

# This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 14th October 2024



1 Peter 4: 8-10 says:

**“ ...love each other deeply, ... offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace”.**

For us at DCS this is a reminder that the things we are good at are real gifts ... and that we should always use our gifts to love, help and be kind to others.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into the final week of this half term, we’d like to thank you all for your continued support for our DCS community. We’ve packed a great deal into this term with many events for parents and carers: meet the tutor events for years 7 and 12, yr 11 information evening, yr 6 and Sixth Form open evenings and yr 13 parents evening! It makes such a difference to your children’s education when we all work together well and we really enjoy seeing you at these events.

Our new cohorts have settled in really well to life at DCS. Year 7 are now finding their way around school with confidence and continue to impress us with how they are meeting the DCS expectations. Year 12 feel like they’ve always been part of our community! Now that we are full, with all seven year groups, our Sixth Form students are adjusting well to using different spaces in school to study. It’s great to see that the LRC is often busy with Sixth Form students studying. Our year 13 students are now well into their applications for university and looking for various apprenticeships to move onto. Those applying for courses such as medicine or applying to Oxford or Cambridge have already sent off their applications! We wish them all the best and say a big thank you to Mrs Bingham (careers advisor) and their tutors and Sixth Form team for all of their support.

This year at DCS we are going to be looking at how we can support the spiritual development of our students. How we give them time and space to think about the ‘big questions’ in life and to think about what having a faith means as well as why some people have a faith and others may not. As part of this we always welcome the ‘Good News for everyone’ organisation who support young people in schools by offering them their own New Testament and Psalms which is a copy of a section of the Bible. Do read the article which gives more details.

Just a final reminder that next week is half term (Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November) and Monday 4 November is an INSET day. School is closed to all students on those days and we will re-open on Tuesday 5 November.

I wish you all a good week.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

## Good News for Everyone!

On Monday, our year 7 students had a special visit from the 'Good News for Everyone' society. This society used to be known as Gideons. You may remember being given a Bible at school by them or possibly seeing a Bible in a hotel room donated by this organisation.

Did you know that the Bible is actually a collection of 66 different books and letters, written over a period of some 1,500 years up to about 100 years after Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. It continues to be a worldwide best seller and is the most published book ever.

All students at DCS are offered a 'New Testament and Psalms'. This little red book, part of the Christian Scriptures, has been accepted by most young people regardless of their faith or no faith. At different times in life many have turned to it and found it to be a source of advice and help, comfort and hope.

This red book has an index with helpful pointers to sections of the scriptures that can provide wisdom and support with many issues relevant to life today. For example: dealing with anxiety and stress, coping with difficult emotions, building friendships and how to treat other people.

We're grateful to the 'Good News for everyone' society for supporting DCS and coming in every year to talk to our year 7 students. They may never know when this book might be a source of comfort and support to them

If you want to read more, please see: <https://goodnewsuk.com/>



## Sixth Form Applications

Applications can be made directly on our website: <https://derbycathedralschool.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-admissions>

If you click the 'Application' link it takes you to the page below.

Our current students are already in the system and just need to enter their school email and password in the 'Existing Users' box to start their application.

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

Applications are now open for September 2025 entry.  
The closing date for all applications is Friday 31st January 2025.

Please contact Miss Bounds  
by email: [sixthform@derbycathedralschool.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@derbycathedralschool.org.uk) or by  
telephone: 01332 325710 ext 543 for further enquiries.

[New Application](#)

**Existing Users**

Username or Email address

Password

Remember Me

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If you weren't able to make it, or you want to investigate a few more courses, don't forget to look at our prospectus and subject videos on our website. They can all be found on the Sixth Form Admissions page (see link above).

The deadline for applications is **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

## Flu Vaccine – December 2024

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/568cf314>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on Tuesday 3rd December 2024. The link will close on the 19th November 2024. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2024, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5.

## Free English Classes for Adults

Derby Adult Learning Service are offering a range of free (funded by UK government) English classes to support parents/carers improve their English skills within a family context such as the school system, healthy eating, parents' roles and responsibilities to support their child, keeping healthy, wellbeing, making appointments, engaging with their child's school.

