9 were fortunate enough to visit 'Gaia' at Derby Cathedral. This amazing artwork is a huge globe measuring 7m in diameter that shows the detail of the earth's surface from NASA. It aims to help us to reflect on climate change, creation and our place on this planet.

Gaia is open to visitors until this Sunday (16 October), so do plan a visit if you haven't seen it already. Please see the following website for opening times:

<https://www.visitderby.co.uk/whats-on/events/gaia-at-derby-cathedral/>



Derby Book Festival is on 4 – 6 November. Twelve different events are planned including a book fair at the Museum of Making on Sunday 6 November from 11am – 4pm. We have a big focus on reading at DCS and it would be great to see our students take part in this event in their city.

Please do have a look at all of the free events on offer at <https://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/>

## The Message



On Wednesday all of our students experienced a session with 'The Message' and rap group OTC. The Message is a Christian organisation who work in many sectors, including schools. The band OTC shared their stories with our students on the themes of building resilience and dealing with mental health as part of mental health week. Their amazing music was incredibly well received by our students (and staff!) and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing our students join in with some of them performing along with the band. It was a joyous occasion with a fabulous message that each of us are precious, valued and wonderfully made.

Please see <https://otcband.co.uk/> to read more about the band.

OTC and another band: Against Wolves, have a gig on Friday 14 October, 7 – 9pm at Reach Church, Riverside Court, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8HY

Tickets cost £3. See <https://www.message.org.uk/event/derby-schools-gig/> for full details.



## Ada Lovelace Day – Girls in Science

On Tuesday, Miss Goldsmith and Mrs Smith in science took 16 of our female students to 'Ada Lovelace day' at Medicity in Nottingham. This event promoted the variety of roles available for women in science and a whole variety of really interesting role models talked about their career pathways in science. They also provided the students with a variety of experience and hands-on activities related to their area of science.

The day was based on the mathematician and scientist Ada Lovelace. Ada is considered to be the first computer programmer and is the daughter of the famous poet: Lord Byron. Ada is buried next to her father in Nottingham.

Ms Goldsmith is so proud of all of the students who went on the trip. They behaved impeccably and really got stuck into the activities. It's great that they got the opportunity to be inspired to follow a career in science!

## Drama Trip to London

Our year 10 and 11 drama students spent the day in London on Thursday to see 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' by Bertoldt Brecht. This is the first time in the last 25 years that this play has been produced in London. The play is based on the themes of justice and humanity and has been brought up to date with new songs and a sense of humour. The Rose theatre is modelled on the original Elizabethan Rose Theatre on London's Bankside and is the largest producing theatre in South West London.

This has been a fantastic opportunity for our GCSE drama students to see live theatre in a fabulous venue in our capital city. A big thank you to Miss Wrampling for organising the trip and Mr Capon for his support too.