

*Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out. Proverbs 10:9*

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

We were so delighted to be able to share our Ofsted report with you this week. I hope that you have taken some time to read through the report. If not – please have a quick read of the article below and follow the link to the report which is now on our website. It is due to appear on the Ofsted website at some point this week.

We haven't visited Antarctica this week but we have been busy recruiting staff for next year. We're delighted to have two new members of staff for our Sixth Form Social Sciences department and expanding our Heads of Year team.

We will have a few other vacancies out shortly in order to continue to support our Sixth Form. All students who have applied (internal and external) will start to receive their interview invitations soon as well. These will be held in school with the senior leadership team.

We also had a very productive INSET day where staff received a whole variety of training that equips them to provide high quality lessons and pastoral support.

This week we have also celebrated National Apprenticeship Week. Please see the section below with details from our Careers team about some of the ways this was promoted in school.

I hope that you all have a good week.

Yours faithfully  
Mrs Brown  
Headteacher

### Year 11 PPEs

Our year 11 students have started their final set of pre-public exams (mocks). It is now only 10 weeks until their actual GCSEs and so this final practice is a really important one.

As always, they have made a great start to these and shown incredible maturity in the exam venue. This isn't always easy as external invigilators are used to oversee these exams so it doesn't always feel like a familiar experience. Since Covid, these exams have taken on an even more important meaning. They will be used as evidence if any student is off due to Covid for the actual exams. Therefore, they have to be conducted as if they are the real thing!

Well done year 11 and we wish you all the best with the rest of your exams. Keep revising and you'll be great!

## Ofsted Report

If you haven't had a chance to read our report, please find it on our website:

<https://derbycathedralschool.org.uk/information/ofsted>

We are so proud of the achievements of our whole school community over the past 4 years. The school has faced so many challenges over this time from coping in the initial building, moving to a new site and all that the Covid pandemic brought us. It's testament to the hard work of the students, staff, governors and yourselves throughout this time that has resulted in Ofsted recognising all that we do to support our students with their education and lives.

We are also very grateful for the support from our trust: DDAT, Derby Cathedral and the diocese all of whom have championed the school from the very start.

It is important to us though that an Ofsted report isn't seen as our end goal. The work we do is for our students and this will continue forever. Our Ofsted report is a great reminder and validation of all that we are doing. It does help future students and families to get a flavour of what we are all about and is a useful guide for any staff applying for any vacancies that we may have.

We are proud of many things but especially the fact that the inspection team recognised our dedication to wanting the best for our community and the strength of our FAITH values.

