

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 18th September 2023



In the Old Testament book of Proverbs (28:26) it says:

“ ... those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.”

For us at DCS, this shows that keeping ourselves and others safe requires wisdom.

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It's certainly been a very blustery week 3 at DCS with the stormy weather recently. This week it was great to see so many parents/carers and students at our Year 11 information evening. This is such a critical year and knowing what to expect is really important. We know that it might feel daunting but there are a huge number of staff at DCS to help support students, from class teachers, to the pastoral team and our mentors. It's been fantastic to see so many students at the after school intervention/revision sessions. At the English and Maths ones this week we've had approximately half of the year group. I know that Mr Thompson is determined to see this increase further. These sessions make such a difference, we know that having expert advice from a teacher is invaluable. The Bible verse of the week above is a helpful one for this year group. Making wise decisions and choices will keep them on the right and safe path.

A group of our Year 10 students have a fantastic opportunity this week as they are going to Kedleston Hall, a local National Trust property. This is a beautiful and interesting place to visit, set in some lovely grounds. There are free family passes on offer if you want to have a visit yourselves – please see the article below for more details. We'll be able to share some photos of their experience next week.

We're also having a strong focus at the moment on uniform and making sure that all students are following the expectations. Thank you to all parents/carers who are so supportive of this; a huge majority of our students look really smart and ready to learn every day. If you ever need to check what is/isn't acceptable, this information is on our website. There is also a poster to download with pictures giving examples to help guide you. If any families are struggling with the financial cost of uniform, please do let us know. We offer a 30% support for families who are in receipt of certain benefits (please ask us for more details) and have some uniform items to swap.

If your child ever grows out of any uniform items and you are able to donate them to us, please do so as we keep a stock to loan/swap.

The main key dates of the term are always featured at the end of this newsletter so please check what events are on that are relevant to your child/children. In the weeks ahead we have the Year 6 open evening, the Sixth Form open evening and our Year 7 'meet the tutor' evening. School photographs are also planned for 9 October.

I wish you all a lovely week, with hopefully, some calmer weather.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

REACH Next Generation Summit for Girls 11 – 15

All the details are shown on the invitation at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/reachng> and all girls between the ages of 11 – 15 are welcome to attend this wonderful event.

The Summit is FREE to attend and lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided and it will be a day of discussions to help girls think about their futures in the ever changing world we all now live in.

They will be discussing ambition, self confidence, social media, money management, mental health and many more topics from a range of successful women from all backgrounds and sectors. It will be an empowering and energising day and one that changes lives for the better.

More information and videos from previous summits are at www.reachnextgeneration.com where the girls can register.



THE REACH NEXT GENERATION SUMMIT

FOR 11-15 YEAR OLD GIRLS

ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH 2023
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EXPERIAN AT THEIR
FANTASTIC OFFICES IN NOTTINGHAM

The Summit is open to all girls who are 11- 15 years old, and it will be very much a workshop and discussion format to help girls think about their futures in the ever-changing world that we all now live in.

We will be discussing ambition, self confidence, social media, money management, health and nutrition and career choices and lots more with successful women from all these different sectors and from all backgrounds. It will be an amazing, empowering and energising day.

It's free to attend and lunch is provided.

Our anticipated programme will be.

9am	Arrival at Experian Offices
9.45am	Morning sessions
12.30pm	Lunch (will be provided) and make some new friends
1.30pm	Afternoon sessions
3.30pm	Ice cream break (will be provided) and make more new friends
5.00pm	Final sessions followed by a live music performance
5.30pm	Summit ends

You can reserve your seat at www.reachnextgeneration.com or please email NextGen@wearereach.net for more details.

Thank you to all our sponsors and partners.

FREE TO ATTEND



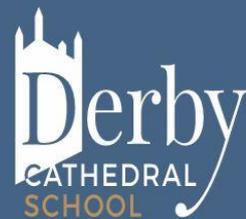
Open Evenings

We have two open evenings planned for this half term: year 6 and Sixth Form. The year 6 open evening is for any parents who are thinking of sending their child to DCS for year 7 in September 2024. Our Sixth Form open evening is designed for any year 11 students looking at their options for September 2024. If you have children in these year groups we would love to see you there!

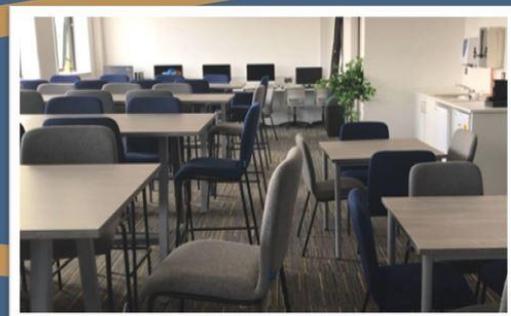
Please also pass on these details to anyone you know who may be interested.



Year 6 Open Evening Wed 4th October 5:30 – 7:30pm



Sixth Form Open Evening Thu 12th October 5:30 – 7:30pm



Dates Ahead

Key Dates in the Autumn Term

3 October: Year 12 Senior Maths Challenge
4 October: Year 6 Open Evening
9 October: School photographs for all students
11 October: Year 12 Open Evening
Wc 23 October: Year 9 Holocaust survivor visit
24 October: Year 7 Meet The Tutor Evening

9 November: Year 11 Parents' Evening (early finish of 2.10pm for all students)
28 November: Year 12 Parents' Evening (early finish of 2.10pm for all students)

1 December: INSET day. School closed for all students

Term Dates

Friday 27 October: break up for Autumn half term
Monday 6 November: return to school
Friday 22 December: break up for Christmas holiday

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

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.