Classes are available in Family Hubs around Derby. Please see below:

Osmaston Allenton Family Hub, 60 Cockayne Street North, Allenton, Derby

DE24 8XB. Starting Monday 16th September, 9.30-11.30am. Phone - 01332 956850

Rosehill Family Hub, 17-19 Lower Dale Road, Derby, DE23 6WY.

Starting Tuesday 17th September, 12.30-2.30pm. Phone - 01332 641315

Becket Children's Centre, 35 Stockbrook Steet, Derby, DE22 3WR.

Starting Wednesday 18th September, 9.30-11.30am. Phone - 01332 640250

Sinfin Children's Centre, 345 Sinfin Lane, Derby DE24 9SF.

Starting Thursday 19th September, 9.30-11.30am Phone - 01332 956967

Mackworth Morley Family hub, Reigate Drive, Derby, DE22 4EQ.

Starting Friday 20th September, 9.30-11.30am. Phone - 01332 208175



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- **Infected insect bite**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**  
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**  
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



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## NHS Cadets Opportunity


St. John's Ambulance and the NHS have partnered up to offer an exciting free programme called the NHS Cadets.

NHS Cadets' mission is to attract young people to careers in healthcare and develop their skills to the point where they are self-sufficient in health volunteer opportunities.

The programme will assist young people in not only acquiring new skills and knowledge but also gaining hands-on experience in the NHS through a 36-week programme (2 hours per week, not including work experience).


There is currently an Advanced Programme starting soon in Derby aimed at 16-18 year olds.

Pathways into healthcare | [sja.org.uk/nhscadets](https://sja.org.uk/nhscadets)



**Ask us how young people can volunteer in healthcare**

[sja.org.uk](https://sja.org.uk)



**Join NHS Cadets today**

### Who can get involved?

Our Cadets come from a diverse range of backgrounds - there is no 'typical' NHS Cadet. If you identify with one or more of these statements, our programme would be a good match for you.

- I'm from a minority ethnic group
- I consider myself part of the LGBTQI+ community, or I'm questioning
- I'm not in education, employment or training, or I'm at risk of this
- I'm struggling with my progress at school or college
- I live in care, or I've recently left care
- I provide regular care or support for someone
- I receive free school meals
- I have mental health concerns
- I consider myself to have a disability or impairment
- I consider myself neurodivergent, or I have special educational needs
- I am seeking asylum, or I'm a refugee

If you're unsure whether you fit into one of these categories or wish to discuss something else, please don't hesitate to email one of our friendly team at [nhscadets@sja.org.uk](mailto:nhscadets@sja.org.uk)

### How do I get involved?

New programmes are opening all the time and even if we don't currently have one in your area you will be added to the waiting list ready for when we have one close enough to you. Or we may be able to put you on a virtual group so that you can take part from the comfort of home.

To learn more, find your local programme and apply, please visit <https://nhscadets.sja.org.uk/join-today/>.

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### Reach your potential with NHS Cadets and learn the skills you need to support vital healthcare teams across the country.

[NHS Cadets](#) is a Programme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS. It's designed to provide you with the opportunity to explore roles in healthcare and prepare for volunteering.

The programme consists of two pathways: Foundation (for 14–16-year-olds) and Advanced (for 16–18-year-olds). You'll learn about a range of exciting healthcare topics, develop your leadership and communication skills, and gain insight into volunteering within the NHS.

It is a free programme consisting of 2-hour weekly sessions over 36 weeks. You'll be supported throughout your journey by our NHS Cadets Team.

## Dates Ahead

### **Term Dates**

28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term

23<sup>rd</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas Break

**INSET Days** – School closed to all students

4<sup>th</sup> November

### **Parents Evenings / Opening Evenings**

19<sup>th</sup> November – Y10 Information / Parent Evening

28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Y11 Parents Evening 3-6pm – early finish for all students at 2.15pm

### **Other Key Dates**

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