

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 16th September 2024



In Isaiah 43:4, God says to his people:

“... you are precious and honoured in my sight, and ... I love you”

For us at DCS this is a reminder of how God sees us and also a challenge ... we need to see others as ‘precious and honoured’ too.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We continue to be really impressed with the start that our students have made this year.

A big thank you to all those who attended the year 11 information evening on Tuesday; your support is very much appreciated. Year 11 have returned with a fantastic level of focus and are approaching the challenge of the year with real maturity.

It has been great to also see how quickly our new year 7 and 12 students have settled in. On Tues 24th September we have a ‘meet the tutor’ evening where our year 7 tutors will be able to go through how each student has started and the year 12 team will go through some key information about the expectations and experience of Sixth Form life at DCS.

We also have two key open evenings coming up: Year 6 on 2nd October and Year 12 on 10th October. These always come round very quickly and are great events for these two cohorts to get to know us as a school/Sixth Form. Please do pass on the dates to anyone you know who has a child in current year 6 and 11. Information about these events is available on our website in the ‘Open Events’ section.

Our Bible verse of the week reminds us how important and precious every one of us is. Our Collective Worship this week highlighted two stories, one from the UK news, and one from the Bible: the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Both stories reminded us about the importance of showing love and kindness to each other, even when this might be a challenge. This showed students that knowing our FAITH values is important but demonstrating them is even more so.

Please do have a read through the notices this week; there are a couple of articles on some of the changes around school which enhance our physical environment. We have also won a grant for some money to improve the biodiversity of our school grounds. More information and updates on this will follow over the course of the year.

Thank you again for the support that you are providing to ensure our students come to school in their correct uniform and with all of the equipment they need – it makes a real difference to them and their focus on learning.

Yours faithfully

Mr Brown
Headteacher

We need your help!

Tesco grant

Last year we applied for a Tesco charity grant to cover the cost of cooking club ingredients so more students can cook and take food home.

We are very excited that Tesco have set up a box in their Mickleover store to collect blue tokens. If we receive the most blue tokens by the 30th September, we will get £1,500 to fund ingredients. If you shop in Tesco, please can you place your blue tokens in our box! This is only at the Mickleover store.

Thank you for your support 😊



Card games

Our students love playing games at break and lunch. If anyone have any card games that they would be willing to donate to the LRC, we'd be extremely grateful. Uno is a great example, but anything that can be played in 20 or 30 mins would be gratefully received. Please can any donations go straight to main reception. Thank you in advance!

PE Kit

Our PE Department has put in a plea for any spare shorts and jogging bottoms. If you have any old / spare kit, please hand it into Reception.

Many Thanks

School Building Updates

Over the summer, our site team have worked really hard to keep our building looking fresh and up to date. We are so blessed to have such a lovely new building and we work hard to keep it in a good condition to ensure a positive working environment for our students and staff.

We have made a couple of improvements too.

If you've popped into school, you may have noticed that we've changed the balconies that overlooked reception to a solid wall. This is to help keep a bit more privacy for both visitors to reception and our students in school.



As we are now full with all year groups 7 – 13, we are having to utilise all the spaces we have. One of our workrooms has been changed to create a small classroom space for maths. This classroom is used for some of our nurture groups in years 7 & 8 as well as our Sixth Form lessons.

A big thank you to the site team for all of their hard work – it is really appreciated.

