

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 1st July 2024



In Hebrews 12:1 it says:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us”

For us at DCS this is a reminder that we all have our own ‘races’ to run and, with the help of those around us, we need to run our races with tenacity, never giving up when things get tough.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Bible verse for the week was very appropriate for this week with sports days for our year 7 – 10 students! They were great events full of fun and friendly competition. Our students always display such fantastic fellowship in these moments and it’s lovely to see how supportive they are for each other.

Obviously, the Bible verse doesn’t directly relate to athletic competitions but more about how we live our lives and the perseverance that it takes. Our Sixth Form students demonstrated this tenacity during the run-up to the national election. Please do read the article below about the mock election they held at DCS. It is a brilliant example of how we can ‘run our races’ with the help and support of others around us. The press officer who visited to create the article was incredibly impressed with their constructive attitudes and the way they showed real respect to each other despite their different political viewpoints.

We were also delighted with the Malaga trip and the experience this gave to the students who went – a huge thank you to the staff involved. Please do see the pictures below that show what lovely weather and food they enjoyed!

In the last few weeks of the school year, we still have a great deal more to come with two more trips abroad and many geography fieldwork experiences. We’re also really excited for our STEM and culture days at the end of term.

Just a reminder that we break up on Tuesday 23 July with an early finish for all students of 12pm.

The new school year starts on Friday 6 September for years 7, 11 and 12 only
All year groups will be in on Monday 9 September.

I wish you all a great week

Mrs Brown

Election Fever

Election fever hits Derby school as it holds mock general election for the first time!

We're so proud of our Sixth Form students for running our school mock election. Please do take time to read the full article in the Derby Telegraph: <https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/derby-news/election-fever-hits-derby-school-9380695>



❏ The three candidates from left: Freddie Robertson, 17, is representing the Conservatives, Joseph Fleming, 16, Liberal Democrat candidate, while sixteen-year-old Najma Malikzai is standing for the Labour Party (image: Penguin PR)

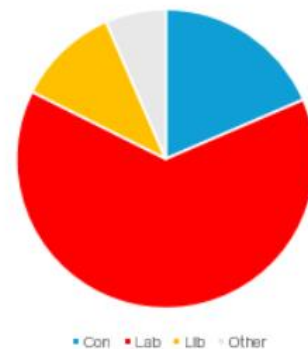
The following day, as per the General election, DCS voting statistics were shared with the whole school. The pie charts below show how DCS votes compared to the national vote. DCS are on the left with the national votes on the right.

A huge thank you to all who took part with a special thank you to the three candidates, their immediate support teams and to Mr Keene for his support, organisation and enthusiasm for this event!

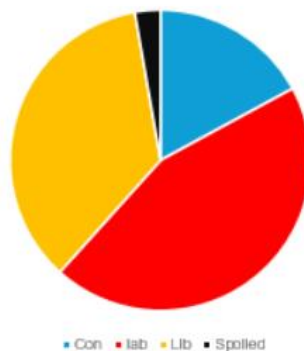
DCS Mock Election



Seat Share



% Votes



Vote Share



Malaga Trip 2024

A huge thank you to the staff and students who made this such a successful trip. All were able to enjoy the Spanish culture, climate and food!

Here are some photos from their week and a great description of their time away.

At 4am on Monday the 1st of July, 44 students from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 set off for a 4 day stay in the beautiful province of Málaga on Spain's Costa del Sol.

The students coped admirably well with the early start and their enthusiasm was contagious.

We arrived at our hotel and headed straight for the beach, where students enjoyed a swim and some relaxation in 34 degree sunshine. Students got straight to work practicing their Spanish, ordering cool drinks and ice-creams!

Day 2 saw us start out with a scavenger hunt around the paseo marítimo of Torremolinos. Then we hopped on a coach to the Maravillas language school, where we were given a Spanish language demonstration of how to make a giant Paella. Students learned all about the origins of the dish, and how it got its name. They were also very happy to take part in the cooking and stirring. After everyone had sampled the mouthwatering Paella, students went off into classrooms for Spanish lessons and the teachers at the school gave really positive feedback about participation and enthusiasm.

Day 3 (Mr Saunders' birthday) was another full and fun-packed day with another beach trip. Then a tapas tasting experience where students sampled Albondigas, Calamares, Patatas Bravas and Pa amb oli.

