

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 13th November 2023



In Proverbs 3:21-23 it says:

“... do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you ... Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble.”

For us at DCS this shows how important it is to keep ourselves and others safe. It also teaches us that being safe requires wisdom, understanding and good decision making.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Bible verse of the week highlights the importance of growing in wisdom and how this leads to supporting our lives following a safe and secure path. Wisdom is something that we can all work towards; thinking before we speak or act is one technique that can help us to grow in wisdom.

This has been especially important this week as we celebrated ‘Odd Socks Day’ on Monday to help launch the start of Anti-Bullying week this week. Many students and staff wore odd socks and students focused on aspects of anti-bullying over the week. Thinking about our FAITH values before we speak to others is one way to ensure we always have pleasant, wise conversations that do not hurt or bully others.

There are a few activities to get involved in this week. Please do see the articles below for information about the Holiday Activities and Food programme. This is a brilliant scheme that supports young people and families to access fun activities during the school holidays as well as a meal. If your child can receive free school meals then please do make sure that you register for this scheme by using the QR code or weblink in this newsletter. We have also emailed this information out to eligible families. The deadline to get your code is 22 November. Please do get a code even if you’re not sure yet if your child will take part.

We also have the Christmas card competition from the Diocese. We have so many creative, talented young people at DCS that I’m sure will want to give this competition a good go! Please hand in your entry to your art teacher or submit directly.

I’d also like to finish with a well done to our year 11 students who have now completed two weeks of their PPE’s. They are settling into the rhythm of them and coping well with having this focus for a few weeks. The most important aspect is that they use their results to identify areas they need to revise. It’s great to see so many students attend the after-school interventions too. They do need the stamina to keep going for their final week but this is good and necessary practice for their actual exams which stretch over 5-6 weeks.

Please also remember that all year groups can also attend homework club which is on every night from Monday to Thursday from 3.10 – 4pm.

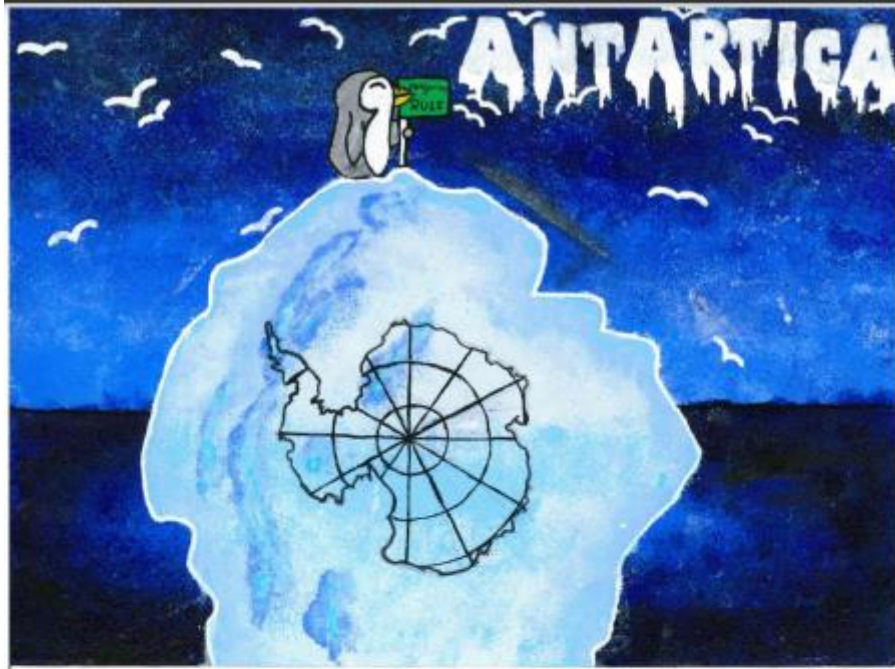
I wish you all a good week,
Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

DCS Head South Again!

Our second year of the Geography poster for Antarctica has seen two winners! Congratulations to Clem Jackman (top picture) and Lilly Haughey (bottom picture) and also to the 3rd place that is highly commended from Seb Laz.

These have now gone off to the UK Polar Network and should end up in Antarctica soon! Hopefully we'll be able to share the pictures from the base in Antarctica.



Music for Schools Project

Year 7 are taking part in the Music for Schools project run by Derby Cathedral; this consists of a 30-minute singing lesson each week.

Here is a photo of the Choral Director Rhiannon Robinson leading a session this week.

Students learned how to sing a musical scale and 'Do-Re-Mi'. It was fantastic to see how enthusiastically they sang in the Cathedral last week, which is all thanks to their weekly singing lessons.



