This Week at Derby Cathedral School wc 20 September 2022



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Despite it only being a four days, we have managed to pack a great deal in this week. It's been great to host some football fixtures on our school field. Both DCS teams who have played so far have done really well. The year 10 7-0 win was a fabulous start to their season! Well done to both teams and a big thank you to the staff who have supported their training and fixture organisation.

Our year 11 students started their after school interventions this week. It's been very impressive to see well over 100 students staying for maths and science so far. It really shows their collective commitment to their GCSE achievement. We also really appreciate the fantastic support we had from their parents/carers who attended the year 11 information evening on Tuesday.

Mr McIntyre our Head of Sixth form has been busy starting to advertise our Sixth Form across the city – look out for our Sixth Form open evening on 10 November. We have also been planning our year 6 open evening for 5 October.

Our week finished with the school photo day – we look forward to seeing the pictures soon!

Yours faithfully Mrs Brown Headteacher

Congratulations to Tilly!

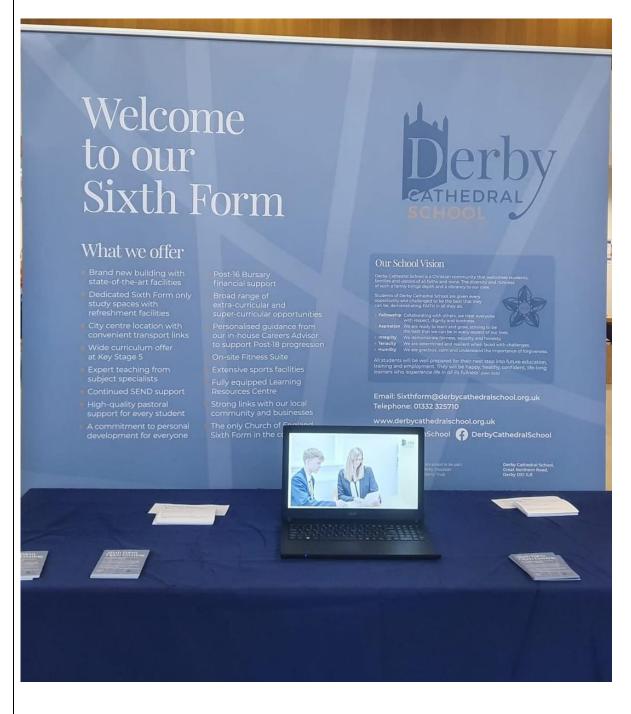
We're so proud of Tilly, one of our year 8 students. Tilly was a worthy winner at the Derby County Community Trust Awards 2022 on 15 September. She received her award from Curtis Davies as seen in the picture below. Tilly has impressed us all over the past two years with her strength of character and bravery as she faced an incredibly difficult time with her own health. Tilly, you're an inspiration to us all and we're so proud of you. Well done!



Sixth Form

Our year 11 students have already been introduced to our brand new Sixth Form provision that starts in September 2023 and will continue to receive ore information. Our open evening event is planned for 10 November where students will be able to talk to subject staff and find out more information about the courses on offer, the entry requirements and all of the wider opportunities that will be available.

As our Sixth Form is open to students across the whole of the city, Mr McIntyre has been busy advertising our Sixth Form – you'll spot this banner at our open evening in November! More information will be posted on our school website over the coming months and applications will open before Christmas.



Year 6 Open Evening

As soon as one year starts, we begin thinking about our next year 7 cohort! Our year 6 open evening is planned for Wednesday 5 October 5.30 – 7.30pm.

If you will be applying for one of your children to start in September 2023 then please feel very welcome to come and look around. There are two arrival times to coincide with the Headteacher's presentations at either 5.30pm or 6.15pm. There is no need to book; please see our website for more details https://www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/

Please do feel free to let other parents know who might be interested.



Careers Update

NHS Cadets Programme

We want to draw your attention to the excellent and free NHS Cadets Programme.

Created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS, the programme is designed to give young people the opportunity to explore roles in healthcare through 2-hour weekly sessions outside of school time over 11 months. The programme actively welcomes young people from all backgrounds and would be a good match for anyone who fills any of the following criteria:

• From a minority ethnic group • Part of the LGBTQI+ community • Struggling with my progress at school • Lives in care, or has recently left care • Is a young carer • Receives free school meals • Has mental health concerns • Has a disability or special educational needs.