A quick dip in the pool was followed by a visit to a performance of Traditional Flamenco dance and music, giving students a first-hand experience of an art form, which is culturally very important to Spain and has been around since at least the 17th century. Students loved the show, and a couple of them (who shall remain anonymous) even gave us a very convincing, impromptu performance of their Flamenco skills whilst waiting to board the plane for our return journey!

Day 4 was our final day and the group headed out to Málaga city for a look at the Alcazaba, a fortification built in the 11th Century. Took in spectacular panoramic views of the city and its bullring, visited the old Roman theatre and the shops. We also headed to the Pablo Picasso museum to look at some of his artwork, it split opinion, but all agreed that as a cultural experience, they were glad they went. We just had time for one more ice-cream before we said farewell to the beautiful Spanish Coast.

Whilst on the trip, I had comments from many different people of different nationalities, telling me how polite and well behaved our students were. The final one being a lady on the plane back to East Midlands who specifically came to find me and told me that the students were a credit to us.

All of the teaching staff who accompanied the students were so impressed with the way they handled being away from home, how they all attempted to use the language, and how respectful they were of the cultures, traditions and people.

We also loved the conversations, games and laughter we shared with our students, who might have persuaded me to run another trip. Watch this space!

A big well done to our students who made us very proud to be a part of this fantastic school community.

Muchísimas gracias a todos nuestros alumnos, Señora McLennan.



Geography Fieldwork

There are only 145 schools in England who participate in the Geographical Association National Festival of Fieldwork and we are one of them!

Giving our students this experience every year as part of their geography curriculum is so important and really helps to develop their practical skills and understanding of geography in real life. A huge thank you to the Geography department for their commitment to this.



This photo is from Cannock Chase where 9B & 9D studied biodiversity and the impacts of footpath erosion. All year 9 tutor groups are due to go before the summer break.

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

HAF Flyer



ABOUT US

We are a Sport and Education Company
Co-Founded by **current Premier League
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and **Ex Nottingham Forest Player,**
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SUMMER SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

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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



Ask us how young people can volunteer in healthcare

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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.

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.

Wellies Appeal!

We urgently need wellies!

If you have any old wellies that anyone in your household has outgrown or no longer needs then we would really appreciate some donations. We especially need larger adult sizes so our Y10 boys can get in the river!



National Saturday Club

NSC (National Saturday Club) is a free group that runs every Saturday for students ages 13 – 16.

<https://saturday-club.org/subject/society-change/>

Their theme this year is 'Society & Change.' The group is a powerful and positive experience for students and offers some wonderful activities, including a trip to London and workshops with notable artists.

“From climate change and conflict to new technologies and taking action, at the Society & Change Saturday Club you will explore the forces that are shaping the world today and discover how young people have a voice to influence the future. Club members will find out about different cultures and life in other countries, including what it is like to be a young person in other parts of the world, and will also be introduced to a range of jobs and careers from foreign policy and diplomacy to journalistic reporting and international charity work.”

Have a look at the poster and Derby group schedule below, and use the link above to sign up if you are interested!



National Saturday Club Derby Schedule - Society & Change

Week #1 (02/03/24): Introduction at the University of Derby (UoD) Kedleston Road Derby, DE22 1GB

Week #2 & #3 (09/03/24 & 16/03/24): Derby Theatre

Week #4 (23/03/24): Derwent Family Hub

Week #5 (20/04/24): Becket Family Hub

Week #6 to Week #9 (27/04/24 to 18/05/24): University of Derby (UoD) Kedleston Road Derby, DE22 1GB
Including week 7 (04/05/24) Masterclass with breakdancing Derby legend Kid Karam!

Week #10 (25/05/24): ArtCore

Week #11 & Week #12 (08/06/24 & 15/06/24): Baby People

Week #13 to Week #15 (22/06/24 to 06/07/24): University of Derby (UoD) Kedleston Road Derby, DE22 1GB

Week #15 (03/07/24): Pop-up exhibition at the UoD, Kedleston Road, DE22 1GB

Week #16 (Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July): SummerHouse Exhibition with trip to London

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Dates Ahead

Term Dates

Tuesday 23 July: Break up for Summer holiday - 12pm early finish for all students

INSET Days – School closed to all students

Friday 28th June

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 25 June: Year 8 Parents' evening (school ends at 2.15pm for all students)

Other Key Dates

Friday 18 July: STEM day (enrichment)

Monday 21 July: Culture day (enrichment)

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