Remembrance Art at Derby Cathedral

Over the past two weeks, we've shared the year 12 art work for Remembrance Day. This was displayed in Derby Cathedral over the Remembrance weekend. I'm sure you'll agree that this work is beautiful and looks even more fantastic in the majestic setting of the Cathedral! Well done again to year 12 and Ms Gibson for their hard work and creativity. A big thank you to the Cathedral as well for supporting this pop-up exhibition!



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme - Important Information

What is the Holiday Activities and Food Programme?

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF), funded by the Department for Education, provides free holiday club sessions. The free holiday clubs offer a wide range of activities, including sport, dance, drama, song writing and trips during the Easter, summer and winter school holidays. Children will also receive a nutritious meal whilst at the club.

Who is the Holiday Activities and Food Programme for?

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme is for school aged children from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

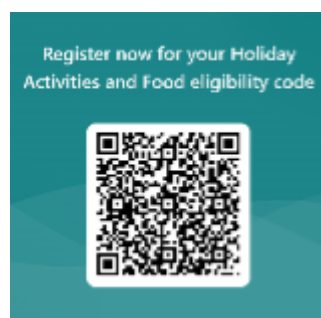
How do I book a place for my child?

From winter 2023, to book a place on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme you will require a unique code to prove that your child is eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

We advise parents or carers of children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to apply for their Derby HAF code **before 22 November 2023**. This will ensure you can book your child's place on the winter HAF programme with ease.

How do I get my unique Derby HAF code?

To apply for a Derby HAF code, scan the QR code below or complete the online form available at <https://forms.office.com/e/vEzBxnZ7Ck>



What information do I need to apply for a code?

The online form is easy to complete, and parents or carers will require:

- Parent's address and contact information
- Parent's National Insurance Number
- Each Child's name, address and date of birth

On completion of the online form, eligible parents and carers will receive an email with their Derby HAF code for each child within 5 working days.

When can I book a place?

Bookings for winter 2023 are open, more information and the booking page can be found at www.derby.gov.uk/derbyHAF. Places for the Derby HAF programme are limited, and bookings will only be accepted with a Derby HAF code.

Free Winter Fair

Saturday 2nd December 2023 – 11am – 4pm

ENTRY – FREE

Landau Forte College's Winter Fair is back, bigger and better!

Landau Forte College invite you to this exceptional event which will have lots of stalls showcasing a large variety of products. This is a free event, open to the general public. The extremely popular Santa's Grotto will return for those magical Christmas moments, with access to crafting tables, where you can help the elves create a variety of Christmas decorations, write and post your letter to Santa, a snowman hunt, gift and printed photo with the big man himself.

There will be over 50 stalls, to shop and browse from including lots of festive food and drinks to enjoy throughout the day.

Come along and use the money off voucher to get £1.00 off the grotto price.

These are available on the day or from the College between 3:30 – 5pm.

For more information regarding the event please e-mail; winterfair@landau-forte.org.uk

Landau Forte College – Fox Street – Derby, DE1 2LF



Christmas Card Competition



Board of Education Christmas Card Competition 2023



In his name the nations
will put their hopes
Matthew 2: 21

The winning entry will be used for Derby DBE's official Christmas card for 2023 and be sent out far and wide throughout the country!
The winning pupil will also receive a £10 book token.

Entries can be hand drawn, painted or electronically produced & should be either A4 or A5 in size

*Please remember to include the pupil's name
and the school's name!*

CLOSING DATE 16:00 on Friday 24 November

Entries can be scanned & emailed to officeDBE@derby.anglican.org
or posted to Derby DBE, Derby Church House, Full Street, Derby DE1 3DR

Dates Ahead

Key Dates in the Autumn Term

28 November: Year 12 Parents' Evening (early finish of 2.10pm for all students)

29 November: Year 7 – 11 Flu Immunisations

1 December: INSET day. School closed for all students

20 December: Christmas Dinner day!

Term Dates

Friday 22 December: break up for Christmas holiday (12pm early finish for all students)

Monday 8 January: return to school

Friday 16 February: break up for Spring half term

Monday 26 February: return to school

Thursday 28 March: Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 15 April: return to school

Friday 24 May: break up for Summer half term

Monday 3 June : return to school

Tuesday 23 July: break up for Summer holiday (early finish for all students, exact time tbc)

INSET Days – school closed to all students

Friday 1st December

Monday 5th February

Friday 28th June

Term and key dates can also be found on our calendar and terms dates sections on the school website.