New groups in Derby will be opening from September. For more information and to apply visit: https://nhscadets.sja.org.uk/join-today/

Other updates

We're also delighted to tell you that Year 10 Work Experience will run again this year, after such success last July. More details will follow by November 2022.

The 'Careers' section of the school's website is currently being updated and will be ready for you to view soon, including details of this year's careers programme and the exciting and aspirational activities your child will be involved in.

As ever, Derby Cathedral School's Careers Advisor (Miss Rowley) is here to support both students and parents/carers regarding anything related to careers and next steps.

Careers update - Message for year 10 & 11 parents

Post-16 Options

This year, we are looking forward to seeing our first cohort of year 11s through the post-16 options process and onto their 'next steps'. Don't worry - parents/carers and students will receive lots of information in the coming weeks and months about this process, but we just wanted to share with you some immediate notices. Below is a list of local Sixth Form and College Open Days happening this term. More dates will be added in future weekly updates — so keep an eye out! If your child is interested in any of these sixth forms/colleges and would like to find out more, we would really recommend attending an Open Day. Further information on each can be found on the relevant website. Further details of our own Sixth Form Open Day will be posted on our school website in the coming weeks. Our year 11 students have a fantastic opportunity to be involved in helping to shape this new part of DCS!

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School	Date	Time	Website link
Derby Cathedral	10 th	5.30 -	https://www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/
School	November	7.30pm	
Aldercar High	11th October	TBC	https://www.aldercarhigh.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-
_	11th October	TBC	
School			prospectus/
The Ripley	11th October	6-8pm	<u>The Ripley Academy - Sixth Form</u>
Academy			
Bilborough College	12th	TBC	Open Days - Bilborough College
	November		
John Port Spencer	12th October	4 - 7pm	http://www.johnportspencer.com/sixth-form/
Academy			
Landau Forte	13th October	TBC	https://landau-forte.org.uk/sixth-form-open-evening-2/
College			
NUAST	17th	TBC	Sixth Form NUAST
	November		
Burton and South	17th October	5- 8pm	https://www.bsdc.ac.uk/events/734-open-day-17th-october
Derbyshire College			
Bilborough College	19th October	TBC	Open Days - Bilborough College
Derby Moor	19th October	5-	Welcome – Derby Moor Spencer Academy
Spencer Academy		7.30pm	

JCB Academy			
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Loughborough	1st October	10am -	Open Day Loughborough College (loucoll.ac.uk)
College		1pm	
Derby College:	20th October	5 - 7pm	The Joseph Wright Centre Open Evening - 20/10/22 - DCG
Joseph Wright			(derby-college.ac.uk)
Littleover	20th October	5 - 7pm	<u>Littleover Community School :: LCS 6th Form - Home</u>
Community School			
NUAST	20th October	TBC	Sixth Form NUAST
Saint Benedict	20th October	TBC	Why Study At Saint Benedict Sixth Form? - Saint Benedict, A
Catholic Voluntary			Catholic Voluntary Academy (srscmat.co.uk)
Academy			
Loughborough	26th	10am -	Open Day Loughborough College (loucoll.ac.uk)
College	November	1pm	
The Bemrose	26th	4-	Sixth Form Welcome – Bemrose
School	September	6.30pm	
Derby College:	3rd	5 - 7pm	The Roundhouse Open Evening - 03/11/22 - DCG (derby-
Roundhouse	November		college.ac.uk)
Kirk Hallam Sixth	3rd October	6pm	Home Kirk Hallam Sixth Form (kirkhallamcollege.co.uk)
Form College			
Loughborough	5th	10am -	Open Day Loughborough College (loucoll.ac.uk)
College	November	1pm	
Allestree	6th October	TBC	AWS Sixth Form Allestree Woodlands School
Woodlands School			
Bilborough College	8th October	TBC	Open Days - Bilborough College
Derby College:	9th	5 - 7pm	Broomfield Hall Open Evening - 09/11/22 - DCG (derby-
Broomfield	November		college.ac.uk)