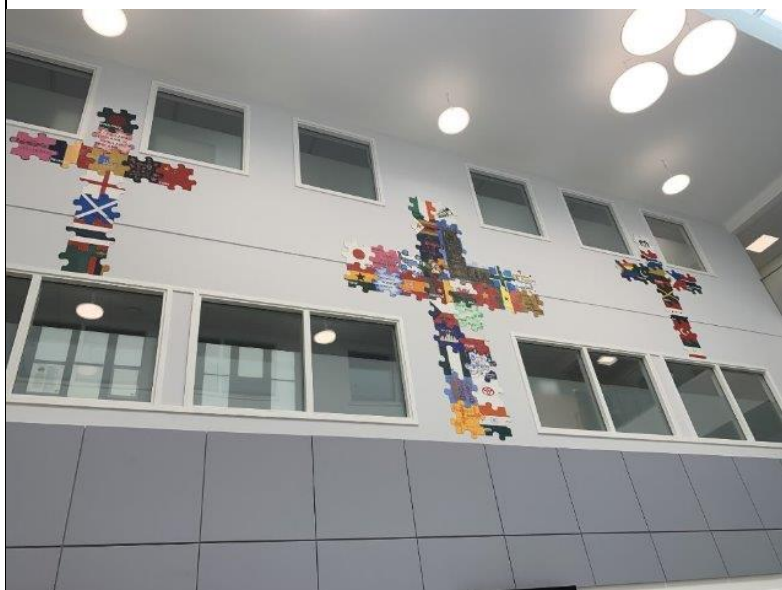
Art Installations

At the end of the summer term last year, some of our students worked on two amazing art projects.

One of the groups were given a brief to create a big piece of art for the dining room that represented our vision and values. The words from our vision statement...

Derby Cathedral School is a Christian community that welcomes students, families and visitors of all faiths and none. The diversity and richness of such a family brings depth and a vibrancy to our core.

...were used to create large jigsaw pieces that each represented elements of our wonderfully diverse school community. They include: flags from countries that are students are linked to, names of our school houses, our FAITH values, Derby Cathedral, and major employers in Derby. They were then arranged in large crosses which represent that we are a Church of England school.



It looks fantastic and certainly brings life and a vibrancy to the dining room.

Another group of students worked with an external artist who specialises in willow sculpture. Together, they decided to represent our FAITH values as a community of bees; representing how we work together showing fellowship and tenacity. You will see the willow sculptures in reception and they are certainly very impressive.

We will soon be commissioning our graphic designer to create some words to go with both of these pieces of artwork

An enormous thank you to all students who worked on these. They should be extremely proud of their achievements and contribution to the whole school community.



Young Professionals Conference

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PRIDE PARK STADIUM

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024 | 5PM - 7:30PM

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.



Providing NHS services

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **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)



Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your
Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



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



Ask us how young people can volunteer in healthcare

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

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators (Using and Reviewing Parental Controls)

In 2023, Ofcom found that over half of UK children aged between 8 and 11 reported having a smartphone, as well as 96% of UK teens. However, a survey from the Children's Commissioner also found that 45% of under-18s have encountered inappropriate content online. That's a high number of children who could benefit from having parental controls on their devices to help safeguard them from such encounters in the future.

Due to the sheer volume of devices and apps available for purchase and download, it can be difficult to know where to start when implementing these safety measures. That's why we've put together this week's free online safety guide, offering you expert advice on how to effectively use and review parental controls on young people's devices.

 [DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE GUIDE](#)

Equipment Reminder

In order to ensure that each student can start the day ready to learn well it is really important that they have the correct equipment with them.

It's a great support for your child/children to check that they have the following with them every day:

- A school bag
- Their reading book
- Their planner
- A pencil case complete with the following equipment:
 - Pencil
 - Black pens
 - Purple pen
 - Whiteboard pen
 - Ruler
 - Rubber
 - Protractor
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- Calculator – this must be a scientific calculator that is available to buy on ParentPay/ClassCharts Reward Shop
- A paper copy of their timetable

Scooter Safety

We have recently been informed of at least five students who have had injuries due to riding an electric scooter. Some of these injuries have been very serious and required ongoing medical attention and significant amount of time off school.

Please be aware that the use of private e-scooters is still illegal. The government information is as follows and can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>

The [rules for private e-scooters](#) have not changed. It is against the law to use a privately owned e-scooter. If you use an e-scooter illegally:

- you could face a fine
- you could get penalty points on your licence
- the e-scooter could be impounded

This information shows that whilst the government are trialling e-scooters for hire in various cities, these require a driving licence and are not for children.

e-scooters are not allowed to be brought to school as they are illegal. We are also concerned about the number of our students who have received significant injuries from using these.

Please do ensure that your children are not using these for transport at any time.

Dates Ahead

Term Dates

28th October – 1st November – Half Term

23rd December – 3rd January – Christmas Break

INSET Days – School closed to all students

4th November

Parents Evenings / Opening Evenings

17th September – Y11 Information / Parents Evening 6pm

2nd October – Y6 Open Evening 5:30 – 7:30pm

10th October – Y11 Open Evening

19th November – Y10 Information / Parent Evening

Other Key Dates

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