## Inspection of Derby Cathedral School

Great Northern Road, Derby, Derbyshire DE1 1LR

Inspection dates: 17 and 18 January 2023

**Overall effectiveness** **Good**

The quality of education **Good**

Behaviour and attitudes **Good**

Personal development **Good**

Leadership and management **Good**

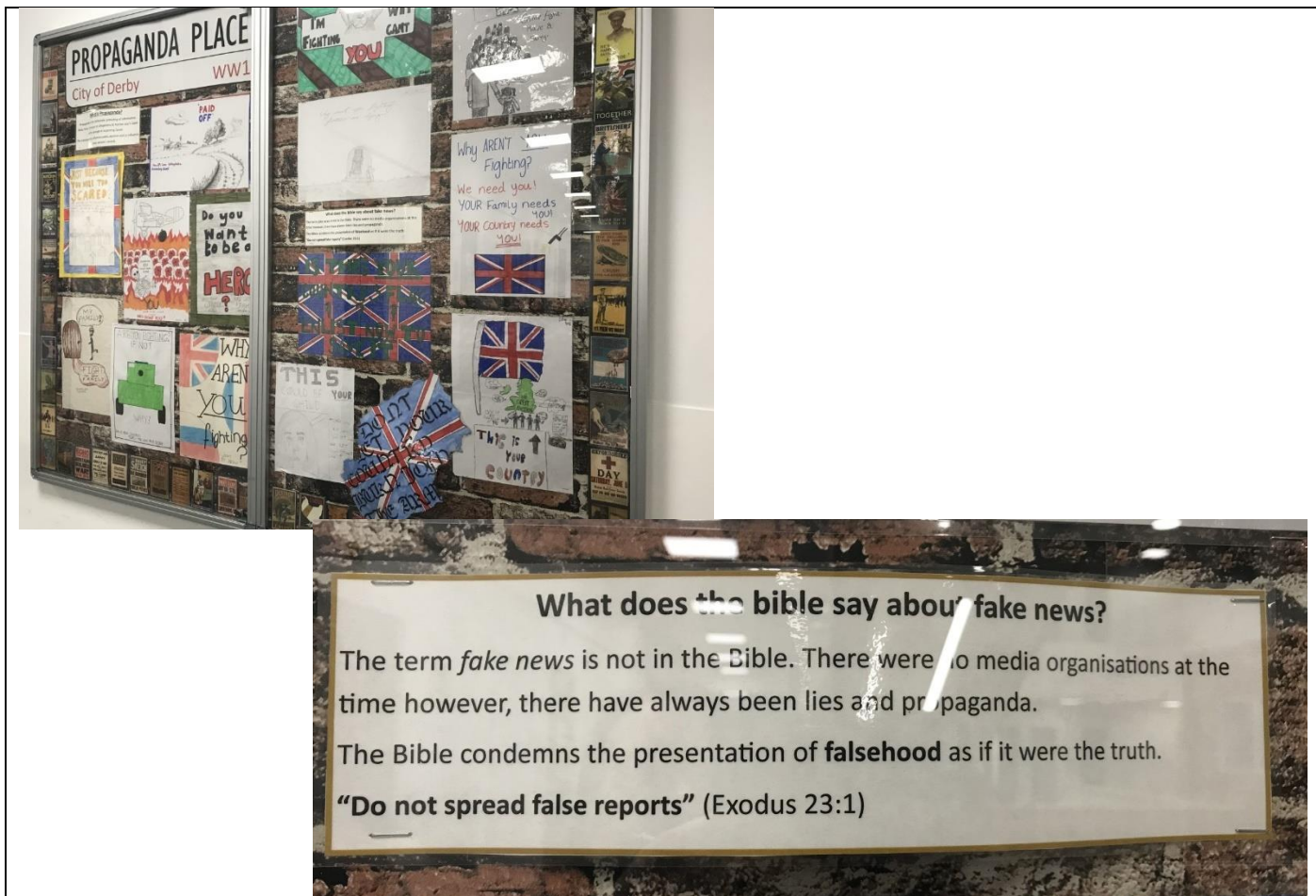
## Propaganda Place WW1

It was fascinating to see a new display appear in the history corridor this week. Year 9 have been learning all about propaganda and how it was used by the government during this time. It's interesting to think how propaganda has been used over the years and how it might be used now!

The posters designed by students certainly have strong messages that could easily be used to persuade!

It's also interesting to see how propaganda is thought of in the bible.

Well done to year 9 on their understanding of this very interesting topic and their creative responses.



## Careers Update

### National Apprenticeship Week

Last week we celebrated National Apprenticeship Week.

- On Thursday, Year 10 students were visited by a representative from ASK Apprenticeships, who taught them all about some of the options available to them after year 11 and beyond.
- Across the week, teachers showed videos of how their subject could relate to an apprenticeship. You can watch all of these videos here.
- We shared webinars and resources – check out our Careers Twitter account for more @Careers Derby.
- Finally, we put up a brand new Apprenticeships display!

### Important Careers dates coming up...

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 10 Mock Interviews

6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March – National Careers Week

27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 10 Work Experience

## Dates Ahead

For all key dates please see the calendar on the school website under the information tab:

<https://www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/calendar>

**Weds 1 March:** Planned strike action. Details to follow nearer to the date.

**School closes for half term:** Friday 17 February

**School opens for Spring half term 2:** Monday 27 February

### **Parents' Evenings and INSET days:**

Tuesday 7 March: Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 26 June: Year 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 30 June: INSET day – school closed for all students