

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 15 May 2023



In Matthew Chapter 6, Jesus tell his followers:

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

For us at DCS this shows that animals are of great value and importance to God ... and so are we!

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

You will see that our bible verse of the week has some additions this week (see above). This is how the verse of the week is used to illustrate how this verse applies to our lives no matter what our beliefs. Students use the verse this week to help reflect on 'humility', one of our FAITH values.

Another FAITH value that we've seen in abundance this week is one of aspiration as our year 11 students started their GCSE written exams. It was a very full week for them and they have another 3 of the same to go. We've all been so impressed with their conscientious and aspirational approach.

It was also really helpful to meet with the parent steering groups this week. We looked together at our parental engagement action plan for next academic year. Some areas of focus will be how we can work with parents on the topics of reading and homework. If you are interested in being part of this then please get in touch.

I wish you all a lovely, sunny week ahead.

Mrs Brown

Meet The Team

Meet The English Team!

Left – Right

Back row: Mr Coucill, Mrs Pritchard, Mr Salter, Miss Noble, Ms Winfield

Front row: Mrs Lynch, Ms Youens, Miss Iqbal



As Chaucer would put it, we're a team of 'sundry folk' at Derby Cathedral School! With specialisms ranging from Shakespeare's timeless classics, to the social novels of the Victorian age and the powerful modern work of Margaret

Atwood, we strive to share our love of literature every day with the students in our classrooms. We're a team who love to celebrate the richness and diversity of the English language with our students too, especially variations in English across time and across the world. But it doesn't end there. One of the team has even had lunch with the famous poet, John Agard, whose work is included in the GCSE Poetry Anthology, during which they ate a cake shaped like a piano! I wonder if you can guess who this might be? Teachers and students alike, we're definitely on an exciting journey of discovery together!

Duke of Edinburgh Donations

If anyone has any walking boots / waterproofs / wellies that your children have outgrown or you no longer need, any donations to go towards Duke of Edinburgh and Geography fieldwork expeditions would be very welcome!



Year 11 Football team

The year 11 football team were successful in the cup final on Monday 15th May against Murray Park. They showed tremendous character, fellowship and tenacity during the game.

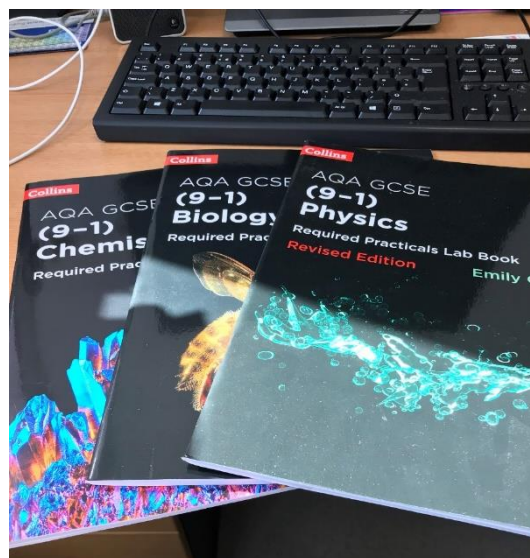
The game began as a close encounter and DCS went in 1- 0 up at half time. In the second half our team's talent really shone through and the boys went on to score two more goals. The game finished 3-0 to DCS making the year 11 boys city champions in their final year of competitive school football. Well done to all involved with the team.

Book Donation

Our Science department has just donated over 200 books to LabAid, who will be sending the books out for use by a number of schools in Africa.

You can read more about the organisation here:

<http://www.labaid.org/>



Food Banks and 0-16yr old Clothes Banks

0-16 Clothes Bank – TOGS – Tel Anthea on 07989 117929.

TOGS is situated at 11-12 Friargate (opposite the Smith Partnership Offices) DE1 1BU.

Food Banks – Derby City Mission, 10 Normanton Road, Derby DE1 2GW.

Community Shop (no money needed) and Café on - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am to midday.

Food Bank and Debt advice (no appointment needed):

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| Tuesday 10 to midday | St Peters Church, DE1 1NN |
| Wednesday 10am – midday | St. Augustine's Church, Normanton, DE23 8BP |
| Wednesday 10am – midday | West End Community Centre, Mackworth Road (next to Britannia Mill). DE22 3BL |
| Thursday 11am - 1pm | St Phillips Church, Taddington Road, Chaddesden, DE21 4JU |
| Thursday 11:30am – 1:30pm (2 nd and 4 th Thursday of the month only) | Osmaston/ Allenton Children's Centre, 60 Cockayne St N, Allenton, DE24 8XB |
| Thursday 10am – midday | Bramblebrook Community Centre, Stockbrook St, Derby, DE22 3WH |

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance – Tel 01332 346266 – Emergency Food Assistance

Derby City Life Links - Tel 0800 0322202

Springwater Charity Chellaston – Tel 07832 653255 / 07311 465841

Dates Ahead

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

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

Holiday & term dates

Monday 15 May: Year 11 written exams start

School closes for half term: Friday 26 May

School opens for summer half term 2: Monday 5 June

Year 11 Prom: 28 June

Year 6 transition days: 4 – 6 July

School closes for summer holiday: Friday 21 July (early lunchtime finish)

Parents' Evenings and INSET days:

Tuesday 27 June: Year 8 Parents' Evening – early finish for all students at 2.15pm

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

Year 11 exams start on 15 May (the art exam is earlier than this) and continue into the end of June. 28 June is the 'contingency day' which may be used if exams have to be postponed for extreme reasons such as the Covid pandemic. Individual timetables will be provided to students soon.

The term dates for next academic year are now available on the school website on the 'Term Dates' page.